

Bedfordshire Local History Association

BLHA Spring Event

A visit to

Rippington Manor, Nr Sandy

Wednesday 11th May 2016 from 1.00pm

Guided tour and afternoon tea

This remarkably complete brick-built Tudor manor house sits on monastery remains recorded in the Domesday Book. The H-shaped house has an enormous stone chimney breast. It was built by Robert Audley 1565 of lath and plaster but brick-encased 1645. Home to Sir Charles Caesar and son Julius, master of the rolls.

The original building, then called Repingdon (later Reppington), was a cell of the Augustinian monastery at Repton. It stood on this site in 660 and was referred to in a charter of 1159, recorded in an inventory of the 1st Earl of Clare. It was destroyed in the Danish Wars, but rebuilt in 1172 by Maud, widow of Ranulph, Earl of Chester. The ponds were used by the monks for fishing. Many works of art on show, including portraits of Henry VIII. Charming gardens, fine views, large ponds, walled gardens.

The guided tour will comprise the house and garden. Ground floor – flagstone floors, beamed ceilings, very early fireplace, excellent collection of paintings including small art gallery, objets d'art, and collection of tea caddies. Upper floor – tour of finely decorated bedrooms and study, with many silhouettes.

House description from: <http://www.invitationtoview.co.uk/properties/rippington-manor/>

We hope you will be able to join us in what is going to be a fascinating afternoon.

Date and time – Wednesday 11th May. The tour commences at 1.00pm, lasts approximately two hours with afternoon tea to follow.

Location - Rippington Manor is at 16 Church Street, Great Gransden, SG19 3AF, next to St. Bartholomew's Church.

Cost and booking – The cost of the event is £16 per person, this includes the tour and afternoon tea. The tea comprises tea or coffee home-made cakes, sandwiches, biscuits and savoury bites. Please note that there are no disabled facilities and that photography is not allowed in the house. To secure a place, *cheques must be received by Monday 25th April. The number of places available for this trip is very limited, so early booking is advised.* Full details are on the attached booking form.



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Booking Form

Please reserve place/s @ £16.00 each for the 'BLHA Spring Event'.

I enclose a cheque to the value of £.....

Cheques payable to: *Bedfordshire Local History Association*

Receipt of the booking form will be confirmed by email or telephone.

Name(s):.....
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Society:.....

Address:.....
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..... Postcode:.....

Telephone:

Mobile (for contact on the day).....

Email:.....

Please return the form with payment by **Monday 25th April 2015** to:

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