

The Programme is below:

### **Bedfordshire Local History Association Annual AGM and Conference**

Linslade Middle School, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2PA.

Saturday, June 22, 2024, 9am to 4 pm

Hosted by **Leighton Buzzard and District Archaeological and Historical Society**

#### **High Points of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade Through the Ages**

- 8.00 am        Doors open. Parking for exhibitors and disabled at entrance.  
Tables and display boards available.
- 9.00 am        Conference registrations open, welcome and coffee.
- 9.30 am        Bedfordshire Local History Association A.G.M.
- Talks begin:
- 10.00 am:     Henry Finch Esq. of Linslade - Publican, Public Servant and  
Philanthropist. The story of Leighton's Hunting Heyday before WWI.  
- Kate Crooks
- 10.30 am     Legacy of Industry: Chronicles of Mill Ownership in Leighton Buzzard  
(1743-1929) - Sarah Roe
- 11.00 am     Questions and Answers
- 11.10 am     COFFEE BREAK AND WALK AROUND STANDS
- 11.30 am     Double Bill and wartime mystery - Q Central: Top Secret HQ of Britain's  
War Effort and Radar Headquarters in WW2: Were the 7,000 evacuees  
part of the camouflage? How did the town cope? - Paul Brown and Delia  
Gleave.
- 12.30 pm     Questions and Answers
- 12.40 pm     LUNCH BREAK: EXHIBITIONS AND STANDS
- 2.10 pm     The 15th century Market Cross and the poet's grand daughter, Alice  
Chaucer, Lady of the Manor - Paul Brown
- 2.40 pm     Key Note Speaker: Paul Tate - In Search of Old Linslade's Holy Well and  
the Well's historical context. This season's latest Exciting Developments  
Locating a Lost Medieval Sacred Spring
- 3.40 pm     Questions and Answers
- 3.50 pm     Conclusion and thanks
- 4.00 pm     Conference Close.