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The Bulletin contains a photograph of a building called *Leckhampton House*. How did it come to get that name? The answer lies in the identity of the man who had it built: Frederic Myers. He had been a pupil at Cheltenham College but had developed a particularly strong affection for Leckhampton and named his house after it when he became a university don. He was also a founder member of the Society for Psychical Research and investigated the famous 'Cheltenham Ghost'.

You can learn how this came about – and much else besides, much of relevant to Cheltenham's past – in the Leckhampton Local History Society's latest *Research Bulletin*, which is due to be published on 21 October, price £3 (plus £1 post and packing in the UK).

The Bulletin's 60 pages contain over 40 illustrations and a wide range of articles, including:

A Celebration of Leckhampton, *by Eric Miller* – the place-name and its meaning, as a surname, in a poem by James Elroy Flecker, in *John Halifax, Gentleman*, and *Through the Looking-glass*, the locomotive 'Leckhampton Hall', buildings named after Leckhampton in Cambridge, Brisbane and Cape Town and their first occupants.

A Historical look at Leckhampton's Farms, *by Terry Moore-Scott* – a score of farms, their buildings, locations, occupants and uses.

The Hargreaves of Leckhampton Court, *by Eric Miller* – John Hargreaves, Edith Platt, what brought them to Leckhampton, Reginald Trye's role, Cheltenham College and Oldham connections, the Court under Colonel and Mrs Elwes.

The Trowscoed Lodge estate and its occupants, *by Mike Rigby* – the Revd John Griffiths Lloyd, Richard and Mary Ann Ferris, Edmund Carrington, Maj-Gen Rainey, Frank E Jenkins and John D Bendall, remaining traces of the building.

The Archaeology of Leckhampton Moat, *by Terry Moore-Scott* – 1933 excavation, 2004 resistivity survey, plans and photographs.

The Tithes of Llanthony Priory in Leckhampton, *by John Rhodes* – a 12th -century deed of Simon Despensator, discussion of names of fields for which tithes were due.