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# HISTORY MILL ROAD SOCIETY

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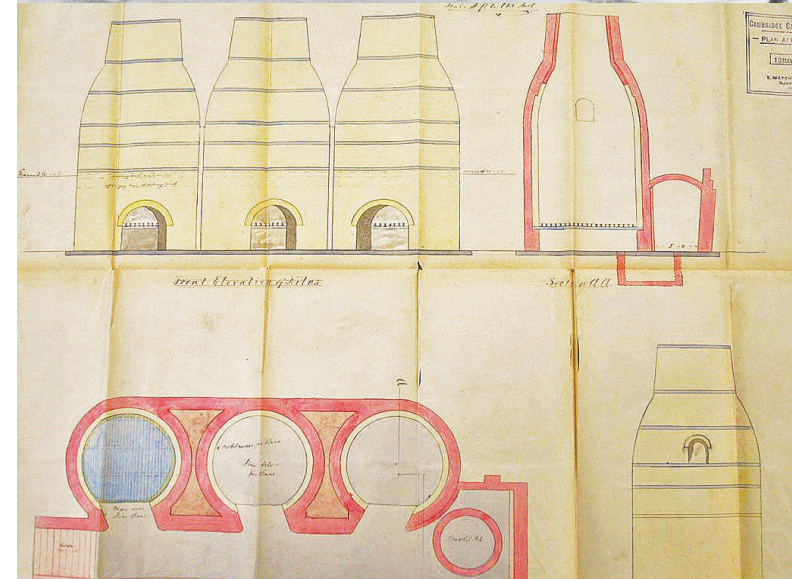
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*"The road is the main street through a populous district. On each side at right angles branch off little streets of small houses. The whole activity of the neighbourhood appears however to concentrate itself in the long main street."*

Eglantyne Jebb, 1906



Talk	Tuesday 10 September 2019 7.30-9pm
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### Archaeology found by the public

Dr Helen Geake, well known for being part of Channel 4's Time Team, will explain how the Treasure Act and the Portable Antiquities Scheme have revolutionised our views of the past. Thirty years ago, if you found something - even an important archaeological object - there was no systematic recording system. Today archaeological finds made by members of the public are properly recorded and 'treasures' are saved for the nation.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Open Cambridge	Saturday 14 September 2019 10.15-12.30
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### Three Tours

Tours along Mill Road, running concurrently and ending at The Bath House for refreshments and exhibition. Each tour lasts one hour.

1: Beyond Reality Checkpoint: From the Swimming Pool to the Railway Bridge; 2: Discover Romsey; 3: Discover Mill Road Cemetery

Book via Open Cambridge: [www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk](http://www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk)

Festival of Ideas	Thursday 10 October 2019 7.30-9pm
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### Miss Jebb revisits Mill Road

An entertaining evening of fact and fiction, drama and poetry as Eglantyne Jebb takes us for a walk down Mill Road, a place central to her theme and described in detail in her 1906 publication about social issues in Cambridge. Book via Festival of Ideas [www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk/](http://www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk/) from 23 September 2019.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Talk	Tuesday 12 November 2019 7.30-9pm
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### Changing landscapes in Romsey Town

John McGill talks about the history of the Magnet and Holland Motors sites - the first developed as an industrial cement works in a semi-rural landscape on the edge of the 19th century city of Cambridge, and now a new and beautiful Mosque; the second a garage re-developed as student housing. He explores the process and implications of physical and social transformation in Romsey Town, changing demographics and land values.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Winter Fair	Saturday 7 December 2019 11am-3.30pm
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### Mill Road History at Mill Road Winter Fair

Talks, exhibitions of old photographs and maps, activities and refreshments. Use our street directories and databases to find out who lived in your house in the past.

**St Barnabas Centre**

Entertainment	Tuesday 10 December 2019 7.30-10pm
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### A Christmas Victorian Parlour Evening

An evening of music, songs and stories featuring musicians from the Cambridge Folk Club and other entertainers. £5 per ticket; advance booking essential via [www.millroadhistory.org.uk](http://www.millroadhistory.org.uk)

**The Bath House**

Talk	Tuesday 14 January 2020 7.30-9pm
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### Mackays: The History of a Local Store

Duncan Mackay describes exciting projects and turbulent times for one of Cambridge's favourite family businesses. The story starts in Scotland, via East Road, Cambridge and a deal with wheelwright firm Alsop & Sons in 1912, and reaches as far as Los Angeles. The firm has been involved in several major 20th century developments, including the early radio telescopes, all whilst continuing to supply its local market.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Talk	Tuesday 11 February 2020 7.30-9pm
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### Courtship and Engagement in Victorian England

Maggie Kalenak will talk about love, courtship and engagement in nineteenth century England, considering sources such as love letters, diaries, etiquette manuals, periodicals, novels and the stories of individual couples. For middle-class Victorians finding a spouse was a highly ritualised and high-stakes process.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Talk	Tuesday 10 March 2020 7.30-9pm
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### Town vs. gown: Social divides in Cambridgeshire antiquarian life

Mariel Rodriguez explores how the 1830s national revival of interest in antiquarianism and archaeology was initially dominated by the University in Cambridge, until residents like Frederick Leach and C. H. Evelyn White created their own advocacy spaces. By the 20th century the non-university antiquarian society was at the forefront of national preservation debates.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Workshop	Tuesday 14 April 2020 7-9pm
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### Who Lived Here?

Mary Naylor leads another beginners workshop to find out who lived in houses in the past, where they came from and what they did. Mill Road will be the focus this evening, but the sources can be applied to your street. Bring a laptop if you have one. We will look at 'free to use' websites, street directories, and resources held at the Cambridgeshire Archives and Cambridgeshire Collection. 10 places; booking required.

**The Bath House**

Talk and AGM	Tuesday 12 May 2020 7.30-9pm
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### A special event to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day

More information will be announced nearer the time.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Talk	Tuesday 9 June 2020 7.30-9pm
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### Stories from the Cemetery

Claire Martinsen, member of the Friends of Mill Road Cemetery has a passion for local history and researching the stories within Mill Road Cemetery. She has researched and uploaded more than 250 stories on to the website [www.millroadcemetery.org.uk](http://www.millroadcemetery.org.uk) and will share her favourite local stories with us in this talk.

**Ross Street Community Centre**

Workshop	Tuesday 14 July 2020 7-9pm
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### Plot, People and Place

Join Mill Road History Society for an evening of creative writing. Photos, places, and events from the past can serve as inspiration for writers; whether for prose, poetry or song. We'll bring the history and a few suggestions to get you started, if you bring a pen and paper. All levels of experience and genres welcome.

**The Bath House**

### Mill Road History Walks with Cambridge Green Badge Guides

Saturday 7 December (day of Mill Road Winter Fair), 8.50am for a 9am start, meet at the Romsey R on Cavendish Road.

Sunday 29 December and Wednesday 1 January, 10.50am for 11am start, meet at the Mill Road end of Mortimer Rd.

Further details will be added to the MRHS website 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](mailto:millroadguide@gmail.com)

### ABOUT US

**Mill Road History Society** aims to celebrate and research the history and community of the Mill Road area and to create a permanent record of that research. More information can be found at [www.millroadhistory.org.uk](http://www.millroadhistory.org.uk) and a growing collection of completed research can be found at [www.capturingcambridge.org/mill-road-area](http://www.capturingcambridge.org/mill-road-area)

### Practical information

Events are open to all, but space is limited. For workshops, please contact [admin@millroadhistory.org.uk](mailto:admin@millroadhistory.org.uk) in advance if you plan to attend. Specific booking arrangements apply to some events, see individual entries.

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.

Information in this leaflet is correct at the time of going to press, for more information and updates please visit [www.millroadhistory.org.uk](http://www.millroadhistory.org.uk)

### Images

D. Mackay, Engineers and Ironmonger, 1920, (Duncan Mackay)

Bottle Kilns, Romsey Town Cement & Lime Works, detailed drawings accompanying the May 1899 application (Cambridgeshire Archives)