



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Our picture shows an  
Aylesbury prune harvest  
in the early 1900s

## Exploring Buckinghamshire's agricultural past

When the Romans built Akeman Street across it this land wasn't called Buckinghamshire – but they found a land already farmed for more than a thousand years. Since then our county's agriculture has not only fed its own people, but helped build London from a Roman outpost to a great sprawling city. Talks at our 2024 Conference and Local History Fair – led by TV historian Ruth Goodman – will map changes across 2,000 years of agriculture.

### TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

- 9.30am *Conference doors open – coffee/tea/juice/biscuits*
- 10am *Welcome* by John Lovelock, of Hedgerley Historical Society
- 10.10 **Farming and food in medieval Winslow** – David Noy, of Bucks Records Society
- 10.50 **Q&A:** At the end of each talk there will be a short *Question and Answer session*
- 11.00 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK:** and a first chance to see societies' displays and bookstalls
- 11.30 **Grim's Ditch and historic routes through the Chilterns** – Wendy Morrison, of Chilterns Landscape
- 12.20 **LUNCH BREAK** – buffet lunch available (see tickets overleaf)  
**A 90-minute opportunity to visit displays and bookstalls by our history and archaeology societies**
- 2.00 **The impact of enclosure on Bucks landscape** – Julian Hunt, of Bucks Archaeological Society
- 2.50 **Women's role in an agricultural society** – Ruth Goodman, television history presenter
- 3.50 *Conclusions & thanks* – John Lovelock

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY NETWORK

- ◆ **One-day Conference**
- ◆ **Local History Fair**

Saturday 5 October 2024  
Aylesbury Methodist Hall

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**Get your conference and lunch tickets – see overleaf ►**

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## LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE AND FAIR

- The BLHN 2024 Conference and Fair will be held at the Methodist Church Hall in Aylesbury, which seats up to 250 people.
- The church buildings also have plenty of space for the **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FAIR**, which every year features stands and displays by the county's local history and archaeology societies and organisations. The focus here will be on how the county not only fed its people through the centuries – but also provided food for the growth of London.
- Coffee, tea and fruit juice will be available free at breaks and at lunchtime for everyone attending. The buffet lunch is optional (you can bring your own) – *see below*.
- The Methodist Church and Hall is in Buckingham Street, Aylesbury HP20 2NQ, a five-minute walk (400 metres) from the town centre and Market Square – and a similar distance from both the railway and bus stations.
- The church has no car park, but you can drop off at the door, and Aylesbury has all-day car parks within an easy walk.

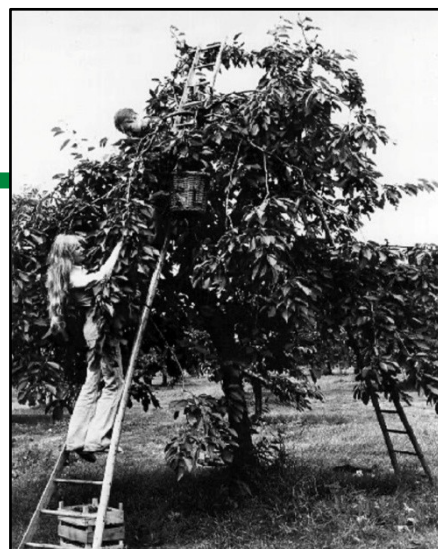
## CONFERENCE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

With the increased cost-of-living, the BLHN organisers have decided to ignore inflation and keep ticket prices as last year. This will also offset the cost of car parking.

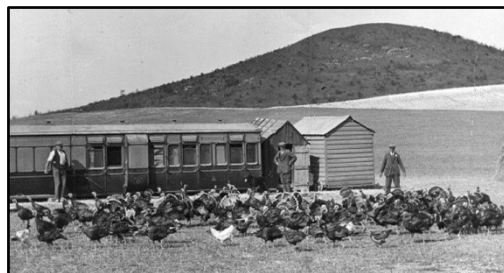
- **Conference AND lunch – £26**  
includes a buffet lunch of sandwiches, rolls, cakes and fruit.
- **Conference and Fair only – £20**  
You are welcome to bring your own food for lunch, and the hall is only 5 minutes' walk from cafes, pubs and food shops.
- **Full-time students under 25 – FREE**, but please apply in advance (the buffet lunch is £6 extra).

## ▶▶▶ TO GET YOUR TICKETS:

- **ONLINE:** Get your tickets at <https://bas1.org.uk/blhn-2024-tickets>, with online card payment.
- **BY POST:** Please write, specifying which ticket(s) you require, to BLHN Conference, BAS Library, Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP. Enclose a cheque made out to 'Bucks Archaeological Society', and please remember to include your name, postal address and email.
- **Your payment will be acknowledged, but tickets will not be sent until two weeks before conference.**



Women picking cherries in 1973



A Buckinghamshire turkey farm



A harvest wagon and its horse team



Buckinghamshire farmworkers in the 1930s

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