

Bill Rudd 1981



In August 1981 heavy rain swelled the normally tranquil East Pyl brook, which was blocked by debris. It soon overflowed its banks, causing a flash flood which devastated Hatfeild School.

Peter

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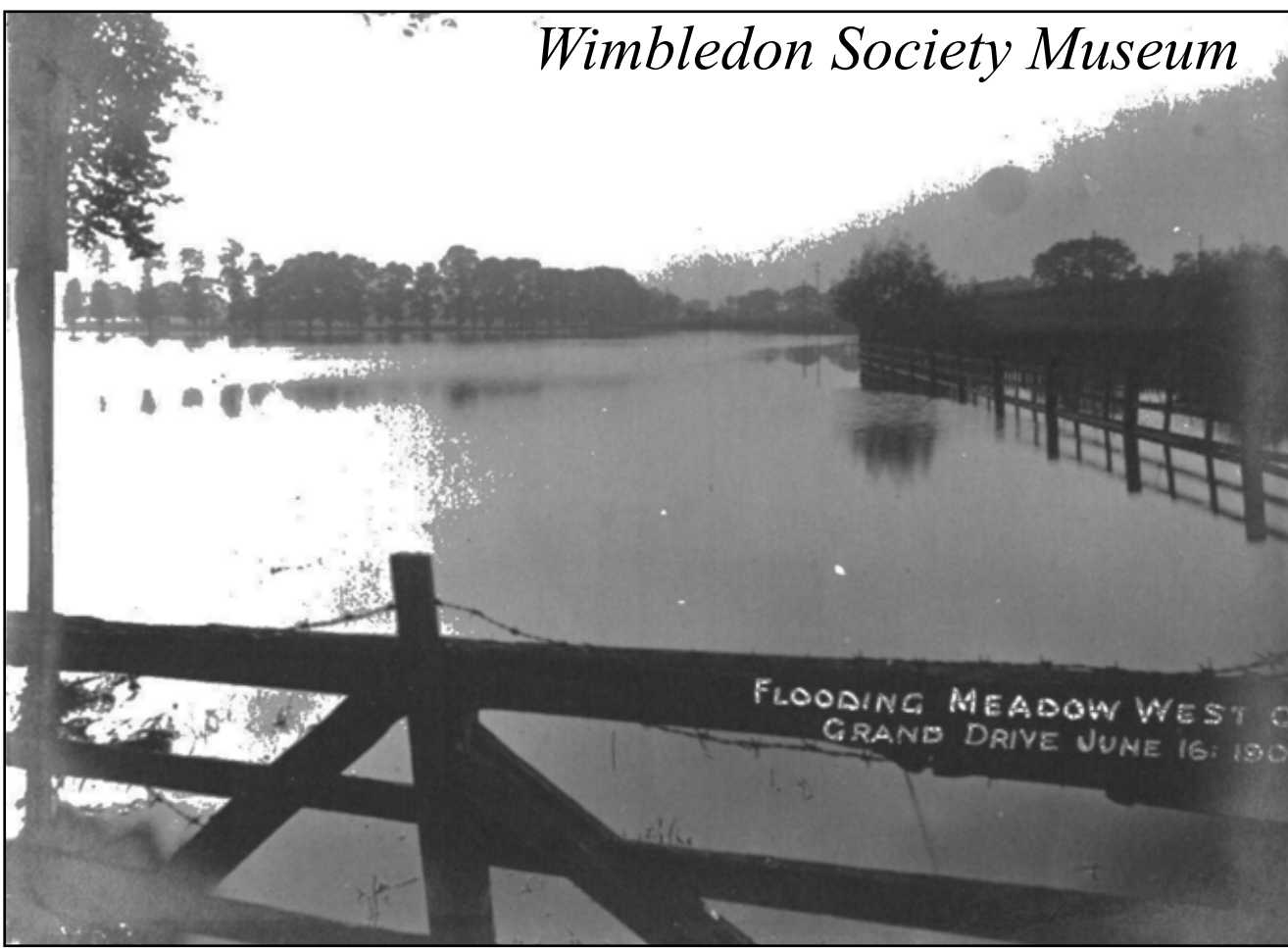


This was just the latest flood to affect Lower Morden. In June 1903 the Wimbledon Urban District Council Surveyor, Mr Cooper, took this photograph of the flooded meadows along Grand Drive.

Cyril

This was probably the same area that was flooded again in March 1905, shown in this post card view. The East Pyl and the Pyl brooks converge around this point.

Peter



Wimbledon Society Museum



FLOODING - 12.30 PM 18.3.05  
GRAND DRIVE, LOOKING WEST.

Around 1930 it was Lower Morden Lane outside Battersea New Cemetery, now the North East Surrey Crematorium, that was under water. The Pyl brook crosses the road nearby.

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Grand Drive was also badly affected by smog in the 1950s. I remember walking home from Raynes Park School one afternoon in the smog. I couldn't see where the road was! Dad took a wrong turning cycling home from New Malden.

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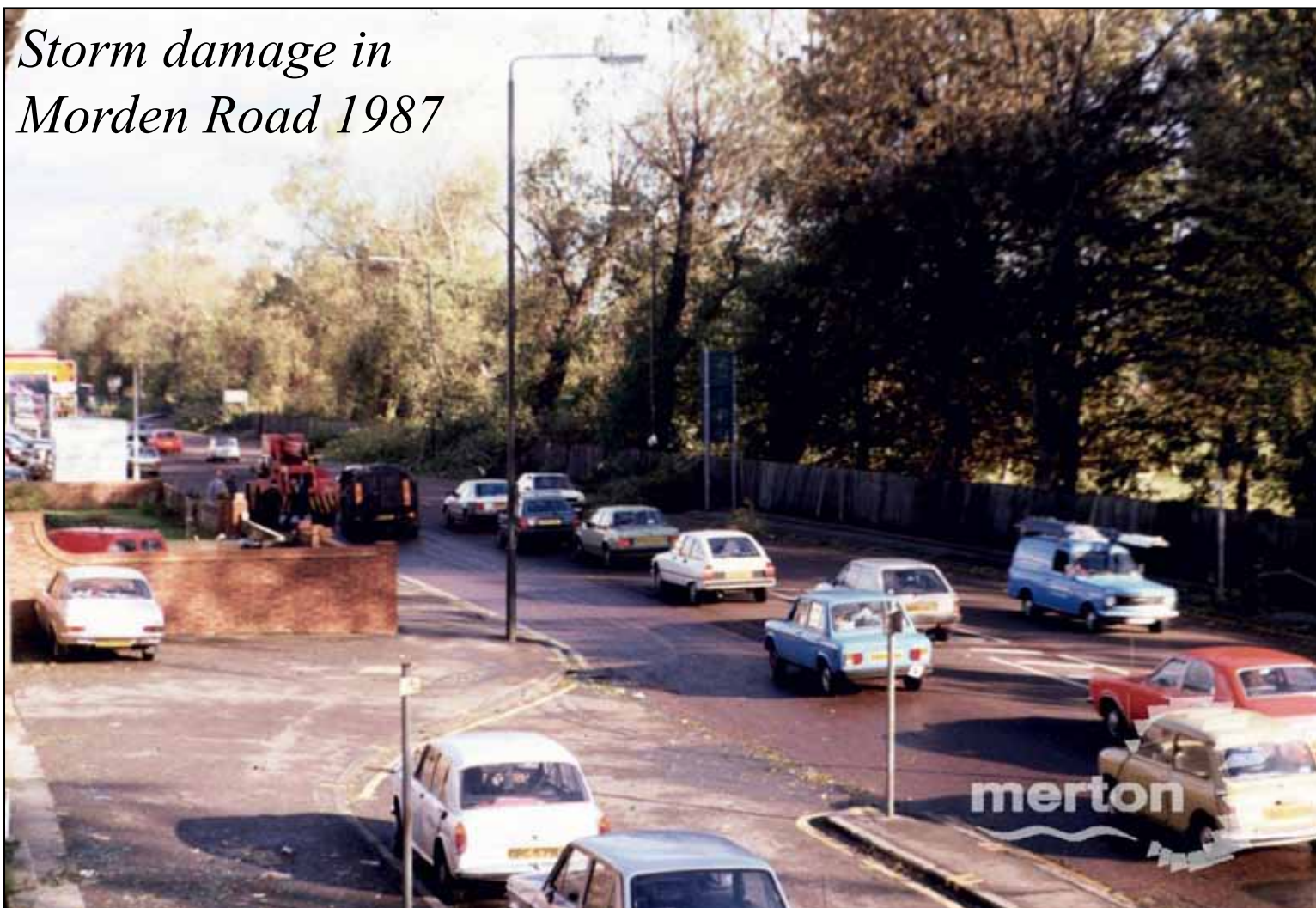


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One day the smog was so bad that I couldn't find my way home from my friend's house in Shaldon Drive to my house in Cardinal Avenue! We had travelled home from work together.

Mavis

Storm damage in Morden Road 1987



The 'Great Hurricane' of 16 October 1987 brought many old trees down across the Borough, blocking roads. I was supposed to be driving to Dorking next morning, but my road was blocked at both ends! Other trees have fallen in more recent storms.

Peter

Fallen tree in Churston Drive, January 2005: David Roe



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