

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. Ample general parking across the road. 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.