

Resources for Research

Pictures and Photographs

For anyone wanting to know what their streets, shops and pubs were like in the past, old photographs, drawings and paintings are an invaluable resource. The Society is fortunate in having an extensive archive of pictures which give a comprehensive impression of Barnes, Mortlake and East Sheen one hundred years ago and in the later years of the 20th century; a significant part of the archive is comprised of drawings or photographs from before the First World War. The collection is a tribute to several dedicated individuals who had the foresight to record the streets and houses before they changed. They did this at a time of expensive chemical film processing before the days of digital photography. Both Charles Hailstone and Leslie Freeman contributed over 300 photographs of the area from the 1960s to the 1980s. The illustration below is one of the earliest photographs in the archive showing Mortlake High Street looking west in 1865 with the old tithe barn on the right-hand side of the road by the bend.



The Society's archive of around 3000 images has now been transferred to the Local Studies Library in Richmond, but digital copies are available to view on our website: go to the Pictures page of www.barnes-history.org.uk and click on the link to the searchable index.

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