

The Mill Road History Society was formed in 2015 to continue the work of the HLF funded History Project. The Society aims to celebrate and research the history and community of the Mill Road area and to create a permanent record of that research. Information about how to get involved and keep in touch with the Society as well as advice about carrying out your own research can be found on our website.

A growing collection of our completed research for key buildings, people, places and oral histories can be found at www.capturingcambridge.org/mill-road-area The Capturing Cambridge website is curated by the Museum of Cambridge and holds information about different areas of the town as well as Mill Road.

Practical information

Our events are open to all, the only constraint being the size of the venue. For workshops, please let us know by email to admin@millroadhistory.org.uk if you plan to attend. Specific booking arrangements apply to some other events, see individual entries for details.

For talks, please arrive on time.

An average donation of £3 per person, per event is needed in order to cover our costs. The Society does not receive any regular funding, and relies on your help.

Please let us know at any of our events if you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive information about our activities in another way.

St Barnabas Centre (formerly known as the Old School Hall) is behind the church and accessed from St Barnabas Road.

Information in this leaflet is correct at the time of going to press, more information and any updates will be posted online at www.millroadhistory.org.uk

Map drawn by Jon Harris - 2016

Images

Mill Road storeyard showing resurfacing work, 1936. Cambridgeshire Collection, Cambridge Central Library B.KINGS. K36 37181

Barker's mineral water works, Willis Road, as office equipment warehouse, Jan 1971. Cambridgeshire Collection, Cambridge Central Library P.BAR.K71 3595

Brothers in exile; Basque child refugees, 1937. Courtesy of R Garcia



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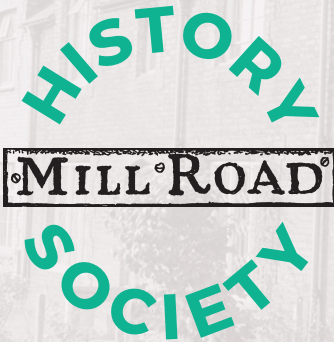
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Events
2019

*Celebrating and recording our past
and present for the future*



"The road is the main street through a populous district. On each side at right angles branch off little streets of small houses. The whole activity of the neighbourhood appears however to concentrate itself in the long main street."

Eglantyne Jebb, 1906

Talk Tuesday 8 January 2019 7.30-9pm

Representing Cambridge

Anne Campbell, MP for Cambridge from 1992-2005, will talk about how she managed some important issues. "I have always felt Cambridge is a very special city and it is important to ensure the views and interests of Cambridge people are well represented. But what does that mean in practice and how does it translate into action in Parliament?"

Ross Street Community Centre

Workshop Tuesday 12 February 2019 7-9pm

Who Lived Here?

Mary Naylor will lead a beginner's workshop about finding who lived in houses on Mill Road, where they came from and what they did. Please bring a laptop if you have one. We will be looking at 'free to use' websites and resources at the Cambridgeshire Archives and Cambridgeshire Collection. Booking required; this workshop is limited to 10 places.

The Bath House

Talk Tuesday 12 March 2019 7.30-9pm

Ginger Beer and Silicon Chips

Joe McIntyre presents a curious tale of the building in Willis Road that has housed entrepreneurs, mineral water, type-writers, home computers, revolutionary heating systems, unique personal transport and... even more computers.

Ross Street Community Centre

Workshop Tuesday 2 April 2019 7-9pm

Cambridge 1888-1988: Chronicle of an English University City

Mike Petty has been helping people research Cambridge for over 50 years. In 2018 he completed a 4,000-page Chronicle covering (almost) all of the developments in Cambridge over that period which is free to read, download and use from www.mikepetty.org.uk. Mike will summarise some of the 100 sections and looks forward to your suggestions for the second edition. Booking required.

The Bath House

Talk and AGM Tuesday 14 May 2019 7.30-9pm

From Vice to Virtue: The Cambridge Female Refuge

Susan Woodall talks about life inside for the women who passed through the doors of this moral reform institution. It was founded in 1838 for the city's 'fallen' women and today the roofline of the building is just visible behind Christ Church on Newmarket Road. This talk will be preceded by the Society's AGM.

Ross Street Community Centre

Two special events in association with Cambridge Folk Club

Tuesday 9 April 2019

7.30pm

Louise Jordan: The Hard Way

A one-woman performance of live music and theatre by acclaimed singer and songwriter Louise Jordan, charting the rise of working-class suffragette Hannah Mitchell from a remote hilltop farm in the Derbyshire moorlands to Manchester city magistrate. A self-taught, self-made woman, Hannah leaves home aged 14, exchanging one exploitative situation for another. In 1906 Hannah finds herself face to face with Winston Churchill at a public meeting before spending time in Strangeways prison. This show explores one woman's determination to take power and improve life for those around her.

Recommended age 14yrs+. www.louisejordan.co.uk

St Barnabas Centre

Tuesday 18 June 2019

7.30pm

Na-Mara

In May 1937, a month after the bombing of Guernica, 4,000 young children were evacuated from Bilbao to Southampton aboard the SS Habana. The 'niños' were subsequently cared for by volunteers in towns and cities across the UK, including Cambridge. Through words and music, Rob Garcia (the son of a niño) and Paul McNamara will tell their story. Together, Rob and Paul comprise folk duo, Na-Mara. www.na-mara.com



St Barnabas Centre

Tickets for each event £8 booked in advance via <https://cambridgefolkclub.co.uk/> or £10 on the door (if available).

Mill Road History Walks with Cambridge Green Badge guides

31 December 2018, 1 January, 7 and 22 April 2019 at 11am and 7 May 2019 at 7pm.

Further details for each will be posted on the MRHS website and newsletter nearer the time.

£8 per person per walk if booked in advance or £10 on the day (if space allows). Includes a donation to MRHS. Under 16s free.

To book contact: millroadguide@gmail.com

