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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE SOCIETIES

BLHN Conference 2023

Saturday 7 October, The Oculus, Aylesbury

Amersham Museum

Brings to life the fascinating history of Amersham and its surrounding villages through a programme of exhibitions and events. Based largely in a medieval hall house, family-friendly displays explore life in the town: sit at a Tudor dinner table, wander through our medicinal herb garden, relax in a 1930s living room, listen to stories in Ron Haddock's 1960s record shop.

This is a local history museum which organises guided walks, talks, exhibitions. Our website is a treasure trove of information and resources about Amersham and its residents from ancient history to the present. The museum is at 49 High Street, Old Amersham, open Wednesday-Sunday and Bank Holidays, 12 noon-4pm.

WEBSITE: www.amershammuseum.org

For all enquiries, please contact the Director by email at info@amershammuseum.org

Amersham Society

Aims to foster awareness of the amenities and heritage of the Old Town of Amersham and to encourage conservation and sensitive enhancement.



Membership is open to all who share our aim.

Outside summer the society organises lectures (last Wednesday of month, 7.30pm, King's Chapel), with a summer garden party and outing. Members receive a printed Newsletter with local history, activities and reports of local environmental interest such as HS2, planning applications and the state of the River Misbourne.

WEBSITE: <https://www.amershamsociety.org>

For membership, email info@amershamsociety.org

Buckingham Canal Society

Aims to restore the Buckingham Arm of the Grand Union Canal, with working parties (see the site schedule on our website), corporate engagement days, team-building activities, talks and presentations.



WEBSITE: <https://www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk>

VISIT OUR STAND or for enquiries or to join

CONFERENCE OFFER: one-year free membership for BLHN conference attendees.

Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society

The society focuses on all aspects of the county's history: not just archaeology, but local social history, documentary research, historic buildings, and the protection of our heritage and historic environment. The society also has an Active Archaeology Group.



Every year we run Winter Lectures in the Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury on Saturday afternoons, Active Archaeology talks on Tuesday evenings, and a series of summer outings.

We publish *Records of Buckinghamshire* in May each year, when this is sent free to members. This has been published annually since 1854 – and in 2023 the digitisation of every edition 1854-2023 was completed. This is now freely and publicly available from our website, and will soon also be available from the national Archaeology Data Service.

We also publish regular books and pamphlets on Buckinghamshire history and archaeology.

MOST RECENT PUBLICATION: *'The Kings at Brill'*, by Michael Farley, which sets out the evidence – from medieval documents to modern archaeology – for the 230 years when the kings of England came to the Buckinghamshire hilltop village of Brill (£18).

WEBSITE: www.bas1.org.uk

VISIT OUR STAND to find out more about all our activities, or to support our county's heritage by joining the society, email:

bucksas@discoverbucksmuseum.org.

Buckinghamshire Conservation Trust



The Bucks Conservation Trust was set up in 2008 to protect the scheduled ancient monument of Quarrendon Leas for the benefit of the public, to enhance its biodiversity as a green space within the expanding town of Aylesbury, and to use the site to increase public understanding of the county's heritage.

The trust's board includes representatives from Buckinghamshire Council and the Bucks Archaeological Society.

VISIT OUR STAND to find out about recent historical research and environmental work at Quarrendon.

Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust

Aims to record and conserve the gardens and parks of the historic county of Buckinghamshire. Talks are held on garden-related topics on Saturday afternoons during the winter months at the Methodist Church in Aylesbury. During the summer we organise guided visits to gardens generally not open to the public. In 2024 these will include Hampden House, Rycote, Wavendon and Taplow Court.



VISIT OUR STAND for all enquiries or to join. Garden history books and journals will be on sale, and a

display about the 19th-century landscape designer Robert Marnock and his work in Buckinghamshire.

CONFERENCE OFFER: Join the BGT at BLHN conference to receive a free copy of our publication *'Gibbs on gardening'*.

WEBSITE: www.bucksgardenstrust.org.uk, where you can join online and book ALL events online via Ticket Source.

Buckinghamshire Genealogical Society

Offers expert advice on family history research in all counties and runs meetings on related topics on the second Saturday afternoon of the month in Southcourt Community Centre, Prebendal Avenue, Aylesbury.

Our magazine, *Bucks Ancestor*, publishes in-depth articles and a range of transcripts not otherwise accessible, such as the 1910 *Domesday for Bucks*.

VISIT OUR STAND, or the society's website at www.bucksgs.org.uk

Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust

Exists to acquire, preserve and present the military history of the county's auxiliary forces – militia, yeomanry, volunteers, territorials and home guard. Activities include online talks and displays at county events.



NEW PUBLICATION: *'The military history of Buckinghamshire in 100 dates'*. Other publications include a two-volume history of the Bucks Yeomanry in World War II and a booklet on Bucks Yeomanry uniforms.

WEBSITE: www.bmmt.org.uk

VISIT OUR STAND to find out more

Buckinghamshire Portable Antiquities Scheme

This is a national scheme recording archaeological finds made by members of the public in England and Wales. The local scheme is



based at the Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury. On 'finds days', once a month in Aylesbury and Milton Keynes, finders can meet the Finds Liaison Officer to hand in finds for recording or get advice on the legal requirements for metal detecting. Some finds are 'treasure' and need to be reported to the coroner.

A recent publication, *'50 finds from Buckinghamshire'* is available from Amberley Publishing.

VISIT OUR STAND to bring finds for identification and recording during the morning of the conference.

CONTACT AT OTHER TIMES: email awood@discoverbucksmuseum.org;

WEBSITE: www.finds.org.uk

Buckinghamshire Records Society



Publishes texts of historic documents, calendars and indexes both in print and online on our website. Membership is £15 a year, for which members usually receive a new volume each year, sometimes with an accompanying talk. Publications in 2021: *'Buckinghamshire justicing notebooks: Sir Roger Hill (1689-1705) and Edmund Waller (1772-1788)'* and in 2022: *'Chetwode Wills 1538-1856'*.

VISIT OUR STAND to join the society at BLHN and you will receive the 2023 volume and be able to purchase earlier volumes at discounted prices, or email bucksrecsoc@gmail.com for all enquiries.

WEBSITE: www.bucksrecsoc.org.uk

The Celfunde Inheritance (Chalfont St Peter)

Aims to preserve Chalfont St Peter history and heritage. **VISIT OUR STAND** to find out more.

Chiltern Young Archaeologists Club

Aims to enthuse the next generation of archaeologists and historians. Heritage-related activities include visits to archaeological sites and



historic places, working with traditional crafts, experimental archaeology, hands-on excavations, research skills.

Part of a national network with membership open to all young people aged 8-16 years, Chiltern YAC will celebrate 25 years in 2024. Usually meets on the last Saturday of the month, 10am-12noon, September-June, in Jordans Village Hall, near Beaconsfield.

We are always on the lookout for archaeology, history and heritage opportunities for our members. Please contact us if you may be able to offer a relevant visit or activity, offer a presentation, or would like to join as a volunteer.

VISIT OUR STAND to find out more, or email chilternyac@hotmail.co.uk **WEBSITE:** yac-uk.org

Cowper and Newton Museum, Olney

Records the life and times of William Cowper, foremost poet in mid-18th century England, and John Newton, author of the hymn 'Amazing grace', which was written while he lived in Olney. Also to record the lives of the lacemakers and others who lived in Olney in the 18th century.



Half-hour talks at coffee mornings throughout the summer, with volunteers offering talks to schools and other organisations.

VISIT OUR STAND, visit the museum at Orchard Side, Market Place, Olney MK46 4AJ, or email info@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

WEBSITE: www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

David Saunders Archaeology

Offers talks and lectures on archaeology and prehistory through DJS Consultancy-Publishing.

CONFERENCE OFFER: Newly published *'Cursus monuments of Buckinghamshire and the Great Ouse Valley'* – BLHN price only £10.

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Haddenham Museum Trust

Provides a local history museum about the village of Haddenham, guided local walks and talks for groups. We also publish '*The Haddenham Chronicles*', booklets 1 to 19.



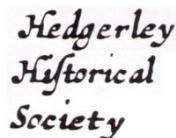
The museum is in the Old Schoolroom, Methodist Church, High Street, Haddenham HP17 8ES. Open on Tuesday mornings 10am-12noon and Sunday afternoons 2pm-4.30pm, except closed in January and February. Admission free.

VISIT OUR STAND to find out more, or email Elizabeth Oliver at membership@haddenham-museum.org.uk

WEBSITE: haddenham-museum.org.uk

Hedgerley Historical Society

The society's objects are to encourage the study of all branches of history and the preservation of historical records, buildings and objects – especially the collection, preservation and publication of material relating to the ancient, medieval and modern history of Hedgerley and its surroundings.



We meet on the third Wednesday of the month from September to July, 8pm at Hedgerley Memorial Hall for talks on local history, plus special Saturday evening events, day schools and outings.

WEBSITE: www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org

High Wycombe Society

Aims to bring together those who care about the town of High Wycombe – its past, present and future.



The society also runs open days at Pann Mill, at The Rye, London Road, High Wycombe, three times a year on the second Sundays of May, July and September, and publishes a Newsletter.

Evening talks are at Trinity Reformed Church, London Road, High Wycombe, starting 7.30pm. 2023 dates:

- Tuesday 10 October: Penelope Tollitt on Sustainable development.
- Thursday 9 November: Neil Salisbury of CPRE the Countryside Charity
- Thursday 14 December: Tony Mealing on Christmas past in High Wycombe

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WEBSITE: www.highwycombesociety.org.uk

John Hampden Society

The John Hampden Society exists to bring together people with an interest in John Hampden, and to encourage wider knowledge of this great 17th-century Parliamentarian, his life and times.



- To encourage research by members and others we hold books for loan.
- To provide talks on John Hampden-related topics (virtual and live).
- To organise social events for members to discuss Hampden matters.
- To participate in events run by others to further our aims.
- To raise money to conserve objects and locations with Hampden links.
- To maintain a website containing information about Hampden.

The Society publishes a quarterly newsletter containing news and new research findings. This can be downloaded from the society's website.

VISIT OUR STAND, or for membership email membership@johnhampden.org

WEBSITE: www.johnhampden.org/the-society/

Leighton Buzzard and District Archaeological and Historical Society



We aim to research and publicise the archaeology and history of the Leighton Buzzard area,

and to encourage local people (including children) to participate in our activities.

We run talks on history and archaeology from September to May on the second Wednesday of each month at the Linslade Community Hall, and can provide talks for schools and other groups.

We have a dig in progress looking for the Holy Well near St Mary's Church in Old Linslade. Research groups are looking at local documents, buildings and historic figures – to add to our collection of 30 publications about the town and its surrounding areas.

A complete index of all past editions of our annual journal, '*Transactions*', is now available.

VISIT OUR STAND to buy most of our publications, including the 2023 edition of '*Transactions*', which is free to members, and our most recent book '*Henry Finch Esquire of Linslade, publican, public servant and philanthropist*'.

CONFERENCE OFFER: Join at this BLHN Conference and have membership until January 2025.

WEBSITE: www.lbdahs.org.uk

Maids Moreton Conservation Group

Our purpose is:

- To conserve the best social, physical and historical features of Maids Moreton for the future of the village as agreed after public consultation;
- To administer a village appraisal for Maids Moreton, aiming at full involvement;
- To prepare a parish plan and village design statement as a product of the appraisal;
- To ensure that the documents and projects identified above are translated into action by and for the village community.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Maids Moreton Village Hall. After the business section of the evening we have short talks on

the history of the village. We organise walks to view historical, archaeological and cultural aspects of the village and its surroundings, take part in archaeological digs in the village, undertake research of people and buildings associated with the village, write and publish booklets about our research and give free copies to the village residents.

The membership of our group is solely village-based.

[VISIT OUR STAND](#), or for all enquiries email at mmconservationgroup@gmail.com

■ Marlow Archaeology Group

is the successor to Marlow Archaeological Society and Archaeology in Marlow following their merger in 2021. We welcome all with an interest in the fascinating 6000-year history of our town and this part of the Thames Valley.

Our monthly talks programme is supplemented with social events, research and fieldwork. We work with neighbouring societies to widen our knowledge and promote community interest in our collective historical heritage.

[WEBSITE: www.marlowarch.co.uk](http://www.marlowarch.co.uk)

[VISIT OUR STAND](#) to find out more, or to join go to <https://www.marlowarch.co.uk/join.php>

■ Milton Keynes Heritage Association

Coordinates heritage-related groups in and around Milton Keynes, with currently about 70 member groups. The association runs quarterly group meetings, heritage open days and produces a weekly email newsletter of events in and around Milton Keynes.

[WEBSITE: www.mkheritage.co.uk](http://www.mkheritage.co.uk), where you can sign up for the weekly email newsletter of events.



■ Seer Green and Jordans Society – Our Living Village

Aims to connect the history and heritage of the two villages to the present interests of these communities and the future of the two villages. The continuous development of the '*Our Living Village*' website provides a dynamic online record of past and present.

The society runs periodic walks and talks on the villages' history and heritage, provides support for community historical and archaeological research, and, with the Chiltern Society, will support other communities interested in progressing their own '*Our Living Village*' project.

[WEBSITE: www.ourlivingvillage.org](http://www.ourlivingvillage.org)

[RECENT PUBLICATION: 'Our Living Village – a development guide'](#), based upon lessons learned by the Seer Green and Jordans Society, produced in association with the Chiltern Society.

[VISIT OUR STAND](#) to find out more about the creation of the website, or email Alan Kell and Nigel Rothwell at ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com



■ Weston Turville Historical Society

To promote an appreciation of the history of Weston Turville among society members by holding regular meetings, visiting sites of historic interest, local history projects and an archive of historic documents, photographs and publications. Talks for members and visitors are on the last Friday of each month except July, August and December.

A significant number of society publications are available, including '*The history of Weston Turville*', '*Memories of a Weston Turville boy*', '*War diaries of a village schoolmaster*', '*Weston Turville reservoir*', and '*A history of St Mary the Virgin Church, Weston Turville*'.



[VISIT OUR STAND](#) for all enquiries

[WEBSITE: www.wthsoc.org.uk](http://www.wthsoc.org.uk)

■ Winslow History Project

Our aim is to transcribe and interpret historic documents for the Winslow history website, with occasional talks and historical walks.

[RECENT PUBLICATION: 'How one man transformed a town: Winslow 1640-1770 and William Lowndes'](#), by David Noy. The story of an extraordinary man – and an extraordinary picture of how a Buckinghamshire town was changed in the 18th century. (Published by Bucks Archaeological Society in October 2020) £11.

[WEBSITE: www.winslow-history.org.uk](http://www.winslow-history.org.uk)

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