

MILTON KEYNES HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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MK Archaeology Day, Forever Mine costume drama, Back to the City exhibition, CWGC launches For Evermore, South Asian miniature painting ... in this issue

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MKHA IT/Web Meetings

Our next in-person IT/Web meeting at Milton Keynes Museum will be on **Wednesday, 18th October 2023 at 10.00 am**. We meet every Wednesday morning in the Living Archive's training room at the Museum.

The sessions are for MKHA members to exchange experiences and practical help with developing their websites and other IT services, such as heritage trail apps. It's also an opportunity for members to use some of the facilities in the training suite such as the A4 document scanners.

Please contact MKHA by email at info@mkheritage.org.uk if you would like to attend one of these meetings.



MK Archaeology Day

Milton Keynes City Council

Saturday, 4th November 2023

MK Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL

The event is free and open to all.

- Children and Young People's Activity (Ages 8+)
- Hands on Techniques in Archaeology hosted by Cotswold Archaeology (10am to 3pm), just drop in
- Displays and activities from Milton Keynes Heritage Association, BAS Active Archaeology Group and the Portable Antiquities Scheme

Afternoon Talks: Archaeology in MK and Beyond

- 1:30pm: Bronze Age barrows, Iron Age settlement and a Roman Farmstead at Milton Keynes East - Mark Hinton & Conor Roycroft, Pre-Construct Archaeology
- 2:20pm: South Caldecotte: Excavations on the periphery of Magiovinium Roman Town - Kathy Pilkinton, Albion Archaeology
- 3:00pm: The Harpole Treasure: excavating early medieval Britain's most significant female burial - Paul Thompson, MOLA

Milton Keynes City Council heritage news and events



Forever Mine

Living Breath Productions

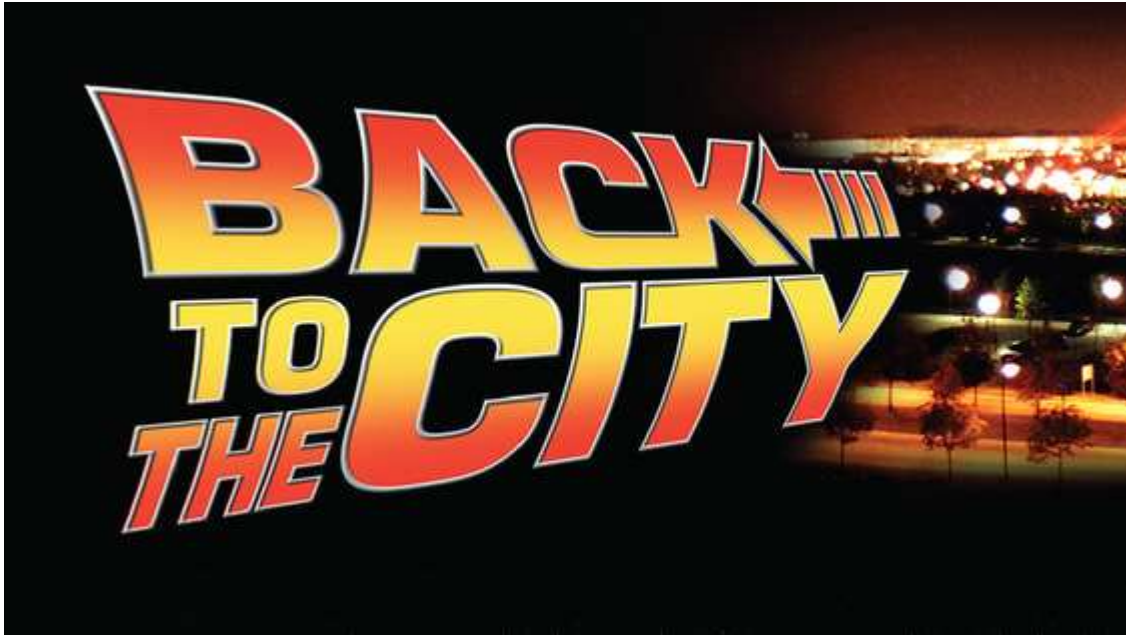
Saturday, 21st October 2023 at 7.30 pm
St Peter & St Paul Church, Church Street, Olney MK46 4AD

2023 marks the 250th anniversary of *Amazing Grace*, one of the most recorded songs of all time, which was first sung in St Peter and St Paul's Church on 1 January 1773.

This original stage play is based on letters, diaries and historical writings, and encompasses both John Newton's dramatic transformation from slave trader to clergyman and eventual abolitionist as well as the passionate love story between Newton and his wife Mary (nicknamed Polly).

This costume drama elevates the lesser known voices of the abolition movement including black writer Olaudah Equiano and the virtually unknown Ukawsaw Gronniosaw (also known as James Albert) who is considered the first published African in Britain.

Book tickets to Forever Mine on Eventbrite



Back to the City

Discover Milton Keynes

Until Saturday, 30th December 2023

MK Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL

Did you live your best life at Zazoos, Austens 2000, Bar Central, Café Moonshine, Directors, Empire, The Rose & Castle, The City Duck and all those other bars, clubs and pubs that are now part of Central MK's history?

The *Back To The City* exhibition will take you on a nostalgic trip through Central MK's nightlife in times gone by. See if you can spot yourselves in the photos and remember how MK used to party in the 1980s and 1990s - the fashion, the hairstyles, the giant plastic palm trees!

[Full details of the exhibition](#)



For Evermore: Stories of the Fallen

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The CWGC has launched *For Evermore: Stories of the Fallen*, a new online resource that will collect the stories of the war dead from both world wars commemorated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

They are asking to be told about a relative, loved one or someone you have researched who today is commemorated at one of our cemeteries and memorials around the world. They'll collate your stories to create a single, searchable repository that honours the memory of the men and women across the Commonwealth who lost their lives during the world wars and ensure that these stories are available for the generations to come.

Introducing For Evermore: Stories of the Fallen



Beyond the Page

MK Gallery

Until Sunday, 28th January 2024

900 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3QA

Beyond the Page explores how the traditions of South Asian miniature painting have been reclaimed and reinvented by modern and contemporary artists.

The exhibition features work by artists from different generations working in dialogue with the miniature tradition. Contemporary works are shown alongside examples of miniature painting dating as far back as the mid-16th century drawn from major collections including The Victoria & Albert Museum and The British Museum, many on public display for the first time.

[Full details of the Beyond the Page exhibition](#)



Autumn half-term activities

[Cowper & Newton Museum](#)

In the Dark Dark Museum Trail & Family Fun

Come and practise your Night-watchman skills and find what shouldn't be there ...

[Discover Bucks Museum](#)

Spooky Halloween Trail

Families will love our spooky Halloween inspired trail for £1, available all week.

Rangoli Sun Catcher Craft

Visitors will create and decorate a colourful stain glass rangoli sun catcher to hang in their window at home as well as a rangoli mandala to colour in and decorate.

Autumn Collage

Join the Bucks Heroes project in making a sensory collage autumn piece. Using collage materials, fabric, tissue paper and glue make an autumnal picture to take home.

Autumn Clay Leaves

Come and make a clay leaf to take home with you. Using autumn leaves as your template carve your leaf out of air drying clay and etch your decoration into it

Flying Bat Scene

Come make an flying bat scene with us. Decorate your backdrop, create your bat and make it move!

Spooky Spider Webs

Create and decorate your hanging spider web to take home, then make a little spider to live on it - make it as cute or as spooky as you want

Family Halloween Day

Come dressed in your best costumes to party the day away Discover our sensory den and put on a shadow puppet show. Are you brave enough to search for spiders in the slime? Take part in the fun and games including digging in our boneyard, and bats to make and take home.

[Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre](#)

Halloween fun at Bradwell Abbey

Traditional Halloween crafts and activities in the Cruck Barn, Valhalla in the Stonebarn, and walk the woodland trail to the cold dark depths of Helheim.

[Milton Keynes Museum](#)

Concrete Circus workshops

Taking place everyday, watch circus skill demonstrations and have a go yourselves.

Spooky hands-on pottery workshops

Get your hands on some clay and learn about pottery techniques.
Between 11.30am and 3.00pm, Monday, Wednesday-Friday.

Make your own Halloween Slime

Taking place everyday in the old school room.

Pumpkin shortbread decorating

Pop into the Cottage and get creative decorating a handmade pumpkin shortbread biscuit. (£2 per biscuit)

Autumn inspired craft activities

Make a woodland animal ornament or a pine cone owl. Drop in between 11.30am and 3.30pm.

MKHA members

Forthcoming events organised by MKHA members and other local heritage groups



[Two Spoons Tea](#)

Newport Pagnell Historical Society

Tuesday, 17 October 2023 at 7.30 pm
United Reformed Church, High Street,
Newport Pagnell MK16 8AB

Speakers Mark Lawson and Giles Oakley of Two Spoons Tea of Pednor, near Chesham.

£3.00 for non-members.

[The work of the Living Archive, Milton Keynes - looking back over 40 years](#)



Sherington Historical Society

Tuesday, 17th October 2023 at 7.30 pm
Sherington Village Hall, Church Road,
Sherington, Newport Pagnell MK16 9PB

Roger Kitchen from MK Living Archive will give an illustrated talk with audio and video extracts. He will be including part of the video interview he recorded with Philip Smith shortly before Philip's death.

[The weird and wonderful Roman villa estate at Priors Hall, Corby](#)



Olney Archaeological Society

Tuesday, 17th October 2023 from 10.00 am
to 12.00 noon
Olney Centre, High Street, Olney MK46 4EF

The speaker, Patrick Lambert, is Project Manager for Oxford Archaeology East. At The Olney Centre and via Zoom.



[Visit the Museum](#)

Newport Pagnell Historical Society

Sunday, 22nd October 2023 from 2.00 to 4.00 pm

Chandos Hall, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell MK16 0EN

The current special exhibit is *The British Legion*. No booking required.

[Annual General Meeting](#)

CLASP

Wednesday, 25th October 2023 at 7.00 pm

Harpole Bowls Club, Larkhall Lane, Harpole, Northampton NN7 4DF

The AGM will be followed by a presentation by Steve Young, CLASP Archaeological Director, on the 2023 fieldwork.



[Volunteering at Nosthamptonshire Records Office](#)

Roade Local History Society

Wednesday, 25th October 2023 at 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Roade, Northamptonshire NN7 2PUF

Lesley Armstrong will talk about her role as a volunteer and projects undertaken, with examples of amazing, enlightening and peculiar items she has catalogued and seen.





[Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#)

Buckinghamshire Family History Society

Friday, 27th October 2023 from 8.30 pm

Talk about the CWGC and the work they do, highlighting their work in Buckinghamshire

Via Zoom. Online membership £6.00 a year.



[Guided Tour of the Museum](#)

Cowper & Newton Museum

Saturday, 4th November 2023 at 11.30 am
Market Place, Olney, Bucks MK46 4AJ

An expert tour guide will take you around the Museum and bring the stories of William Cowper and John Newton to life.

£3.00 in addition to admission.

Dates for your diary

Saturday, 28th October to Sunday, 5th November 2023 inclusive

Bletchley Park will be closed as it will be the venue for the AI Safety Summit hosted by the UK Government

Friday, 6th to Sunday, 15th September 2024

Heritage Open Days

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