

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AYLESBURY VALE DC OFFICES

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LAND & PEOPLE

1. WHO OWNED BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IN 1798? Dr John Broad.

John, editor of Records of Bucks, is probably the leading academic historian of the county. His talk is based on a national study of land tax returns and land ownership. Within Bucks at a parish level there were substantial variations.

2. BUCKS AND PARLIAMENT 1820-1868. Dr Peter Salmon. Peter is the editor of two volumes of the prestigious History of Parliament. The volume covering 1820-1832 was published in 2009 and work is current on its successor 1832-1868. We are honoured that he has, in the last few months, brought work on Bucks forward for this talk

3. THE CONTINUING CONTROVERSY ON THE ORIGIN OF THE OPEN FIELDS AND RIDGE AND FURROW. Dr David Hall. David's maps of Ridge and furrow in Northants were on display at last year's conference. A recent book 'Champion, the Making & Unmaking of the English Midland landscape' is largely based on them. However, David did not appear as a joint author because he could not agree fully with their interpretation. The talk explains why.

4. TUDOR PLAISAUNCES TO CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES: DISCOVERING HIDDEN GEMS OF BUCKS GARDENS. Dr Sarah Rutherford. This talk is to be based on recent work of the BHGT, an organisation in which Sarah was one of the founding members. Nationally she is one of the leading garden historians. She has recently moved from English Heritage to a consultancy. In 2016 she was the author of a book on Capability Brown.

5. COSTING THE EARTH: BUCKS AND ENGLISH GARDENS SINCE 1660. Professor Sir Roderick Floud. Sir Roderick is one of the most eminent economic historians of the last 50 years. He has been editor of 4 editions of The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain. Currently he is using his skills as an economic historian to prepare a book on the cost of gardens, tapping into extensive records in Bucks and elsewhere.

6. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE'S TURNPIKE ROADS, 1706-1881. Peter Gulland. Peter's long awaited book on the subject is to be published this year. His talk deals with both the construction of the county's network of turnpikes and its lasting legacy.