

MILTON KEYNES HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

**Online Zoom Members' Quarterly
Meeting
7pm on 24 March 2022**

Main Topics : ArchMK continuation, EDI and Heritage

AGENDA –

- 1 Welcome and Introduction (Robert Excell)
- 2 Last Members Meeting Minutes of Zoom meeting on 13 Jan 2022,
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 Committee Vacancies - Cheryl Butler and Michael Whittle due to retire
- 5 Arch-MK taking project forward (Robert Excell & Anna McAvoy + all).
- 6 Council Grant & Report
- 7 Women's Euros (Robert Excell)
- 8 HoDs (Robert Excell)
- 9 Discover MK Exhibition space in CMK Library (Robert)
- 10 New Town Heritage Register (Charlotte Hall & Robert Excell)
- 11 Festival of History 10 & 11th June 2023 (David Muston & Robert Excell)
- 12 Treasurer's Report – (Charlotte Hall)
- 13 Grants – (Neil Loudon)
- 14 'EDI' (Discussion led by Neil Loudon)
- 15 Members reports. – (all)
- 16 AOB
- 17 Next Meeting – **Wednesday June 22nd at 7pm (location TBA)**

1. Introduction - Robert Excell

There have been some important recent developments with several events taking place later in the year, particularly for those of you holding Archive material.

We need to thank Cheryl Butler for all the work she has done for MKHA (and Deanshanger VHS) over very many years before she moves to Lincolnshire. She has been a long term member of the Exec committee (and Secretary from 2009/10 when Mike Whittle took over from her).

2. Minutes of Zoom Meeting 13 Jan 2022

- Any errors or omissions?
- Approval of previous Minutes

3. Matters Arising

- Not covered during following items
- Accepted for AOB
- Proposal to record this Zoom session

4. MKHA Executive Committee - Vacancies

- Mike Whittle – Hon. Secretary
- Cheryl Butler – Committee Member

What's required:

- Approx 10/11 executive meetings per year
- Committee members also attend MKHA quarterly meetings (including AGM)
- Secretary takes notes and produces minutes from existing template.
- Supported by other MKHA officers

5. ArchMK – Archives Workshop - RE, A McE

Conclusion and Next Steps project plan:

- **Anna McEvoy coordinate and admin**
- **Hold new Archives Workshop**
- **Consider fortnightly surgeries (LA Hut / Zoom)?**
- **Robert Excell in support with MKM specialists**
- **Replay Ellie Pridgeon's recordings for P2P sessions**
- **Encourage each project group to mentor others**

5. ArchMK taking the project forward - RE, A McE

New Archives Workshop

Friday 22nd April 2022 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Rectory Cottages, Church Green Road, Bletchley MK3 6BJ



5. ArchMK – Archives Workshop - RE, A McE

Attendees are encouraged to bring individual objects for advice on handling, cleaning or repair and if possible catalogues or lists of their material – whether physical or on laptops.

Programme:

- 10.00 – Review of paper-based problems and recommendations
- 11.30 – Critical electronic media – audio/video cassettes*
- 12.45 – Sandwich lunch (BYO)
- 1.30 – Project planning – How often? Where? (LA Hut, Zoom)
- 2.30 – 1 to 1 Sessions – covering specific archive issues
- 3.30 – Other developments - archives at CMK library.
- 4.00 – Finish

6. MK Council Grant and Report



Apologies, I will be away in Slovenia presenting to Nova Gorica new town sports and culture teams.

Shane

(Many MKC issues that Shane would normally report on are covered under later items in this presentation)

7. Women's Euros in MK – Robert Excell



There will be various exhibitions, 'show and tell' days of women's football stories from local angle, memory films and photo exhibitions. Much of this will be held in and around the 'Station Square' where it is hoped people will spend time before being ferried to MK Stadium, Bletchley.

The 1936/38 Women's football teams in MK hopefully to be highlighted along with other more contemporary stories.

8. Heritage Open Days – Robert Excell

Heritage Open Days 9-18 Sept 2022

This year the national theme is **Astounding Inventions somehow connected with somebody or something in your local area..... and if that cannot be found, an **Heroic Failure** would also qualify!**

MKHA can support your events with smaller 'easier access' grants for those who have been members for 18 months.



MKHA

8. Heritage Open Days – Robert Excell

Heritage Open Days 9-18 Sept 2022

Reminder from Rachel Chapman at LA to get your MK HODs registration forms in as soon as possible (if you haven't already done so)

Also, she will need any images you'd like to be used in publicity, ideally as JPEGs under 5MB – larger images via WeTransfer or YouSendit etc.

<http://www.livingarchive.org.uk/>



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9. Discover MK Exhibition – Robert Excell

- Discover MK - still exhibiting in MK Central Library (despite 50% size reduction) but may be relocated within building
- Planned 15cu metres of archive storage for MKHA members.
- Some limitations due to Library internals being Gr.II listed
- MKHA members encouraged to submit ideas for future exhibitions and more heritage based events at library.



10. New Town Heritage Register – Charlotte Hall



- MK Council have confirmed that MKHA will have a place on the NTR Panel.
- Simon Peart has been in contact about nominations for representation
- Online 'Inception' meeting expected very soon.

11. Festival of History 2023 – David & Robert

“Celebrating the History and Culture of Milton Keynes”

- Dates confirmed as 10/11 June 2023
- Will be an Heritage MK event
- Will include more ‘Culture & Diversity’
- Will be more inclusive
- Ringfenced funding but more sought



11. Festival of History 2023 – David & Robert

“Celebrating the History and Culture of ALL the people of Milton Keynes”



12. Treasurers Report – Charlotte Hall

Banking / Money Matters: (as at 14/03/22)

Treasurers Account : £15,691.31

Business Account : £3,436.10

Hampshire Account : £5,396.06 (23/01/22)

Total: £24,523.47

13. Grants Report – Neil Loudon

CULTURE/HERITAGE GRANTS – PROGRAMMING

Application for 2022-2023 submitted March 2022

The application is for a small programme grant to be used and administered by MKHA to fund small scale heritage based projects undertaken by MKHA member groups.

MKHA aspire to all of the Council criteria across grants it offers to MKHA member groups.

13. Grants Report – Neil Loudon

New Grants to Members

New grant completion: Sherington Hist. Soc. – Reprint £680

New grant applications: 1 potential (yet to submit)

Grant applications are always encouraged particularly for supporting heritage events – *HODS and Festival of History*

MKHA gratefully acknowledge continuing grant support from Milton Keynes Council

14. EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) in heritage



New strategic priorities of Milton Keynes' Creative and Cultural Strategy for 2022-23.

All grant applications **MUST** demonstrate that they meet the Cultural Inclusion Priority (1) and at least one other of the following criteria (2 - 4)

- 1. Cultural Inclusion and Diversity**
- 2. Not Just Business as Usual**
- 3. Collaborations and Partnership Working**
- 4. City-wide Cultural Offer**

EDI AND HERITAGE



1. Cultural Inclusion and Diversity:

This is MKC's strategic priority for 22/23 and they are interested in supporting cultural projects that deliver to the Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Report and Recommendations at; <http://aha-mk.org/inclusion-and-diversity/>



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2. Not Just Business as Usual:

MKC is looking for high-quality proposals that test out new ideas and approaches to heritage/cultural delivery within the city, pushing creative boundaries to reach and engage new audiences.

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3. Collaborations and Partnership Working:

MKC is particularly interested in projects and programmes that place an emphasis on collaboration and partnership working.



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4. City-wide Cultural Offer:

- where cultural activity is being delivered in contexts that will encourage **community engagement and participation.**



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- EDI means the whole community regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity or religious belief
- EDI ensures fair treatment and opportunity for all.** It aims to eradicate prejudice and discrimination on the basis of an individual or group of individual's protected characteristics.
- Protected characteristics are **age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.**
- Fairness and opportunity within groups and engagement with community

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MKHA actions:

- MKHA does have an equal opportunities policy – it is over 10 years old and requires further review to bring up to date against current legislation
- Grant forms and feedback requirements need to be updated to include diversity and inclusion
- MKHA and members websites to be more accessible
- MKHA to encourage wider membership

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Activities of MKHA and member groups:

- How can they be made more accessible?
- Encourage wider more diverse membership of groups? and MKHA?
- Should we take a more proactive approach?
- Should we instigate more to explore the heritage of minority communities in the area and their ethnic origins? a project?
- May raise challenging topics e.g. slavery, discrimination, violence, empire

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MKHA/MKC grants:

- Applications must include participation/accessibility issues for the whole community
- Outputs to be available for all
- Link EDI projects to events such as *Heritage Open Days*, *Festival of History*
- Projects with schools, community groups, disability groups
- ‘Hint’ – all projects undertaken can be linked to EDI

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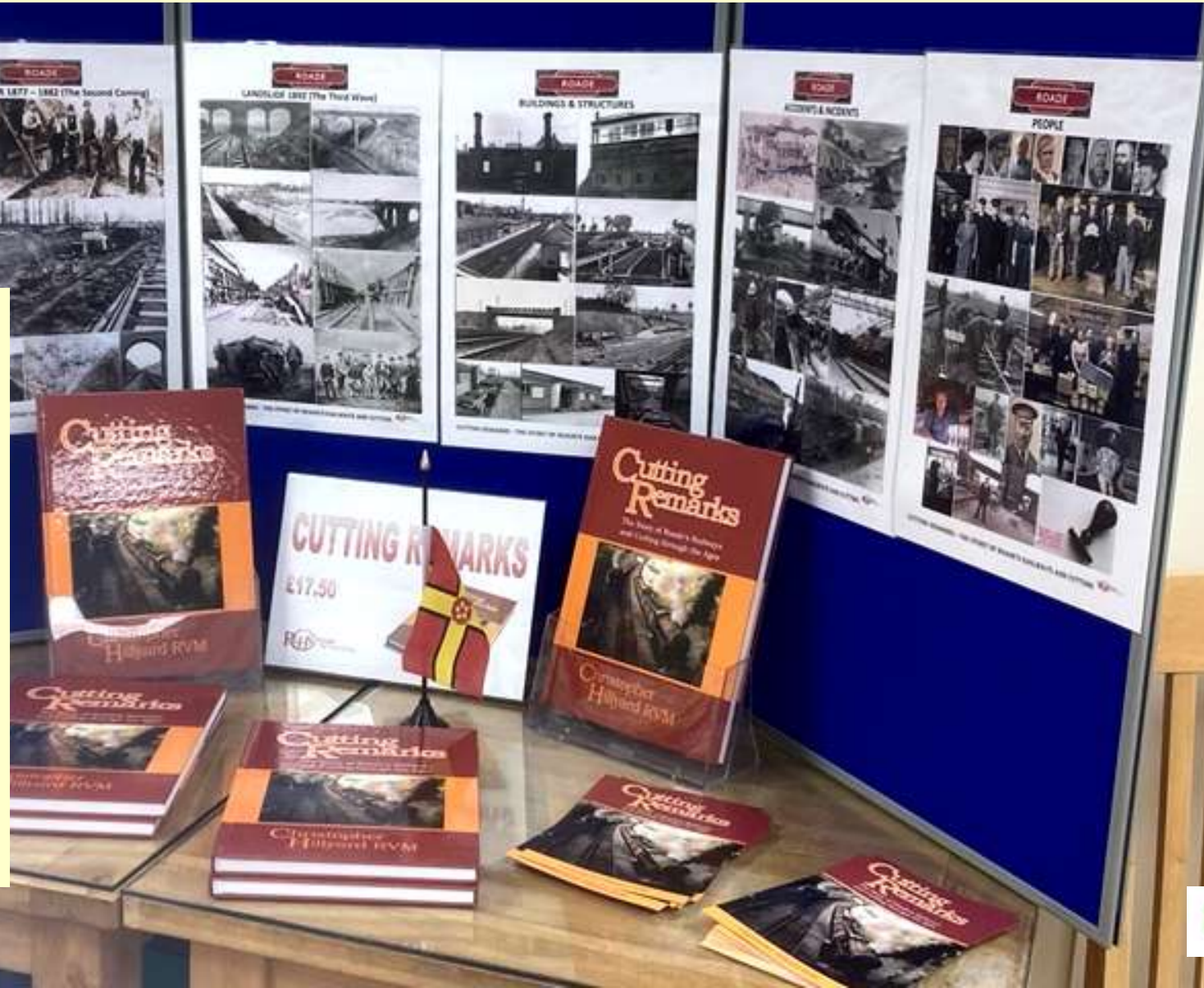
Next steps (MKHA cannot change the world!)

- MKHA policies need to be reviewed and updated
- Small steps needed to encourage and support individual projects

15. Members Reports

Members are invited, in turn, to give brief activity reports highlighting their response to COVID and indicate plans now restrictions are lifted.

Display of “Cutting Remarks
The Story of Roade’s
Railways and Cutting through
the Ages”,
written by our Chairman
Chris Hillyard, at The Heritage
Hub at Jeyes of Earls Barton.
Also now available at RLHS
events and via our website:
www.roadehistorysociety.org.uk



Last month Maureen Williams gave us a very interesting illustrated talk about Preston Deanery Hall and its owners and occupants.

PRESTON DEANERY HALL

Edgar Mobbs the life and death of a Northampton sporting icon.

A talk by Saints'
historian and BBC
commentator
Graham
McKechnie on
27th April 2022



The incomparable Edgar Mobbs was Saints first rugby superstar – a prolific try-scorer and England captain, adored by the Northampton public. And then when the country came calling in 1914 he not only joined the army, but formed a company of men who went with him to fight in the First World War.

Stowe House Preservation Trust – Anna McEvoy



Restoration of the State Dining Room starting this August, with restoration of the over door panels of centaurs (copied from Herculaneum in 1750s) taking place from Easter.

Starting to run events again, such as roof top tours over Easter.



11. Any Other Business

AOB?

12. Next Meeting

**MKHA Quarterly - June 22 from 7.00pm
Venue TBC**