

Historic Molesey Walk

On a rather wet Wednesday at the end of June, around a hundred members braved the elements to hear Tony Osborne give a short talk based around a walk in the Conservation area of East Molesey Old Village. He showed a number of maps, illustrating how the area had changed since the days of King Henry VIII, and where remnants of boundary walls, buildings and roads could still be seen today, and also displayed photographs of buildings which unfortunately are no longer standing, including Olde Home, on what is now the green opposite the police station, once called The Bridge Coffee House, and well known in the 1760s for its 'high reputation for good fare' (Rowland Baker).

Members and guests were provided with maps of the area marked with the key features that people could look out for as they walked around – some did take the opportunity to walk around between the showers that evening, while others repaired to The Bell, planning to follow the route when the weather became more predictable.

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the map, please contact:

Tony Osborne, 020 8224 6396

or email historysociety@btinternet.com.

Maps will also be available at the next meeting.



The timber-framed Bell Inn dates from the mid 16th century.

The Book of Molesey/Thameside Molesey

We have a good supply of both these books, written by local historian Rowland Baker in the 1980s and recently republished. They are only £15 each, and are essential reading for anyone living in or interested in our area.

We also have a supply of Road Names leaflets, first produced for the St Paul's History Exhibition last year, price £1.

All these are on sale at any MLHS event, or you can contact Paula Day, 020 8979 4397.

Visit To Royal Holloway College

Surrey History Trust has arranged a visit to Royal Holloway College on Monday 30th July at 10 am.

In the last years of his life, between 1881 and 1883, Thomas Holloway, a self-made multi-millionaire whose fortune had been made in patent medicines, paid well over £80,000 (equivalent to more than 6 million pounds in today's terms) for the seventy seven paintings which make up the Royal Holloway Collection.

This was the final touch to Holloway's generous endowment of a College for women, founded in 1879 and opened by Queen Victoria in June 1886.

Visitors will be given a tour of the Chapel and Quads, coffee and pastries in the Picture Gallery, a talk on the picture collection and a visit to the College archives, finishing at 1 pm. Close by are Virginia Water, the Valley Gardens and the Savill Garden (this has a restaurant).

This event is open to MLHS members and costs £8, but places are strictly limited because of the capacity of the archives and they will be allocated on a 'first come' basis.

Applications have to be made by 23 July and, if you wish to go, you can get an application form from Tony Osborne, tel: 020 8224 6396.

Future Events

Friday 7 September

**History of 1st Molesey Scout Group
1st Molesey Scout Hut, Walton Road
7.30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm**

Molesey was one of the first Scout groups to be set up after the founder Lord Baden-Powell had the idea to run groups to teach boys how to be good citizens in 1907. The evening will consist of short talks with memorabilia and photos on display that have been collected over many years.

The Scout Hut is in Walton Road, opposite the Majestic Warehouse, next to Langton Road. There is limited parking on site (disabled only).

Refreshments will be available.

Tuesday 13 November

Relative Connections: Sources for Family History at Surrey History Centre

7.30 pm - Vine Hall, Vine Road

Find the route to your roots with this practical illustrated talk on sources for family history at Surrey History Centre.

Vine Hall is in Vine Road, almost opposite the end of Dennis Road. Limited parking on site.

Refreshments will be available.

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