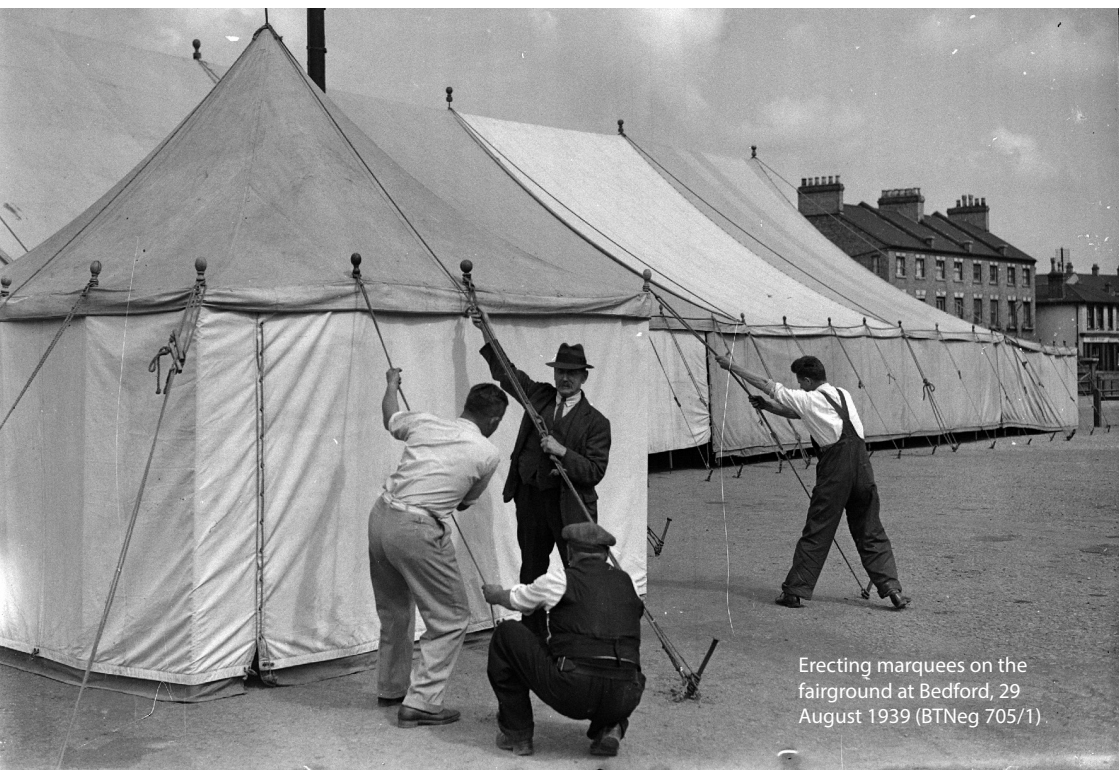


Bedfordshire
Archives & Records Service
established 1913

What's On

July 2016 - December 2016



Erecting marquees on the
fairground at Bedford, 29
August 1939 (BTNeg 705/1)

Bedfordshire Archives Service is running a range of events this autumn. Some events will be held at our office in Bedford, others will be held in Luton and Central Bedfordshire. We hope you can join us to learn more about the history of the county or how to research, look after or be inspired by your history and documentary heritage.

When	What's On	Price	Need to book?	Where
8 July—5 Oct (normal hours)	Exhibition: Royal Towns of Central Bedfordshire	Free	No	Bedfordshire Archives
21st July 1-2pm	Talk: Royal Towns of Central Bedfordshire	Free	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives
8-10 Sept 10am-4pm	Exhibition: Weaving Narratives	Free	No	Council Suite Borough Hall
8 & 10 Sept Half hourly between 10am-12pm & 2-4pm	Behind the scenes tours	Free	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives starting from council suite
15 Sept 11am-1pm	Drop in session: ask about your family archives or family history research	Free	No	Luton Central Library
17-18 Sept Sat 11am-5pm Sun 11am-4pm	Exhibition: Weaving Narratives	Free	No	Luton Central Library
17 Sept 11am	Talk: Weaving Narratives	Free	No	Luton Central Library
29 Sept 2.30pm	Talk: Royal Towns of Central Bedfordshire	£2pp	Yes	Flitwick Library
6 Oct 2.30pm	Talk: Researching House History	£2pp	Yes	Flitwick Library
7 Oct – 4 Jan (normal hours)	Exhibition: Bedford 850	Free	No	Bedfordshire Archives
13 Oct 2.30pm	Talk: Domestic Interior – home life in the archives	£2pp	Yes	Flitwick Library
13-15 Oct	Exhibition: Weaving Narratives	Free	No	Flitwick Library
13 Oct 10am-12 noon	Workshop: Keep or Bin? Collecting and cataloguing basics	BLHA members free/ £5pp	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives
20 Oct 2.30pm	Talk: Life through a lens – what photographs tell us.	£2pp	Yes	Flitwick Library

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27 Oct 2.30pm	Talk: Bedfordshire Protests	£2pp	Yes	Flitwick Library
27 Oct 10am-12 noon	Workshop: It doesn't matter that it's old!	BLHA free, £5	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives
1 Nov 10am	Talk: Researching House History	£2pp	Yes	Leighton Buzzard Library
8 Nov 10am	Talk: Royal Towns of Central Bedfordshire	£2pp	Yes	Leighton Buzzard Library
10 Nov 10am-12 noon	Workshop: Put yourself in their shoes	BLHA free, £5	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives
15 Nov 10am	Talk: Life through a lens – what photographs tell us.	£2pp	Yes	Leighton Buzzard Library
22 Nov 10am	Talk: Bedfordshire Protests	£2pp	Yes	Leighton Buzzard Library
24 Nov 10am-12 noon	Workshop: So you want to digitise	BLHA free, £5	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives
29 Nov 10am	Talk: Preserving your archives	£2pp	Yes	Leighton Buzzard Library
1 Dec 1-2pm	Talk: Bedford 850	Free	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives
8 Dec 10am-12 noon	Workshop: Recording communities	BLHA free, £5	Yes	Bedfordshire Archives

HOW TO BOOK

Talks at Leighton Buzzard or Flitwick Libraries, Please contact the library

Leighton Buzzard, Lake Street, telephone: 0300 300 8059

Flitwick, Coniston Road, telephone: 0300 300 8057

Talks, workshops & Heritage Open Days tours at Bedfordshire Archives, Borough Hall, Bedford

Please contact the archives service, telephone 01234 228833 e-mail archive@bedford.gov.uk

FOR FURTHER DETAILS READ ON...

EXHIBITIONS

Royal Towns of Central Bedfordshire

8th July—5th October—Bedfordshire Archives—
Free entry, normal opening hours

This year's theme for our lobby exhibitions has been the development of the towns of Bedfordshire. Here we concentrate on four towns in Central Bedfordshire with royal connections—Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Ampthill and Houghton Regis and ask whether their royal associations helped or hindered their development?



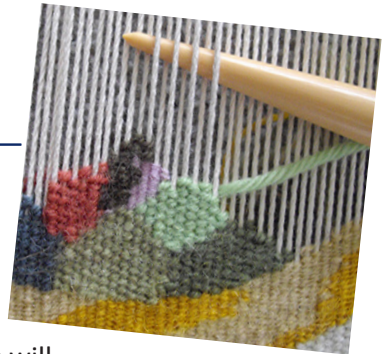
Weaving Narratives

8-10 Sept—Council Suite Bedford Borough Hall
—free entry—10am-4pm

17-18 Sept—Luton Central Library—Free entry—
Sat 11-5, Sun 11-4

13-15 Oct—Flitwick Library—free entry—from
3.30pm 13th Oct then normal opening hours

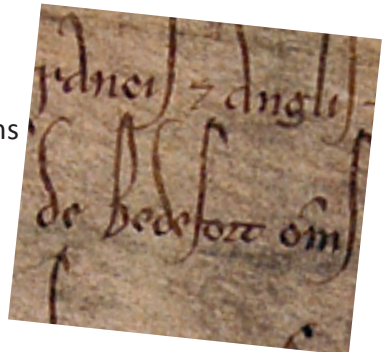
Earlier this year we invited people to use the archives to inspire textile art. These exhibitions will showcase the final results of this project and may inspire you to look to the archives for fresh material for your own creative energy.



Bedford 850

7th Oct-4th Jan—Bedfordshire Archives—Free
entry, normal opening hours

Continuing the theme for our lobby exhibitions we concentrate on Bedford. It is 850 years since the borough was granted a charter by Henry II and the charter will be on display as part of the exhibition.



TALKS

Royal Towns of Central Bedfordshire

A look at four towns with a royal past asking how it affected their future.
(see also exhibitions)

21st July—Bedfordshire Archives, Free 1-2pm

29th Sept—Flitwick Library- £2 per person, 2.30pm

8th Nov—Leighton Buzzard Library- £2 per person, 10am

Researching house history

An introduction to investigating the architectural and social history of houses and other buildings.

6th Oct—Flitwick Library- £2 per person, 2.30pm

1st November—Leighton Buzzard Library- £2 per person, 10am



Domestic interior – home life from the archives

13th Oct—Flitwick Library—£2 per person, 2.30pm (see also exhibitions—
Weaving Narratives)

Life through a lens – what photographs tell us

Using photographs as historical sources.

20 Oct—Flitwick Library- £2 per person, 2.30pm

15th November - Leighton Buzzard Library- £2 per person, 10am



Bedfordshire Protests

From violent riots to peaceful campaigns we look at some examples of the people of Bedfordshire making their voices heard.

27th Oct- Flitwick Library—£2 per person, 2.30pm

22nd Nov-Leighton Buzzard Library- £2 per person, 10am

Preserving your archives

An introduction to storing and preserving your family archives at home.

29th Nov—Leighton Buzzard Library- £2 per person, 10am

WORKSHOPS—Sponsored by Bedfordshire Local History Association

Bedfordshire Archives— free to BLHA members, non-BLHA members

£5 per person, 10am -12 noon. (If a session is oversubscribed we will run a repeat session in the afternoon 1-3pm)

We are very pleased to be able to offer these practical workshops in association with the Bedfordshire Local History Association—the umbrella organization for local history in the county. The workshops are aimed at local history groups, parish councillors, churchwardens, societies and organizations who may have or be considering collecting historical material and making it available to others.

Anyone can attend but priority will be given to members of BLHA. You may book for all or just one of the workshops but we recommend that societies try to have at least one member attend each of the workshops to get the overall picture of current legislation and ideas whether your society wishes to pursue collecting actively or just has some stuff it doesn't know what to do with!

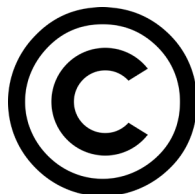
13 Oct – Keep or bin? Collecting, appraising and cataloguing basics

27 Oct – It doesn't matter that it's old! – copyright and other intellectual property rights you shouldn't ignore.

10 Nov – Put yourself in their shoes – data protection issues

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heritage open days

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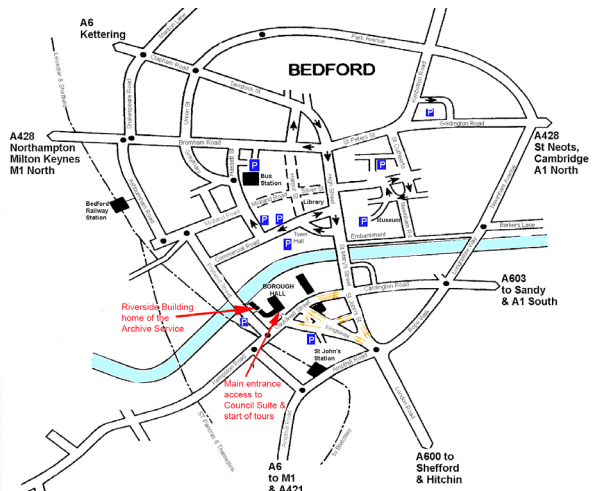
Thursday 8 and Saturday 10 September-Bedfordshire Archives

Half hourly between 10am-12pm & 2-4pm, from Borough Hall council suite.
Tours will last approximately 50 minutes.

Take a tour behind the scenes at the archive service; find out how we take care of the documentary heritage of the county and why we love our jobs!

Tours will be led by our staff from the Weaving Narratives exhibition in the Council Suite in the main building of Borough Hall giving you the opportunity to hear about and see the design of our lovely 1960s building before you enter the inner sanctum of the archive stores.

This involves some walking; the storage area is only accessible by stairs. On leaving you may either return with staff to the exhibition or leave directly from our building.



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For further details and updates please see www.bedford.gov.uk/archiveevents

ABOUT US

Bedfordshire Archives Service is the county record office for the historic county of Bedfordshire. The Records Service provides records management to our funding authorities.

The Archives Service collects, preserves, and makes available to the public the documentary heritage of the county. We are an accredited archive service meeting the requirements of the national scheme for raising the standard of archive services across the UK.

Bedfordshire Archives Service, Riverside Building, Borough Hall, Bedford, MK42 9AP. Telephone: 01234 228908, e-mail: archive@bedford.gov.uk

We are open:

Monday 9.15am-5pm (5-7pm by prior arrangement)

Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-5pm.

The service is available to everyone but please contact us to make an appointment if you wish to visit.

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