

BLHA AGM & Conference 2022

Hosted by Bedfordshire Historical Record Society (BHRS)

THE HOME FRONT IN BEDFORDSHIRE DURING THE TWO WORLD WARS

On Saturday, 25 June 2022

At Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford, MK41 9QJ

There is full disabled access

Registration from 09.00

09.30–10.00: Bedfordshire Local History Association Annual General Meeting:

Conference:

10.10: Welcome: Bob Ricketts, Chair, Bedfordshire Historical Record Society

10.15-11.30: Richard Galley: *Bedford's Highlanders – the Scottish 'Invasion' of Bedford, August 1914*

Comfort break

11.40-12.15: Paul Brown: *Leighton Buzzard during the Great War*

Comfort break

12.20-13.00: Robert Bollington: *Willington – a Village during WW1*

13.00-14.15: BUFFET LUNCH at Priory Methodist Church, cost is included in the Conference fee and time to view society displays.

Society, heritage and commercial stands and displays including

Richard Galley (The Highland Regiment); The Friends of Bedford Cemetery (Remembering the Highlanders); Bedfordshire Historical Record Society; Bedfordshire Archives (The Home Front); and Eagle Books.

Book signings by

Stuart Antrobus, *Life in Bedford During the Second World War.*

Robert Bollington, *Willington in the First World War.*

Mike Osborne, *Defending Bedfordshire: The Military Landscape from Pre-History to the Present Day*

Colin Watt, *Clophill in the Great War*

Afternoon session:

14.15-15.00: Thomas Larnar, Archivist, Bedfordshire Archives: *Luton during WW2*

Comfort Break, Coffee/tea and cakes. View Eagle Books stand & local society displays.

15.30-16.30: Presentation by BDM ArcScan re new online Digital Heritage Library & Launch of BHRS Bedfordshire Magazine online.

16.30: Martin Lawrence gives vote of thanks. Conference closes.