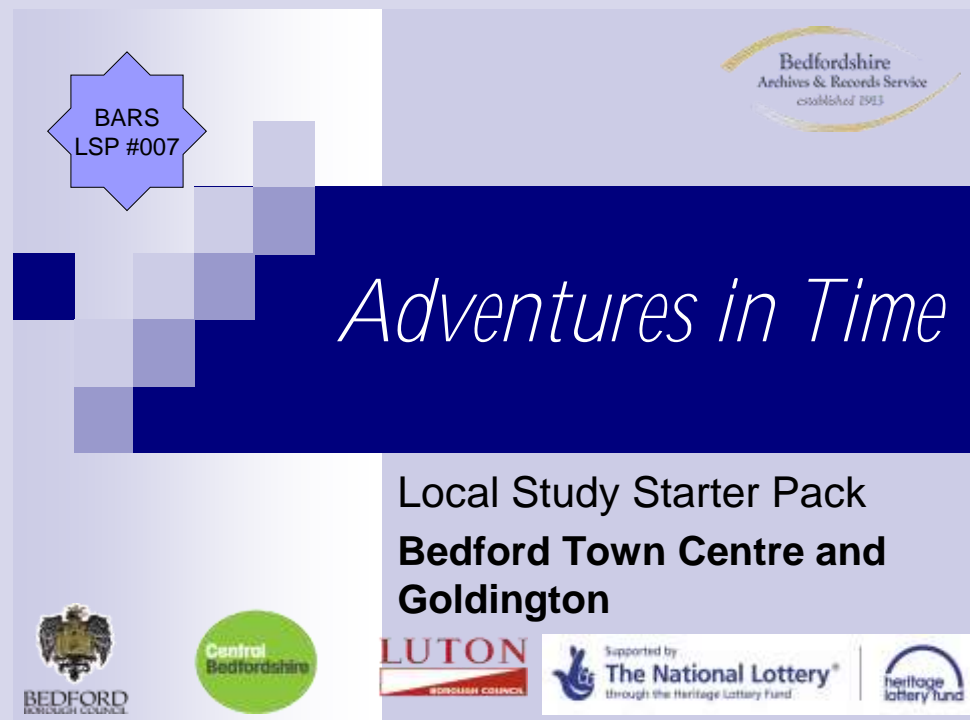




Teacher's Resource Booklet

▶ Bedford Town Centre and Goldington



Including:

- A brief history of Bedford Town Centre
- Explanation of images used
- Reference list of records available



Introduction

This teacher's booklet is intended to give some brief detail into the history of the area (based on material held at Bedfordshire Archives and Records Service) and explain the images used in the Local Studies Starter Pack.

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A brief history of Bedford Town Centre

The following potted history has been taken from the BARS Community Archives web pages, 'Around Bedford' by Martin Andrew, 'Old Bedford' by C F Farrar, 'The Counties of Bedford and Huntingdon' by Arthur Mee, Bedford 1800—1850 by E Collins, 'Bygone Bedford' by Richard Wildman and Tudor Bedford' by Joan Anderson

Early settlements

The earliest evidence for human settlements in Bedford can be dated back to the Old Stone Age or Palaeolithic. It lasted from around 2.5 million years ago, to about 8000 BC and was succeeded by the Middle Stone Ages, or Mesolithic. Palaeolithic tools have been found in at least seven locations in Bedford. Settlements would be close to the River Great Ouse. It was considered that at this time it would have been a relatively easy means of travelling.

In 9th century the country was divided at the Treaty of Wedmore with Bedford becoming the **boundary town between King Alfred's Wessex and the Danelaw to the north west. After the death of King Alfred the Danes successfully occupied Bedford. Alfred's son, (Edgar the Elder)** later took control of the area around Bedford.

The Norman army defeated King Harold in 1066 and William the Conqueror granted land to Ralf de Tallebosc. The land included Bedford and it is then that the south east part of the north bank was cleared for a castle. Little but mounds remain today. It was razed to the ground in 1224.

Bedford Castle

It is not known when the Norman castle at Bedford was built. It was built on the site of the Anglo-Saxon defences north of the river and may even have included some of them. It was a classic Norman fortification of a mound, or motte, on which were wooden, later stone, defences, surrounded by an area of dwellings, armouries, stables and so on called the bailey. There were, in fact, two baileys, an outer one and, separated from it by a wall, an inner bailey **which would, no doubt, have contained the lord's own hall, the chapel and other such** buildings. The motte then lay inside the inner bailey, giving three defensive rings to the whole structure. Ditches, at some point lined in stone, lay immediately outside each length of wall.

The first mention of the castle is in 1138 when Milo de Beauchamp held it on behalf of



Matilda against Stephen during their civil war which was eventually resolved in Stephen **being king but his successor being Matilda's son, Henry, later Henry II. De Beauchamp lost** the castle to Stephen but recovered it shortly afterwards.

A ruthless Norman mercenary, Faulke de Breauté, a prominent vassal of King John (1199-1216) captured Bedford Castle in 1215. He had served John on the Welsh Marches since 1206 and when the barons rebelled against John in 1215 de Breauté stayed loyal. He captured the castle at Hanslope in Buckinghamshire then took Bedford from the forces of William de Beauchamp, who had entertained the rebellious barons at the castle earlier in the year. **De Beauchamp was absent during de Breauté's brief siege. Bedford castle was given to de** Breauté by the King and he began to overhaul the defences.

On John's death de Breauté continued his royal service with John's nine year old son, Henry III (1216-1272). He was made High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire and defended the area against the invading army of the heir to the French throne, Prince Louis (late Louis VIII) who had been invited by the barons to become King of England.

At the Battle of Lincoln in 1217 de Breauté's crossbowmen stormed the gate of Lincoln Castle, playing an important part in the defeat of Louis's forces. That Christmas he entertained the royal court at Northampton. He added more castles to his portfolio but many of the prominent nobles of the land were his enemies, principally the Chief Justice, Hubert de Burgh. In November 1223 de Breauté, along with the Earls of Chester and Gloucester, **revolted against de Burgh's rule. The revolt was short-lived** and a peace was negotiated, de Breauté losing all his shrievalties by January 1224. He was then ordered to give up Bedford Castle along with a castle at Plympton [Devon], which he refused to do; he was then charged with breach of the peace and held a justice sent to investigate the charge as a prisoner.

On 20th June 1224 Henry III and his army besieged Bedford Castle, the Archbishop of York excommunicating both de Breauté and the whole garrison! The siege lasted for eight weeks and around two hundred people were said to have been killed. Three assaults failed but a fourth breached the barbican (defended gateway), allowing the whole outer bailey to be **captured. Next the wall near an old tower (the one nearest Saint Paul's) was breached by** mining. This meant that tunnels were dug beneath the wall and filled with faggots which were set alight, collapsing the tunnel and bringing down a section of the wall with it. That meant



that the inner bailey fell. Finally the keep, the tower on the motte, was also undermined and **the place surrendered. De Breauté's brother William, who had been in command, along with eighty knights were captured and hanged.**

De Breauté himself, luckily for him, was not at Bedford. He submitted on 19th August and was exiled to France after losing all his lands. On his arrival Prince Louis, now Louis VIII, imprisoned him but released him the following year. He died in Rome in July 1226. **Close Rolls surviving in the National Archives detail royal commands for dismantling the castle's defences, a process known as slighting. Towers were levelled and ditches filled in. Walls were reduced significantly in height and by 1361 the site was described as: a void plot of old enclosed by walls".**

Education in Bedford—The Harpur Trust and notable Education Acts

Bedford has long had a tradition of nurturing education. A school was provided in what is now Mill Street by Newnham Priory from the late 12th Century until the Priory was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1541.

Sir William Harpur was a merchant from Bedford who moved to London, later becoming Lord Mayor of London. On 30th September 1564 he bought 13 acres of land and 3 roods of meadow for £180 13s at Holborn. It was to prove to be a good investment. On 22 April 1566 he and Dame Alice Harpur conveyed the purchase to the Bedford corporation to support education in Bedford. The Bedford Charity (now known as the Harpur Trust) was set up in 1764 and funded several schools. A hospital (orphanage) for poor children over 7 years provided food, shelter and clothing and the children were educated in Church of England **principles. Sir William Harpur died in 1574 at the age of 77 and was buried in St. Paul's church.** The Harpur Trust remains a charity and continues to support the people of Bedford.

Before 19th century, education had relied heavily on wealthy benefactors. There was no national system of education and formal education was limited to grammar, charity and **'dame' schools. During the late 18th century, Sunday schools offered children the chance to gain basic education, usually reading.**

The 1870 Education Act ensured that partially state-funded board schools were set up to provide education for children from 5—10 years of age. The school would still charge unless the parents were considered poor.

By the 19th century more schools had been established in Bedford. The Education Act of 1891 made provision for free schooling. In 1893 a change in legislation meant that children would have to attend school until the age of 11. In 1899 this was raised to 12. Bedfordshire County Council became Local Education Authority for the county in 1903, following the Education Act 1902.

In the Education Act 1944, the split arose between primary and secondary education at the age of 11. This time also saw the establishment of the Tripartite System of Grammar, secondary modern and technical schools. A scholarship examination (later evolving into the 11+) would determine those who would attend the grammar school. The school leaving age was also raised to 15 years of age in 1947. This age was to be increased further to 16 in September 1973.

The Town Gaol

Records show that there have been three different sites for the town gaol. The first was situated at the rear corner of the Guildhall which stood on the north-east corner of St Paul's Square. The second was built in 1589 on Bedford Bridge. By 1648 the gaol was in a poor state according to the Bailiffs who were liable for fines if prisoners escaped. These Bailiffs were elected in the same way as the Mayor, and were entitled to collect the rent and tolls belonging to the Corporation. The earliest list of prisoners dates from 1603 [Ref. FN 1024]. John Bunyan was imprisoned there from 1660 to 1672, and in 1677. The prison on the bridge was washed away in 1673 and then rebuilt in 1675.

In 1776 a new gaol was to be built. Early plans were for the site to remain the same but this was later changed to St Loyes. It seems the new building was less than impressive. The prison reformer John Howard in his work *The State of the Prisons in England and Wales Vol.1 Prisons & Lazarettos* (fourth edition 1792) described the gaol as two rooms without fireplaces, with no water, courtyard or gaolers' apartment.

By 1795 and with the prison population rising, a new Town Gaol with a lodge for the keeper was built. A County Gaol was built in 1801 and in 1824 the prisoners were removed from the town gaol to the gaol of the County. The town gaol was pulled down not long after. By this time the number of prisoners had greatly increased and a House of Correction had been built. It was pulled down in 1851 and the land where it stood became a garden. The gaol expanded over the years and adapted though some of the 1798—1801 building remained.

The Higgins Empire

Charles Higgins and his family moved to Bedford in the early 1820s. They were to become an important family in Bedford.

In 1837, Higgins built the Castle Brewery at Castle Close with a family home next to it. Higgins erected a brewery, granary, warehouses and cottages etc. with walls with eighteen inch thick stonework and the roof was to be in slate or tiles. The old watercourse or ditch running to the east of the later Castle Close House was to be arched over and walled. (This is now the old building of Cecil Higgins Museum and Art Gallery.) The total cost, including **boundary walls would be estimated to cost no more than £3,300. Charles' partner was his son; George.** When Charles died in 1862 George continued with the family business, buying public houses in Bedford, Kempston, Wootton and Shefford.

George Higgins died in 1883. Though his eldest son; George had no interest in running the **family business, George seniors' two younger sons did. Lawrence and Cecil continued to** purchase a number of public houses and properties close to the brewery. In 1902 the partnership was dissolved in favour of a limited company. In 1908 Higgins and Sons Limited bought the site of their brewery, as well as the house and the remains of Bedford Castle from the Duke of Bedford for £13,250 [R6/5/20/23/1] Lawrence Higgins died in May 1930 in Bedford. Cecil then used his personal fortune to collect china, glass and period furniture. He died on 9th April 1941 at Exmouth [Devon] but was buried in Bedford Cemetery. He left an estate of £163,033/9/7. The greater part of this, together with his collections and Castle Close House, was left in trust to found a museum for Bedford and the Cecil Higgins Museum and Art Gallery opened in 1949.

Trade in Bedford

Once a small settlement on the Ouse, Bedford was to become a prosperous town and even minted its own coins. In 1166 Bedford received a Royal charter from Henry II. This confirmed market and trading rights.

Bedford traded in wool during much of the Middle Ages before the brewing industry took over. From the 16th century Bedford became known for lace making.

During the early 1800s Bedford held local fairs where the buying and selling of cattle took place. **There were two weekly markets, Monday's would be held in Fountain's Inn Yard in St. Mary's parish and was generally limited to the sale of pigs and poultry. The second was held each Saturday at St. Paul's Square and in High Street. Grain would be sold on this day** though other traders could sell goods such as fruit and vegetables.

In the 1830s an ironworks opened. This was followed on 18th November 1846 by the first railway. The Bletchley Line enabled more people to stop in Bedford, brought by horse-drawn omnibuses to the railway terminus from villages such as Harrold, Biggleswade and Sharnbrook. By the late 1800s the first corn exchange had been built and by the 19th century Bedford had become known for its engineering and manufacturing industries though not all were to survive.

Recreation and tourism

As a town founded by the Great River Ouse, it would seem natural that some recreational activities would take place on or by the river. In 1872 the Bedford Grammar school enjoyed success as part of a Regatta and in 1886 the Bedford Rowing Club was founded. John J. Webster designed the Suspension Bridge and it was opened on 11th July 1888. This era also saw steam boats on the river every summer and in 1894–95 even the exceptionally cold winter did not deter people from venturing outside to skate on the frozen river.

The Bedford Bowling Club was set up in 1904 followed by the Picturedrome in 1910. The Bedford Lawn Tennis Club opened in the early 1920s.

Walking by the embankment and into the gardens was a popular pastime in the early 1900s with coloured lights strung through the trees. This was where the only permitted public **house was located; The Embankment Hotel, built in 1891 by Higgins' Brewery. The** popularity of entertainment by the river continued and in 1978 the first River Festival took place.

Bedford continues to be a recreational destination. In a Bedfordshire Tourism promotional leaflet from 1995; Bedfordshire—Simply the Best, Bedford is promoted as a place to visit the churches of St Paul, St Peter, St Mary and St John. Other places of interest include the **Swan Hotel, Dame Alice Street Almshouses and the Pilgrims' trail. In 2012, the Olympic Torch** passed through Bedford on route to the start of the Games in London.

The Church of St Mary—Goldington

The following section has been researched using BARS references: ‘Goldington Church of St. Mary’—Bedford compiled by Francis A. Fowler Esq. in collaboration with The Rev. C. Mackonochie, 1949 and ‘A History of the Church of St Mary the Virgin—Goldington PCC B(ARS Ref. 130 GOL.)

The parish of Goldington lies to the north-east of Bedford. It was incorporated into the Borough of Bedford in 1934. Ecclesiastical boundaries were also redrawn with the north-western section re-allocated to other parishes.

‘Goldington’ is a name that is probably derived from the Saxon; ‘Gedda’s Tun’, referring to a farm. The area is known in the Domesday Book as ‘Goldentone.’ It is likely that a Norman church had been built on the site of the present church. Newnham Priory was located within the parish of Goldington, east of what is now Russell Park. The Priory was founded around 1165 by the Lady Roisia and her son Simon de Beauchamp for the secular canons of St. Paul’s church. On the dissolution of the Abbey in 1541, the advowson was taken by the Crown and eventually was acquired by the Bishop of Ely and then the Bishop of St. Albans.

The parish was home to seven manors or holdings. Five were held by Hugh de Beauchamp, including a mill. The remaining two manors belonged to Remigius, Bishop of Lincoln and the canons of St. Paul, Bedford. The Hazelden family were known to own a manor in the area as early as 1432. Land was later owned by the Mowbray family and the Gostwicks, who passed the land to the Marlboroughs and then the Russells in 1774.

The church of St Mary is mostly 15th century although there is evidence of 13th and 14th century work. **It has been written that the church is a simple building with ‘no fine architecture.’ Little changed to the structure of the church during this time, though four of the six bells were rehung in the 1600s.**

Registers of the church begin in 1559. One notable entry is the marriage of Elizabeth to **Gilbert Ashly in 1677. The bride was John Bunyan’s second daughter. Ashley was a miller at Castle Mills, east of the village, on the Ouse.**

There are two pillars in the south chapel and these form the oldest part of the church. They were built in the 13th century as part of an arcade which, at one point, continued westward. The windows at this point are 15th century.



The chancel was rebuilt in 1899 but echoes the 14th century design. Look to the floor and walls and you will see memorial slabs of the Hazelden family that date from 1640 to 1732. The east window is also a memorial, that of Elizabeth Browne. She resided at Goldington Hall and died in 1894.

The north arcade of the nave is typical in design to that of many churches in Bedfordshire. Four bays with arches of two chamfered orders rest on piers that alternate between a round and octagonal design with moulded caps and bases.

On the floor of the north aisle is a brass. It was removed from another part of the church during an earlier restoration. A figure is dressed in a fur-lined gown with long hair. The inscription dates back to 1507 and is in the memory of Richard ffyscher. Monuments to Jack Pemberson and Benjamin Hazelden can also be found in the church.

The plain circular font dates from the 14th century.

The three story tower was built in the 15th century, as does the outer arch of the porch. An effigy of a 14th century lady with a mutilated dog can be found in the west wall. It is likely that the figure was from a tomb within the church.

Little work was carried out on the church until just after World War 2. The roof was in need of repair and some of the stonework needed making good. As is the case with much repair of buildings, it became evident that additional work would need to be carried out. Work was possible with the generosity of the parish and was completed in remembrance to those killed in World War 2.

The Elstow May festival

This section of the pack has been created using the Bedford Borough website as a main source and the BARS Community Archive pages.

May Day has been celebrated over many centuries and, for many, signals springtime. Farm workers would have completed seeding and so could afford one day away from work to celebrate. People would enjoy eating cakes, dancing and singing. One of the major features would be dancing around a tall wooden pole (Maypole) that was sometimes decorated with flowers and leaves or ribbons that dancers would weave with to cover the pole before dancing in the opposite direction and untwisting the ribbons again.

Although there appears to be no official recordings of the first May festival at Elstow, fairs took place dating back to the time of Elstow Abbey (1078—1539). A charter was held for traders to hold a market in May and this would have been a significant occasion, attracting many shoppers and traders of the surrounding counties.

By 1652, a puritan government had banned Maypoles but Elstow chose to ignore the ruling. The ban was reinstated in 1660 with the restoration of Charles II.

By 1773 the fairs were held on 14th May and 5th November.

In 1816 W. J. H. Colquhoun found the following note about Elstow Fair dating from 1676 – **note the old spellings [CRT130Elstow1]: “These are to give publick notice that Thomas Hillersdon, Esquire, Lord of the Manor of Elstow in the County of Bedford and of the great fayre there yearlye held on the second, third, Fourt and fifth day of Maye comonlye called Elstowe fayre, hath one fayre more granted unto him by his Majestye to be holden at Elstow afforesayd by the space of four dayes namely the twenty fourt, twenty fifth, twenty sixth and twenty seventh days of October in every year. The first of the said days being the four and twentieth day of October next is intended for the bringing in of horses, colts and all other sorts of cattell whatsoever and of all sorts of wares, and dead goodes, and the second day of the said fair being 25 October is intended for the chiefest and most principal day for the sale of the said cattle and goods, and to the end of the fayre and at the request of persons concerned in cheese, woole and leather, it is hereby intimated that there will be a particular sale of the sayd commodities on the third day of the said fair being the 25th October, and**



forand for the encouragement of his Majesty's subjects to repayre thither, the Lord of the said fair doth hereby declare that all convenient accommodation shall be provided both for the persons and goods of all resorting thither, and that the first of the said faires at the least shall be toll free”.

The tradition of the Elstow May Day festival appears to have been lost after 1889. It was not until 1925 that the local headmaster, Mr R.A.J Wadsworth thought to re-establish it. The festival became a popular feature and pupils at the school were even invited to perform outside the village.

There was a lot of preparation to the May festival and so parents and the children were involved in making flowers in red, white and blue paper to fix to branches.

Every year, a May Queen was selected from the top year of the school. Then, on the day of the festival, a procession of school children would snake their way from the school to the Green. The Maypole was carried by the oldest and strongest boys. A coach decorated with more paper flowers carried the May Queen, making her way to her coronation, two train bearers, a crown bearer and a Herald complete with a top hat and red tunic. More strong boys were on hand to pull the coach. For those children not members of the main party, they might be a Maid of Honour or a Jester. The remaining class members would carry the decorated branches.

Hundreds of people would gather as the children entered the Green. The Maypole would be set into the ground as would the paper flower boughs. This symbolised the start of Spring.

The Herald would make a speech and the May Queen would be crowned by the previous years' May Queen. **The Queen herself would then make a speech and request the ‘messengers of peace.’ The usual birds for such an occasion would have been doves but, possibly hard to come by, pigeons were suitable understudies for the proceedings!**

Elstow's May festival continued into the 1930s with great success and even into the period of World War 2. By 1952 Mr Wadsworth had retired but the festival was still going strong, attracting some ten to twelve thousand spectators.

Elstow Lower School reintroduced the festival in 1974. It was no where near the size of the events that had taken place in the decades before and the children were younger but it was a



new tradition that continued until 2000 when it became impossible to continue with the new curriculum in place.

Reverend Jeremy Crocker decided to return the May festival to its roots. In 2006, members of the church and village organised a fair event although the May Queen and the Maypole were still part of the festivities.

The following extract is taken from the Bedfordshire Times 20th May 1910 “Vanity Fair and Elstow Tapping”

“There are old people who remember as many as two or three thousand sheep being penned on the Green, but there was not a sheep to be seen on Monday. A special space was reserved for the sale of horned stock, but on this occasion the bovine race was represented by a few steers and heifers. The modern system of disposing of stock at the auction marts is said to account for the decay of business at the country fairs. It is nevertheless interesting to find that this old institution survives and long may it flourish”.

“At the fair on Monday there were horses of all sorts and sizes, including two or three groups of Welsh cobs and some cart horses. The dealers worked hard to find customers, and galloped the horses up and down the walk by the churchyard wall or sent them stampeding over the green, but we fear there was very little business done. In one corner stood a small herd of steers and heifers, but there was no sign of trade. Scattered about the green were several horses and traps and throngs of men in animated conversation. Contrary to custom, there was not a single caravan, and the nearest approach to a roundabout was a scissors grinding machine in the street. On a bank holiday the usual caterers to public amusement would no doubt find a more profitable pitch where holiday makers more thickly congregate”.



Elstow May pole dancers on green with church in background in 1930s.

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Bedford Timeline:

796: King Offa, the strongest ruler in Britain since the Romans, dies. A medieval chronicler called Matthew Paris, records a tradition that he was buried in Bedford

886: Bedford becomes a boundary town between the Danes and King Alfred of Wessex

899: After the death of King Alfred the Danes successfully occupy Bedford

915: Edward the Elder (Alfred's son) manages to take control of the area around Bedford

1009-1010: More trouble with the Danes who sailed along the Ouse "and ever burnt as they went"

1066: Bedford is seized by the Norman army after the defeat of King Harold by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings. William grants land to Ralf de Tallebosc which includes Bedford. Ralf begins to rebuild Bedford Castle

- Goldington Mill is mentioned in the Domesday Book, worth 30s and 100 eels.

1087: Hugh de Beauchamp is granted the Barony of Bedford by William and rebuilds Bedford castle in stone

1137: During the civil wars between King Stephen and Queen Matilda, King Stephen tries to take Bedford castle away from the Beauchamp family, and there is a siege. Miles de Beauchamp loses the castle but regains it in 1141 at the end of the wars.

1153: Augustinian Priory founded at Cauldwell

1165: Newnham Priory at Goldington founded by Simon de Beauchamp

1166: Bedford receives a town charter from Henry II

1180: St. John's Church founded as the private chapel of St. John's Hospital

1215: The Barons meet at Bedford castle in a minor rebellion against King John. King John sends Falkes de Breaute, a mercenary, to attack it

1224: The great siege of Bedford castle. Henry III defeats Falkes de Breaute (who had rather flagrantly been abusing the law) and hangs 80 of his men

1238: Franciscan friars arrive in Bedford

1496: Birth of (Sir) William Harpur in Bedford

1536: Henry VIII dissolves Cauldwell Priory



1541: Newnham Priory dissolved by Henry VIII

1566: Harpur's Bedford Charity (now known as the Harpur Trust) endowed by Sir William and Dame Alice Harpur by gifts of lands in Holborn

1588: William Boteler becomes Sheriff of Bedford

1559: Goldington parish registers found from this year

1605: Gamaliel Ratsey, the notorious highwayman hanged at Bedford

1610: John Speed's map of Bedford printed, the earliest surviving map of the town

1643: Bedford (a town in sympathy with the Parliamentarians during the Civil War) is "attacked and taken by Prince Rupert during October...and the castle, temporarily restored to its original purpose of defence, was fortified by the Royalists, whose occupation was very brief." (VCH pt.25 p.4)

1648: In this year Bedford Corporation appointed a new official in an attempt to make a discrimination between the deserving and the undeserving poor. He was called the 'Bedell of Beggars'. "His duties were to arrest and convey to the constable all such persons being no inhabitants of the town as he shall find begging. He was to whip all persons sentenced to such punishment, and was to wear a coat with the town badge.

1650s: Goldington hall is built

1671: The first recorded occupant of Goldington Hall was Nicholas Luke. He was recorded as having 10 fire-hearths and stoves and was liable to pay two shillings per year for each hearth. (This payment was part of the Hearth Tax).

1671-1688: John Bunyan the minister of the Independent Church (now known as the Bunyan Meeting)

1672: A freak storm hits the town, houses and gates are blown down and a tree was 'carried over Paul's steeple as if it had been a bundle of feathers'

1680: John Wright, a shoemaker, accused of bewitching Dinah Wiffin, a bricklayer's wife who lived in the parish of St. Peter de Merton. Dinah was subject to fits of madness and had become obsessed with the memory of John Wright who she had once turned from her door. Her family accused him of bewitching her and he was brought before the Mayor of Bedford. John Wright appeared to be rather bemused by the whole thing and "Being demanded whether he was a witch (he) said he did not know but he trust to God he is not." Wright was sent to Bedford Gaol and to the Assizes. He was acquitted.

1688: Two "dreadful fires" destroy areas of the town on the 12th and 13th April

1738-39: A bad epidemic of smallpox in the town killing the vicar of St. Paul's amongst others



Bedford Timeline:

1772: The Howard Congregational Chapel founded in Mill Street by John Howard. It was enlarged in 1849 and in 1862 a school room and various class rooms were erected to celebrate the Ministry of the Rev. William Alliott (Kelly's Directory, 1920)

1794: The Swan Hotel built for the Duke of Bedford by the architect Henry Holland replacing an earlier inn which stood closer to the High Street.

1794: The parish register of St. Mary's Church, records the burial of John Hallett, at one time midshipman of HMS Bounty then under command of William Bligh. When the famous mutiny occurred Hallett was asleep when he should have been on watch, a gross dereliction of duty. Hallett was however loyal to Bligh and was one of the crewmen who made the 4,000 mile sea voyage to the Dutch East Indies. At Bligh's court martial Hallett gave evidence against the mutineers and in 1790 formed part of the crew of HMS Pandora under Captain Edward Edwards who was given orders to capture the mutineers.

1801: Bedford Prison built in St. Loyes Street. In the seventeenth century the county gaol had stood at the north east corner of Silver Street. "The new building included a turnkey's lodge, cells for debtors, felons and house of correction prisoners, hot and cold baths and an oven to purify infected clothing. The silence system was enforced with great severity, wooden partitions being placed between any two prisoners at work on the treadmill. Separate exercise was allowed in the yards, and meals were taken in the cells." (VCH pt.25 p.4)

1803: Bedford Infirmary built. It was a gift of John Duke of Bedford. The cost of the building was met by S. Whitbread who also gave 4,000 to endow it. The Infirmary was abandoned when the new hospital was completed within the same grounds

1808: An Act passed "for the better care and maintenance of lunatics" leading to the building of an asylum in Amphill Road under the guidance of Samuel Whitbread. The asylum finally opened in April 1812. It was funded by public subscription and cost 11,798. The asylum continued to treat people until 1860 when it was incorporated into the Three Counties Hospital at Arlesey

1813: New Bedford Town Bridge designed by local architect, John Wing. The first stone was laid on the 26th August 1811 by Francis Marquiss of Tavistock. The bridge was opened free toll on 1st July 1835. (Kelly's Directory, 1920)

1813: Some time after this date the artist J.M.W. Turner painted a view of the sun setting over Bedford Bridge (Beds. Times 9th August 1984)

1821: The Huntingdon, Bedford and Peterborough Gazette notes "Straw plaiting, making straw hats, and list shoes, and slippers and mops; grinding corn into flour, and dressing it, digging gravel, sifting it; digging lime stone; and road making in the immediate vicinity of the prison; are the principal employments of the male prisoners. Washing prison clothes, making and mending different articles of dress, knitting and darning stockings, are the employments of female prisoners."



1823: River Ouse burst its bank causing tremendous floods

1825: Bedfordshire Notes and Queries (Vol. 1) records this tombstone inscription in Saint Paul's Churchyard to the memory Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Waldock, who died in 1825, "Pain was my portion, physic my food, Groans my devotion, drugs did me no good".

1830: Bedford Modern School built in the town by Edward Blore (now the Harpur Shopping Centre)

1830: Bedford Subscription Library founded (VCH pt.25 p.4)

1831: William Hale White (known as the author Mark Rutherford) born in the High Street, Bedford. His father was William White, a bookseller and printer

1832: Bedford Gas Company brings gas to the town for the first time

1833: The Gas Light Company purchase land between Priory Street and Greyfriars Walk in order to start supplying gas to Bedford. Until this point Bedford's "streets were still unilluminated except by sperm oil lamps at infrequent corners and its...houses were lighted by oil lamps and candles." (Bedford District Gas Company Report 1933)

1835: Assembly Rooms (now known as the Harpur Suite) built in the classical style

1837: Bedford Mercury newspaper first published

1838: Higgins Brewery built in Castle Lane by Charles Higgins (grandfather of Cecil Higgins)

1840: Holy Trinity church built by architect John Brown

1842: Frederick Burnaby, British soldier, traveller and adventurer born in Bedford

1843: Sarah Dazley of Wrestlingworth became the last woman to be publicly hanged outside Bedford Gaol for poisoning her husband with arsenic. This 'horrid case' was reported in The Times with great flourish and gusto on the 15th April

1844: George Stephenson (of railway fame) visits Bedford

1845: Bedford Times newspaper founded by James Wyatt

1846: Castle Close (now the Cecil Higgins Museum) built by Charles Higgins next door to his brewery

1846: Bedford to Bletchley Railway line opened

1846: The 'Bedford Times' coach leaves the Swan Inn for London for the last time, a victim of the success of the new railway lines

1847: St. Cuthbert's church built

- Goldinton Enclosure Act passed



Bedford Timeline:

1849: A serious outbreak of cholera in the town

1849-50: Bunyan Meeting Church built by architects J.T. Wing and T.J. Jackson

1850: Bedford cemetery established

1851—Population of Goldington is 606

1853: The first formal Bedford Amateur Regatta held on 25th August. There were eight races in all

1855: Bedford cemetery opened. The entrance lodge was designed by T.J. Jackson

1856: Foundation stone laid on the 23rd April by the Duchess of Bedford of the Working Men's Institute in Harpur Street (now known as the Guild House). The project cost 1,383 and was largely the gift of the Rev. R. W. Fitzpatrick, the Vicar of Holy Trinity

1859: James and Frederick Howard open the Britannia Iron Works in Kempston Road as a manufactory of steel ploughs

1859: Midland Road railway station opened

1860: The Midland Hotel built

1861—Population of Goldington is 609

1862: Bedford to Cambridge railway line opened

1864: Italian General Garibaldi visits the Britannia Iron Works

1865: Land in Brereton Road purchased for a Catholic Church

1866: Waterworks established in Clapham Road and main drainage put in hand for the town

1866: Bedford Amateur Rowing Club formed at the Dame Alice Street Club Rooms on 15th March under Edwin Ransome, the Mayor of Bedford. The club became known as the Bedford Rowing Club nine years later

- Goldington Public Elementary School built

1869: Bedford Volunteer Fire Brigade formed

1873: The last official horse race run at Bedford racecourse. The racecourse was on the Pear Tree Farm site in Elstow

1874: Statue to John Bunyan by Sir Edgar Boehm erected on St.Peters Green.



1874: Corn Exchange erected at a cost of 10,000. It was opened by Francis 9th Duke of Bedford on April 15th.

1874: Goldington Hall is rebuilt

1876: Duke of Bedford presents the Bunyan Meeting Church with bronze doors by Frederick Thrupp

1876—Population of Goldington is 600

1879-81: Shire Hall erected opposite St.Paul's Church by "Prudential" Waterhouse at a cost Of 20,000

1880: Volunteer Fire Brigade House in Mill Street built. "The Brigade has a total strength of 20 men, and a resident trained engineer." (Kelly's Directory, 1920)

1881: Bedford Training College (later known as Bedford College of Higher Education and then De Montfort University) was founded as a result of a decision to establish a kindergarten school in Bedford in 1881. A leading member of the founding group was Joshua Hawkins, part owner of the Bedfordshire Times.

1882: Girls High School built by Champneys

1882: Bedford Training College founded (later Bedford College of Education)

1882: Lady Isabella Whitbread opens the High School for Girls

1884: Prebend Street bridge opened on October 21st

1886: Bedford Rowing Club founded

1888: Suspension Bridge opened by the Marquis of Tavistock. The bridge was designed by John J. Webster

1888: Bedford Park opened by the Marquis of Tavistock

1888: General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, visits Bedford

1891: Embankment Hotel opened. It was built by the brewing family Higgins and Sons.

1894: Statue to John Howard the prisoner reformer erected. The statue was by Sir Alfred Gilbert

1894: W.H. Allen's Engineering Works founded near the railway

1897: Bedford General Hospital opened on Kempston Road



1897: "Modern Bedford is an up-to-date, picturesque, well built town, standing upon both sides of the river Ouse with a population of 33,000 inhabiting 6,000 houses. There are twenty miles of streets, eight miles of main roads, and five miles of private roads. The rateable value of the borough is 128,281. There are 4,268 parliamentary voters and 5,976 names upon the parochial registers" (from the Bedford Guide, Diamond Jubilee edition)

1898: Russell Park opened. (Kelly's Directory, 1920)

1901—Population of Goldington is 587

1903: Bedford Physical Training College founded (taken over by Bedfordshire County Council in 1952)

1903: Dora Carrington moves to Bedford with her family to take up residence in 6 Rothsay Gardens. She later went on to become an artist and was closely associated with the Bloomsbury Group

1904: Bedford Bowling Club set up. South African War Memorial unveiled by Lady Cowper, wife of Earl Cowper, Lord Lieutenant of the county. The memorial has the names of those who died serving in Bedfordshire military units as well as Bedfordshire men serving in other units. The Bedfordshire Standard said of the statue "The general effect is that of a soldierly figure in a restful attitude and as a work of art it seems successful as a worthy memorial of the part Bedfordshire played in the war"

1905: The Arcade opened on March 25th

1910: The Bedford Picturedrome, Bedford's first purpose built cinema opens (demolished 1964)

1911: St. Leonard's church built by architect G.P. Allen

1911— Population of Goldington is 967

1913: Igranic Electric Co. sets up in Bedford

1913: Meltis Factory sets up in the town

1921: Bedford Lawn Tennis Club move to Bradgate Road. Originally the club started with a small shed and seven grass courts

1921: Boathouses (between the Butterfly Bridge and Suspension Bridge) built to accommodate Bedford Modern School, Bedford School and Bedford Rowing Club. They were designed by a local architect George P. Allen FRIBA

1921—Population of Goldington is 1,097

1928: Goldington Hall purchased by David Robinson founder of Robinson Rentals, Bedford and millionaire racehorse owner.

1931—Population of Goldington is 1,440



1932: Britannia Works closes

1934: Granada Cinema opened in St. Peters Street

1934: The parish of Goldington is merged with Bedford

1938: Girl's Modern School (now Dame Alice) moves to new premises in Cardington road

1941: The BBC Symphony Orchestra and several other broadcasting departments evacuated to Bedford

1941: "Charlie Chaplin's Great Film at Bedford...many Bedford people have this week seen one of the most effective pieces of film propaganda against war and dictatorship ever made. The film, Charlie Chaplin's 'The Great Dictator' is being shown at the Plaza and Picturedrome cinemas." (Bedfordshire Times, 31st January, 1941)

1941: "A clarification of the position regarding sandbags in Bedford was given to the Bedfordshire Times and Standard reporter by Inspector L.B. Loveridge Chief A.R.P. Officer for the Borough on Tuesday. He said that two bags of sand were being distributed to each house and that the idea was one of the bags should be kept in the porch and the other taken indoors. The distribution of the bags of sand is in pursuance of the A.R.P. Department's policy of giving every possible help in connection with the campaign against incendiary bombs..." (Bedfordshire Times, 14th February 1941)

1941: "The total amount raised during Bedford's War Weapons Week was 466,526 - over 216,000 in excess of the sum organisers set out to achieve." (Bedfordshire Times, 21st February, 1941)

1941: Dig for Victory: "Bedford Corporation propose to open a Dig for Victory campaign in the Borough on the 3rd March with a public meeting over which the Mayor (Mr A.M. Dudney) will preside....What people do in the first week of March will decide the quantity and kind of food they will have later in the year. We want people to produce non-perishable foodstuffs, to learn how to use fertilizers and to render help to each other. The Mayor said that badges or other distinguishing marks would be issued for display outside houses so that members of the public would know those people who were willing to advise on gardening problems...." (Bedfordshire Times, 21st February 1941)

1942: The Americans arrive in rural district aerodromes surrounding Bedford and start visiting the town

1944: The Bedfordshire Times and Standard (7th January) includes adverts for a BBC Symphony Orchestra concert at the Corn Exchange with a programme of Berlioz, Mozart, Berg and Brahms under Sir Adrian Boult and the Ballet Rambert in a repertory of their original ballets at the Town Hall. On a lighter note the Plaza Cinema was advertising "Bing's first musical! starring Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour in 'The exciting career of rollicking minstrel man Dan Emmett, who caught the spirit of the south in one triumphant song!' " while the Picture Drome was showing 'Tarzan triumphs' with Johnny Weissmuller

1944: A new American Club opened for American officers visiting Bedford. It was situated on the corner of Kimbolton and Goldington roads and run by the American Red Cross (Bedfordshire Times and Standard, 4th February, p.8)



1944: The Bedford Times and Standard of the 17th March carried the following report "Rat menace in Bedfordshire and District. Every man, woman and child is asked to be a "Rat-Reporter"....**All you need to do** - If you see a rat fill in this coupon and take it or post it to 65 St. Mary's Street Bedford stating where you have seen rats. Issued by the Ministry of Food

1947: Volunteer Fire Brigade replaced by a public service fire brigade

1947: Bedford suffers from severe flooding, the Ouse rises 6ft above its normal levels at the Town Bridge

1948: First May Day Festival at Goldington School on 8th. More than 6,000 watched

1957: Goldington Power Station officially opened in August, employing 240

1960: Barry Fry becomes the first Bedford schoolboy to be capped for England in a soccer international

1960: A 600,000 water treatment works opened on the outskirts of Bedford (Clapham Road)

1967: The County Hotel (later known as the Moat House) opens in November. The development company was Bedford (Ford End) Property Co. Ltd. and the architects were Ronald Salmon and Partners Kensington.

1968: RAF Henlow given the freedom of Bedford. The parade was formed by the Queen's Colour Squadron of the RAF, with three squadrons and a band from Henlow. Four Canberras from RAF Bassingbourne flew over in formation. The Mayor of Bedford, Alderman Ron Sharman, presented the scroll to Captain N. F. Curtis, Officer Commanding RAF Henlow

1969: County Hall constructed

1969: Robinson swimming pool opened

1971: Work started on Mowsbury Golf Course

1971: Joe Bugner gives a boxing display in Bedford to support the National Association of Boys Clubs boxing championships. Joe Bugner fought for Bedford Boys Club as an amateur. (Bedford record, 9th February, 1971)

1971: The Bedford Record advertises newly built homes in Torr ridge Rise, Bedford as follows "spacious 3 bedroomed semi-detached with garage, luxury 'Hygena' kitchen units 4,945, 3 bedroomed detached houses from 6,000" (Bedford Record, 4th May 1971)

1971: Howard Chapel in Mill Street closed. It had originally been built in 1774 under the patronage of John Howard. It was enlarged in 1849 by local architect John Usher

1972: Bedford Central Library opened in Harpur Street



1976: Mander College, Bedford College of Education and Bedford College of Physical education amalgamated to form Bedford College of Higher Education

1976: A stained glass window celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Harpur Trust installed in St. Paul's church. It was designed by Brian Thomas

1978: The old Midland Road railway station demolished and replaced by the new station

1978: First Bedford River Festival to celebrate the opening up of Bedford to the sea

1980: Newnham swimming pool closed and replaced by Aspects Leisure Centre

1980: The Bridge Hotel in St. Mary's Street demolished to enlarge Bedford College site. Until 1890 it had been the private residence of the Nash family of brewers. It had been gutted by fire in 1977

1982: Bedford Museum opened in the converted Higgins brewery buildings in Horne Lane

1982: The Eagles Football Club folds (to be re-launched in 1990)

1983: Goldington Power Station closes

1982: Artificial canoe slalom course created at Priory Park. The project cost 273,000 and was the first artificial canoe slalom course in Britain

1984: The Suspension Bridge re-opened after being closed for repairs. It was restored by Bedford firm CAEC Howard Ltd. and cost 32,000

1984: Putnoe Heights Church opened by the Bishop of St. Albans, the Right Rev. John Taylor and the Chairman of the London NW District of the Methodist Church, the Rev. Stanley Chesworth

1987: Neolithic henge monument excavated on the Tesco supermarket site

1988: Pilgrim Upper School closed

1988: Goldington Road Tesco store opens. The main contractors were Higgs and Hill plc and the architects were Woods Hardwick of Bedford

1989: Britannia Iron Works pulled down

1991: Granada Cinema in St. Peter's Street demolished

1992: Goldington School re-starts the May Festival, discontinued since the 1960s

1993: Fatima Whitbread (winner of the javelin world championship gold medal) comes to Bedford to open the Bedford Athletics Stadium in Barkers Lane

1993: Bedford Eagles move into their new 'Eyre' at Meadow Lane, Bedford. The stadium was opened by Trevor Brooking



1994: Bedford becomes a university town with the establishment of De Montfort University

1995: Suspension Bridge granted status as a listed building

1995: Excavations by Bedfordshire County Council uncover a ritual site of late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age date (c1800 BC) together with evidence for Early to Middle Bronze Age (c800-400BC) domestic and ritual activity next to the Bunyan Centre. The excavation was undertaken because of housing development. Three skeletons were found, one of which was accompanied by a complete Beaker pot (Conserving Bedfordshire Heritage, 1996, Beds. C.C.)

1995: Bedford Register Office moves from 3 Brereton Road to Pilgrim House, Brickhill Drive. The Register Office had been at Brereton Road for over 30 years

1995: Foundations for the new Wilkinson's shop locate the line of the western outer bailey ditch of Bedford castle (c1080-1224/25) (Conserving Bedfordshire Heritage, 1996, Beds. C.C.)

1998: Floods during Easter cause many problems within the town and in surrounding villages

2003: Housing built on the former Britannia Iron Works site on Kempston Road

<http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/>

Arthur Mee's Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire, revised and edited by Joyce Godber, 1973

Kelly's directories at Bedford Central Library and BARS

Newspaper cuttings at Bedford Central Library

Victoria County History of Bedfordshire 3 Vols. (1972, first published 1912)

A more detailed history of Bedford can be found on the community archives web pages





Explanation of Images

The images included in this Local Study Pack have been selected for their relevance to the area of Bedford Town Centre and Goldington

A range of images have been selected to highlight the history and geography of the area and are intended to stimulate enquiry based study. The majority of the documents used can be found in the archives. The images are intentionally labelled only with an archives reference, so that students are encouraged to search for clues regarding the nature, age and relevance of each image.

A PowerPoint presentation of all of the images can be obtained by contacting the Archives Learning Officer.

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Maps

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Postcards

The postcards selected as part of this pack represent a small number from a vast collection held at the Archives. The postcards are valuable for both the images produced and any information on the reverse. Many of the postcards in the collection date from 1890s—1930s.



Image 1:

Postcard titled "The Promenade and River , Bedford " showing people strolling along the promenade , River Ouse and the town bridge in the background. Sent to Miss W. Jackson, St. Katharines , Rustal Road, Cambridge from Albert of the Cheshires. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine Series No. - 75519.

Ref: Z1130/9/3/81
 Date: 18 Aug 1915 at
 9:15pm



Image 2:

Coloured postcard titled "The Playground, Bedford Park" showing children playing on playground apparatus. Sent to Miss Snowie, Leslie Place, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, Scotland from PTE. Bedford postmark. Appears to be written by a soldier . Published by Rush and Warwick, Art Printers, Bedford .

Production date
 From: 1914 To: 1914

Format
 Mezzograph postcard

Ref: z1306/9/9/29
 Date: 17th Aug 1914 at 9:15pm

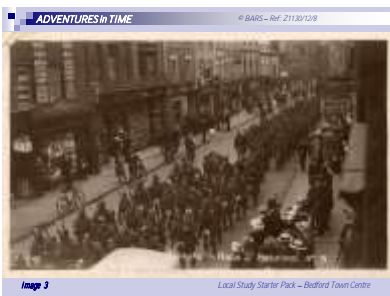


Image 3:

Troops in High Street, Bedford. Bedford postmark. Published by Blake & Edgar. No. - 9.

Thousands of Highland territorials were billeted in Bedford between August 1914 and Spring 1915. The Highlanders were very popular in town and a Highland dancing competition was even organized in Bedford Park in 1915.

Ref: Z1130/12/8
 Date: 19 September 1914



Image 4:

Title

Card showing view looking north up High Street from St. Paul's Square. Published by Photochrom Ltd. - 23446 (identified by bear trade mark). sent to Mrs Anderwood, Rushden, Northamptonshire, from Willie; W.E. Davies, staying at 29 Great Butts Street, Bedford (a soldier).

Ref: z1130/10/33/86
 Date: 17 Jul 1915 at 9.45am



Image 5:

Coloured postcard titled "Bedford Silver Street" showing a view looking down Silver St. from the Harpur Street, horse and carts on the roadway and the pavements full of busy shoppers. Sent to Miss Rumball, 4 Fouberts Place, Regent St. London W. from N. Thomas. Bedford postmark. Published by The Photochrom Co. Ltd. London No. - 23477.

Postally used 15 September 1910 at 7 pm

Ref: Z1130/10/63/1
Date: 1910



Image 6:

Postcard showing St. Paul's Square and Church. Publisher identified as Valentine by serial number - 216239JV.

The card is unused.

Ref: Z1130/10/58/8
Date: 1920—1939



Image 7:

Coloured postcard with the caption The Green, Goldington shows a view looking the across the green of the war memorial and the school in the distance. Card is unused. Publisher unknown.

Production date

From: 1920 To: 1930

Format

Coloured postcard

Ref: Z1130/10/51/7
Date: 1920—1930



Image 8:

Card showing view of Howard House, Bedford. (This was the Town House of John Howard 1726-1790 the Prison Reformer). Published under The Progress Series No. 104872. Card unused.

(Additional details on John Howard can be found in the 'Brief History' and 'Bedford Town Centre Sculptures' sections of this resource pack.)

Ref: Z1130/10/42/2
Date: 1910 –1920



Image 9:

Coloured postcard with the caption King Edward Road, Goldington, shows a view of a quiet road-way with a horse and cart in the distance. Card is unused. Publisher is unknown.

Production date

From: 1920 To: 1930

Format

Coloured postcard

Ref: Z1130/51/9

Date: 1920 –1930



Image 10:

Card with picture of the old gaol on Bedford Bridge, published by W.P. Mayo of 61-63 Midland Road, Bedford. Card sent to Miss M. Pearce, Prospect House, Lindfield, Sussex, from Kate.

Printed caption on reverse: "This bridge was built in 1224 out of the ruins of old Bedford Castle, and the structure standing upon it served the double purpose of a Town Prison and Toll House. Bunyan's long imprisonment was not here, but in the County Gaol; but three years after his release in 1672 he was again imprisoned for six months, this time in the Town Goal shewn in this view. Bunyan's chief biographer, Dr. John Brown, contends that the 'Pilgrims Progress' was written here."

Ref: Z1130/9/5/62

Date: 3rd Sept 1906 at
8:15pm



Image 11:

Card showing premises of William G. Shepherd, 56 Bromham Road, Bedford, with 2 ladies standing in the doorway.

Date free text

postally used 1 Jul 1906

Ref: Z1306/10/8/2

Date: 1906



Image 12:

Card showing premises of George Moore, 146 [later 144a] Bromham Road [near railway bridge]. Two ladies standing outside

Date free text
c.1928

Production date

From: 1925 To: 1930

Ref: Z1306/10/8/5

Date: circa 1928

Scope and Content

No indication of publisher. Not postally used



Image 13:

Postcard with the title Girl's Modern School, Bedford showing a class seated at their desks. The school was later to become the Dame Alice Harpur School. Card unused. Published by P. A. Buchanan & Co. Croydon, Surrey . No. - 10513.

Production date

From: 1904 To: 1920

Format

Mezzograph

Ref: Z1130/9/2/4/2

Date: 1904– 1920



Image 14:

R101 flying over Bedford, as viewed from Silver Street looking towards Jelley & Clarke's Central Supply Stores .

The R101 was a rigid airship and was built in Cardington. When it was built it was the largest flying object ever made. R101 had a cruising height of 1,500 feet. It was 732ft long, 132ft diameter and was filled with the highly flammable hydrogen gas. In the early hours of 5th October 1930, on its maiden voyage to Karachi, India the R101 was battling strong winds over the Beauvais Ridge in France. R101 crashed killing 48 of the 54 people on board.

Ref: BorBK2/9/7/27

Date: 1928 –1929



Image 15:

Confirmation by Clarenceux King of Arms to Mayor etc of Bedford of their ancient and modern coat of arms, with illustrations thereof; 7 June 1566 Endorsed, as entered at visitation of Bedford 1634.

The coat of arms on the left is the ancient version and has not been dated. The modern coat of arms (image on the right) were confirmed but not granted in **1566. There are variants of the arms, one being found on John Speed's 1610 map of Bedford.**

Ref: BorBA2/1

Date: 1556–1634



Image 16:

Coloured postcard with the caption Goldington Church, shows a view of the church tower, church gates and exterior wall. Sent to Miss Conquest, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts. Post marked Kimbolton. Published by Rush & Warwick, Art Printers, Bedford.

Postally used 6 December 1906

Format

Coloured postcard

Ref: Z1130/51/3

Date: 1906



Image 17:

Black and white postcard of a drawing of an image of Bedford Castle and its environs circa 1224.

Presented by West Sussex County Record Office, County Hall, Chichester on 17 August 1973.

Black and white postcard of a drawing of an image of Bedford Castle and its environs as imagined at the time of the siege in 1224, landscape orientation.

The view in the drawing is looking north-eastwards from a position south-east of the town bridge. St Paul's Church is in the lower left of the picture with other buildings going up what is now the High Street and along what could now be Mill Street. There is a significant gatehouse at the north end of the bridge. (Additional information on this card held at BARS).

Ref: Z143/16
Date: Production date
1900—1925

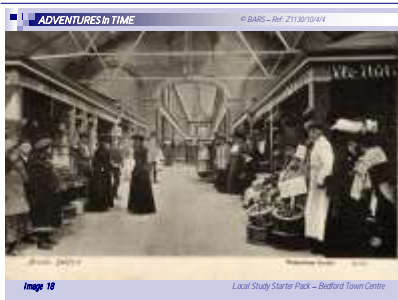


Image 18:

Card showing The Arcade, Bedford. Card unused. Published by Valentine No. 47119.

1905
Production date

From: 1905 To: 1905

Format
Photographic postcard

Ref: Z1130/10/4/4
Date: 1905



Image 19:

Partial 25" First Edition Ordnance Survey map dating from 1881—1884 and showing London Road and the land surrounding it.

Ref: OS 25" First Edition
Partial 141
Date: 1881—1884

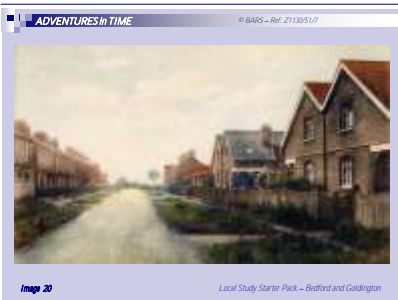


Image 20:

Coloured postcard with the caption Alexander Road, Goldington. Card is unused. Publisher unknown.

Production date
From: 1910 To: 1930

Format
Coloured postcard

Ref: Z1130/51/7
Date: 1910—1930



The Swain Collection

Any image used to form your starter pack with the reference Z1130 have been taken from The Swain Collection. Mr Alec Swain collected postcards from across Bedfordshire. In 2006, the collection was purchased by Bedfordshire Archives Service from the estate of Mr Swain.

Many of the postcards in the collection have now been digitised. The list below are references to the digitised postcards relevant to Bedford streets. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Archives Learning Officer.

Z1130/10/1 Albany Road

Z1130/10/2 Ampthill Road, Bedford

Z1130/10/2/1 Card showing Ampthill Road Bedford. Unused. Printed by Lilywhite Ltd. Halifax. No.- 36.

Photographic postcard 1910 - 1920.

Z1130/10/2/2 Card showing Ampthill Road, Bedford. Sent to Mr. Daniel Sharp, c/o Higgins Low Road, Whittlets, Ayr, N.B. Bedford postmark. Published by Lilywhite Halifax No. - 37.

Photographic postcard Postally used 24 August 1914 at 1. AM.

Z1130/10/3 Ashburnham Road, Bedford

Z1130/10/3/1 Card showing Bishopstone House, Bedford. Sent to Mr. A. Woods, 135 Tavistock Street, Bedford from C . Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Photographic postcard Postally used 11 September 1908 10.15 PM.

Z1130/10/4 The Arcade, Bedford

Z1130/10/4/1 Card shows The Arcade, Bedford. (The Arcade was opened 24th. March, 1905). Sent to Miss G. Brown, 12 Esplanade, Whitley Bay, Northumberland from Dollie. Published by Valentine No. - 47119.

photoprint Postally used 25 May 1906 12. 01 PM.

Z1130/10/4/2 Card shows group of retail workers in The Arcade, Bedford. Caption reads "THE ARCADE, BEDFORD OPENED MARCH 25th 1905" Sent to Miss Robinson, Box End House, Kempston, Beds from E. B. Bedford postmark. Card printed by A. T. Covington, 20 The Arcade.

photoprint Postally used 3 April 1905 at 1 AM.

Z1130/10/4/3 Card showing The Lower Arcade, Bedford under construction. Card unused. Published by A.T. Covington.

Photographic postcard 1905

Z1130/10/4/4 Card showing The Arcade, Bedford. Card unused. Published by Valentine No. 47119.

Photographic postcard 1905

Z1130/10/4/5 Card showing The Arcade, Bedford. Sent to Mr. C. Payne, Burley Road, Oakham, Rutland. Published by Valentine No. - 48531.

Coloured postcard Postally used 7 August 1908 at 10. AM.

Z1130/10/5-6 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/7 Broadway, Bedford

Z1130/10/7/1 Card showing The Broadway, Bedford. Sent to Miss Kelly, The Sundial, Frinton Road, Kirby Cross, Frinton on Sea, Essex from Jessie. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd., Royal Tunbridge Wells . No. - 81459.

Air Mail paper Postally used 1938.

Z1130/10/7/2 Card showing The Broadway, Bedford. Sent to Miss Ekins at 33 Barridale Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool from D & M. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd., London & Tunbridge Wells. No. - 81459.

Photographic postcard Postally used 28 April 1946 , 4 PM.

Z1130/10/8 Bromham Road, Bedford

Z1130/10/8/1 Card showing Avon Lodge, Bedford. Sent to Misses Townend, The Poplars, Yardley Gobion, Stony Stratford from C. C. Freazey. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Photographic postcard Postally used 8 June 1927 at 7. PM.

Z1130/10/9-18 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/19 De Parys Avenue, Bedford

Z1130/10/19/1 Card showing Airship over De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Card unused. Publisher unknown. (The Airship is the R31 built at Cardington in 1918 by Short Brothers).

Photographic postcard 1918.



Z1130/10/19/2 Card entitled "Bedford, The Pari Avenue". (Refers to De Pary's Avenue). Sent to Miss Bazell, 55 Bartholomews Rd., Reading, Berks from Amy. Bedford postmark. Published under The Wrench Series . No. - 7204.
photoprint Postally used 9 August 1904 at 7. 30 PM.

Z1130/10/19/3 Card showing De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Charles Gordon, Esq., 326 Gillot Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Peacock Platino-Photo Card. Published by The Pictorial Stationary Co. Ltd. London.
Photographic postcard Postally used 30 October 1905 at 1. AM.

Z1130/10/19/4 Card showing view of De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Miss Stacey, c/o Mr. Harry Davies St. Michael's Falmouth, Cornwall from L. D. (Road Sign in corner of card reads Bromham, Olney, Newport Pagnell, Nothampton, Kimbolton, Gt. North Rd., St. Neots, Huntingdon, Cambridge). Published under Valentine's Series No. - 88349.
Photographic postcard Postally used 8 september 1923 at 1. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/19/5 View of De Pary's Avenue Bedford. Card sent to Mr. W. Eddy, Pembroke Rd., Baldock, Herts from Miggos. Bedford postmark. BB Series postcard.
photoprint Postally used 19 September 1907 at 10. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/19/6 Card showing De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Miss Scholes, Glenavon Morthoe, N. Devon from H. L. Bedford postmark. Published by Young & Co. Teddington . No. - B27.
Photographic postcard Postally used 23 September 1910 at 9. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/19/7 View of De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Mr. R. Gair, 16 Church St., Dingwell, Ross Shire from Dad. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine No. - 75507.
Coloured postcard Postally used 13 December 1914 at 7. PM.

Z1130/10/19/8 Composite card with Scottish Soldier and a view of De Pary's Avenue entitled "We're Doing our Best For King and Country At Bedford" Sent to Miss F. Philip, 5 Harlaw Place, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland from PTe. N. Philip. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine No. - 75507.
Photographic postcard Postally used 11 December 1914 at 11. PM.

Z1130/10/19/9 View of De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Miss G. Evans, 2 Lincoln Street, Kingsthorpe, Northampton from Florrie. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine No. - 75507.
Photographic postcard Postally used 7 August 1917 at 11. 45 AM.

Z1130/10/19/10 View of De Pary's Avenue Bedford. Sent to Miss P. Barnes, 11 The Greenway Uxbridge, Middlesex from V. Published by Boots, Photogravure Series.
Photographic postcard 1918 - 1919

Z1130/10/19/11 View of De Pary's Avenue Bedford. (The horse-drawn delivery cart in the photograph is inscribed LMS EXPRESS PARCEL TRAFFIC). Sent to Mrs. J. Chapman, Windfield Church Road, Hockley, Essex . Bedford postmark. Nene Series postcard - 1131.
Published by H. Coates, Wisbech.
Photographic postcard Postally used 13 February 1939 at 9 30 PM.



Z1130/10/19/12 Card entitled De Pary's Avenue from St. Peter's Bedford. (Error in title reads Dr not De). Sent to Miss Day, 2 Drosier Road, Harvey Road, Cambridge from Lillie. Published by Valentine No. - 47121.

Coloured postcard Postally used 25 September 1907 at 7. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/19/13 Card entitled De Pary's Avenue from St. Peter's, Bedford. Sent to Mrs. Whines, 190 Alderson Road, Gt. Yarmouth from N. Sims. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine No - 47121.

Coloured postcard Postally used 19 August 1910 at 5. 30 PM.

Z1130/10/19/14 Card showing view of De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Mrs. H. C. Kisky, 59 Grace's Road, Wilson Road, Camberwell from Frank. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine.

Photographic postcard Postally used 20 September 1913 at 1. PM.

Z1130/10/19/15 Card showing De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Germany . Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine .

Photographic postcard Postally used 1 September 1911 at 1. PM.

Z1130/10/19/16 Embossed edged card showing view of De Pary's Avenue Bedford. Sent to Mr. Sid Brittain "Maud Ward", Royal-Sea-Bathing Hospital, Margate, from Agnes. Published by Valentine.

Coloured postcard Postally used 9 December 1912 at 11. 15 AM.

Z1130/10/19/17 Card showing view of De Pary's Avenue, Bedford. Sent to Miss M. Fenton, 14 Carlton Avenue, Gillingham, Kent from Beryl. Bedford postmark. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd., Tunbridge Wells Kent .

Photographic postcard Postally used 13 August 1949 at 12. 30 PM.

Z1130/10/19/18 Card titled 'St.Peter's Bedford' but actually showing view of De Pary's Avenue from St.Peters. Note uniformed soldiers, one on horseback. Sent to Mrs Jenkins, High Street, Ongar, Essex. Published by Lilywhite Ltd, Dunkirk Mills, Halifax.

Photographic postcard Postally used 24 Aug 1923 at 12.30pm

Z1130/10/19/19 Card titled 'St.Peter's Corner & Bunyan's Statue, Bedford' but actually view north up De Pary's Avenue from St.Peters. Sent to Mrs. Kelly, The Sundial, Frinton Road, Kirby Cross, Frinton on Sea, Essex. No indication of publisher. machine slogan postmark 'post early in the day'

Photographic postcard Postally used 31 Oct 1937 at 3.30pm

Z1130/10/20-22 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/23 The Embankment, Bedford

Z1130/10/23/1 Card showing view of Swan Hotel, River Ouse and Town Bridge. Sent to Ian Conacher Esq., 1 Newtonhall Road, Edinburgh 9, from Pussy. Bedford postmark.

Published by Valentine & Sons Ltd., Dundee and London . No. H - 6741.

Photographic postcard Postally used 13 August 1960 at 1. 45 PM.

Z1130/10/23/2 View of The Swan Hotel Bedford with a collection of cars on the forecourt. Sender has added the caption "Meet of the Automobile Club 1908". Sent to Mrs. Boothroyd, 9 Duckworth Grove, Bradford Yorkshire from M. W. Bedford postmark.

Published by Blake & Edgar "Picturesque Bedfordshire" Series.

photographs Postally used 20 April 1909, at 9. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/23/3 View of The Swan Hotel Bedford. Sent to Miss Rowe, South View, Holbrook, Ipswich from Ray. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown .

Photographic postcard Postally used 11 April 1912 at 1. PM

Z1130/10/23/4 View of Swan Hotel Bedford. Sent to A. Lasseter, Esq., Arundel, Sussex from Reg. Bedford postmark. Published under the RA Series.

Photographic postcard Postally used 28 August 1924 at 5. 45 PM.

Z1130/10/23/5 Card showing view of The Swan Hotel Bedford. Sent to C. S. Tuckey Esq., Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, Sussex from GH. Bedford postmark. Published by H. Coates, Wisbech No. 1119.

Photographic postcard Postally used 23 August 1927 at 5. 45 PM.

Z1130/10/23/6 Card showing Old Period Staircase at The Swan Hotel, Bedford. Card unused. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd., London & Tunbridge Wells.

Photographic postcard 1910 - 1930

Z1130/10/23/7 Card showing view of The Swan Hotel, Bedford. Sent to Miss D. Webb, 34 Pound Street, Bitterne, Southampton, Hants . Published by H. Coates Wisbech No. - 1137.

Photographic postcard Postally used 22 July 1927 at 3. 30 PM.

Z1130/10/23/8 Card showing view of The Swan Hotel and River Ouse. Sent to Mr. E. W. Green, 17 St. Peters Road, Gt. Yarmouth from R. Bedford postmark. Published by CF

Timaeus, Bookseller, Bedford.

Photographic postcard Postally used 15 September 1928 at 3. 45 PM.

Z1130/10/23/9 Card showing view of The Swan Hotel, Bedford. Sent to Mrs. Ireland c/o Purley Hospital, Purley, Surrey from B&K. Bedford postmark. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd., London & Tunbridge Wells.

Photographic postcard Postally used 20 July 1946 at 10. 15 AM.

Z1130/10/23/10 Card showing view of The Embankment Hotel. Sent to Miss Nelly Kempston, Westoning Nr. Ampthill, Beds from Ciss. Bedford postmark. Published by Rush and Warwick, Art Printers Bedford.

Coloured postcard Postally used 14 August 1907 at 3. 45 PM.



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- Z1130/10/23/11 Card showing The Embankment Hotel Bedford. Sent to Mrs. Loughlin Murphy, Loughyn, New Brighton, Cheshire from Iain. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.
photoprint Postally used 13 November 1915 at 9.45 AM.
- Z1130/10/24 Number not used
- Z1130/10/25 Ford End Road
- Z1130/10/25/1 View of The Great Fire at WH Allen & Son Ltd., Bedford. 3rd May 1912. Sent to Mrs. F. Foster, Market Square, Hitchin from Len. Bedford postmark. Photograph by J. C. Brown. Publisher Stonebridge.
Photographic postcard Postally used 4 May 1912 at 11. 15 PM.
- Z1130/10/26 Foster Hill Road
- Z1130/10/26/1 View of Cemetery Gates, Bedford. The Cemetery was built in 1855. Card unused. Published by Stewart & Woolf, London EC. Series No. - 1262.
Photographic postcard 1910 - 1920
- Z1130/10/26/2 View of The Cemetery, Bedford. Sent to Mrs. G. Cox, West End, Cranfield, Woburn Sands S.O. from Emily. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.
Photographic postcard 1900 - 1920
- Z1130/10/26/3 View of The Cemetery, Bedford. Sent to Mrs. Lancum, 18 Edinburgh Road, Kettering from ADA. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.
Photographic postcard Postally used 2 November 1905 at 6. 30 PM.
- Z1130/10/26/4 View of The Cemetery, Bedford. Card unused. Published by Valentine No. - 47569.
photoprint 1900 - 1910
- Z1130/10/26/5 View of The Cemetery, Bedford. Sent to Miss E. Lincoln, Jordans Cottages, Parkhurst Road, Bexley, Kent from N. C. Published by Valentine Series No. - 47569
Coloured postcard Postally used 14 February 1907 at 3. 45 PM.
- Z1130/10/27-28 Numbers not used
- Z1130/10/29 Greyfriars, Bedford
- Z1130/10/29/1 Card showing view of Greyfriars roundabout, the multi storey car park, Greenhill Street shops and bus station. Sent to Mr. & Mrs. J. Hay, Candle Cottage, 24, Seafield Road, Ayr, Scotland from Kathleen. Published by Photo Precision Ltd. No. - PT14603.
Coloured postcard Postally used 10 August 1976.



Z1130/10/30-32 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/33 High Street, Bedford

Z1130/10/33/1 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge with the High Street and the George Inn in the background. Sent to Mrs. Lillycrapp, 117 Radford Road, Hyson Green, Nottingham from Lizzie. Published by Valentine.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 26 January 1905 at 8. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/2 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge with the High Street and George Inn in the background . Sent to Miss Katherine Whiting, Long Acre, West Ealing, W from Muriel. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine .

Mezzograph postcard Postally used on 28 March 1910 at 1 am.

Z1130/10/33/3 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge with the High Street and George Inn in the background. Sent to George Nosworthy Esq. St. Andrews Street, Droitwich from H. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine . Series No. - 39633

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 23 November 1904 at 4 pm.

Z1130/10/33/4 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town bridge with the High Street and George Inn in the background. Sent to Mr. Percy Johnson, Rosemont Pharmacy, West Byfleet, Surrey from S. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine. XL Series No. - 39633.

Photographic postcard Postally used 28 March 1909 at 5. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/5 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a horse and carriage and people on the Town Bridge with the High Street and George Hotel. Sent to Miss Elsey, North Lodge, Crawley , Sussex from F. Dunkin . Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine . Series No. - 39633.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 21 July 1911 at 1. pm.

Z1130/10/33/6 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and the High Street and George Hotel in the background. Sent to Miss Freeman, Rose Lane, Great Chesterford, Essex from May. Published by Boots The Chemists "Pelham Series" No. - 341 A.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 13 August 1908 at 7. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/7 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford " showing people on the Town Bridge heading towards the High Street, and the George Hotel. Sent to Mr. Fred Jolliffe, Albany General Hospital, Grahamstown, Cape Colony, S. Africa from Maud. Bedford postmark. Published by Boots The Chemists "Real Photograph" Series.

Photographic postcard Postally used 19 December 1907 at 6. 30 pm.



Z1130/10/33/9 Postcard titled "Bedford- High Street" showing a horse drawn carriage crossing the town bridge with the High Street and George Inn in the background. Sent to Miss G. Smith , 10 Union Street, Stroud, Glos. from M. Bedford postmark. Published by E.T.W. Dennis.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 13 October, 1906 at 1. 05 pm.

Z1130/10/33/10 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge with the High Street and George Inn in the background. Sent to Miss E. Rawle, 17 Woodcombe, Minehead from Maud. Published by Valentine.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used on 26 August 1907 at 8 pm.

Z1130/10/33/11 Postcard titled "Stone Bridge and High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge with the High Street in the background. Sent to Miss D. Richardson, 3 Montreal Terrace, Twyford, Berks from May. Bedford postmark. Published by W.E. Gray, 69 Harpur Street, Bedford.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 14 September 1920 at 8. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/12 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Sent to Mrs. Freeman, Clively, Southsea Avenue, Leigh-On-Sea , Essex from Dad. Bedford postmark. Valentine Series No. - 75506 . Published by F. T. Howard, Bedford.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 10 September 1919 at 10. pm.

Z1130/10/33/13 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Sent to Mr. Chas. C. Gair, 16 Church Street, Dingwall, RossShire from Dad. (Soldier posted to Bedford). Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine. Series No. - 75506.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 13 December 1914 at 7.pm.

Z1130/10/33/14 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Sent to Mrs. W. B. Bryne, Brockley Villa, 68 Ragstone Road, Slough, Bucks from Bert. Bedford postmark with the slogan BUY NATIONAL WAR BONDS NOW. Published by Valentine. Series No. - 75506.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 19 February 1918 at 8. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/15 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Sent to Miss B. Smallcross, Croxton Lane, Middlewich, Cheshire from Earnest. Published by Valentine. Series No. - 75506.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 1917

Z1130/10/33/16 Blue tinted postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Sent to Miss L. Gorham, The Cottage Hospital, Brentwood, Essex from F. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine . Series No. - 75506.

Photographic postcard 1910 to 1920.

Z1130/10/33/17 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Sent to Mrs. Wass, 48 Edward Street, Darfield, Nr. Barnsley . Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine. Series No. - 75506.
Photographic postcard Postally used 8 August 1917 at 5. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/18 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view along the High Street. Sent to Mrs. Bennion, 33 Cambrian Road, Garden Lane, Chester from Bill. Published by Valentine. Series No. 75506.
Postcard, black and white Postally used 4 April 1916

Z1130/10/33/19 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view down the High Street . Sent to Miss Irons, 33 Evelyn Gardens, South Kensington, SW. from George. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine. XL Series No. - 75506.
Photographic postcard Postally used 30 May 1914 at 4 pm.

Z1130/10/33/20 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Card unused. Published by Valentine . Series No. 75506.
Postcard, sepia 1910 to 1920.

Z1130/10/33/21 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Sent to Mr. I. Bowes, "Hanly," Borden, Sittingbourne, Kent from Kit. Published by Valentine & Sons for C. F. Timaeus, High Street, Bedford.
Photographic postcard Postally used 25 August 1915 at 7. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/22 Postcard titled "High Street from Town Bridge, Bedford" showing a view looking from the Town Bridge down the High Street. Sent to Mr. & Mrs. Matthews, 27 Boscombe Overcliffe Drive, Boscombe, Bournemouth from Dorothy Crouch. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.
Photographic postcard Postally used 3 April, 1960 at 7. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/23 Postcard titled "High Street From Bridge, Bedford" showing people on the Town Bridge and a view looking down the High Street. Card is unused. Notice on lamp post on left hand side of the card reads PEDESTRIANS KEEP TO YOUR LEFT. Published by Valentine Series No. - 216241.
Photographic postcard 1920 - 1930.

Z1130/10/33/24 Coloured postcard "Bedford. High Street." showing a group of soldiers on the High Street by Murkett Bros. car showroom. Sent to Miss M. Thomas, 42 Queen Street, Coventry from Harry. Bedford postmark. Published by The Photochrom Co. Ltd. London and Tunbridge Wells. Celesque Series No. - G.47795.
Mezzograph postcard Postally used 26 October 1917 at 7. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/25 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people on the High Street and a horse and cart and cars on the roadway. A car in the picture has the registration number of EW 356 (Huntingdon) and contains three soldiers. Sent to Master Leslie King Myrtle House, Cullompton, Devon from Dad. Bedford postmark. Published by Lilywhite Ltd. Halifax No. - 48.

Photographic postcard Postally used 11 November 1916 at 2. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/26 Coloured postcard titled "Bedford. High Street" showing people on the High Street and cyclist on the roadway. Sent to Mr. C. Frier, 165 Milkwood Road, Herne Hill, London S. E. from Jack. Published by The Pictorial Stationary Co. Ltd. Peacock Brand "Autochrom " Colour Photo. Series No. - P 5101.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 29 July 1905 at 11. 15 am.

Z1130/10/33/27 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing people walking down the High Street and a horse drawn carriage on the roadway. Sent to W. A. Ricardson Esq., Post Office, Bridgend, Glam from Harry. Publisher unknown.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 20 September 1904 at 2. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/28 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view of the Market Square and High Street . Sent to Miss G. Betts, 9 Linden Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent from Charley. Bedford postmark. Published by Blake & Edgar "Picturesque Bedfordshire " Series.

Photographic postcard Postally used 19 September 1907 at 6. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/29 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing market stalls and horse drawn carriages on the High Street. Sent to Nurse Neal, Trinity House, Hunstanton from Bertie. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 10 April 1905 at 8. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/30 Coloured postcard titled "Market Place, Bedford" showing a corner of the market area and a view along the High Street. Sent to Master C. Horstead, Glengorse, Eastbourne from A. H. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine . Series No. - 47118.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 13 September 1908 at 5. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/31 Postcard titled "Market Place, Bedford" showing a corner of the market place and a view down the High Street. Sent to Miss F. A. Lines, 198 Venner Road, Sydenham , London S. E. from Will. Bedford postmark. Published for C. D. Sheldon , High Street, Bedford by V. & S. Ltd. No. - 47118.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 11 February 1914 at 8 pm.

Z1130/10/33/32 Coloured postcard showing a corner of the market and a view along the High Street, Bedford. Sent to Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Randall, 23A Sackville Road, Bexhill on Sea, Sussex from Mum & Dad. Bedford postmark with the slogan BE PROPERLY ADRESSED POSTCODE IT. Published by Photo Precision St. Ives . No. - PT 14614.

Photographic postcard Postally used 10 August 1984.

Z1130/10/33/33 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" with additional embossed words reading "Christmas Greetings" showing a view of the Market Square and High Street . Sent to Miss Douglas, Millbank Cottage, Warmworth, Northumberland from A.W. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 14 December 1905 at 5 pm.



Z1130/10/33/34 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford " showing a view looking down the High Street from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Mrs. Brook, c/o Mrs. Trepplin, Sidleigh, Sidmouth, S. Devon from Aunty Amy. Published by Valentine . Series No. - 47567.

Postcard, sepia Postally used 13 October 1914 at 11. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/35 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view of the High Street looking down from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Miss O. Parsons, Holden Lodge, Woodside Park, Finchley, N. from DP. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine. Series No. 47567.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 16 January 1915 at 10 pm.

Z1130/10/33/36 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a busy High Street scene looking down form St. Paul's Square. Sent to C. Hill Esq., 8 Porchester Road, Bayswater, London W. from D. W. Bedford postmark. Published by C. D. Shelton, High Street, Bedford . V. & S. Ltd. No. - 47567V.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 27 June 1914 at 6. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/37 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a High Street scene from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Mr. Dickinson, Vale Head, Pontefract, Yorks., from Annie. Bedford postmark . Published by F. Hockliffe, Bedford . (Stationers and Book Sellers).

Postcard, sepia Postally used 29 May 1910 at 2. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/38 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a busy High Street scene from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Miss Mirle McKay, The Convent, Layton Hill, Blackpool, Lancaster from Herbert. (Message from a First World War soldier). Published under The P.N. Series of Artistic Cards. No. - 1296.

Postcard, sepia Postally used 30 October 1916 at 9. 30 am.

Z1130/10/33/39 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a busy High Street scene from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Miss J. B. Hoyle, 84 Kings Road, Hyde Park, Leeds from Arthur. Bedford postmark with the slogan BUY NATIONAL WAR BONDS NOW .Published by Valentine. Series No. - 80753.

Postcard, sepia Postally used 2 September 1918 at 10 pm.

Z1130/10/33/40 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Miss A. Barker, 7 All Saints Street, Hockley, Birmingham from Gertie. Bedford postmark. Published under The Milton "Artlette" Series No. - 155 . Woolstone Bros, London.

Coloured postcard Postally used 1 June 1907 at 9. 15 pm

Z1130/10/33/41 Postcard titled "Bedford, High Street" showing a busy High Street scene looking north from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Mme.et M. R. Pelletier, 21 Bd. de Strasbourg, Boulogne s/Seine, France. Bedford postmark. Published by Raphael Tuck & Sons "Town & City" Post Card No. - 2165.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 9 September 1913 at 12. 01 pm.

Z1130/10/33/42 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view north along the High St. from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Miss E. Norman, Fir Grange, Weybridge from Nellie. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 19 August 1912 at 9. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/43 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view of the High Street, looking north from St. Paul's Square. Sent to Miss Lucas, Gloucester House, 85 Canfield Gardens, West Hampstead, London. NW from Willie Emmett. Published by Valentine . Series No. 47567.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 20 December 1906 at 10 pm.

Z1130/10/33/44 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view north along the High Street from St. Paul's Square. Card used internally in Denmark. Message in Danish. Published by Stengel & Co. London E. C.

Postcard, black and white 1900 - 1910

Z1130/10/33/45 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north from St. Paul's Square. In the right hand corner of the card is the Borough of Bedford coat-of-arms. Sent to Miss P. Smith, Florence Cottages, 5A Merritts St. Huntingdon. Bedford postmark. Published under The Milton "Glazette" Series No. 1550. Woolstone Bros. London.

Coloured postcard Postally used 6 July 1910 at 8. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/46 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view north along The High Street with a horse drawn carriage on the road-way. Sent to Mrs. L. Parsons, 84 Windsor Street, Wolverton, Bucks from N. Bedford postmark. Card of British manufacture only indication of publisher is G. in a diamond No. 4136 - 301.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 14 July 1917 at 6. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/47 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north along the High Street, with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Mrs. J. Ellwood, Clayhithe Road, Horningsea, Cambridgeshire from Bill. Bedford postmark. Published by Jackson & Co. Grimsey . Series No. 13 42468*.

Photographic postcard Postally used 7 January 1916 at 6. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/48 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford " showing a view looking north along the High Street, with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Mr. & Mrs. Lomas, Acorn Villa, Chatham, Kent from Emily. Bedford postmark. Published by Hartmann . Series No. - 1137/3

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 21 December 1906 at 9.15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/49 Postcard titled " HIGH STREET, BEDFORD" showing a view north along the High Street, with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Mrs. Page, 31 Corporation Street, Plaistow Road, West Ham E. from Milly. Published by Rotary Photographic . Series No. 10014.1

Photographic postcard Postally used 10 September 1914 at 5. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/50 Postcard titled "HIGH STREET. BEDFORD" incorporating an oval shaped picture of the High Street with a picture framed effect border . Sent to Mrs. F. Hipwell, 22 Merton Road, Bedford from D. H. Published by Rotary Photo E.C. "Real Photographic" Opalette Series.

Photographic postcard Postally used 25 August 1915 at 10. 30 am.



Z1130/10/33/51 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north along the High Street with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Frau Rosa Khoss von Strenegg, Mährisch-Schinberg, Austria from Edith. (Message on front of card in German). Bedford postmark. Published by Hartmann No. - 1143.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 25 April 1903 at 1. 10 pm.

Z1130/10/33/52 Postcard titled "High Street. Bedford" showing a view looking north along the High Street, with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Miss M. E. Draper, Weston Hall Hotel, Bournemouth from Gerald. Bedford postmark. Published by Hartmann. Series No. - 1136. 8.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 24 May 1904 at 4. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/53 Postcard titled "Bedford High Street" with an added seasonal message reading "A Bright and Happy Christmas" showing a view north along the High Street with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Mrs. Elden Hundleby, Nr. Spilsby, Lincolnshire from J. H. Bedford postmark. Published by Hartmann.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 23 December 1903 at 6. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/54 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north along the High Street, with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Mrs. F. S. Rees, 26 Windsor Terrace, Penarth, Nr. Cardiff, Glamorganshire from C. G. W. Bedford postmark. Published by Hartmann No. - 1143.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 22 August 1903 at 7. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/55 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north along the High Street with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Miss Wilson, Norwood, Abbey Road, Barrow-in- Furness from Kit. Bedford postmark. Published by Hartmann No. - 1143.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 22 March 1903 at 5. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/56 Slightly tinted postcard titled "High Street, Bedford " showing a view looking north along the High St. with horse and carts on the roadway. Sent to Miss Chamberlain, 380 Walworth Road, London S. E. from L. M. B. Bedford postmark. Published by Hartmann . Series No. - 1143.

postcards Postally used 26 May 1903 at 10. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/57 Coloured postcard titled "BEDFORD. Red Lion Hotel and High Street." showing a view looking south down a busy High Street. Sent to Miss Mallison, Newland, Hull from May. Bedford postmark. Card published by Pictorial Stationary Co. Ltd. Overprint reads "Blake and Edgar's Picturesque Bedfordshire Series"

Coloured postcard Postally used 10 June 1905 at 9. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/58 Postcard titled "BEDFORD. Red Lion Hotel and High Street." showing a view looking south down The High Street. Sent to Miss A. M. Somersgate, "Boldmere" Ranelagh Road, Sandown I of W. from C. W. S. Bedford postmark. Published by Pictorial Stationary Co. Ltd. Peacock Brand No. 5898 G.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 18 May 1905 at 6. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/59 Coloured postcard titled "BEDFORD High Street" showing a view south along a quiet High St. with a horse and carriage on the road-way. Sent to Mrs. Massie, Flinthills, Methlick, Aberdeenshire, Scotland from R. Thom. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 17 August 1914 at 5. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/60 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north up a busy High Street. Sent to Mrs. Richards, 39 Kings Avenue, Muswell Hill, N. from E. S. R. Publisher unknown.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 5 September 1904 at 1. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/61 Postcard titled "HIGH STREET, BEDFORD" showing a view looking south down the High Street, by The Rose Hotel. Sent to Mrs. F. Payn, St. Helens Cottage, Brittway Lane, Cliffe, Nr. Rochester, Kent from Lily & Allen. Bedford postmark. Published by Boots The Chemists Photogravure Series. Local Views.

Postcard, black and white Postcard dated 9 th. August 1923.

Z1130/10/33/62 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a horse and cart and cyclists on the road-way and people on the busy pavements. Sent to Mrs. Wigley, 120 Effingham Road, Hornsey. London N. from K. Lewis. Published by Valentine . Series No. - 47566.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 7 August 1909 at 2. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/63 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north from Silver Street. Sent to Miss Fitzgeorge, Low Road, Balby, Nr. Doncaster from Y. A. C. Published under the B. Series Bedford . No. 1041.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 21 September 1905 at 8. pm.

Z1130/10/33/64 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view of a horse and cart, cyclists on the roadway and people on the busy pathways. Sent to Mrs. Jones, 275 Cornwall Road, Notting Hill, London from Louie. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine. Series No. - 47566.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 15 August 1908 at 10. 05 am.

Z1130/10/33/65 Postcard titled "Bedford. High St." showing a very busy High Street scene looking north. Sent to Mrs. Austin, 41 Yorke Street, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield from E.W.C. Published by The Photochrom Co. Ltd. London & Tunbridge Wells No. - 51575.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 13 September 1923 at 5. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/66 Coloured postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking northwards. Note the soldier on horseback in the roadway. Sent to Miss I. King, 32 Albert Road, Wellingborough from E.L. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Coloured postcard Postally used 7 August 1917 at 11. 45 am.

Z1130/10/33/67 Postcard titled "Bedford, High Street." View looking north from close to junction with Silver Street. The back of the card is headed BEDFORD.PICTORIAL LETTER CARD. Unused. Published by W.S. Bradley, Mill Street, Bedford.

Postcard, black and white 1920 - 1930.



Z1130/10/33/68 Postcard titled "HIGH STREET BEDFORD" showing a view along a busy High Street scene with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Mrs. A. Wilson, Hill Terrace, Overton, Frodsham, Cheshire from W. H. Published under The WHS Aldwych Series No. S. 1011.

photoprint Postally used 31 March 1921 at 9. 45 am.

Z1130/10/33/69 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a busy High St. scene by F. Gamman & Sons (Furniture Stores). Sent to Mr. & Mrs. R Taylor, 19 Bournemouth Road, South Shore, Blackpool from Jos and Olive. Bedford postmark. Published under The WHS Kingsway Real Photo Series No. - S. 1011.

Photographic postcard Postally used 8 October 1924 at 4. pm.

Z1130/10/33/70 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a traffic free High Street of the 1950's looking south from The Cross Keys Public House. Sent to Mr. T. Fellowes, 214 Brook Street, Erith, Kent from Maude. Published by M and L. National Series.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 30 August 1956 at 5. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/71 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking south down a very uncongested High Street of the 1950's. Sent to Miss M. Dibben, 24 New Borough, Wimbourne, Dorset from Clement. Bedford postmark. Published under M. & L. National Series.

Photographic postcard Postally used 3 June 1950 at 5. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/72 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking south down The High Street from Taylor, Brawn and Floods shop. Sent to Miss I Winslow , L Lincs, N. A. B. C. Halton Camp North, Wendover from J. B. Smith. Bedford postmark. Published by Boots The Chemist Ltd. The "Pelham" Series. No. - 5122.

Postcard, sepia 1918 -1919

Z1130/10/33/73 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a busy High Street scene looking south with the junction with Silver Street on the right. Sent to Mrs. J. J. Gatesman, 9 Thistlewaite Road, Clapton London N. from Eva. Published by Boots Chemists "Real Photograph "Series.

Photographic postcard Postally used 20 October 1914 at 4. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/33/74 Postcard titled "BEDFORD. High Street II, showing view looking south from junctions with Silver Street and Mill Street. Sent to Mrs. W. Pratt, Easton House, Albert Crescent , Lincoln from Will. Published by Pictorial Stationery Co. Ltd. London . No. - 5967.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 9 November 1904 at 7. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/33/75 Coloured postcard titled "Bedford. High Street." showing a view south down the High Street from Silver St., with horse and carriage on the road-way. Sent to Miss J. Rose, Milton, Kildary, Ross-Shire, Scotland, N. B. from C. Nitken. Bedford postmark. (message shows that that a soldier billeted in Beds sent the card). Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd. No. - 23438.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 5 October 1914 at 6. 45 pm.



Z1130/10/33/76 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking south down the High Street from International Grocery Stores. Sent to Master Ebdon, 22 Albert Road, Leyton, London E. 10 from Aunty. Publisher unknown.

Postcard, sepia 1920 to 1930

Z1130/10/33/77 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a busy High Street scene by F. Gamman & Sons Ltd. Sent to Mrs. Joiner, 15 Sea View Road, Reydon, Nr. Southwold from Mrs. Litchfield. Bedford postmark. Published by Gottschalk. Series no. - 2755 with a "child posting letter" trademark.

Photographic postcard Postally used 7 September 1915 at 8. 15 pm.

Z1130/10/33/78 Postcard titled "High Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north up a quiet High Street towards Lurke Street. Sent to N. Henegue Esq., 5 Mannhead View, Exmouth, Devon from M. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Photographic postcard Postally used 11 April 1939 at 8 pm.

Z1130/10/33/79 Coloured postcard titled "HIGH STREET BEDFORD" showing an aerial view looking south along the High Street, from Mill Street. Sent to Miss V. Townsend 28 William Street, Plymouth from Mabel. Bedford postmark. Published by R. G. Porter, Bedford. RA Series.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 1920 to 1930.

Z1130/10/33/80 Card showing The Bedfordshire Mercury Offices which was located at 40a High Street, Bedford. (A weekly family newspaper, published on Fridays at a price of one old penny). Publisher unknown.

Photographic postcard 1902 - 1920

Z1130/10/33/81 Card showing view of town bridge, looking north up the High Street. 'Sepiatype' postcard H.6-?-. Published by Valentine & Sons Ltd. sent to Mr H. Mulum, Suffolk, from H. Gates

Photographic postcard Postally used 12 Jun 1950 at 12.30pm

Z1130/10/33/82 Card showing view looking north up the High Street. Side decorative panel with embossed Bedford coat of arms. Published by Raphael Tuck & Sons 'Heraldic' postcard series 187. Designed in England, Chromographed in Bavaria. Sent to miss K.N. Cooke, Luton. No message. Early undivided back card.

Chromolithographic postcard Postally used 16 Dec 1912 at 1.00 am

Z1130/10/33/83 Card showing view looking north up the High Street from the town bridge. M & L National Series.

sent to 'Mme M. G..... et leurs enfants in France. Message in French. Card damaged by water used to soak off stamp adhesive. Sender was staying in Blunham.

Photographic postcard Postally used 8 Sep 1951 at 10.30am

Z1130/10/33/84 Card showing view looking south down High Street, with St.Paul's Square and town bridge. M & L National Series. Sent to Mrs A. Plumley, Congleton, Cheshire, from A & I Harding.

Photographic postcard Postally used 21 Aug 1951

See also Z1130/10/33/85



Z1130/10/33/85 Card showing view looking south down High Street, with St.Paul's Square and town bridge. One soldier and several RAF personnel in the foreground. Sign on Belisha beacon points to 'LMS Station Midland Road'. Tower of St.Marys Church is visible across bridge. No indication of publisher. sent to Mrs F, Francis, Rainham, Essex, from D.R & A.

Photographic postcard Postally used 10 Sep 1947 at 5.45pm
see also Z1130/10/33/84

Z1130/10/33/86 Card showing view looking north up High Street from St. Paul's Square. Published by Photochrom Ltd. - 23446 (identified by bear trade mark). sent to Mrs Anderwood, Rushden, Northamptonshire, from Willie; W.E. Davies, staying at 29 Great Butts Street, Bedford (a soldier).

Coloured postcard Postally used 17 Jul 1915 at 9.45am

Z1130/10/34-35 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/36 Kempston Road, Bedford

Z1130/10/36/1 View of County Hospital, Bedford (Now known as South Wing Hospital). Sent to Miss Stuart, 5 Norman street, Hendon, Sunderland from C. Coulson. Bedford postmark. Published by Lilywhite Ltd. Halifax. No. - 11.

Photographic postcard Postally used 2 November 1922 at 4. PM.

Z1130/10/36/2 View of County Hospital Bedford. (Now known as South Wing Hospital).Sent to Miss Tubby Turnbull, Streatham House, Harold Road, Margate from Mo. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Photographic postcard Postally used 30 June 1910 at 9. 05 PM.

Z1130/10/36/3 View of The Women's Ward Bedford Hospital (Now known as South Wing Hospital).Sent to Miss Geary, Chellington, Nr. Sharnbrook, Beds from Mrs. Noble . Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Photographic postcard Postally used 19 August 1912 at 9. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/36/4 View of Children's Ward Bedford County Hospital (Now known as South Wing Hospital). Sent to E.G. De G. Holmes Esq., Swineshead, Boston, Lincoln . Published by Photo Tourists Assn. Turnham Green W. Bedford postmark.

Photographic postcard Postally used 25 April 1903 at 10. 15 PM

Z1130/10/36/5 Postcard showing The County Hospital (Now known as South Wing Hospital). Sent to Mrs. Hubert Tyres, Felixstowe Hotel, Felixstowe from MRC. Bedford postmark. Published under The B.B. Series.

Coloured postcard Postally used 17 August 1908 at 11. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/37-38 Numbers not used



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Z1130/10/39 Linden Road, Bedford

Z1130/10/39/1 Card showing a view of Lansdowne House, Bedford. (Lansdowne House was used as a Teachers Training College and Located in Linden Road.).The caption A HAPPY CHRISTMAS is embossed on the front. Sent to The Misses A & J. Clerk , Wales, Falmouth, Jamaica from H. D. Bedford postmark. Published by The Scientific Press Ltd.
photoprint Postally used 24 December 1906 at 4. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/40 Number not used

Z1130/10/41 Midland Road, Bedford

Z1130/10/41/1 View of The Great Fire, January 11th., 1912. (The premises of Longhurst & Skinner, House Furnishers on the corner of Midland Road and River Street). Sent to Mrs. J. Taylor 18 Rye Terrace, Arkwright St., Nottingham from E. Bedford postmark. Photograph by J. C. Brown, Publisher Stonebridge.
Photographic postcard Postally used 25 January 1912 at 11. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/41/2 View of showing flooding in Midland Road , Bedford. (Great flood occurred 30 April 1908).Sent to Miss Lund, 4 Augustus Terrace, Aldburgh, Suffolk, from Mother. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.
Photographic postcard Postally used 7 May 1908 at 9. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/42 Mill Street, Bedford

Z1130/10/42/1 Card showing view of Howard House, Bedford. Sent to Mr. & Mrs. Park, SGFS Home, Hartholme, Gourock, Scotland from E.P.B. Allan. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.
Photographic postcard Postally used 14 August, 1936.

Z1130/10/42/2 Card showing view of Howard House, Bedford. (This was the Town House of John Howard 1726-1790 the Prison Reformer). Published under The Progress Series No. 104872. Card unused.
photoprint 1910 - 1920

Z1130/10/43-46 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/47 Queens Drive, Bedford

Z1130/10/47/1 Card showing Queen's Drive, Putnoe, Bedford. Sent to Mrs. A. Peck, c/o 28, Clayton Croft Road, Wilmington, Dartford, Kent from Ivy & Cyril. Bedford postmark. Published by Landscape View , Market Harborough.
Photographic postcard Postally used 14 September 1963 at 7. PM.

Z1130/10/48-56 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/57 St.Mary's, Bedford

Z1130/10/57/1 Postcard titled "St. Mary's Street, Bedford" showing a view looking down St. Mary's Street towards the town bridge, with horse and carts on the road-way. Sent to Mr. W. Wootton, Long Street, Thirsk, Yorkshire from R. Bedford postmark. Published by Lilywhite Ltd. Halifax. Series No. - 52.

Photographic postcard Postally used 20 August 1920 at 4. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/57/2 Postcard titled "Bedford Bridge & St. Mary's Church, Bedford" showing a view of the Town Bridge with St. Mary's Church tower in the distance. Sent to Miss Ellis, 112 Saltergate, Chesterfield from Arthur. Bedford postmark. Published under The P. N. Series of Artistic Cards. No. - 1322.

Photographic postcard Postally used 17 October 1916 at 7. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/57/3 Postcard titled "St. Mary's Embankment, Bedford" showing a view of the River Ouse and Embankment from Prebend Street Bridge. Sent to Mrs. Hyde, "WestCroft" 4 Downs Park, Herne Bay from E.B.A. Bedford postmark. Published by Valentine. Series No. 220611.

Photographic postcard Postally used 21 June 1934 at 12. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/57/4 Coloured postcard titled "The Ouse from St. Mary's, Bedford" showing a view of the town bridge and river. Sent to Miss L. E. Townley, c/o Mrs. Ruston, 32 Brook Street, Scarborough from Mother and Father. Published by Rush & Warwick , Art Printers, Bedford.

Coloured postcard Postally used 10 August 1913 at 8 pm.

Z1130/10/57/5 Postcard titled " St. Marys Street, Bedford" showing a view looking north up St. Marys Street towards the town bridge with Cauldwell Street on the left. Sent to Miss A. Bamsey, 2 Coast Guard Walk, Kingston on Sea, Southwich, Sussex from Jeannie. Bedford postmark. Published by Lilywhite Ltd. Halifax. Series No. - 51

Photographic postcard Postally used April 1919

Z1130/10/57/6 Postcard titled "St. Marys Street, Bedford" Showing a view of St. Mary's Street looking north towards the town bridge with Cauldwell St. on the left. Sent to Miss L. Wickham, Rose & Crown Inn, Five Ashdown, Buxted, Sussex from Yorkey. Bedford postmark. Published by Lilywhite Ltd. Halifax . Series No. - 51.

Photographic postcard Postally used 27 September 1919 .

Z1130/10/57/7 Postcard titled "St. Mary's Gardens, Bedford" showing a view of the gardens flower beds. Sent to Miss Symons, 68 Bryn-y-mor Road, Swansea, S. Wales from Ralph and Eileen. Bedford postmark. Published by Lilywhite Ltd. Halifax. Series No. - 64.

Photographic postcard Postally used 2 June, 1917 at 4. 15 pm.



Z1130/10/57/8 Postcard titled "Bedford Rowing Club Concert, St. Mary's Gardens July 14th. ,1904" showing a seated audience on the garden lawn enjoying the concert. Card unused. Published by Blake & Edgar.

Postcard, black and white 1904

Z1130/10/57/9 **Coloured postcard titled "St. Mary's Garden's Bedford" showing people** relaxing on a lawned part of the gardens. Sent to Madame Rougie Preisiere, Rue Meago 30 Toulouse, Hte. Garonne, France . (Message in French). Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 2 April 1905 at 1. am.

Z1130/10/57/10 Coloured postcard titled "St. Mary's Gardens, Bedford" showing people relaxing on a lawned area of the gardens. Sent to Mrs. Tovey, 6 Gossage Road, Plumstead, Kent from Glad. Publisher unknown.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 10 August 1910 at 9 am.

Z1130/10/57/11 Postcard titled "St. Mary's Gardens Bedford" showing a footpath through the gardens with the town bridge on the right side of the card. Sent to Miss Sheppel, Woodville, Rose Valley, Brentwood, Essex from Ren. Bedford postmark. Published under The Progress Series A. T. C. No. - 104895. Copyright . 54.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 9 April 1909 at 5. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/57/12 Coloured postcard titled "St. Mary's Gardens" showing a view of a pathway and formal gardens. Also has the additional wording " Wishing you a Happy New Year" . Sent to Miss Alice Hermode, c/o Mr. Tom Hill, Grand Haven, Mich. USA. Bedford postmark. Published by W. T. Baker, St. Mary's Printing Works, Bedford. J. & S. Series No. - 1718

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 31 December 1904 at 3. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/57/13 Postcard titled "St. Mary's Gardens, Bedford" showing a view of the formal gardens. Card unused. Published by C. F. Timaeus, Bookseller, Bedford.

Postcard, black and white 1900 to 1920

Z1130/10/57/14 Postcard titled "Saint Mary's Bedford" showing a view of the interior of the church looking down the centre aisle towards the alter. Sent to Graeme S. Cowan, Rev. W. D. Fenning, Surely at Haileybury College, Hants from Min. Published by Frank R. Brown & Co. Bookseller, 7 Mill St. Bedford.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 7 July 1908 at 8 pm.

Z1130/10/57/15 Coloured postcard titled "BEDFORD FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH TOWER" showing a view looking across the roof tops, with St. Paul's church spire in the distance. Sent to Miss Salter, Ashill Farm, Craddock, Cullumpton, Devon from May. Published by Blake & Edgar "Picturesque Bedfordshire" Series.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 30 August 1906 at 7. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/57/16 Card showing three views of The Bridge Hotel. Sent to Mr. King, Riseley, Beds . Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown.

photoprint Postally used 22 July 1921 at 8. 30 PM.

Z1130/10/57/17 Card showing a drawing of The Bridge Hotel, Bedford. Sent to Mr. A. Reed, Decorator, Hyde Road, Eastbourne from Joan. Bedford postmark. Publisher unknown. (Drawing signed and dated A.G Glass, 1894).

Postcard, black and white Postally used 28 August 1906 at 9. 15 PM.

Z1130/10/57/18 Card showing view of The Bridge Hotel, Bedford. Card unused. Publisher unknown.

photoprint 1930 - 1940.

Z1130/10/57/19 Card entitled "The Bridge Hotel at Night ". Sent to Mrs. Wiley, The Elms, Brough, East Yorkshire from Jim. Postmark Bedford. Publisher unknown.

photoprint Postally used 2 May 1934

Z1130/10/58 St.Paul's Square, Bedford

Z1130/10/58/1 Postcard titled "THE TOWN HALL BEDFORD" showing a front view of the town hall premises. Not used postally but has the date January 4th. 1948 written on the back. Published by P. N. Ltd. No. - B 13.

Photographic postcard 1948

Z1130/10/58/2 Postcard titled "Town Hall" showing a front view of the old town hall premises . Sent to Mrs. A. Andison, 14 Marfitt street, Leicester from Will. Bedford postmark. Published by Stengel & Co. Ltd. Germany.

Postcard, black and white Postally used 5 January 1911 at 6. 45 pm.

Z1130/10/58/3 Coloured titled "TOWN HALL AND ENTRANCE TO ST. PAUL'S, **BEDFORD**" showing a front view of the old Town Hall and entrance doorway to St. Paul's. Sent to Mr. A. E. Stone, 26 Granville Road, Gillingham, Kent from Hettie. Bedford postmark. Published by Raphael Tuck & Sons "Oilette" Postcard . No. - 6167.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 30 July 1920 at 10 . 30 am.

Z1130/10/58/4 Coloured postcard titled "TOWN HALL AND ENTRANCE TO ST. PAUL'S , BEDFORD" showing a front view of the old Town Hall and entrance doorway to St. Paul's. Sent to Miss Manning, Cranfield, Woburn Sands RSO, Beds . Published by Raphael Tuck & Sons "Oilette" Postcard No. - 6167.

Mezzograph postcard Postally used 7 February 1905 at 7. 30 pm.

Z1130/10/58/5 Postcard titled "BEDFORD ENTRANCE TO ST.PAUL'S AND TOWN HALL" showing a frontal view of the old town hall and entrance doorway to St. Paul's. Sent to Miss Cantello, Rose Cottage, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts from H. P. Published by Raphael Tuck & Sons "Silverette " Series No. - 1815.

Photographic postcard Postally used 25 May 1905 at 9. 30 am.

Z1130/10/58/6 Postcard showing Town Hall and St.Paul's Church.

Sent to Mr G.S. Payne & Co., Schools for Services Section, Royal York Buildings, Old Steine, Brighton, Sussex. Plastichrome by Colourpicture Publishers Ltd, Norwich, Norfolk - P49878. Published by David Tuck & Co. Ltd, St.Albans. made in U.S.A. Colour by A,J. Howard. Extended caption on back 'Town Hall & St.Paul's Church, Bedford. The parish church and also the seat of local government, both buildings being situated in St.Paul's Square.'

Coloured postcard Postally used 23 Jul 1963 at 8.45pm

Z1130/10/58/7 Postcard showing St.Paul's Square and Church.

'G in diamond' trademark 4135 - 301. Sent to Miss Audrey Robinson, Ilford, Essex, from Daddy. The second in a series of four cards, from 'Daddy' in Bedford to 'Audrey' at Ilford; others postmarked Aug 24, Sep 4 and Sep 6, 1917. Part of message reads 'the arrow is where daddy gets his supper'. Arrow points to Corn Exchange.

lithographic postcard Postally used 29 Aug 1917 at 8.30pm

Z1130/10/58/8 Postcard showing St.Paul's Square and Church. Publisher identified as Valentine by serial number - 216239JV. The card is unused

Halftone Postcard c.1920's - 1930's

Z1130/10/58/9 Postcard showing St.Paul's Square on market day with St.Paul's church in background. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd - 23445 [identified by the 'bear' trademark]. Sent to R.J.B. McDowell, Kew Gardens.

Photographic postcard Used postally 16 Jul 1912 at 9am

Z1130/10/59 St.Peter's Street

Z1130/10/59/1 View looking east along St. Peter's Street. Valentine's 'Collocolour' - K.7643, published by Valentine & Sons Ltd. sent to Mrs K. Cowen, Barnsley, Yorkshire, from R.

Coloured postcard Postally used 1 Oct 1964 at 10pm

Z1130/10/59/2 View looking east along St. Peter's Street. Published by Valentine & Sons Ltd, Dundee & London - H.1330. Sent to M.D. Ferwisga, Holland from M.

Photographic postcard Postally used 5 Jul 1951 at 5.15pm

See also Z1130/10/59/3

Z1130/10/59/3 View looking east along St. Peter's Street. Published by Valentine & Sons Ltd, Dundee & London - H.1330. Sent to Mrs Hind of Finchley from G. Powell

Photographic postcard Postally used 14 Oct 1943 at 6pm

see also Z1130/10/59/2

Z1130/10/59/4 View looking east along St. Peter's Street. Published by Valentine & Sons Ltd G.2603. Sent to Mrs Faulkner of Wavertree, Liverpool from Austin.

The Granada Cinema advertises; 'Coming April - For One Week REGINALD DIXON The Famous Broadcasting Organist The Tower Blackpool. There is a model tower on the entrance canopy.

Photographic postcard Postally used 18 Jul 1938 at 9.45am



Z1130/10/59/5 View looking east along St. Peter's Street with Bunyan's statue in the foreground. Valentine's Series - 47120. Send to J. Cookson, Esq., Preston, Lancashire, from L.W.A.

Message reads 'Dear Jack, Just a few lines to let you know we have moved again. We have now got attached to the 1st Highland Division and expect going abroad immediately, We had almost given up hopes of ever getting away but now all is changed. Got equipped all new stuff and new clothing. Expected going tomorrow but I think it will be during the week. This is a lovely place wish we'd been sent here earlier. Good billet. Kind regards to all the boys. L.W.A.'

Photographic postcard Postally used 23 Apr 1915 at 10pm
See also Z1130/10/59/6

Z1130/10/59/6 View looking east along St. Peter's Street with Bunyan's statue in the foreground. Valentine's Series - 47120. Send to Miss Wright, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, from W.M. Message suggests it is from a Scottish soldier

Photographic postcard Postally used 13 Sep 1914 at 9pm
see also Z1130/10/59/5

Z1130/10/59/7 View looking east along St. Peter's Street with Bunyan's statue in the foreground. Valentine's Series - 47120. Sent to Mrs H. Reeves, Liphook, Hants, from Eva

Coloured postcard Postally used 12 Jul 1910 at 3.45pm

Z1130/10/59/8 View looking east along St. Peter's Street with Bunyan's statue in the foreground. Valentine's 'Photo Brown' postcard - 216240. sent to Mrs Wadey, Redhill, Surrey, from Jessie. postmark with slogan 'Get the telephone habit'

Photographic postcard Postally used 2 Jun 1933 at 5.45pm

Z1130/10/59/9 View looking east along St. Peter's Street with Bunyan's statue in the foreground. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd (identified by bear trade mark). sent to Mrs A.E. Smith, The Chestnuts, Goldington, Bedford, from B.L.B.

Coloured postcard Postally used 10 Mar 1909

Z1130/10/59/10 View of Bunyan's statue, St.Peter's green and St.Peter's church. Frith's series 40856. Published by St.Peter's Stationery Co., 23 St. Peter's Street, Bedford. Sent to Miss Whibley of Gillingham, Kent, from Harrie

Photographic postcard Postally used 28 may 1923 at 4pm

Z1130/10/59/11 View of Bunyan's statue, St.Peter's green and St.Peter's church. Frith's series. Sent to Miss David of Brixton, London from Mrs O.W.

lithographic postcard Postally used 6 Sep 1921

Z1130/10/59/12 View of Bunyan's statue, St.Peter's green and St.Peter's church. F. Hockliffe, Bedford. sent to Mrs Ward, South Brent, S. Devon, from A.S.H.

lithographic postcard Postally used 26 Mar 1903



Z1130/10/59/13 View of Bunyan's statue, St.Peter's green and St.Peter's church. Wrench Series No. 1364. Printed in Saxony. Sent to Mrs J. Clark, Hasland, Chesterfield, from L. Randall

The card has a divided back, but was obviously designed as undivided, i.e. with message space on the right.

Coloured postcard Postally used 26 Feb. 1904 at 7.15pm

Z1130/10/59/14 View of Bunyan's statue, St.Peter's green and St.Peter's church. Frith's Series. Sent to Mrs Kime, c/o Mrs Yale, North Kensington, London from Annie (daughter). P.S. on front 'the postmaster of Biddenham has sent you a lovely bunch of flowers'.

Coloured postcard Postally used 22 Jun 1906 at 8.15pm

Z1130/10/59/15 View of Bunyan's statue, St.Peter's green and St.Peter's church. Wrench Series. Sent to Mrs J. Dawson, Lower Dean, Kimbolton, from Louise (daughter)

Photographic postcard Postally used 8 Apr 1909 at 9pm

Z1130/10/59/16 View of Bunyan's statue and St.Peter's green with St.Peter's church in the background. Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd. Sent to Mr G. Sale, Chesham House, Brook Street, Luton.

Coloured postcard Postally used 24 Aug 1914 at 8.00pm

Z1130/10/59/17 Card titled 'St.Peter's Church, Bunyan Statue & Grammar Preparatory School, Bedford'. No indication of publisher. Not postally used but bears message to Oscar from Mary.

Photographic postcard c.1914-1918
See also Z1130/10/59/18

Z1130/10/59/18 Card titled 'St.Peter's Church, Bunyan Statue & Grammar Preparatory School, Bedford'. No indication of publisher. Sent to Mrs Wilkinson, 21 Duke Street, opposite girls School, Norwich, Norfolk from Eva.

Photographic postcard Postally used 13 Aug 1920 12.45pm
see also Z1130/10/59/17

Z1130/10/59/19 Card titled 'St.Peter's Church, Bunyan Statue & Grammar Preparatory School, Bedford'. Published by E.T.W. Dennis & Sons Ltd. Sent to 'Mrs A. Moore, Naseby, Eye, Suff', from M.

half tone postcard Postally used 22 Sep 1926 at 12.10pm
see also Z1130/10/59/17

Z1130/10/59/20 Card titled 'St.Peter's Church, Bunyan Statue & Grammar Preparatory School, Bedford'. No indication of publisher. Sent to Miss S, Brookes, 15 Henley Street, Iffley Road, Oxford, from Marie.

Coloured postcard Postally used 19 Jul 1920 at 10am
see also Z1130/10/59/19

Z1130/10/59/21 Card titled 'St.Peter's Street and Bunyan Statue, Bedford'. Salmon Series -18746, J. Salmon Ltd, Sevenoaks. Sent to Miss M. Fenton, 14 Carlton Road, Gillingham, Kent, from Beryl.

Photographic postcard Postally used 17 Aug 1951 at 11.30am

Z1130/10/59/22 Card titled 'St.Peter's Sunday School, Bedford (Easter Day)' showing choirboys walking along the pavement, with St.Peters green and Grammar Preparatory School in the background. Published by Frank R. Brown & Co., 7 Mill Street, Bedford. Sent to Miss Applegate, Bonaker, Croydon Road, Beckenham, Kent.

Photographic postcard Postally used 31 May 1907 at 9.15pm

Z1130/10/59/23 Card titled 'Bedford. St.Peter's Green' Published by Photochrom Co. Ltd. Postmark with slogan 'TAKE NO CHANCES KEEP DEATH OFF THE ROAD. Sent to Miss R. Joreley, 5 Marconi Way, Southall, Middlesex, from Eileen.

Photographic postcard Postally used 17 Jul 1946 at 2.15pm

Z1130/10/60-62 Numbers not used

Z1130/10/63 Silver Street, Bedford

Z1130/10/63/1 Coloured postcard titled "Bedford Silver Street" showing a view looking down Silver St. from the Harpur Street, horse and carts on the roadway and the pavements full of busy shoppers. Sent to Miss Rumball, 4 Fouberts Place, Regent St. London W. from N. Thomas. Bedford postmark. Published by The Photochrom Co. Ltd. London No. - 23477.

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Bedford Town Centre Sculptures

The 10 sculptures and statues referenced on the following pages are located in Bedford. All the sculptures and statues are on public display and can be viewed from the public highway.

The explanations provide a brief history surrounding the artwork and its current location at time of print. More detailed information regarding the artwork can be found at **BARS**, '**Bedford Town Centre Statues**' by **Stuart Antrobus** or by accessing the website below:

http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/webringres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.digitised_resources/statues_bedford_book_reflections.htm



Sculpture 1:



Title: reflections of Bedford
Sculptor: Rick Kirby
Date: 2009

'Reflections of Bedford' is located at the High Street end of Silver Street.

Two faces stare at each other. They represent the diversity of backgrounds in modern Bedford.

The work is made from stainless welded -steel and is five metres high. Brick and lace detail link to the industrial heritage of the town. Coloured lights illuminate the work at night.

The work was commissioned by Bedford Borough Council at a cost of £100,000. It was erected on 12 December 2009.



Title: John Howard Statue
Sculptor: Sir Alfred Gilbert
Date: 1894

Statue 2:

John Howard was born in London in 1726. He moved to Cardington where he became a landowner and High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. It was at this point that Howard noted the poor conditions in Bedford Goal. He embarked on a life-long quest to make recommendations for improvements to prisons. He visited prisons in Britain and abroad. Howard died in 1790 from a fever when on a visit to Ukraine.

The statue is located in St Paul's Square. It is cast in bronze and took 4 years to complete.



Title: First World War Memorial
Sculptor: Charles S Jagger
Date: 1992

Statue 3:

This statue represents the men of Bedford who died in WW1. Dates were added to commemorate WW2 and the Korean War.

The figure is dressed in a Crusader's armour. At the feet of the figure is a chained dragon representing the conquering of evil. The decision to make the figure female was made in the last stages of completion.

The statue is located at The Embankment and is made from white Carrara marble. Jagger fought in the First World War and was awarded the Military Cross for bravery.



Title: South African War Memorial
Sculptor: Leon J Chavalliaud
Date: 1904

Statue 4:

The British soldier is wearing khaki camouflage uniform dating from the early 20th century. He represents the death of 237 men killed during the Anglo-Boer War between October 1899 and June 1902.

The stature is located by the Swan Hotel and is cast in bronze. Four plaques around the base list the name, regiment and rank of each soldier from Bedfordshire. The statue was unveiled on 2nd June 1904.



Title: John Bunyan Statue
Sculptor: Sir Joseph Boehm
Date: 1874

Statue 5

John Bunyan was born in 1628 in Elstow. He is probably best **known for writing 'The Pilgrim's Progress' in 1675.**

Bunyan had a strong belief in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to speak to him when he read the Bible. He would preach in the open air during the time when only Anglican parsons were allowed to preach. As a result he was imprisoned for 12 years from 1600 to 1672. He died on August 31st, 1688 in London.

The statue is located on St Peter's Green. It is cast from bronze Chinese cannon and bells and is 10 feet high. It was unveiled on June 10th 1874 by Lady Augusta, wife of Dean Stanley.



Title: Sir William Harpur Statue
Sculptor: Benjamin Palmer
Date: 1768

Statue 6:

In 1566 Sir William Harpur set up a charity known today as The Harpur Trust. It benefited Bedford Grammar School and other charities. (More details can be found in the Brief History section of this pack.)

The statue is located in St Paul's Square. It is made from Portland stone. It is unlikely to resemble Sir William as no known images of him exist. He is also dressed a little differently. His clothes date to the eighteenth century when the stature was commissioned.



Title: Glenn Miller bust
Sculptor: Patricia Finch
Date: 1994

Bust 7:

Glen Miller (1904 –1944) was an American musician and bandleader. During WW2 he was a musical director of the American Band of the Supreme Allied Command. Miller and his band played many concerts in Bedford Corn Exchange where the BBC broadcast to American and allied troops. On 15th December 1944 Major Glenn Miller took off from Twinwoods Airfield in a light aircraft destined for Paris. Weather conditions were poor. He and the plane were never seen again.

The sculpture is located on the front façade of the Corn Exchange.



Title: The Meeting
Sculptor: John Mills
Date: 1996

Sculpture 8:

The group in this work shows a father with four children and the **family dog. One child is balanced on the father's shoulders** as they collect the other three children from school. The artwork was once installed in Bedford Modern School.

The sculpture is located at Harpur Square. It is made from bronze resin.



Title: Trevor Huddleston bust
Sculptor: Ian Walters
Date: 1999

Bust 9:

Trevor Huddleston (1913—1998) was an infant when he left Bedford. He became an Anglican priest serving most of his life to the poor people on the African Continent. Working in Sophiatown, his commitment to human rights and anti-apartheid activism led to a claim by Nelson Mandela that is **inscribed on the plinth of the bust. It reads; “No white person has done more for South Africa than Trevor Huddleston”.**

On 7th April 2000 the bust was re-dedicated by Nelson Mandela **after its’ unveiling on 30th October 1999 by the Bishop of St Albans.** The bust is located on Silver Street.



Title: Verso Domani
Sculptor: Giuseppe Martignetti
Date: 2009

Sculpture 9:

The title of this sculpture translates as “Towards Tomorrow.”

The sculpture represents young Italian families striding towards a new life. The families are from the rural south of Italy and are accompanied by animals.

The sculpture is located at the Greyfriars roundabout, between the bus station and police station. The work is made in reinforced concrete covered with a metallic sheen and acrylic over-glaze.

Murder at Goldington Road 1266

Volume XLI of Bedfordshire Historical Records Society series is a series of translations by R.F. Hunnisett of medieval coroner's rolls for **the county, entry 5 reads: “About bed-time on 8 Aug 1266 Ralph le Felun of Meppershall, Geoffrey le Veyere of Kempston and another unknown, who had been drinking above a louvre in a Bedford tavern, went out and came into the king’s highway between Goldington and Bedford, where a quarrel arose between them. Geoffrey and the unknown man assaulted Ralph, Geoffrey striking him to the heart with a ‘siklnas’ knife [a sickle], of which he immediately died. The felons immediately fled. Ellen Estyne of Goldington first found him at dawn as she went to her work in the field and found pledges, William Coc and Henry the Clerk, both of Goldington”.**

“Inquest before the same coroner by Goldington, Renhold [and] Ravensden as one township, and Great Barford, who said that Geoffrey killed Ralph with the aid of the unknown man, as above. Therefore Geoffrey’s arrest was ordered. They had no chattels... [At the eyre it was presented that the quarrel arose In a tavern in Goldington. It was ordered that Geoffrey be exacted and outlawed. He had no chattels and was not in a tithing because he was a vagrant. The first finder had died. No Englishry| was presented and so murdrum was imposed on the hundred. Goldington was amerced for not arresting the felons although this happened in day-time]”. The line about the first finder having died seems, from other cases in the volume, to be formulaic and not to be taken as the literal truth.

Kelly's Directory 1914.

Kelly's Directory was the equivalent to a Victorian Yellow Pages. It listed trades and businesses, the gentry and facilities of a town or village.

GIRTFORD, see Sandy.

GOLDINGTON is a village and parish, pleasantly seated on the north bank of the river Ouse, and on the road from Bedford to St. Neots, 2 miles north-east from Bedford stations on the Midland and London and North Western railways, 10 south-west from St. Neots and 11 north-west from Biggleswade, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Barford, petty sessional division, union and county court district of Bedford, Bedford rural deanery and archdeaconry and St. Albans diocese. The church of St. Mary, standing on high ground, is an edifice of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, south transept and porch, and a tower containing 4 bells, rehung in new oak frames in 1899 at a cost of £100: the north and east windows are stained, the latter being a memorial to Mrs. Kenworthy Browne: there are a few brasses and some monuments: in 1859 the church was thoroughly renovated, and in 1876 the chancel was restored and new-roofed at a cost of £145: in 1879 an organ was introduced at a cost of £400, and in 1899 the church was completely restored and partly reseated, and the floor of the chancel raised, at a total cost of £500. Dean Bowers, of Manchester, founder of Marlborough school, is buried under the altar, and there is also a tablet to his memory. The register dates from the year 1559. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £200, including 5 acres of glebe, in the gift of the Bishop of St. Albans, and held since 1897 by the Rev. Francis William Bradney Dunne LL.D. of Trinity College, Dublin: the trustees of the late Lieut.-Col. Frank Shuttleworth and Cecil Henry Polhill esq. are the impropiators. The Congregationalists (Bunyan Meeting) have a chapel here, erected in 1825 and seating 150. A reading and recreation club room was built in 1904, at a cost of £520, on a site presented by Messrs. Conquest, Haynes and Miller. There are two charities, amounting together to £11 10s. yearly, one of which is distributed on St. Thomas' Day in clothing to widows, and the other weekly in bread to the poor. Newnham Priory, anciently existing here, was founded in 1247, temp. Henry III. by Roise de Beauchamp, and colonised by Austin canons from the collegiate church of St. Paul at Bedford; at the Dissolution there were 16 canons, and the revenue was estimated at £293; the priory afterwards fell into private hands and the manor was added to the Honor of Ampthill. Some remains are still standing on the banks of the Ouse. About three-quarters of a mile east, on the north side of the river Ouse, is a high conical mound, the only remains of an earthwork called "Risinghoe Castle." Newnham is the southern part of the parish and here are the outfall works of the Bedford sewage. Goldington Hall, a good Jacobean house, on the site of a still older mansion, is the property and residence of William Marsh Harvey esq. Goldington Bury, the property of the trustees of the late Lieut.-Col. Frank Shuttleworth, who are the principal landowners, has finely-timbered grounds of over 40 acres, and is occupied by Major James Deane C.M.G. The soil is gravelly loam; sub-soil, clay. The area is about 2,548 acres of land, about three-fourths being arable, one-fourth pasture, and 40 of water; assessable value, £4,865; the population in 1911 was 967.

Verger, Augustus Harlow.
Clerk to the Parish Council, Andrew B. Alexander.
Post Office.—Mrs. Thirza Portwood, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive through Bedford at 7.35 a.m. & 5.50 p.m. for delivery, & at 2.20 p.m. for callers only; sundays, 7.35 a.m.; dispatched at 9 a.m. & 12.25 & 6.20 p.m.; sundays, 11.25 a.m. The nearest money order & telegraph office is at Bedford, 2 miles distant Pillar Letter Boxes.—Newnham lane, cleared at 9 a.m. 12 noon & 5.15 & 8 p.m.; sundays, 11.15 a.m.; & Goldington East End, cleared at 9 a.m. & 12.20, 2.15 & 6 p.m.; sundays, 11.15 a.m.

Public Elementary School (mixed), built in 1866 at a cost of £1,400, raised by subscription, for 174 children, & enlarged in 1905 at a cost of £1,100, for 60 children; there is a house annexed for the master; Andrew B. Alexander, master

Carriers to Bedford.—Maskell, daily, & Hinsby, from St. Neots, passes through daily

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Deane Major James C.M.G. Goldington Bury	Dunne Rev. Fras. William Bradney LL.D. (vicar), Vicarage	Harvey Wm. Marsh, Goldington hall
	Harvey Misses, Goldington hall	Holmes John, Woodlands
		Marshall William, Homeleigh

BEDFORDSHIRE. [KELLY'S

<p>108 GOLDINGTON.</p> <p>Osborne Alfred Ernest B.A., B.Sc. The Birches Osborne John Thomas, Putnoe lane Salter Charles William, Tresco cottage, Bedford road Saunderson Joseph, Orchard house Skipwith Miss, Gable cottage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMERCIAL.</p> <p>Allen Thomas, farmer, Highfields Ashworth Joseph, The Swan P.H. Baldwin William, beer retailer Ballingall George, farmer, Manor farm Bandej Ephraim, professor of music Bedford Shelter for Lost & Starving Dogs & Cats (Mrs. Gray, hon. supt.; Miss Maria Maydwell, caretaker), 25 Newnham lane Brace R. carman, Newnham lane Brightman Frank, farmer, Hill farm</p>	<p>Bryant Harry & William, boat builders, Newnham lane Chambers Robert, baker Cox Kate (Miss), shopkeeper Deacon James, boat builder, see Lightfoot & Deacon Ell William, farmer, Elms farm Hartop Arth. Edwin, frmr. Putnoe ho Hill Thomas, boot repairer Howard Harry, poultry farmer Howkins Herbert, timber merchant, Newnham lane Ibbott James, blacksmith Lawton Ernest Leonard, insurance agent, King Edward road Lightfoot & Deacon, boat builders, Newnham lane Marshall William, boot maker Maskell Abraham, beer ret. & carrier</p>	<p>Mersh Charles Winterton, grocer, Bedford road Parker John, farm bailiff to Mr. John Crawley Portwood John W. shopkeeper Reading & Recreation Club (Andrew B. Alexander, sec) Robinson Jas. boot repr. Bedford rd Rogers William Hy. miller (water), Castle mills Sharp Frederick, Anchor P.H. Stocker Bertha (Miss), costumer, Alexander road Walker George, farmer, Jackman's Ln Ward Harold, insur. agt. Bedford rd White Jn. Edwd. farmer, Bury farm Williams Alfred Vivian, insurance agent, Strathmore, Bedford road Williams Vivian (Mrs.), costumer, Strathmore, Bedford road</p>
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Bedford Quick Facts

The following quick facts have been taken from the BARS Community Archives web pages, 'Bedford Part and Present'—Wildman, Bygone Bedford by Richard Wildman, 'Memories of Bedford' and 'The Story of Bedford' by Joyce Godber.

- Bedford was a defended town, or burh, before the Norman Conquest of 1066.
- A fire in Bedford in 1802 destroyed 70 houses.
- The park in Bedford opened in July 1888.
- In 1947 the River Ouse rises about 2 metres (6 feet) above normal level at Town Bridge causing floods through much of the town.
- A Person born in Bedford is known as a Bedfordian.
- In 1700s the school hours were 9am -4pm in the winter and 7am—5pm in the summer.



- **The Suspension Bridge became a 'listed building' in 1995.**
- Bedford accepted 13,000 women and children who were evacuated from London and the South Coast at the start of WW2.
- On Thursday 14th February, 1946 a 19 year old Princess Elizabeth visited Bedford to open the Exhibition of Agricultural Work and Handicrafts **staged by the Women's Land Army.**
- Gas came to Bedford in 1832. Following this, the Bedford Gas Company was formed.
- Midland Road was known as Well Street in the early 1500s.
- Between May 1575 and July 1576, 30 people died from a plague . The following year another 60 people died of the disease.

Notes



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Contact us for further information on local history, access to primary sources, visits to the archives and other resources for schools:

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