

**Buckinghamshire Archive and Heritage Network**  
**Members' Bulletin**  
**October 2018**

**Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society**

The Society's year of 170th anniversary celebrations concludes with a lecture at the Radcliffe Centre, Buckingham, on Saturday 3 November at 2.30, when David Green, archaeologist formerly with Bucks County Council, will be speaking on *The Evolution of Buckingham, 911-2018: From the Saxons to Today*. Our usual Saturday afternoon lecture series at the County Museum, Aylesbury, resumes on 8 December with Professor Ian Beckett speaking on *The End of "the War to End All Wars"*.

The Active Archaeology Group's programme of monthly Tuesday evening lectures began on 18 September and runs through to May.

The report on the *Archaeological Investigations at Missenden Abbey, 1983-88*, by Yvonne Edwards, Jill Hender and Marion Wells, published as Part 2 of this year's *Records of Bucks*, was launched in June at Missenden Abbey (price £12, plus £2 p&p).

Continuing projects include:

- Digitisation of the Society's collection of estate maps, held at the Centre for Bucks Studies.
- Archival research into the historic site at Quarrendon using manorial and other records mainly held in the Lee (Dillon) MSS at Oxfordshire History Centre.

For more information on any of the above or on the Society in general, please see our website or contact [bucksas@buckscountymuseum.org](mailto:bucksas@buckscountymuseum.org).

**Buckinghamshire County Museum**

I am the community outreach officer for Bucks County Museum. I aim to work with a minimum of three communities a year. This year I am currently working with the LGBTQ; Disabled and Muslim communities.

As for the LGBTQ community, I intend to hold two events. A queer afternoon tea on 17/11 and another event (yet to be decided) in February to celebrate LGBTQ history month.

As for the disabled community I intend to hold three touch tours and the first one is on 25/09 and will be focussing on sports as this week will be the week of National Sports Heritage day.

As for the Muslim community, I haven't finalised an event yet however I am looking a holding a workshop or something similar.

I am also working with someone from the Hindu community to have a Festival of Lights on 27/10.

My role is about finding what milestones there are in communities and using this as a means to engage with these communities. Next year I will need to choose a new set of three communities to work with. I was thinking about working with the Polish community and possibly youth offenders however I am still deciding.

I am open to suggestions and involvements so please get in touch with me if interested ([community@buckscountymuseum.org](mailto:community@buckscountymuseum.org)), Siemma Fazal.

### **Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust**

Our programme for talks this autumn/winter:

Saturday 10 November - Edward Copisarow on Shardeloes, with particular reference to its landscape and garden

Saturday 19 January - Paul Rabbitts on Bandstands

Saturday 23 February - Richard Mawrey QC on 'The Phantom of the Trianon'

Saturday 30 March - Dr Gill Clarke on Stanley Spencer

Saturday 27 April - Kate Harwood on Geoffrey Jellicoe

The talks take place at the County Museum, Aylesbury 2.30. Cost £12 for Members and £14 for non-Members/Guests. Price includes tea and cake.

Please book with Rosemary Jury, [rosemaryjury@wendoveremail.co](mailto:rosemaryjury@wendoveremail.co)

### **Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies**

We are coming to the end of our project: Great War Buckinghamshire, and will be holding two events this autumn/winter:

Sat 13 October

#### **Great War Buckinghamshire Showcase**

Christ the Cornerstone Church, Milton Keynes

FREE

10.00-3.00

A day of local history displays, family history guidance, music, poetry and craft, all connected to WW1 and its impact on Buckinghamshire

Sat 1 December

#### **The Great War in Buckinghamshire: Our Findings**

A day for anyone in the county who has been involved with researching aspects of Great War – period local history, to come together and discuss their findings. Free event, but must be booked through Katherine Gwyn: [kagwyn@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:kagwyn@buckscc.gov.uk) Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies from 10am

We also have the following events forthcoming at the Centre:

Wed 24 October

**Talking Archives: Record Keeping in Buckinghamshire**

11.00—11.45 FREE

Former County Archivist Roger Bettridge tells us about the evolution of record keeping in the county, *Booking essential, via archives@buckscc.gov.uk*

Thu 22 November

**Talking Archives: She Got The Vote**

11.00-11.45 FREE

Archivist Katherine Gwyn tells the stories of some of the women from Buckinghamshire who were able to vote for the first time in 1918, *Booking essential, via archives@buckscc.gov.uk*

Sat 17 November

**History Fair**

9.30—3.30 FREE

Our annual bonanza of local history talks and exhibitions...keep your eyes on our social media to see who will be getting involved this year.

**Chilterns Area Quaker Meeting**

Our activities recently, spread over several of the local Quaker meetings in the area, have focused on Heritage Day(s) contributions. Meeting Houses are usually open to visitors on these annual occasions, with historical displays and guides available to answer questions. Additionally, the Quaker Centre based at Jordans Quaker Meeting House has an ongoing programme of events (not by any means all with a 'history' accent) and welcomes visitors on the William Penn trail by arrangement with its manager, Nina Liebenberg. She can be reached via email: [office@jordansquakercentre.org](mailto:office@jordansquakercentre.org).

Jordans website is at [www.jordansquakercentre.org](http://www.jordansquakercentre.org), and the Chilterns Quakers' site at <http://www.quakers-chilterns-area.org.uk/>

### **Haddenham Museum**

In November 2018 Haddenham Museum will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its foundation. During the weekend of 24/25th November we will have a number of events at the Methodist Church, adjacent to the Museum, with displays, speakers and activities. It will also be the occasion of the publication of the latest edition of the "Haddenham Chronicles", which has been held back from its usual Spring publication date in order to coincide with the celebrations.

### **High Wycombe Society**

The High Wycombe Society has had an eventful Summer culminating in a Golden Anniversary celebration at Wycombe Abbey on 5th August. Wycombe Abbey is now a prestigious girls' school but was formerly home to successive Lord Carringtons in the nineteenth century, and prior to that as Loakes Manor to three successive Earls of Shelburne in the eighteenth. Lunch was served in Big School, the hall built by the third Lord Carrington as a games room for his four daughters. A project was undertaken prior to the event to analyse the hatchments which had been removed from the local church and used as heraldic decorations, thereby preserving them in the ceiling. We are looking forward this Autumn to two evening talks: on Friday 12th October at The Riverside in High Wycombe, Dave Scott, co-author of "Wycombe's Contribution to Aviation", will be coming to talk about the subject of his latest book "George Holt Thomas - a pioneer aviator and founder of the AirCo company"; while on 19th November at Trinity United Reformed Church, we are joining forces with Wycombe Wildlife Group to host Ted Green, founder of the Ancient Tree Forum for a talk about Ancient woodland. Further details of these and other Society news is available on our website: [www.highwycombesociety.org.uk](http://www.highwycombesociety.org.uk)

### **Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre**

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre has been organising a series of lunchtime lectures on behalf of the MK Archives group (which consists of representatives from MKCDC, the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, Milton Keynes Council and Libraries, and the Living Archive). These have been held once a month at Milton Keynes Central Library on topics such as unbuilt MK, international new towns and women who made MK. We've had an average of sixteen attendees per talk and encourage everyone to bring their lunch along. The talks are to advertise MK Archives and encourage participation in our consultation survey on an archive service for Milton Keynes. The next talk is on 11th October and will be Roger Kitchen talking about Albert French, a First World War soldier from New Bradwell.

## **National Paralympic Heritage Trust**

The National Paralympic Heritage Trust was established in July 2015 to 'enlighten and inspire future generations by celebrating, cherishing and bringing the Paralympic Heritage and its stories of human endeavour to life'. The team at the NPHT comprises of four members based at the Olympic Lodge at Stoke Mandeville Stadium.

The last few months have been a busy period for us, earlier this year we delivered our pilot exhibition hosted by Norwich Cathedral. The exhibition was well received, attracting 7000 visitors and providing us with some excellent learning for our future regional exhibitions. The first of these regional exhibitions will be in Bradford starting in January 2019. We are also looking forward to the opening of the Heritage Centre at Stoke Mandeville Stadium in March 2019. Please visit our website at [www.paralympicheritage.org.uk](http://www.paralympicheritage.org.uk) to learn more about our work.

We have a schedule of events during September to celebrate National Sporting Heritage Day and Aylesbury as the beginning of the Paralympic Story. Keep an eye out for us in Aylesbury Town Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September where we will be present with our pop up museum taking the story of the Paralympics to the people of Aylesbury.