

MKHA AGM

Wednesday 25th
September 2024

Venue: MK Museum,
Granary Tea Room
7.00pm

Preceded by an advanced
view of the New Gallery
Exhibits
From 6.30pm



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**Milton Keynes
Heritage Association**

MKHA AGM
Wednesday 25th
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PROGRAMME
FOR THIS
EVENING

- 6.30 pm Advance view of New Gallery Exhibits**
Bill Griffiths, Museum Director and MKHA President
- 7.00 pm Refreshments**
- 7.15 pm Introduction - David Muston**
- 7.20 pm Proposed move of Bucks Archives to High Wycombe**
Shane Downer MKCC
- 8.00pm AGM 2024**
- 8.20pm Future of Heritage – Neil Loudon - Feedback**
- 8.40 pm Excell Awards – call for submissions – David Muston**
- 8.50 pm Members reports - All**
- 9.00 pm Meeting closes**

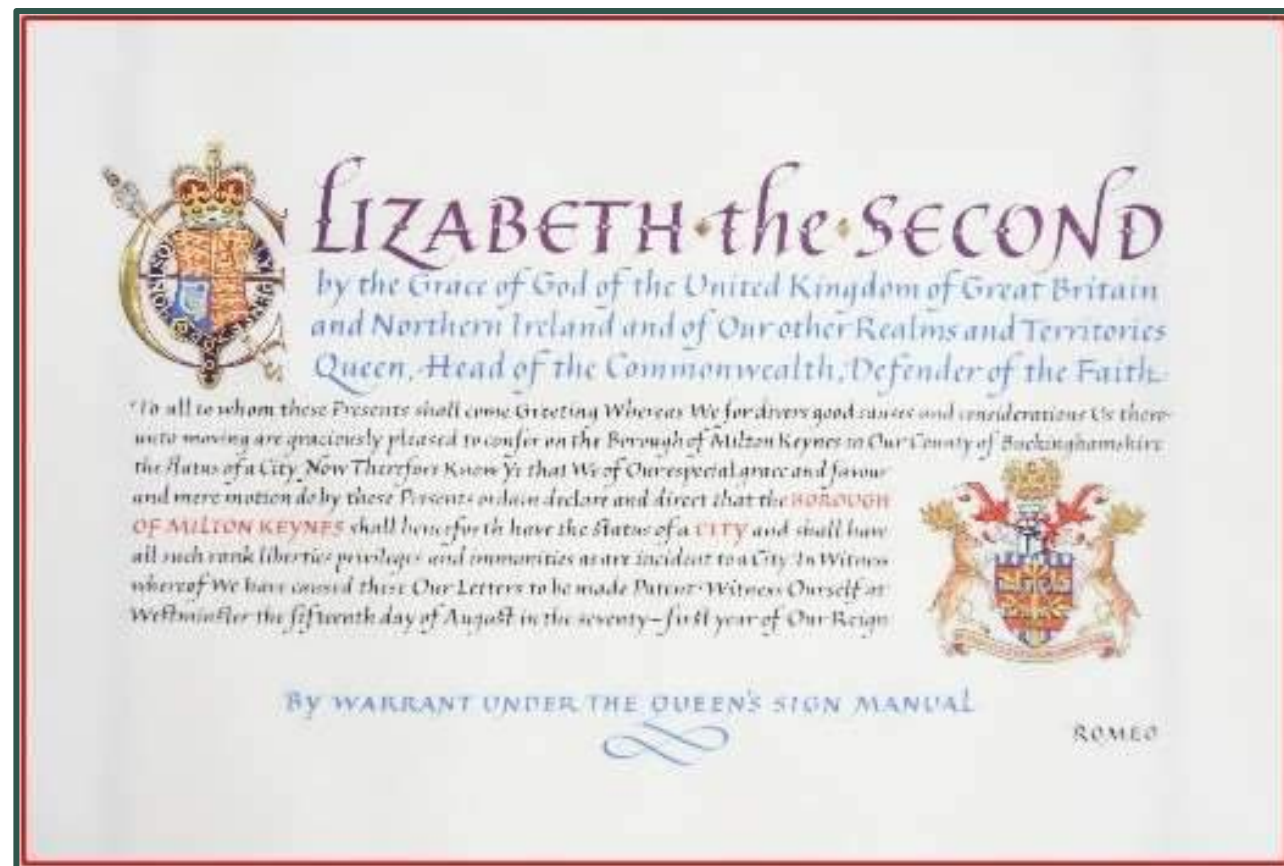
New City Archive An Update for MKHA AGM

**Shane Downer
Heritage and International Partnerships**

25th September 2024 ●

Archive Position as of 2024

- Joint Arrangement with Bucks Archives (BA) since 1997
- Agreement allows for considerable activity and support in MK
 - Conservation/digitisation
 - Archives Advice
 - Collections Management
- Move to High Wycombe, mandated by The National Archives (TNA)
 - Place of Deposit Status
 - Accreditation
- Milton Keynes Public Records must be relocated too. Discussions with BA on how we make archives accessible, starting with a 'Virtual Searchroom'.



**MKHA AGM Thursday
28th September 2023**

Local archive provision

Questions and Answers session

7.45 pm

AGM AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of AGM minutes of 22nd September 2023
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report 2023 – 2024
5. Treasurer's Report – Charlotte Hall
6. Election of Officers/Executive Committee
7. Approval of MKHA's updated Constitution and Policy Documents – Neil Loudon

AGM Closes

Items 1,2 & 3: Apologies, Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

1. Apologies received:

Peter Barnes

Simpson and Ashland

Sarah Jenkins

Turvey History Society

Rachel Fleet

LAMK (Report)

Tim Skelton

MK Forum and MKHA

Anna McEvoy

Stowe House and MKHA

Paul Heaton

Newport Pagnell

Steve Bacon

CLASP

Chris Stapleton

North Crawley

2. Approval of Minutes of AGM 22 September 2023

3. Matters arising

4. Chair's Report

David Muston

Chair's Report 2023-24

Build MKHA Remit – What MKHA does and how it helps members :

- IT training for website design and production
- Audience development
- Outreach to other communities
- Liaising with schools (YHH)
- Promoting 'Heritage' events - (*History Day*)
- Supporting HODs
- Addressing the 'Archives issue'

4. Chair's Report

David Muston



Robert Excell 1956 - 2022

Chair's Report 2023-24

MKHA are considering further Ideas to promote history and heritage:

- Taking part in MKCC *Archaeology Day* (Nov)
- Organising a 'History Day' next spring (on similar lines)
- Maintaining interest in any future *Festivals of History*.

All of these could be supported with targeted grant aid to members in addition to our usual project grants.....

....and now made possible by the generous bequest of our past Chairman, Robert Excell

5. Treasurer's Report 2023-24 :

Charlotte Hall

Cash Receipts &
Payments Accounts

1 Sept 2023 - 31 August
2024

2022-2023			2023-2024	
£	£		£	£
955.00		RECEIPTS:		
		Subscriptions & Web hosting	110.00	
5,000.00		Milton Keynes City Council	800.00	
		Other	5,000.00	
69.83		Bank Interest	93.78	
107.00		Maps & Donations	51.00	
6,131.83	6,131.83	Total Receipts	6,054.78	
		PAYMENTS:		
468.93		MKHA Admin & IT	28.50	
-				
381.80		Other MKHA (Catering & Venue Hire)	1,566.99	
		Arch MK Resources	2,177.52	
270.47		MKHA Subscriptions (inc Zoom)	377.08	
1,618.80		Grants Awarded to Groups	1,692.00	
		EXCELL Awards	1,250.00	
2,740.00	2,740.00	Total Payments	7,092.09	
	3,391.83	Balance yr end (2022/2023)		- 1,037.31
	29,742.04	Balance b/f (2021/2022)		33,133.87
		Balance c/f		
		Made up of:		
5,448.36		- Hampshire Trust Bank Deposit	5,498.36	
3,453.86		- Deposit Account	3,497.64	
24,208.65		- Current Account	22,277.56	
		- Less subs received after yr end	-	- 800.00
23.00		- Petty Cash	23.00	
33,133.87	33,133.87	Year End	31,296.56	31,296.56

5. Treasurer's Report 2023-24 : Grants to Members

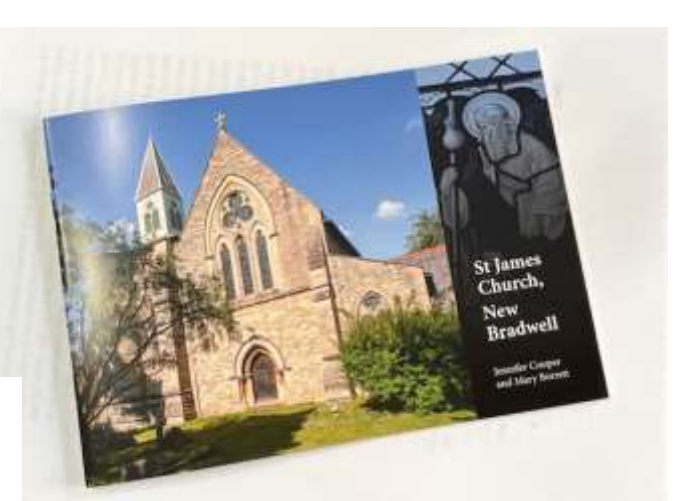
Charlotte Hall & Neil Loudon

Examples of recently completed grant supported projects

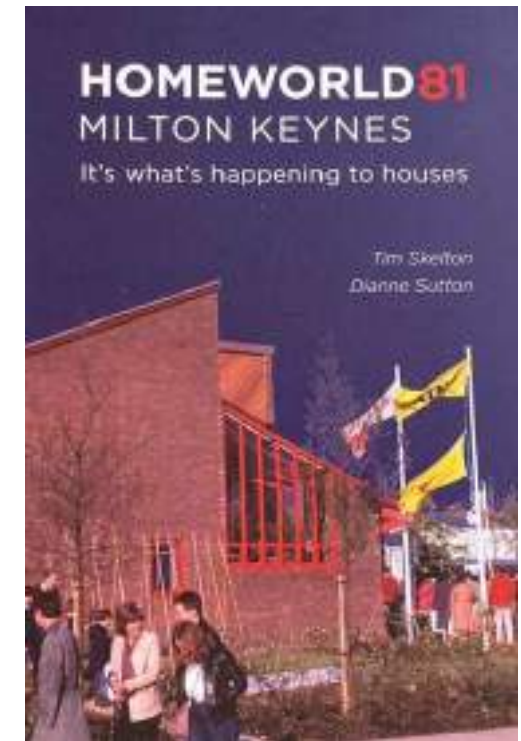
Main Grant - up to £750
Graphics and print - up to £500
HODs support grant - £150
Archive materials starter - £150
Archive materials follow-up -£75



New Bradwell £489
Brochure for St James



North Crawley £750
Heritage information board



MK Forum £500
Homeworld book

6. Election of Officers and Executive Committee:

Chair	David Muston	(willing to stand)
Vice Chair	Neil Loudon	(willing to stand)
Treasurer	Charlotte Hall	(willing to stand)
Hon. Secretary	- vacant -	
Member & Web Coordinator	Alan Cooper	(willing to stand)
Member	Anna McEvoy	(willing to stand)
Proposed Member	Tim Skelton	(willing to stand)
Member	- vacant -	
Member	- vacant -	
MKC Representative	Shane Downer	
Hon. President	Bill Griffiths	

7. Approval of MKHA's updated Constitution & Policy Documents :

Neil Loudon

MKHA Constitution – changes for approval (1)

- Constitution has been reviewed by Exec. Committee
- Reference to MK City Council
- Objects now refer to electronic documents
- Objects now refer to seminars and on-line activities
- Objects added on 'Safeguarding heritage' – *to work as an Association, and with other organisations as appropriate, to safeguard, record, preserve, conserve and restore heritage at risk, for the education and enjoyment of the current and future generations.*

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MKHA Constitution – changes for approval (2)

- Objects added on 'Policies' that MKHA have developed and previously approved – covering Health and Safety, Data Protection, Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity, Child Protection, Education
- Under Finance section 9 - added requirements on: *'Bequests and legacies received directly or indirectly by the Association, shall be used in accordance with the requirements of the relevant will, or developed guidelines relating to that will. Such monies shall be separately administered by the Association and used only in pursuance of the objectives of the Association.'*

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MKHA Constitution – changes for approval (3)

- Under Dissolution section 12
- *'Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper outstanding debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other **local** institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association, as may be determined on the advice of Arts Council England (or its successors in title) or other appropriate **bodies with specific interests in the safeguarding of heritage**'.*
- Minor other changes and tidying up

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MKHA Risk Register (1)

- Developed as a result of discussions with MKCC over grants
- Document refers to the MKHA agreed policies on Health and Safety, Data Protection, Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity, Child Protection, Education
- Each of these policy documents provides guidelines for the organisation, operation and management of MKHA, and a framework for risk identification, management, compliance and mitigation. MKHA does not have an overarching risk register and relies on compliance with the individual policy documents.



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MKHA Risk Register (2)

- MKHA does not own any premises and has a very limited amount of owned equipment.
- The main outward facing activities of MKHA are holding meetings for members at external venues, running training activities, undertaking heritage projects and organising or participating in public facing heritage events managed by other organisations.
- Where required MKHA will develop separate Risk Registers for MKHA managed activities, and/or ensure compliance with the requirements of the venues used.

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Vote to approve updates to Constitution

- Proposer and Secunder
- AOB
- AGM Closes

‘The future of Heritage!!’ - Follow-up



‘The future of Heritage!!’ workshop held in the Sun Room, City Discovery Centre on Saturday 20th April 2024

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

The challenge was the sustainability and viability of MKHA and its membership in the post-Covid19 world

- Report on workshop produced
- Report contains recommendations for MKHA members
- Positive feedback from attendees
- Main themes in workshop (next slides)
- MKHA Action Plan drafted

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

Workshop themes (1)

Numbers

- Falling numbers on committees and membership
- Resources audit, sharing resources

Finance

- Financial resources stretched
- Grants opportunities

Engagement

- Engagement with younger people, diverse communities and councils and community groups

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

Workshop themes (2)

Marketing

- Publicity and marketing

Skills

- Skills and training - skills audit

Events and projects

- Events – Joint activities
- New projects – more joint activities, wider remit, new technologies

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

MKHA Action Plan and Progress to date (1)

- Promulgate Workshop Report to membership and MKCC – done, but further presentation and review at future quarterly meetings
- Exec skills audit to identify strengths– in progress
- Set up sub-committees for education, young person engagement, projects and training, marketing and outreach – to do

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

- **MKHA Future of Heritage Report**
- Produced for the benefit of MKHA and principally for its membership
- The challenge is the sustainability of groups given falling numbers, ageing membership and tight finance
- MKHA Executive Committee strongly recommend that all members review the Report and develop action plans
- *How to download report.....*

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'Future of Heritage' report

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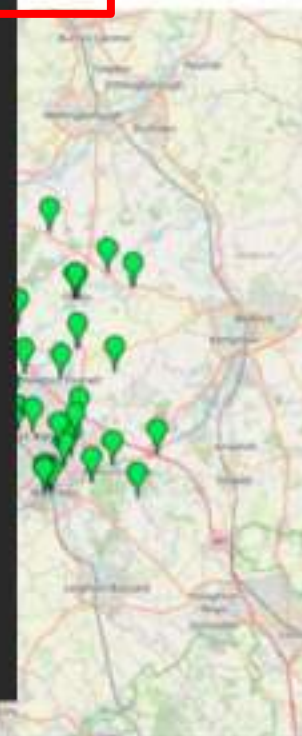
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This is an update on progress following the MKHA workshop on the *The Future of Heritage* held at the City Discovery Centre on 20th April 2024.

A report on the workshop has now been prepared and reviewed by the workshop participants, and by the Executive Committee. It is available via the link below.

The report summarises the purpose of the workshop, the challenges faced and potential opportunities, reviews and analyses the feedback, and importantly identifies a number of recommendations for MKHA and its members to consider. It also includes a pdf copy of the workshop PowerPoint slides. It is fully understood that not all the recommendations will apply to all MKHA members.

The MKHA Executive Committee has already started to draw up an Action Plan for the Association as an organisation based on the recommendations in the report, which it will share at a future meeting.

We ask that you consider the recommendations in the report for your own group to ensure the Future of Heritage. The Executive Committee are happy to discuss the implications, and will hold an interactive discussion at a future meeting (probably at the AGM on September 25th September at Milton Keynes Museum).

['Future of Heritage' report \(PDF file\)](#)

MKHA MEMBER EVENTS



Milton Keynes in Words & Music



Illuminating Schottlander



Singing in the Aisles



Walter Tull



The Bedford Estate brick wall

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon



MKHA Milton Keynes
Heritage Association

SECURING OUR PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Report on the **'The future of Heritage!!!'** workshop held at the Sun Room, City Discovery Centre on Saturday 20th April 2024 (V2-2)



Download of
Report as a
.PDF file

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

People and groups downloading report from MKHA website

Cheryl Butler	Milton Keynes Forum
Bow Brickhill History Society	MK City Discovery Centre
Arts for Health MK	The Stables/ IF Milton Keynes International Festival
Newport Pagnell History Society	Cowper and Newton Museum (x2)
Potterspury History Group	Yardley Gobian History Group
Olney and District History Society	Amphill & District Archaeological & Local History Soc.
Michael Leroy	National Trust Milton Keynes Association
Roads Local History Society	Rob Avann
Winslow History Project	Stoke Goldington Association
Diana Kesterton	Stowe House Preservation Trust
North Crawley History Society	Towcester and District Local History Society
Angela Malin	Gareth Lewis
Paul Martin	Deanshanger Village History Society
Towcester Historic Survey	Graham Thorpe

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

MKHA Action Plan and Progress to date (2)

- Identify suitable people to support sub-committees
– to do
- Develop MK Timeline project – brief developed, prize proposed and in development
- Develop History Day proposal – ongoing to be developed for Spring 2025

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

MKHA Action Plan and Progress to date (3)

- Develop June members quarterly meeting around Excell legacy, Excell Heritage Award, and associated publicity – **done successfully, and further promotion for 2024 award**
- Develop strategies for marketing and engagement – **to do**
- Develop proposals for use of Excell legacy – **ongoing discussions**

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

MKHA Action Plan and Progress to date (4)

- Develop strategy for membership support using the opportunities of the Excell legacy – **identify new projects and events**
- Identify other grant sources to support MKHA projects/membership – **ongoing**
- Speakers list (not on draft MKHA Action Plan) – **done & developing**

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

Skills audit (needs and gaps)

- Analyse and discuss results of skills audit
- What are the strengths?
- What skills and experience are lacking or missing?
- Do you know anyone who could assist with these skills?
- How could groups develop in the future?
- What actions are needed?

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

- **MKHA Skills audit (some ideas)**
- Administration
- Marketing and publicity
- Outreach and engagement
- Education
- Project and event development
- Research
- **Need for sub-committees and 'new faces' to fill gaps on Exec. Consider 'buying-in' additional skills/support**

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

Skills audit – MKHA Exec. have undertaken but suggest members undertake to identify strengths and gaps

- Take 10 minutes to note down your own background and skills and knowledge
- What work have you undertaken professionally/voluntarily?
- What skills do you have? Finance, IT, People, Contracts, Legal, Marketing, Education, Presentation, Events Organisation, Administration etc.?
- What knowledge do you have?

Future of Heritage follow up: Neil Loudon

NEXT STEPS:

MKHA Executive Committee will do everything it can to support groups through this process with a view to revitalizing the Heritage sector via our membership.

...OVER TO YOU NOW!

Future of Heritage follow up: David Muston

SUGGESTED NEXT STEP: Organise to your archives

If you have not already done so, consider signing up to ArchMK training sessions (and receive £150 free conservation materials)

Arch MK report

David Muston

All sessions in this 2024 round have now been completed and we are looking for members wishing to undertake a further round in 2025:

- | | |
|--|---------|
| 1. Introduction: Scoping your collection | Jan '25 |
| 2. Handling & Storage | Feb |
| 3. Cataloguing | Mar |
| 4. Copyright & Legal | April |
| 5. Digitisation & Back-up | May |
| 6. Exhibiting & Display | June |



Robert Excell Heritage Award

Neil Loudon



MKHA will be holding an annual Heritage Award as a fitting tribute to our late Chair, Robert Excell for his tireless work to further heritage interests in the Milton Keynes area.

Prizes will be given annually and will be presented at our summer meeting in June next year (2025)

Robert Excell Heritage Award

Neil Loudon



The Award is an opportunity to highlight the best work completed by a heritage organisation, society, or individual over the past year (1st Jan 2024 – 31st Dec 2024).

This could be a permanent or temporary exhibition, display, event, publication, website development, conservation or restoration work, community project, but demonstrating wider community engagement, and promoting local heritage.

Application forms are available on MKHA website

THE EXCELL TIMELINE PROJECT

Something simple to which every group
could contribute!

THE EXCELL TIMELINE BRIEF

As a lasting tribute to Robert, we are inviting all MKHA groups to help populate this timeline with pictures and brief descriptions of notable events which occurred in their local area at some time in the past.

But long timelines have problems....



Robert Excell - Milton Keynes timeline of Historical Events
4000BC - 2020AD

Events in Milton Keynes	Year	National and International Events
Milton Keynes covered by warm tropical sea containing creatures such as the Ichthyosaur	175m BC	
Most of area covered by ice but with intermittent warmer periods First hand-axe from this period found redeposited in river gravels Mammoth, horse and vole living around meadow pond in Stoke-Cladlington	50000-10000 BC	Paleolithic Period
Hunter-gatherers follow livestock along the fertile Ouse and Great Ouse valleys leaving behind a scattering of flint tools	10000-4000BC	Mesolithic Period
Straight-toothed mammoth drowned at Villen (the fossil kept at the Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre, was discovered in 1970 during construction of Villen Lake)	About 10000BC	
Early farmers clear woodland and cattle in river valleys - sites at Broughton, Woburn , Steacy Bushes and Stoke-Cladlington City Centre	4000 - 2500BC	Neolithic Period Stonehenge built
Human settlement begins around Blue Bridge Barricot, the Shenley and Brodwell Brooks (now Loughton Valley Linear Park) Tribal chieftain buried in substantial earth mound with remains of around 200 cattle in Ouse valley near Cladlington	About 2000BC	
Remains of the dead often buried under barrows Clusters of barrows constructed close to river at the northern end of Newport Pagnoll, on the Cladlington Large circular timber round-house, one of the largest in Britain, built near Blue Bridge, Wolverton Heard of gold torcs buried in large pottery vessel	2000 - 700 BC	Bronze Age
At Fuzton the settlement had a predominantly cattle based economy with large rectangular ditched enclosures and roundhouses Hillfort enclosed by ditch constructed in prominent position above Woburn with views to the west Large area of land used for agriculture with small settlements of timber built roundhouses	700 - 500BC	Iron Age
Ornith stones caught fire near Calverton Lams, local residents were hungry that winter that winter	About 2500BC	
	66BC	Juhas Caesar first lands in England
	54BC	Juhas Caesar lands in England again but leaves after several months
The First Century		
Welling Street constructed	About 43-50AD	Emperor Claudius invades England
After destroying Verulamium (St Albans) Queen Boudicca's forces march along Welling Street, through the Milton Keynes area to her final battle	60	Revolt against the Romans by Queen Boudicca
Fort for Legions built at Woburn (near present-day Penny Stalford)	About 75	

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	79	Eruption of Vesuvius destroys Pompeii
The Second Century		
Baswick Roman Villa built: Villa also built at Cladlington, Leaden, Steddenburg and Harpenden	About 100	Hadrian orders wall to be constructed at the northern boundary of Roman Britain
The Third Century		
Baswick Villa destroyed by fire	About	

THE EXCELL TIMELINE BRIEF

Problems with long timelines:

- They are long!
34 x A4 pages in this case

but no real room for pictures..

So, what to do?



BCE

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Palaeolithic Period

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Mesolithic Period

10000-4000BC



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Hunter-gatherers follow livestock along the fertile Ouse and Great Ouse river valleys leaving behind a scattering of flint tools.

About 4000BC



Aerial view of Willen Lake construction (Henry Atchew Milton Keynes)

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Stoke Goldington Association

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Bronze Age



Scroll up and down for different eras

Adopt a tiered horizontal layout

Before the Norman Conquest

43AD

Emperor Claudius invades England

About 43-50AD



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Watling Street constructed

c.60-61AD

Revolt against the Romans by Queen Boudicca.

c.61AD



After destroying Verulamium (St Albans) Queen Boudicca's forces march along Watling Street, through the Milton Keynes area to her final battle.

c.75AD



Fort for Legions built at Magiovinium (near present-day Fenny Stratford)

79AD

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Hadrian orders wall to be constructed at the northern boundary of Roman Britain.

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Bancroft Roman Villa built. Villas also built at Gayhurst, Lavendon, Stantonbury and Haversham

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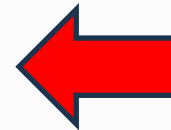
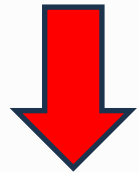
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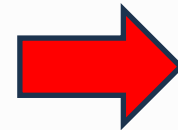


[Bancroft](#) with [weebly](#); Unknown; 12.11.20; BMA/CAS/SP1 on [wifive](#)

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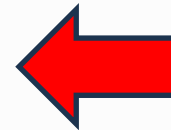
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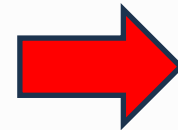
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Bancroft (withholding): Unknown: 12.118D; BMA/CA/5911 via [wflive.com](#)
New villa built over ruins of old one at Bancroft.



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Also, can run as a slide-show

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So where to start?

THE EXCELL TIMELINE

BRIEF

Download the entry form and the original timeline

Choose a local fact (or a gap) in the timeline

	1804	William Pitt becomes Prime Minister again Richard Trevithick's first steam locomotive runs
	1805	Nelson wins naval battle of Trafalgar against French and Spanish fleets
	1806	Lord William Grenville becomes Prime Minister
Death of John Newton	1807	Act for Abolition of Slavery passed Duke of Portland becomes Prime Minister again County Fire Assurance Company founded Pears soap first produced
First canal aqueduct over River Ouse collapses	1808	France invades Spain starting the Peninsular War
	1809	Spenser Perceval becomes Prime Minister
Iron Bridge built over river at Newport Pagnell Enclosure of Bletchley	1810	First patent for canned food in UK
New Iron Trunk canal aqueduct opens over Ouse	1811	Luddites attack industrial machinery
	1812	Spencer Perceval assassinated in Houses of Parliament Earl of Liverpool becomes Prime Minister Napoleon retreats from Moscow
Second Marquess of Buckingham Inherits Stowe	1813	Wellington defeats French at Battle of Vittoria
	1814	Paris captured - First Congress of Vienna
Act for repairing the road from Buckingham through Stony Stratford to Newport Pagnell	1815	Battle of Waterloo – Wellington defeats Napoleon Second Congress of Vienna Napoleon sent to St. Helena Corn Laws help to protect British agriculture
Iron Trunk aqueduct built north of Wolverton Bradwell Windmill constructed	1816	Spa Fields Riots in London in demand of Parliamentary reform
Canal branch built to Newport Pagnell	1817	John Keats publishes his first book of poems

THE EXCELL TIMELINE

BRIEF

1810

Only 5 things
are needed

The Date

A Picture

A caption

50 words

Web link



Tickford Iron Bridge c. 1820

Tickford Bridge, over the River Lovat, was built in 1810 and is the only iron bridge in Britain still carrying main road traffic. Near the footbridge on the side is a plaque giving details of its history and construction.

<https://www.mkheritage.org.uk/nphs/the-two-bridges/>

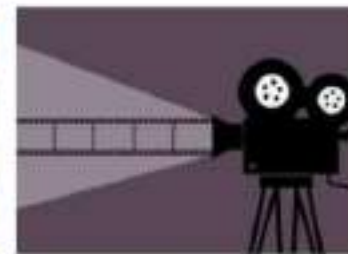
THE EXCELL TIMELINE PRIZES

Open to all MKHA members, including children

- Use simple entry form (from MKHA website)
- Any number of submissions in one year
- Judged on quality, interest and presentation
- New images and new research favoured
- **£50 Prizes** for selected winners
- **Multiple Prizes possible** for multiple entries!

HODS debrief from Living Archive

pp Rachel Fleet



ROUTES, NETWORKS AND CONNECTIONS



HODS debrief from Living Archive

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Less than 50% of the organiser feedback forms returned so far but initial responses suggest:

- attendances have been good and visitor book recorded comments have been very appreciative
- Word of mouth around the events has been very positive indeed.
- Full report will be produced and circulated in due course.

HODS debrief from Living Archive

pp Rachel Fleet

“Please note that if any MKHA members still have forms outstanding they will need to be returned to Living Archive MK ASAP”



ORGANISER FEEDBACK 2024



Please tell us about your event

Thank you so much for participating in Heritage Open Days (HODs). We hope your event was a great success this year. Please can we ask for your support with one more task – completing this form. It provides invaluable information for us to share with our supporters and funders, and enables us to understand where there is scope for improvements. **Please complete by 30th September 2023 and return to: Living Archive MK, c/o Milton Keynes Museum, Mc Connell Drive, Wolverton, MK12 5RL or via email to rachel@livingarchive.org.uk**

ABOUT YOU

Your name	Name of organisation as registered
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	
<input type="text"/>	
Age	
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-64
<input type="checkbox"/> Over 65	
Do you have a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

YOUR EVENTS

1. How many visitors did your property/event attract?

Property/event name	Adult visitors	Child visitors	Total	Is this more than on a normal opening day?
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Members Reports – Western Front Assoc.

Anne McIntyre

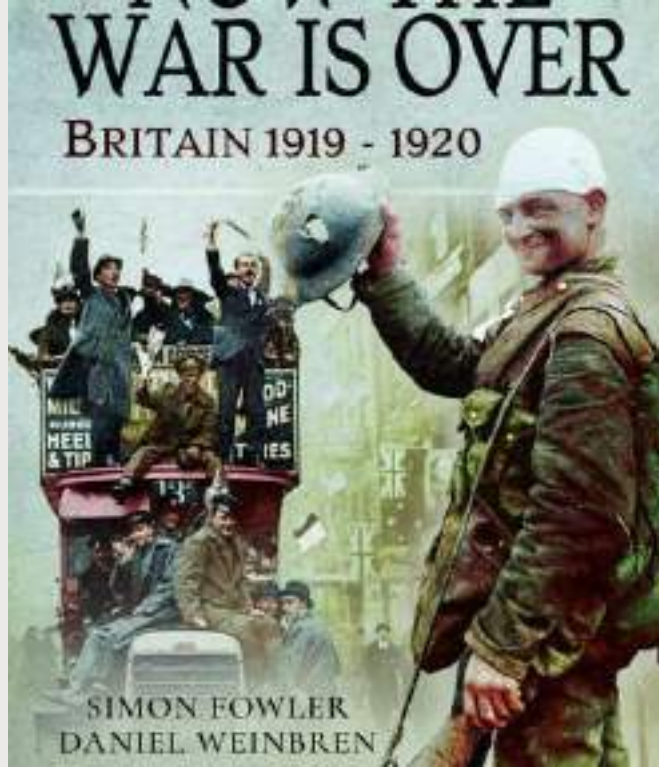
Report and upcoming
events





Recent Talks

- The U-Boat Campaign 1914-18' – Dr Graham Kemp
- Now the War is Over – Dr Daniel Weinbren
- Repairs and Maintenance on the Western Front – Roy Larkin
- India's Great War – Dr Adam Prime





Albert French Commemoration & MK Rose 10th Anniversary

- Albert French of Wolverton was just 16 when he died in Belgium. A collection of his letters was uncovered by Roger Kitchen of Living Archive who proceeded to research and document his life.
- Each year, his death is remembered at a ceremony at MK Rose. Unfortunately, this year it clashed with the Wolverton–Ploegsteert Twinning trip. However, we still had an attendance and laid a wreath on behalf of the MK WFA



We also put on a display at the MK Rose 10th Anniversary Event (a very soggy day – we were lucky to have borrowed a gazebo!)





Twinning Trip Wolverton- Ploegsteert

- A number of our members went on the Twinning Trip to Belgium





Heritage Open Days

WW1 Display at MK
Museum





2024 Seminar 19th October

- Jerry Porter - 'Good night darling - God bless you - Heaps of love, Mother.'
- Alan Wakefield - 'Twisting the Dragon's Tail - The Zeebrugge Raid.'
- Nigel Crompton: 'The Women's Police Service in the Great War.'
- Helen Frost: 'When the Landships Came to Town.'
- Mini talks and displays by the Great War Society

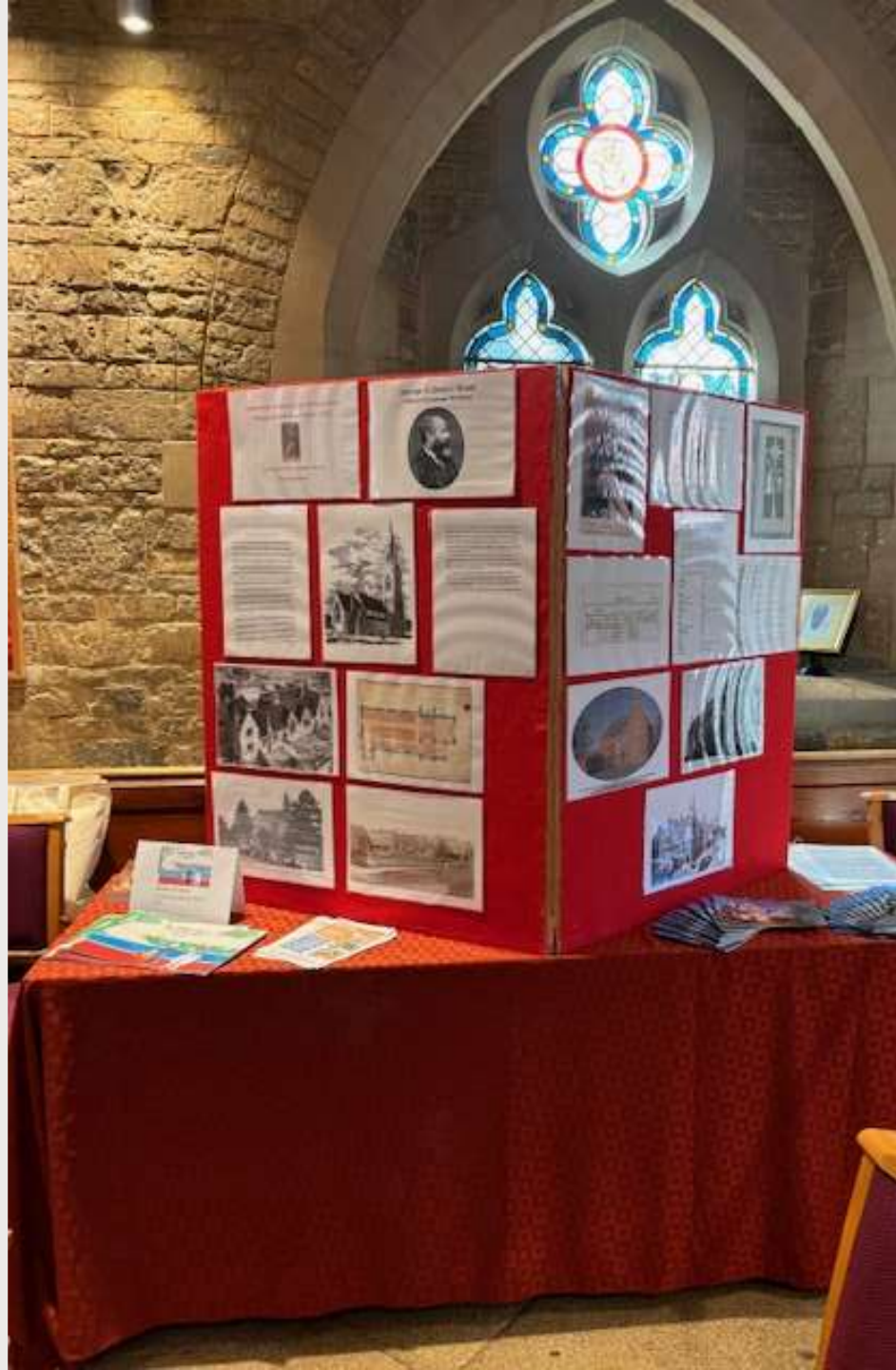


MKWFA Programme of Events

October 19 th	2024 ANNUAL SEMINAR – Major Event
November 15 th	‘The Lost Battalion’ – Jim Nicolson
December	Date to be confirmed – Quiz and Social Evening
January 17 th	‘WW1 codebreaking by Unit MI1b’ – Mike Chapman
February 21 st	‘Superstition & Religion in the Trenches’ – Peter Hodgkinson
March 21 st	‘Out of the Western Front frying pan and into the fire of Fermoy’ – Steve Warburton
April 11 th	‘Battle for Warsaw and the birth of Poland’ – Alan Leakey
May 16 th	‘Winston Churchill’s toyshop’ – Gordon Wilson

Members Reports New Bradwell Heritage.

Alan and Jennifer
Cooper





City Discovery Centre
BRADWELL ABBEY



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**Members Reports –
Milton Keynes Forum**

Dianne
Sutton

MILTON KEYNES FORUM

The Civic Society for Milton Keynes

<http://www.miltonkeynesforum.org/>



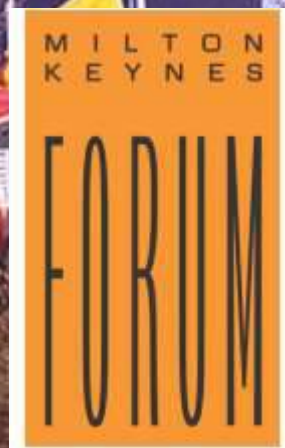
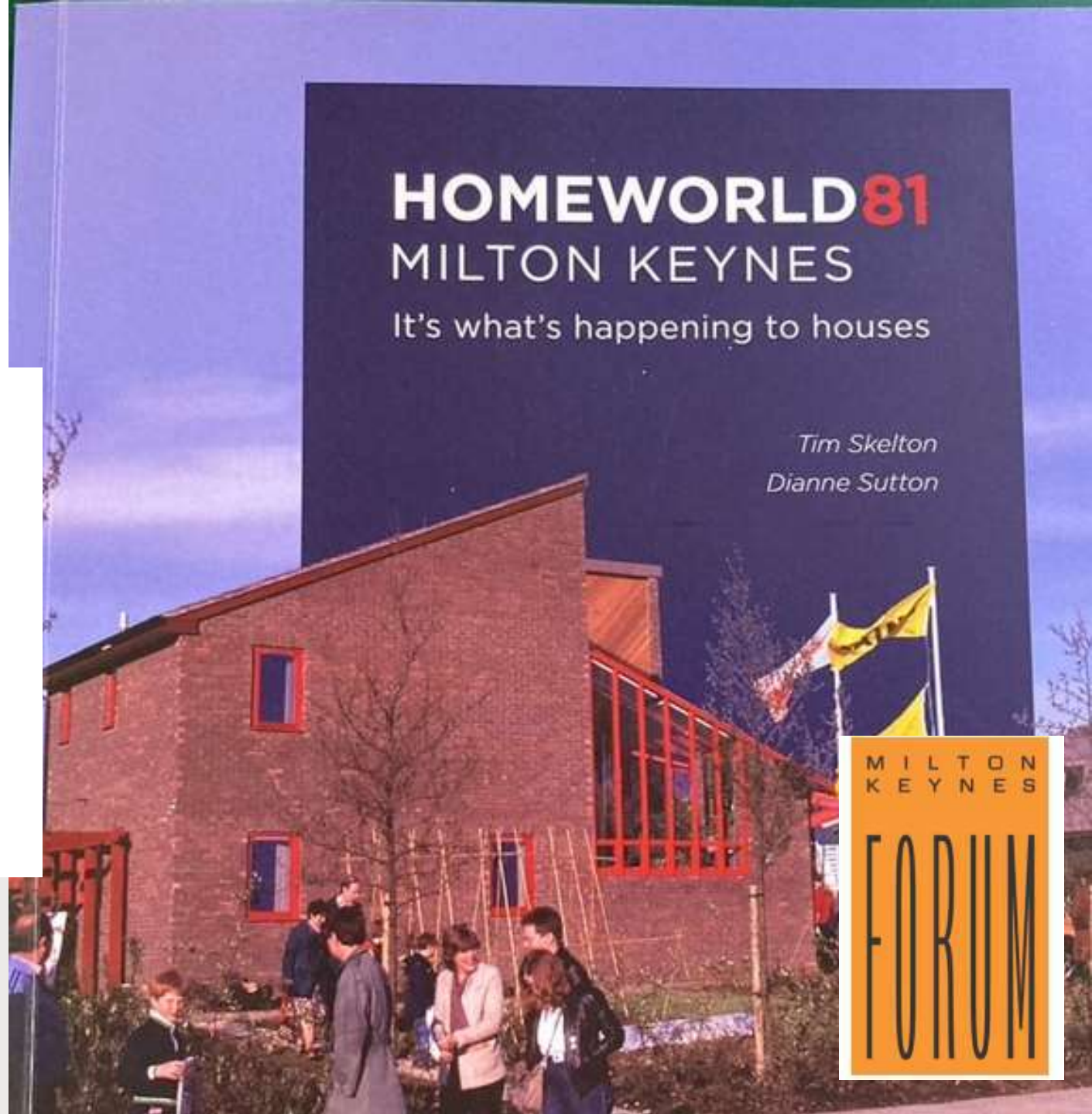
Members Reports – Milton Keynes Forum

Tim Skelton

Launched on 9th September
during Heritage Open Days

Available from the City
Discovery Centre – Price £15

Thanks to MKHA for grant
towards production



Local Heritage Register

Call for nominations 2018

- MK Forum put forward a large number including a number of “character areas”
http://www.miltonkeynesforum.org/uploads/7/5/5/2/75526607/new_to_wn_heritage_register_-_mk_forum_response.pdf
- 6th August 2024 – deferred to a later date To consider adopting a list of locally significant buildings, structures and pieces of public realm, which increases their importance in the planning process, and to agree the timescale for Phase 2 of the New Town Heritage Register.
- Heritage Register was approved 17 Sept.

Look Again

As part of the work towards an Archive in CMK the Forum led three public walks in May under the title Strolling with the Forum

- **Hidden In Plain Sight** - a walk around the open spaces of CMK
- **God Is In The Detail** - a look at the architectural detailing and structure underpinning the design of Central Milton Keynes
- **A Whisper, A Myth and a Mighty Blow** - a walk around the public art of CMK with a sideways look at some of the urban myths that have arisen over the years.

9th September - Homeworld 81 – It's What's Happening To Houses Book Launch & Site Tour

10th September - Edward Swinfen Harris – Stony's Architectural Hero Guided Walk

11th September - Willen And Its Church – Guided Walk

11th September - Windmill Street – The Street That Never Was Talk

14th September - Bradwell Village Walkabout

Members Reports – Great Linford Manor Park

John Gosling



Great Linford Manor Park

Heritage Open Day, September 13th & 14th, 2024

A collaborative programme of activities

Friends of Great Linford Manor Park

- St. Andrew's Church
- Milton Keynes Arts Centre
- The Parks Trust

History Walks

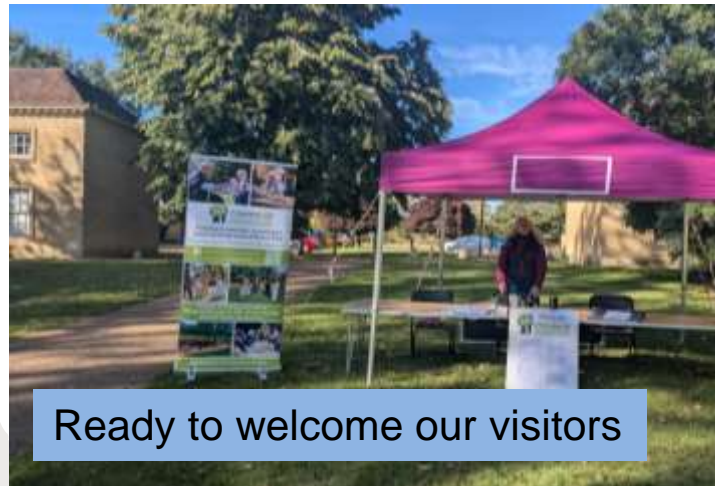
- Three walks were conducted over two days.
- We introduced a new costume for our lady of the manor.

Art Centre activities

- Victorian studio portraiture.
- Make a thaumatrope.
- Make musical instruments and compose a musical piece inspired by the park.
- Vintage photo display.

St. Andrew's Church

- Lace makers
- History talk



Ready to welcome our visitors



A history walk sets out



Meeting the lady of the Manor



Meet the lace makers



Display of vintage photographs

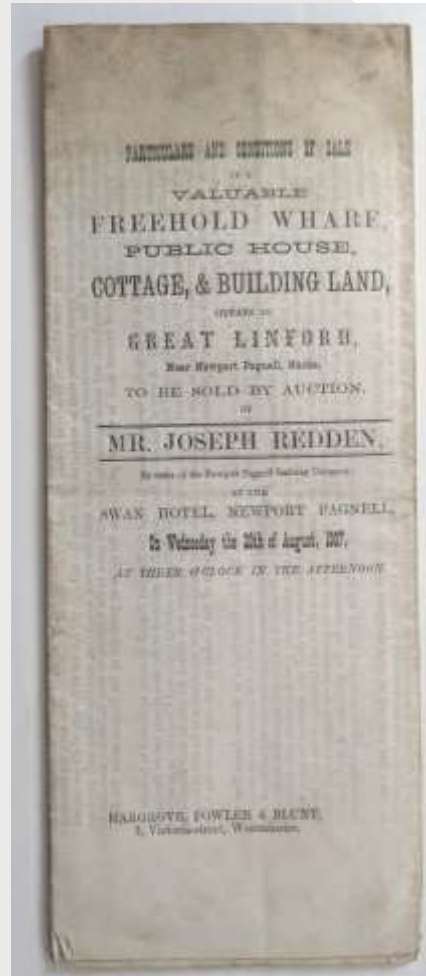
Robert Excell Award Update

The following items have been purchased using the prize money awarded.

5 deeds for properties/land in the village
Including 1754 indenture for the estate.



1867 sales notice for
Linford Wharf



Promotional cards for
Great Linford Website



Postcards related to
Great Linford



Meeting Closed

Thanks to:

- Bill Griffiths and MK Museum for providing the venue

Have a safe journey home

Note: Member Reports not presented are appended to this circulation copy of the presentation

Members Reports (not presented)

Athena Beckett
for Buckingham
Canal Society

Registered Charity
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Members Reports (not presented)

Margaret Smith
for Roade Local
History Society

Roade Local History Society 1

April 2024 - Virginia Bradford – Silent Screen to a Field in Tiffield by Andy Tennet.

Andy gave us a very interesting talk about the beautiful American silent movie actress “Virginia Bradford” who led a very colourful life and found herself in London, Cornwall and surprisingly in Tiffield!

April – NHF Heritage Fair

RLHS joined other exhibitors at the NHF Heritage Fair held at Wicksteed Park. We had many visitors at our exhibition displaying the various activities we undertake including publications and projects being undertaken. It was a great opportunity to meet other groups and see what’s happening around Northamptonshire.

May –PSL Section Bender Installation

One of our projects was to see the installation of a Section Bender which was recovered from the site of Pianoforte Supplies Ltd and used to stand outside the Blacksmiths Shop. It was lovely to see so many ex-employees come out join the celebration.

May – Music & Memories from a 60s Adolescence

Following our 18th Annual AGM, we had a talk from Polly Feeley who took many of our members back to the trials and tribulations of growing up in the 1960’s tying in the musical journey of that decade.

Members Reports (not presented)

Margaret Smith
for Roade Local
History Society

Roade Local History Society 2

Thursday 6th June /Saturday 8th June – D-Day Exhibition

Roade Local History Society took an active part in the 80th anniversary of D-Day in Roade. An exhibition detailing the lives of the men named on the village War memorial who died in WW2, together with a detailed account of villager Richard (Dick) Dyke who landed in a glider at Pegasus Bridge on that morning, was produced for the event.

June 2024 – Film Night

To end our D-Day events, the Society held a 1940's film night by showing "The Bells Go Down" starring Tommy Trinder and James Mason.

June 2024 – Commemoration of Canadian Wellington Bomber

Along with the British Legion, the Society led a wreath laying ceremony at 5.20pm at Roade Memorial Green, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the loss of a Canadian Air Force Wellington Bomber which disintegrated over Roade following a lightning strike which sadly killed all 6 Canadian airmen.

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www.roaderemembered.org.uk

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