

The Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies

This spring we are busy here at the Centre with various projects...

Spinal 2 Sport

The Wellcome Trust funded 'Spinal 2 Sport' project, cataloguing and preserving the history of the Paralympic Movement. The collections being catalogued are medical records deposited by the National Spinal Injuries Centre and organisational records deposited by International Wheelchair Association and WheelPower. It covers Sir Ludwig Guttmann's pioneering medical treatments in the 1940s and the beginning of the National Spinal Injuries Centre, to the International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Games Federation and the founding of the International Paralympic Committee.

Great War Buckinghamshire Showcases

Sat 12 May, Arts4Every1 Centre, High Wycombe, 10.00 to 15.00

Sat 13 Oct, Christ the Cornerstone Church, Milton Keynes, 10.00 to 15.00

Our project to research and commemorate the lives of people who are connected with the county, and participated in some way in the Great War. This includes service men and women – both those that died in the conflict, and those who survived; women who took on new roles at home; conscientious objectors. We are now in the midst of planning these two major events for 2018.

They will give a forum for our research, and the research of other organisations. We have also planned a rolling programme of poetry, music and performance, all telling the stories of the Great War. If you or your organisation would like to get involved at either or both events, please contact Katherine Gywn: kagwyn@buckscc.gov.uk

She Got the Vote: Suffrage in Buckinghamshire

We are researching with a team of volunteers, the lives of Buckinghamshire women who got to vote in a General Election for the first time in 1918. The research will be published on a blog throughout the year, and the project will culminate with our Heritage Open Day event on Sat 8th September. We are also running a new blog through the year with stories researched by the project's volunteers.

Hidden Bucks

We have recently recruited a Project Archivist to take on the two-year challenge of cataloguing our collection of medieval documents, originally collected by the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society.

History Fair

Our third annual History Fair is being organised; it will be held in at the Centre in Aylesbury on Saturday 17 November. Speakers are now all booked, but we still have tables for organisations to exhibit. If you would like to a table for your organisation please contact Katherine: kagwyn@buckscc.gov.uk. This year we are prioritising organisations who have not participated in the Fair before.