Bedfordshire Local History Association

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

Saturday 15th. May 1993

at

2.15 p.m.

in the

Lantern Room, The Sculpture Gallery,
WOBURN ABBEY

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The Inaugural General Meeting is very important to all potential member Societies and individuals who wish to play a part in the future of this new Countywide Association. The formal creation of the Association, its terms of reference and its membership fees will be finalized at this meeting. A new operating committee will be elected and nominations for this expanded body will be welcome.

The Steering Committee look forward to your support in making this an effective creative meeting to start the Association on the road to a successful future that will serve yours and Bedfordshire's needs in the field of Local History.

TICKETS

The Inaugural General Meeting will be an all ticket occasion and these may be obtained from the Steering Committee's Correspondence Secretary at the address below. Please enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

Mrs. P. E. Ormerod, 7, Braeside, BEDFORD, MK419BL

COSTS

The cost of the venue will be borne entirely by sponsorship and will be, therefore, no cost burden to the newly created Association. The Steering Committee are most grateful to the Sponsors for their support.
INAUGURAL ADDRESS

As previously announced, the keynote speaker at the Inaugural General Meeting will be Dr. Joan Thirsk. Her talk will be entitled "The Past in the Present" - Farming History for Local Historians. Dr. Thirsk is President of the Kent Local History Association and a Past President of the British Association for Local History. She worked with Professor W. G. Hoskins at Leicester University before becoming Reader in Economic History at Oxford. Dr. Thirsk is the editor of the Agrarian History of England and Wales 1500 - 1640. We can look forward to a very interesting and educational address.

BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society has completed its task of transcribing the Bedfordshire census returns of 1881 for the nationwide index. When this is published on microfiche by the Federation of Family History Societies together with the Latter-day Saints Church it will provide a further invaluable reference for researchers, particularly the surname index.

Various family researchers worldwide provide our local Society with details of migrants from Bedfordshire. This information has now been published as BFHS OCCASIONAL PAPER 1 BEDFORDSHIRE STRAYS 252pp. (approx. 15 names per page) price £9 (p&p £1)

Other useful indexes recently issued are BFHS OCCASIONAL PAPER 2 BEDFORDSHIRE POOR LAW PAPERS 1622 -1834 AN INDEX being a surname index to the poor law archives in the Bedfordshire County Record Office, published in conjunction with that body at £8 (p&p £1) and BFHS 1851 CENSUS INDEX published in 25 books at £2 each (p&p 40p). All are available from Pamela Ormerod (address on page 1)

CONFERENCE OF MID-BEDFORDSHIRE HISTORY SOCIETIES

This year’s conference will be hosted by the Langford History Society and will take place on Saturday June 19th. The theme of the conference is "Conservation and Preservation of our Buildings and Environment." The provisional list of speakers includes representatives from the Ivel Valley Project and the Bedfordshire County Planning Department. The Mid-Bedfordshire Conference has been held annually for the past 4 years. The format has varied as each host Society brought its own expertise to bear, but all have proved to be very successful.

More information is available from Mrs. J. Murphy, Langford History Society, 95, Church St., Langford, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 7QA.

DUNSTABLE HISTORIC & HERITAGE STUDIES

A Special Outing for your Society :- A Walk a Talk and a Meal, for an evening outing or why not a guided coach tour to follow Chaucer’s pilgrims to Canterbury or to follow the route of a Georgian party to the Wells of Tunbridge. Details from Vivienne Evans (0582) 609018.

FORTHCOMING BEDFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Houghton Conquest Village Hall has been booked for Saturday 25th September for an afternoon’s get together of Bedfordshire Local History Societies and other interested bodies. It is proposed to hold an exhibition of Publications, Photographs and Research Papers to provide Societies with a venue to display their published and unpublished material.