Newsletter Archive Index

Newsletters publicise future events of Molesey Local History Society and other events of interest. They also carry reports of meetings, articles and snippets of interest.

No. 1 Summer 2007
Reports
First meeting at the Clore Centre – History of Hampton Court

Interest
Proposal for setting up Members’ special interest research groups

No. 2 Summer 2007
Reports
A walk in the Conservation area of East Molesey Old Village and talk by Tony Osborne

No. 3 Autumn 2007
Reports
1st Molesey Scout Group – talks by Ken Eldridge, John Duncan and Doreen Freeman

Interest
Reports of special interest research groups

No. 4 January 2008
Reports
Family History – talk by Jill Hyams
‘Magical Molesey’ – large houses of Molesey exhibition

Interest
The Bell Pub renovations

No. 5 February 2008
Reports
First members’ evening research group reports

Interest
Proposed Society website

No. 6 March 2008
Reports
History of hospitals and NHS in Molesey – talk by Dr Ken Brown
Visits to Surrey History Centre

Interest
£1500 SCC grant to purchase a computer and digital projector

No. 7 Summer 2008
Reports
First AGM
The Thames and Riverside Houses from Hampton Court to Hampton – talk by John Sheaf
The Hampton Court Fire of 1986 – talk by Dennis Ashbourne
Research group reports

Interest
Launch of first Society website built by Laurence Shafe
No. 8 September 2008
Reports
Riverside walk from Creek Road to Molesey Boat Club and talk by Tony Osborne
Changes in Molesey – Talk to Y5 pupils at Chandlers Field School by Doreen Freeman
Research group reports

No. 9 January 2009
Reports
Remembering the 1968 floods
Sisley and the Thames at Molesey – talk by Nicholas Reed
‘Magical Molesey’ – Exhibition on Fred Karno and the Karsino
Research group reports
Articles
The Crusade of the Tilbury Hope against the 1965 Surrey Development Plan

No. 10 March 2009
Reports
Second members’ evening research group reports
Remembering the 1968 Floods (repeat of meeting in Sept 2008)
House History – talk by Jill Hyams
Interest
Caley Bros Greengrocers and Fruiters shop sign revealed

No. 11 May 2009
Reports
Second AGM
Molesey Mills: a story of conflict, scandal, gunpowder & explosions, theft and grave robbing...! – talk by Brian Smith
The Warrior Monks of the Middle Ages and their connections with Hampton Court Palace – talk by Chris Gidlow
Research group reports
Interest
Molesey local history on Facebook

No. 12 September 2009
Reports
Summer Stroll by the Mole and the Ember and talk by Tony Osborne
Research group reports
Articles
Molesey Self-Build Association (1955)
Interest
Announcement of the Kent Town Conservation Area Community Heritage Initiative Project

No. 13 January 2010
Reports
Terence Cuneo – talk by Carole Cuneo and Peter Collins
‘Magical Molesey’ – Molesey Lock exhibition
Research group reports – announcement of closure of the Waterways Group
Articles
Horsepower on the Hampton Court Branch in 1849 by David Turner
No. 14 March 2010
Reports
Members evening – talks and displays by research groups
Family History and the Media – talk by Dr. Nick Barratt
Articles
Tanners Bridge Painting in Molesey Library

No. 15 June 2010
Reports
Third AGM
Hurst Park Racecourse and my Life as a Jockey – talk by Cliff Taylor
‘Getting By’ at William III’s Hampton Court – talk by Annie Gray
Interest
Henry VIII’s Wine Fountain
Arnold Helcke – Tanners Bridge Painting
Launch of Elmbridge Hundred Project

No. 16 September 2010
Reports
Summer Stroll in Kent Town Conservation Area and talk by Tony Osborne
Articles
Sir Julius Vogel by Pauline Lane
Interest
MLHS stall at Molesey Carnival
Terence Cuneo in British Pathé films
The Elmbridge Hundred – An opportunity for local historians

No. 17 February 2011
Reports
The Elmbridge Hundred – talk by Alistair Grant
“Water, Water Everywhere”: the Longford River and waterways in Bushy Park – talk by Ray Brodie
A guided walk around Walton-on-Thames led by Bryan Ellis
Life in Molesey in World War Two (An MLHS research project) including displays, a talk by Anthony Barnes, readings by Barn Theatre actors and recipes by Molesey WI
‘Magical Molesey’ – Wartime Molesey exhibition
Interest
Summer Stroll follow-up and my mother’s wartime diary – information from Rosemary Searle

No. 18 March 2011
Reports
The Elmbridge Hundred – talk by Alistair Grant
Articles
Anna del Conte, cookery writer, on her time living in Molesey and her recipe for Elephant’s Turd by Jill Wilkins

No. 19 May 2011
Reports
‘We are Fred Karno’s Army’ – talk by Ron Smedley
Henry VIII - The Making of a Tyrant – talk by Suzannah Lipscomb
Interest
Proposal to erect a heritage board on the Police Station Green
No. 20 August 2011
Reports
Summer Stroll around Island Barn Reservoir and talk by Tony Osborne
Interest
Memories of Cow Common and the RSPCA Hospital in Orchard Lane by Chris Ward
‘Then and Now’ – Moore’s Miscellanea, No. 1 Creek Road, East Molesey
‘The Mill at Molesey near Hampton Court’ – watercolour by Edward William Cooke (1811-1880)

No. 21 January 2012
Reports
Performance of Lifeboat by the Barn Theatre Club with memories of Molesey evacuees
Claremont House tour and talk by Pamela Rider
‘It’s Carnival Time’ (An MLHS research project) including displays and talks by Clive Kirk and Anthony Barnes
‘Magical Molesey’ – Molesey Carnival exhibition
Interest
The Molesey Shield by Paul Gossage and Steven Baker

No. 22 March 2012
Reports
Imber Court: A Stately Home for Horses – talk by Chris Forester
Life in Molesey during World War II Exhibition
Interest
‘Then and Now’ – Molesey refrigeration Centre, 53 Walton Road
Proposals for a Jubilee Year time capsule and ‘Then and Now’ photographic project
Proposal for a ‘Molesey Hundred’ project

No. 23 July 2012
Reports
Dining with Kings (and Queens): Eating at Hampton Court Palace through History – talk by Dr. Annie Gray
Interest
MLHS stall at Molesey Carnival
Tony Osborne (1930 – 2012) Obituary by Helen Osborne and Tribute by Jenny Wood

No. 24 November 2012
Reports
Summer Stroll around East Molesey Old Village and Bridge Road Area created by Tony Osborne and talk by his daughter Mary
Interest
The mystery of Alfred Sisley’s painting of Langland Bay presented to ‘Dr William Taylor Physician for the Parish of Molesey’

No. 25 January 2013
Reports
Sport on the Hurst Part One – talks on cricket by John Hutton and horse-racing by Stewart Nash
How to Explore the History of Your House – talk by Dr. Nick Barratt
‘Magical Molesey’ – Sport on the Hurst exhibition
Articles
Competitive Cycling in Surrey by Les Bowerman
No. 26 March 2013
Reports
Sport on the Hurst Part Two – including talks about golf, duelling, prize-fighting and naked running
Articles
The County of Surrey by Jenny Wood
Going to a Fight (Robert Cruikshank’s print of Boxing on Moulsey Hurst) by Jill Wilkins

No. 27 June 2013
Reports
Victorian Hampton by John Sheaf
Hampton Court in Old Photographs – talk by Ian Franklin and Robert Hoare
Molesey Carnival – old maps and displays by the Waterways group
AGM followed by Dickens’ connections with the Thames from Richmond to Hampton – talk by Dr. David Parker
Articles
Hanged for Housebreaking: the execution of William Banks of the Moulsey Gang by Anthony Barnes

No. 28 October 2013
Reports
Summer Stroll: Liquid history: houseboat life and the Elmbridge riverside trail and talk by Toby Butler
History of Frederick Paine, Undertakers – talk by Ian Smith
Articles
Molesey Characters – Charles Whatford (Boatbuilder) by Claire Annable
The first issue of the Molesey Review sixty years ago (April 1953)

No. 29 April 2014
Reports
The Bridges of Hampton court – talk by Brian Smith, Roger Haile, David Meggitt and Vic Knibb
EGM approved subscription increase from £5 to £7
Members evening: The Howard Houses – talk by Pamela Reading and Anthony Barnes
Articles
The Baddeley Legacy by Claire Annable

No. 30 July 2014
Reports
AGM and Wayneflete Tower – talk by Penny Rainbow
Real Tennis and other Tudor Sports – talk by Lesley Ronaldson
MLHS stall at Molesey Carnival – Hampton Court bridges display
Articles
Baseball in Surrey by Jenny Wood
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (June 1954) by Jenny Wood
Interest
New look for the newsletter

No. 31 October 2014
Reports
Summer Stroll in Molesey Cemetery and talk by Anthony Barnes
The Treasures of St Peter’s Church – talk by Lindy Wilson
‘Then and Now’ Photographic Exhibition
Articles
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (October 1954) by Paula Day
No. 32 March 2015
Reports
How the East Surreys Went to War in 1914 – talk by Ian Chatfield
Maps for Local History – talk by Carole Garrard

Articles
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (Nov. 1954 to Feb. 1955) by Jenny Wood

No. 33 June 2015
Reports
AGM Chairman’s report and decision to change membership year from 1st April to 1st January
David Garrick: ‘Behind the Scenes’ – talk by Bill Weisblatt
‘Thomas Cromwell: The Untold Story of Henry VIII’s Most Faithful Servant’ – talk by Tracy Borman
Bentalls – talk by Alex Beard (Part One)

Articles
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (March to June 1955) by Jenny Wood

Interest
Molesey Carnival – display of Then and Now photographs

No. 34 October 2015
Reports
Summer Stroll in Home Park
R C Sherriff: From Towpath to Red Carpet – talk by Loretta Howells

Articles
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (July to Oct. 1955) by Jenny Wood
Kent’s Chemist, 104 Walton Road, by Jenny Wood

Interest
Christmas Shopping in Molesey from the Surrey Comet dated 21st December 1907

No. 35 March 2016
Reports
Bishops and peasants: Everyday life in medieval Esher – talk by Dr. David Stone
Tour of Big Ben – talk by Tim Redmond
Bentalls – talk by Alex Beard (Part Two)

Articles
Percy William Gibbs (British impressionist) by Claire Annable

Interest
Musicians of Note by Rosemary Searle

No. 36 June 2016
Reports
Thames Bridges from Staines to Kingston – talk by Nick Pollard
Warren House tour and talk by Vicky Good

Articles
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (March to May 1956) by Jenny Wood

Interest
Plans to revamp the Society website by Dave Jupp
No. 37 September 2016
Reports
The King’s Chocolate Kitchen at Hampton Court Palace – talk by Marc Meltonville
Molesey Carnival – display of photos of previous Carnivals, the 1968 Floods and ‘Then & Now’
Summer Strolls – Guided Walks through Kingston led by Kingston Tour Guides
Cameras and Corsets: Dating Historical Photographs – talk by Jane Lewis
Articles
Kitty Marion and The Arson at Hurst Park Grandstand by Anthony Barnes
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (June to September 1956) by Jenny Wood
Interest
Graburn Way Gates

No. 38 February 2017
Reports
150th Anniversary of Molesey Boat Club – talks by Society and Boat Club members
AGM followed by The Power of Beauty in Restoration England: The Windsor Beauties – talk by Laurence Shafe
Articles
Merton Priory by Jenny Wood
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (Oct. 1956 to Feb. 1957) by Jenny Wood

No. 39 June 2017
Reports
Kenneth Wood, Molesey Architect: ‘A Modernist in Suburbia’ – talk by Dr. Fiona Fisher
Painshill: The Restoration Story – talk by Cherrill Sands
Anne Boleyn: A King’s Obsession – talk by Alison Weir
Articles
Samuel Carter Hall and Anna Maria Hall by Claire Annable
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (March to June 1957) by Jenny Wood

No. 40 November 2017
Reports
Celebration of 10th Anniversary of MLHS and launch of Molesey Then and Now Saturday 8 July, 2017
Molesey Carnival – displays celebrating 150th anniversary of Molesey Boat Club and previous Carnivals
Summer Stroll – Painshill Park
Surrey in the Great War – A County Remembers – talk by Kirsty Bennett
Molesey Then and Now: A journey of discovery – talk by Jenny Wood
Articles
Mike Gambrill (1935-2011) by Jenny Wood
Molesey Hurst in Early Saxon times: Was this the first Molesey? by Anthony Barnes
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (July to Oct. 1957) by Jenny Wood

No. 41 January 2018
Reports
Educating Molesey (An MLHS research project) including displays, a talk by Anthony Barnes, readings by Barn Theatre actors
‘Magical Molesey’ (Educating Molesey display) and Bridge Road ‘Winter Wander’
Articles
The Night A Doodlebug hit Molesey by Norma Millard
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (Nov 1957 to Jan. 1958) by Jenny Wood
No. 42 April 2018
Reports
AGM and Molesey Then and Now: ‘A Journey of Discovery’ – talk by Jenny Wood
Sopwith Aviation and the Great War – talk by David Hassard
Articles
Medical Matters in East Molesey: Memories of John Searle (1922 – 2017) by Rosemary Searle
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (February to April 1958) by Jenny Wood
Curious Assault at East Molesey Church: May a man embrace his wife in church?’ by Claire Annable
Interest
MLHS Waterways Group reaches The Netherlands by Roger and Jenni Haile

No. 43 September 2018
Reports
Tudor Fashion – talk by Eleri Lynn
Molesey Carnival – ‘Then and Now’ and ‘Educating Molesey’ displays
Summer Stroll - Visits to Imber Court Museum
Articles
The White Lady of Esher and the Bench Mark by Claire Annable and Dave Jupp
News from Afar (Boyhood memories of Molesey) by Robin Gambrill
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (May to August 1958) by Jenny Wood
Interest
Ghosts of the Past (Hurst Park Racecourse) by Stewart Nash

No. 44 January 2019
Reports
The Weybridge Diggers – talk by David Taylor
‘1968 and All That’: A History of Flooding in Molesey (An MLHS research project) – displays and talks by Roger Hoad, Julian Mayes and three local residents as well as readings by actors from the Barn Theatre Club
‘Magical Molesey’ (1968 Floods display)
Articles
Remembering a Local Weather Disaster from 50 Years Ago by Julian Mayes
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (September to December 1958) by Jenny Wood
Arthur Noel Ayliffe (1899 – 1974), a Molesey resident, by his granddaughter Rosemary Searle

No. 45 April 2019
Reports
AGM by Paula Day followed by showing of Surrey on Film
Suffragists, Suffragettes and Anti: Women’s Road to the Vote in Surrey – talks by Holly Parsons and Anthony Barnes
‘1968 and All That’ – A History of Flooding in Molesey Exhibition
Articles
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (January to April 1959) by Jenny Wood
No. 46 September 2019
Reports
Hampton Court Pleasure Palace A Story of Two Palaces: Tudor and Baroque – talk by Siobhan Clarke
Molesey Walk for Cranleigh U3A
Brooklands into its Second Century – talk by Tim Morris
Molesey Carnival – Floods displays
Articles
A Query from Tasmania by Jenny Wood
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (May to August 1959) by Jenny Wood
Hampton Court Oak Tree – The Coffin of the Unknown Soldier by Jill Wilkins
Interest
The Bacton Altar Cloth at Hampton Court Palace

No. 47 January 2020
Reports
Merton Priory: A New Chapter – talk by John Hawkes
Après le Déluge (MLHS research project): the flood alleviation scheme in Molesey – displays and talk by Jenny Wood, Roger Hoad and Julian Mayes
Articles
Memories of Hampton Court Palace by Doreen Freeman
Nellie Ada Jarman ‘World’s First’ Beauty Pageant Winner by Norma Millard
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (Sept. to Dec. 1959) by Jenny Wood

No. 48 March 2020
Reports
AGM followed by The Story of the Queen Mary Reservoir – talk by Nick Pollard
Articles
The Slave Trade and Molesey: Surely not? By Claire Annable
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (January 1960) by Jenny Wood

No. 49 May 2020
Articles
VE Day Remembered: A Time of Joy? by Anthony Barnes
The Molesey Review sixty years ago (February and March 1960) by Jenny Wood
Interest
Future programme (suspended due to COVID-19 outbreak)
Future history (making a collection of stories and objects relating to Molesey during the COVID-19 outbreak)