

# MILTON KEYNES HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

**MKHA**

Members Meeting 7.00 pm 30 November 2022  
The Old School, Old Wolverton Road

# AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introduction (David Muston)**
- 2. Tribute to Robert Excell - Led by Neil Loudon**
- 3. Apologies received**
- 4. Minutes of previous meeting 22/6/22 and Matters Arising**
- 5. Committee Vacancies - Secretary + Members**
- 6. HoDs 2022 Report (pp Rachel Fleet)**
- 7. Council Report (pp Shane Downer)**
- 8. Arch-MK update (David Muston pp Anna McEvoy)**
- 9. New Town Heritage Register update (Charlotte Hall, Alan Cooper)**
- 10.IT/Web Report (Alan Cooper, David Muston)**
- 11.Treasurer's Report (Charlotte Hall)**
- 12.Grants to members (Neil Loudon, Charlotte Hall)**
- 13.Review of Constitution & Business Plan (Neil Loudon)**
- 14.Members reports – (all)**
- 15.AOB**

## ITEM 1 : Introduction - David Muston

Topics:

- Robert remembered
- Re-planning ArchMK programme
- Other Archives
- HODs breaking records

# ITEM 2 : Tribute to Robert Excell – Led by Neil Loudon

ROBERT EXCELL



- Curator London Transport Museum
- Founder Member MKHA Executive Committee 1993
- Secretary, Association of British Transport & Engineering Museums (ABTEM):
- Ridgemont Station Heritage team, Collections Adviser.
- Joined Living Archive Board – 2016
- Vice Chair (Archives) LAMK
- Led funding application for 2019 Festival of History
- Represented MKHA at Arts & Heritage Alliance
- Led ArchMK project with Anna McEvoy
- Panel member on New Town Heritage Register 2022

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## 3. Apologies received

Shane Downer – MKCC, Vivian Blythe - RLHS, Anna McEvoy - Stowe House, Keith Harry - Grafton Regis Historians,

## 4. Minutes of Zoom Meeting 22 June 2022

- Any errors or omissions?
- Approval of previous Minutes

### 4.1 Matters Arising

- Any others not covered by following agenda items
- Any AOB items



## 4. MKHA Executive Committee - Vacancies

Positions available for up to 4 new committee members

### **What's required:**

- Approx. 10/11 executive meetings per year
- Committee members also attend MKHA quarterly meetings (including AGM)
- Secretary to take notes and produce abbreviated minutes from new simplified template
- Representatives to liaise with other organisations
- Ready support from other committee members

# 6. Heritage Open Days – David Muston pp Rachel Fleet



HODS Beer fest at MK Museum  
(© R Fleet for LAMK)

**MKHA**



HODS at Great Lindord Manor (© Stace Photography)

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Big bubbles, no troubles at the Old School House, Old Wolverton

**4870 + Children came this year**

## 6. Heritage Open Days – David Muston pp Rachel Fleet

### A Great Success!

- All previous attendance records broken, with **20,346** people including 4873 children taking part in HODs events
- **50+** HODs registered MK Organisations groups running **176** local event sessions (despite some late withdrawals in respect of the Queen's death)



Heritage Open Days 2022 - 9th-18th September

# 7. Culture Team Report - David Muston pp Shane Downer

MKHA Members Meeting  
Wed 30 Nov 2002

Culture Team Report

Shane Downer – MK City  
Council



# Milton Keynes - Update

- **City Status 2022**
  - A new 'Schools Box' design Tender is out – see Culture Team website for details
- **WEURO 2022 Heritage Programme, Jul 22**
  - Completed with 30,000+ visitors to activity
  - WEURO Exhibition new permanent home outside at MK Museum
- **Archive-opia, Oct 2022**
  - Alison Davies, Urban Fabric and Pooleyville together delivered a 3 week programme the highlight being the WikiPavilion.
  - INTI and AHA-MK events delivered with heritage, culture and community groups to agree a new City Archive vision.



# MK City Archive Phase 1

## Central Library and Local Studies

- Ongoing partner engagement following on from Archive-opia
- Capital Options by early 2023
- Operational late 2023
- Needs approval by The National Archives and Historic England

ARCH:MK - MKHA Member groups assess their own collections and how they will link (or not) to MK Archive



# CMK Trail(s)

- Homeworld at 40 – prototype combination of interpretation Boards with Digital Trails App
- With Living Archive, MKCC reviewing MK Trails App early 2023 for futureproofing and more use
- CMK Trails launched summer 2023 will profile CMK's new town design and link to New Town Register







## New Towns Sports Cities

**Lead: Grand Paris Sud (FR)  
Milton Keynes, Nissewaard  
(NL), Nova Gorica (SLO)**

- Learning Visits completed Nov 22
- Online Platform launched Dec 22 for groups and organisations to find out case studies and best practice in new towns incl trails
- Further projects planned in 2023 with heritage components



Co-funded by the  
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**MK**  
milton keynes council



**Thank you**

**Shane**

# 8. ArchMK Update - David Muston pp Anna McEvoy

## Archive training - New round Introductory session

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023\*, 2.00pm at The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park:

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| 2.00pm | Arrival and refreshments (archive material on display)  |
| 2.15pm | - Intro of background to the project and previous rounds<br>- Intro to participants and archival material held by each<br>- Intro to 4 sessions and what they involve |
| 2.45pm | Break into small groups to look at scoping own archives   |
| 3.15pm | Group discussion  |
| 4.00pm | End   |

Free archive storage material starter pack for all attendees

\* Provisional date

# 8.1 ArchMK Update - David Muston pp Anna McEvoy

## 2023 programme plan:

Monthly sessions from Jan at The National Museum of Computing.  
'In-between' hands-on session at the Living Archive hut at MK Museum to help with cataloguing and practical archiving issues.

The sessions will cover:

- 1. Handling & Scoping**
- 2. Cataloguing & Storage**
- 3. Copyright & Digitisation**
- 4. Exhibiting & Display**

'Fast track' £150 grants available to all participating groups for archive storage materials.

Contact Anna McEvoy [amcevoy@stowe.co.uk](mailto:amcevoy@stowe.co.uk) for dates & details

# 9. New Town Heritage Register – David Muston



Simon Peart's  
presentation at  
Archive-opia

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## **MK New Town Heritage Register consultation - MKCC**

Over 240 new town era places have been nominated by the public as having local heritage significance. These places will be considered by a selection panel, made up of local and national experts and stakeholders, which will make recommendations to the Council.

The first 160 places will be considered by the panel in January 2023. Your views are sought on how any of these assets meet or do not meet the adopted Selection Criteria.

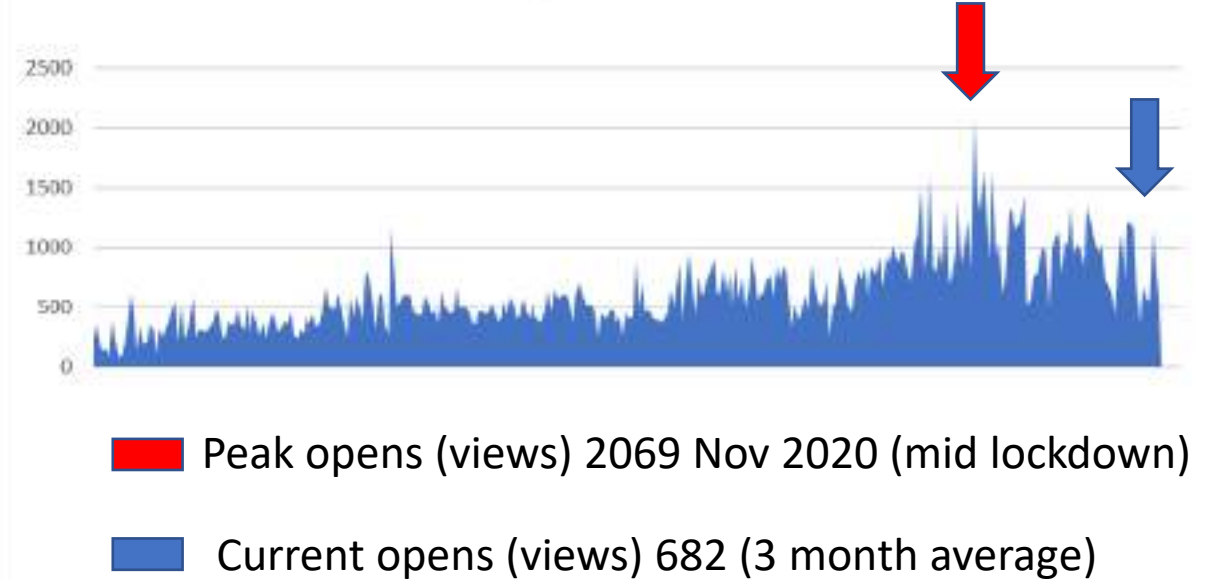
**Closing date is Wednesday, 11th January 2023**

# 10. MK IT/Web update – MKHA Newsletter Alan Cooper

Total Recipients: 2015 to 2022

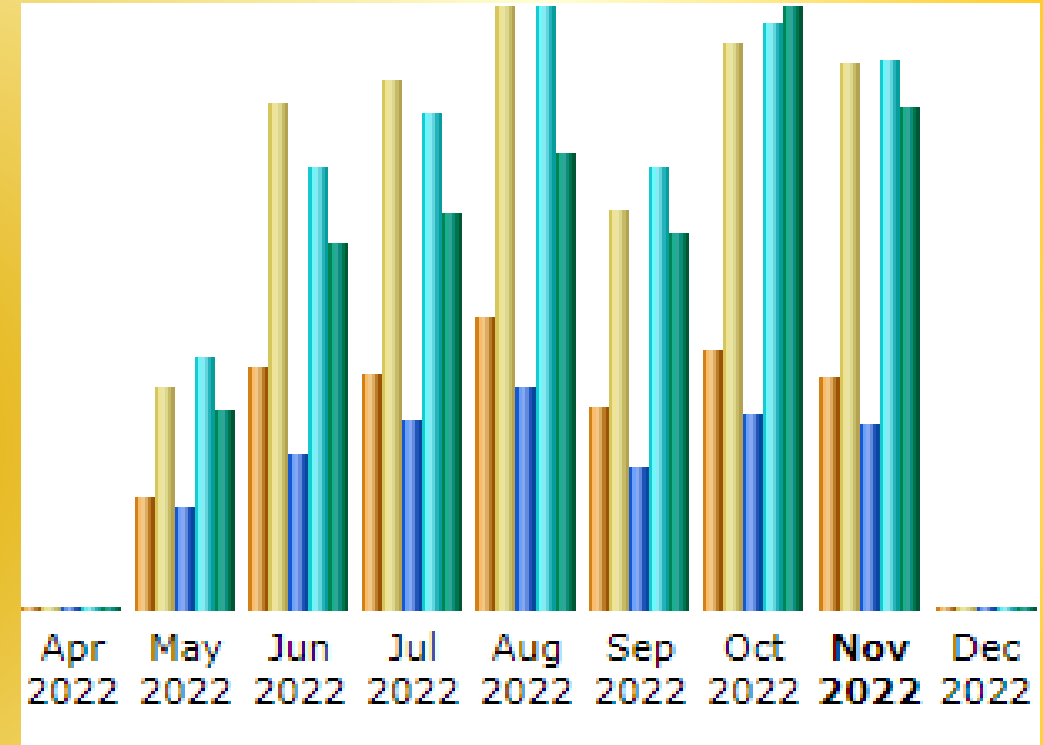


Total Opens - 2015 - 2022



# 10. MK IT/Web update – MKHA Web Stats Alan Cooper

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2022	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2022	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 2022	0	0	0	0	0
Apr 2022	0	0	0	0	0
May 2022	4,646	9,167	90,556	223,812	3.54 GB
Jun 2022	9,906	20,864	138,230	393,157	6.45 GB
Jul 2022	9,634	21,787	168,406	440,819	7.02 GB
Aug 2022	11,966	24,735	198,926	534,462	8.10 GB
Sep 2022	8,317	16,471	126,782	393,627	6.64 GB
Oct 2022	10,710	23,292	174,621	521,259	10.65 GB
<b>Nov 2022</b>	9,512	22,514	164,200	489,557	8.89 GB
Dec 2022	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,691</b>	<b>138,830</b>	<b>1,061,721</b>	<b>2,996,693</b>	<b>51.30 GB</b>



Web statistics reset in mid-May 2022 when our host moved the website to a new server. Since then the website has had over **60,00 unique visitors** who have **viewed over a million web pages**.



## 10. MK IT/Web update – Alan Cooper & David Muston



- Regular mid session break - in the Granary tea room.
- Open to representatives from any group

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Three new software features introduced (plug-ins)

- **‘Foo Gallery’** for collections of images
- **‘Pallet.fm’** auto colouring of B&W images
- **‘Roots Persona’** for family history web pages

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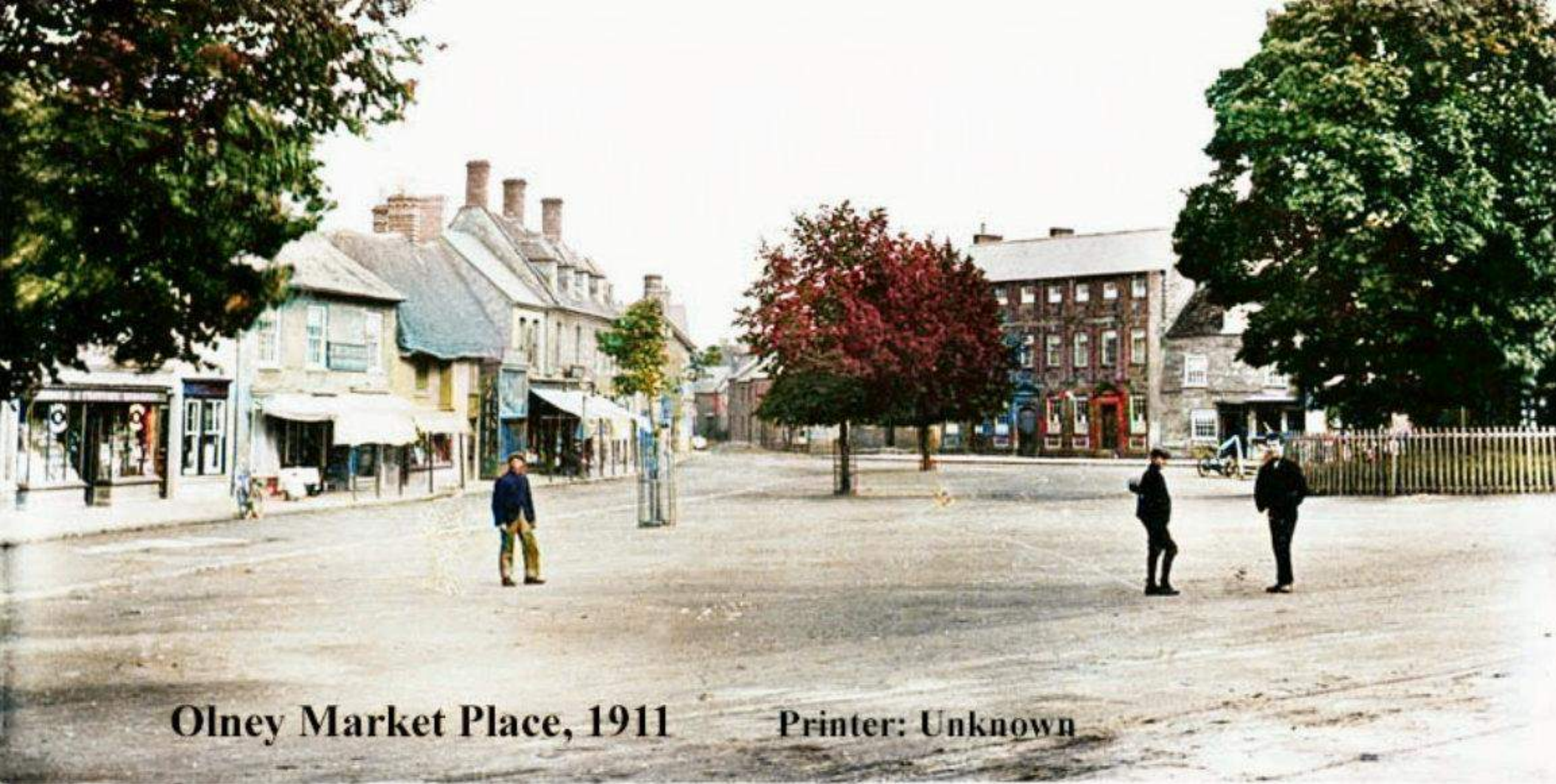
## A SELECTION OF OLNEY POSTCARDS





**Olney Market Place, 1911**

**Printer: Unknown**



**Olney Market Place, 1911**

**Printer: Unknown**

# 11. Treasurers Report – Charlotte Hall

## Banking / Money Matters: (as at 29/11/22)

Treasurers Account : £20,906.65

Business Account : £3,437.00

Hampshire Account : £5,396.06

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**Total: £29,739.71**

## 12. Grants Report – Neil Loudon

£5,000 allocated to MKHA – thanks to MKCC - to be used by members to support heritage projects and promotional material

- To be used to support promotion of MKHA – new roller banner, leaflet reprint, bookmarks, articles etc.
- Also to be used to support Archives ‘legacy’ project eg. conservation materials and external speaker costs
- Funds still available for more grants – please approach Exec. with any proposals eg. Next Heritage Open Days 2023

# 12.1 New Grants News – Neil Loudon



- New grant applications: Newport Pagnell HS - for Signage for Chandos Hall c. £550
- New enquiry: MK Forum  
Funding for book on 'Homeworld'
- 'Fast Track grants available for ArchMK projects (£ 150 per participant group)



MKHA gratefully acknowledge continuing grant support from Milton Keynes Council



## 12.2 Grants Management Report – Neil Loudon

### Next steps:

- Meeting Shane Downer in early January 2023 to discuss MKHA work and grants
- Grant report will be required to MKC in early 2023
- Application to MKC for grant for 2023/24
- Need to review and update grant application and outturn forms

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# 13. Review of Constitution & Business Plan - Neil Loudon

**MKHA policy documents** – need for timely review (and update where necessary)

**MKHA Constitution September 2016** – being reviewed by Exec, minor tweaks needed, and will bring forward to next AGM

**MKHA Business Plan v8.1** – requires major overhaul to reflect current work of MKHA  
Following policies to be reviewed – probably only minor changes, but some legislation changes:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy (formerly Equal Opportunities Policy)
- Data Protection Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Education Policy - New policy to be drafted
- Digital Policy (covering MKHA digital activities)

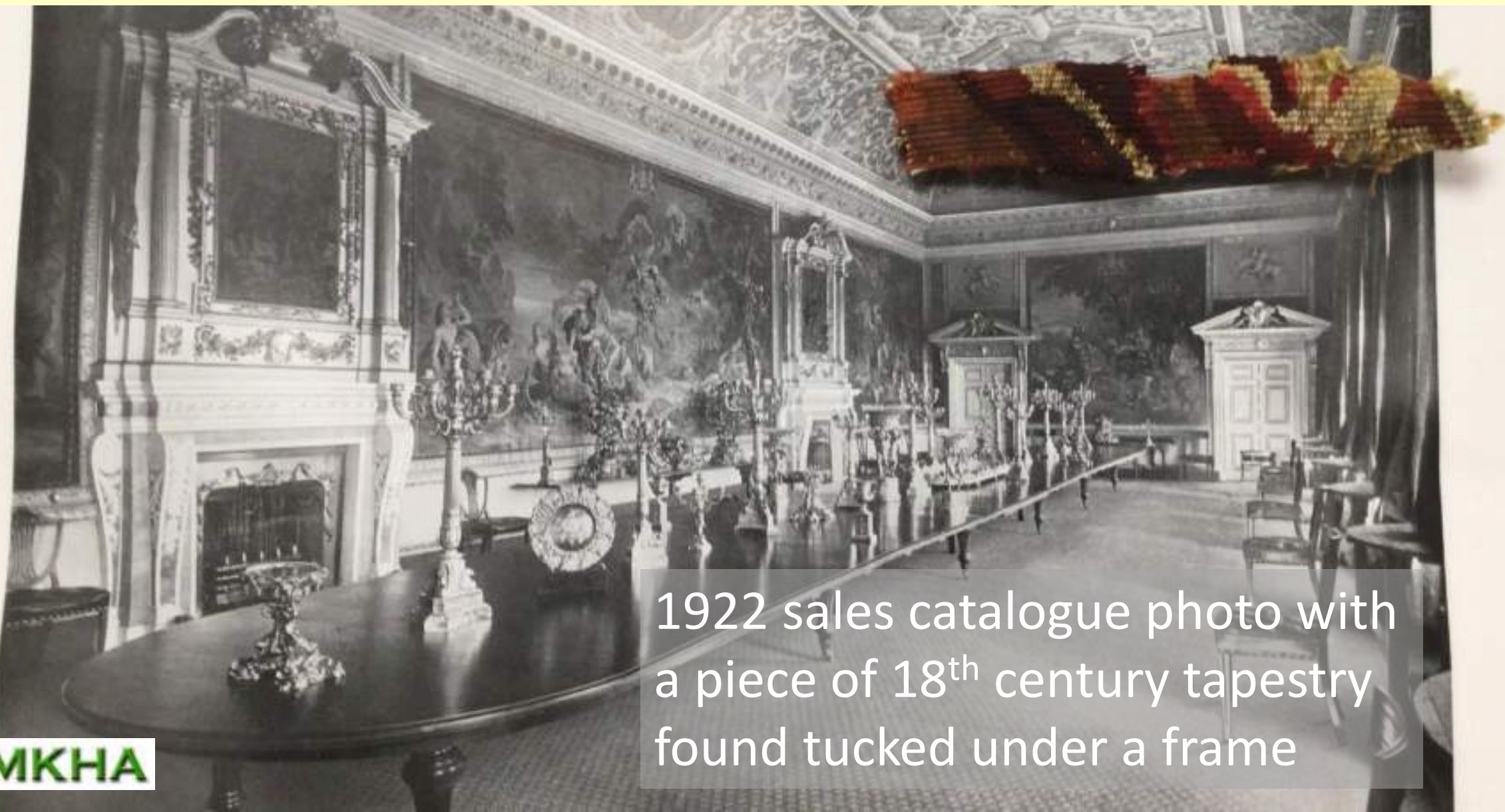
# 14. Members' Reports

Reports and images received from:

- Stowe House Preservation Society
- Deanshanger Village History Society
- Western Front Association
- Grafton Regis Historians
- Woughton Heritage

Other members are invited, in turn, to give brief verbal activity report since last meeting together with future plans.

# Stowe House Preservation Trust pp Anna McEvoy



1922 sales catalogue photo with a piece of 18<sup>th</sup> century tapestry found tucked under a frame

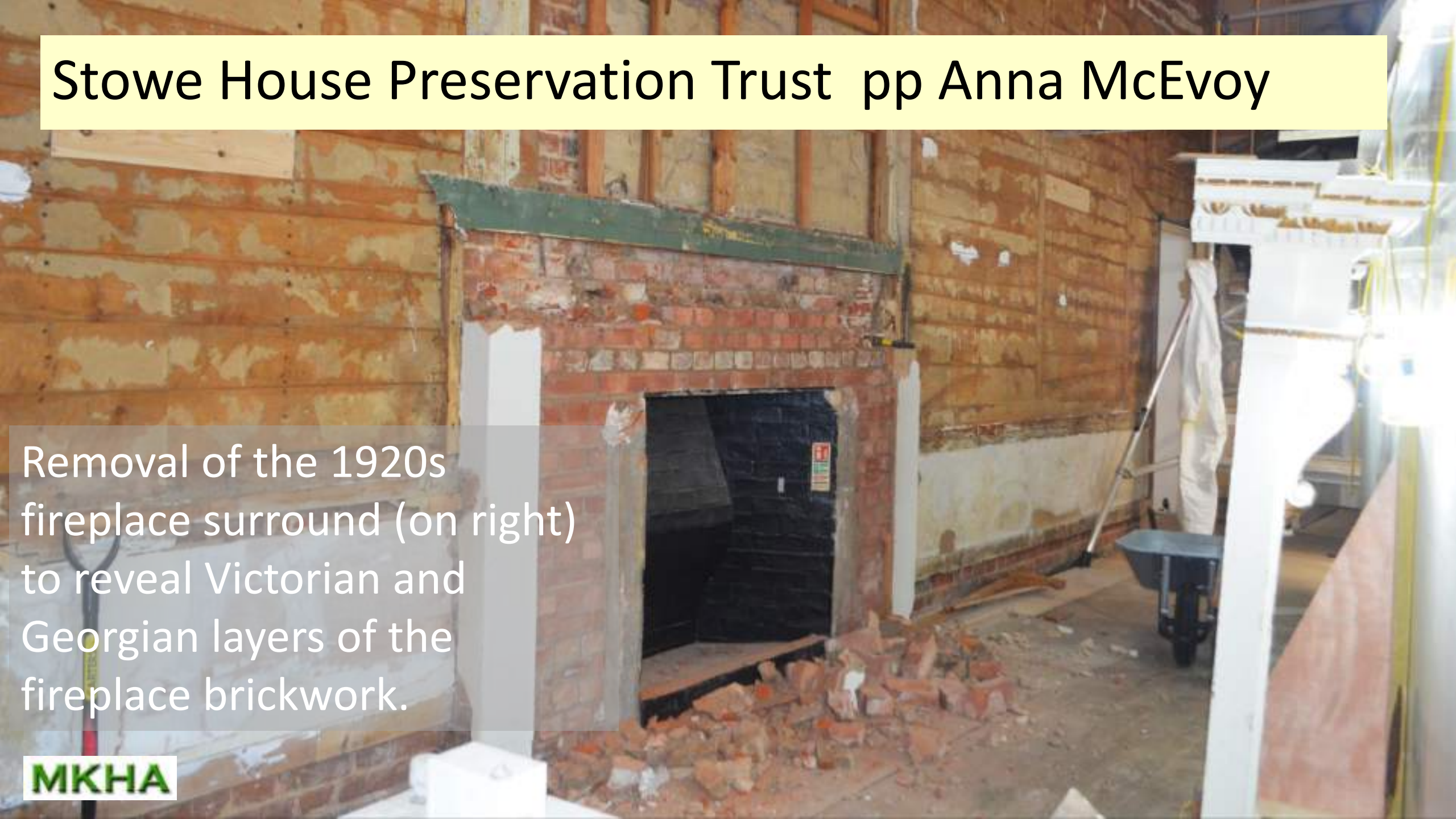
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State Dining Room as it is now, under restoration until May 2023 (in time for Stowe School's Centenary)



# Stowe House Preservation Trust pp Anna McEvoy

Removal of the 1920s fireplace surround (on right) to reveal Victorian and Georgian layers of the fireplace brickwork.





# Deanshanger DVHS - Jennie Dott





MKHA





The Creation of Colour



**MKHA**

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# Western Front Association – Anne McIntyre



MK WFA

Report to MKHA Members Meeting  
November 2022



# WFA Recent Talks

- Never Fired A Shot –William Coltman VC MM & bar, DCM & bar’ - Tim Coltman
- Before the Music Sounded – the Naval Career of Baron Georg Von Trapp’ – Michael O’Brien
- The Welsh Walter Mitty’ – Marietta Crichton Stuart
- Bedford’s Highlanders – Richard Galley





# Other Events – Heritage Open Days



- For the Heritage Open Days, we put on a display at MK Museum – this year highlighting innovations resulting from the Great War – not just military advances of tanks, grenades, trench warfare and the like but also many things we now take for granted from blood banks and mobile x-ray machines to vegetarian sausages and tissues with a lot more in between.
- There were also hands-on displays of artefacts, an exhibition on how to research a soldier, and details on war artists and war poets



# Cenotaph

- On November 11<sup>th</sup> a number of our members attended the WFA wreath-laying at the Cenotaph in London and the Service of Remembrance in the Guards Chapel. This was a very moving and evocative morning.
- We followed it with a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey





# Our 2023 WFA Talks Programme

<b>January 20<sup>th</sup></b>	'My Uncle – the Battle of Britain VC' – James Nicolson
<b>February 17<sup>th</sup></b>	AGM, Quiz and Buffet
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	'The Russian Front' – Phil Tomaselli
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	'Jig-a-jig Tommy?' The importance of a soldier's sex life to his morale – Dr Bruce Cherry
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	'I shall hope to try an officer and at least one corporal for cowardice' – Michael de Cicero
<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	'Now the War is Over' – Dr Daniel Weinbren
<b>July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	'Britannia's unruly stepchildren' Americans in the British Armed Forces – Michael O'Brien
<b>August 18<sup>th</sup></b>	No meeting
<b>September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	tbc
<b>October</b>	Seminar tbc
<b>November 17<sup>th</sup></b>	'He didn't talk about it' analysing veterans' silence – Julian Walker



# Our WFA Venue



- We now meet in Wolverton Working Men's Social Club
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 7.30pm

# Grafton Regis Historians – Keith Harry

During 2022, our fund-raising activities comprised three historical walks under the name ***Grafton Regis: 1,000 Years in 100 Minutes***, which took place in May, June and September.

In the Church we hear from Lady Crane about the destruction of Grafton House during the Civil War, about the Grafton Portrait of Shakespeare, about the FitzRoy family, Dukes of Grafton, and about the history of the Church.





We were cautious about numbers participants on each walk, we welcomed over 40 in September, which was almost up to pre-lockdown levels.





# Woughton Heritage – Charlotte Hall



Conservation of one of our parchments  
(record of process)  
An outcome of the archives project and  
top risk assessed priority in our own  
archive work



# Ridgmont Heritage Centre

## **Vision & Mission**

- **Vision – to reinvigorate Ridgmont Station House as a Heritage Centre and become a focal point for the history of the Marston Vale Line**
- **Mission – to provide a high quality visitor experience and a 'step back in time' through personalised tours & interpretation of the collection**



# Ridgmont Heritage Centre

## Heritage Centre Aims

- **To maintain the financial viability of the building and Heritage Centre**
- **To maintain railway and museum partnerships to generate greater use of the Marston Vale Line**
- **To improve facilities for rail passengers at Ridgmont Station**
- **To continue to recruit and develop volunteers**
- **To improve management of collections through documentation and efficient storage**
- **To increase the number of visitors and diversity of visitors**
- **To continue to improve, maintain and develop the displays to provide a high quality visitor experience**
- **To establish a brand identity for the Heritage Centre**



# Ridgmont Heritage Centre

## Season Highlights (1)

- **Trip Advisor Traveller's Choice Award**
- **Healthy visitor numbers**
- **Retired Transport Professionals, Bedford Tour Guides and other group visits – some by train**
- **Restart of education programme**
- **New displays around the building**
- **New Heritage Centre website - <https://ridgmontheritage.org.uk> – the first standalone website for the building**



# Ridgmont Heritage Centre

## Season Highlights (2)

- **Heritage Centre open at all advertised times with only a few exceptions – thank you!**
- **Approximately 1,500 hours contributed in 2021/22**
- **Participation in Heritage Open Days – in conjunction with Milton Keynes Heritage Association and Living Archive MK**
- **Heritage Centre promoted at stalls at Trains at Trinity (Biggleswade), Bedford River Festival, Milton Keynes Over 55s Exhibition, Festival of Older People in Flitwick & Ageing Well Exhibition in Bedford**
- **Bedfordshire Brickworks Exhibitions in May (part of the Greensand Country Festival) and September (part of Heritage Open Days)**



# Ridgmont Heritage Centre

## Bedford College Foundation Students Visit – May 2022



**Further  
visits  
planned**

## Resumption of Marston Vale Line Service



- **Services resumed 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 after being suspended since 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

- **Full service reinstated on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (no full timetable since December 2019)**





# Ridgmont Heritage Centre

## **Our Survey Said....**

- **140 surveys returned so far – most by Freepost**
- **Results will be analysed at the end of the season**
- **Heritage Centre is maintaining an average rating of 4.5 out of 5 – very satisfied**
- **What Did You Like Best About Your Visit?**  
**Recent replies include:**
  - ❖ **'The station master who explained everything nicely'**
  - ❖ **'Helpful chap who talked about the railway history'**
  - ❖ **'Teas! And lovely gent who explained a lot about trains!'**
- **Large number of respondents signed up to receive MVCRP bulletins (including Heritage Centre updates)**

# 14.1 Members' Reports - verbal

## **Simpson History Group – Peter Barns**

For HODS the Group put on a Simpson then and now display old and contemporary views of Simpson. This included replication aerial views using a drone. There was also a guided walk round the sites in the photographs.

## **BPHS - Dianne Sutton**

Tim Skelton and Dianne Sutton are intending to publish a book about Homeworld in the new year with the assistance of an MKHA grant.

## **WDAHS – Roger Emory**

They can recommend the talk Recovering Artefacts from the Halsewell by the speaker Bob Errington. They are compiling a list of books they have for sale.

## 14.1.2 Members' Reports - verbal

### **Towcester Historic Survey – Brian Giggins**

Recent buildings surveyed include an estate agent's pre-18C cellar. They would like to secure permission to survey for the Church tower in time to include it in their report before publication. It's worth bearing in mind how useful planning applications are as a source of information on the history of buildings.

### **CLASP – Steve Bacon**

They have carried out two digs near the A5, including uncovering the original line of Watling Street and two female skeletons. They exhibited at Bradwell Abbey for the Festival of Archaeology and for HODs.

Next Meeting date

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**From 6.30pm site tour**

**7.00pm Refreshments**

**7.15pm Meeting start**

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre,  
Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive,  
Milton Keynes MK13 9AP

# Meeting Closed

Have a safe journey home

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- We have received the very sad news that Robert Excell died suddenly at the age of 66 on Sunday 22nd while visiting relatives. Robert regularly attended our monthly talks and was heavily involved in local history and heritage and also instrumental in setting up the MK History Festival. He was a remarkable person who will be greatly missed. *Anne McIntyre WFA*
- I was so sorry to hear the news of Robert, I knew him through MK Arts & Heritage Alliance. What a loss to Milton Keynes, you must all be very shocked. *Jacky Scott, St Marys, Willen*