



# BERKHAMSTED LOCAL HISTORY AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

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## BLHMS Spring newsletter 2023

You will have received your copy of the Chronicle vol XX either with this newsletter, by post or by collection at the AGM. Thank you to all contributors, and editors. Remember; research articles for consideration are welcomed by everyone. Deadline for next year's volume XX1 is Dec 2023 so you have plenty of time to get working!.

**Ashridge** We are very happy to share the news of our collaboration with Ashridge House: BLHMS is pleased to report that it has formed a partnership with Hult/EF at Ashridge House. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 we signed a Licence to occupy the first floor of the Adelaide Tower, initially for two years. This provides us with 5 rooms and a kitchen. The latter and the room adjacent to it will become a meeting place for volunteers working here; another room will be established as a scanning centre; the remainder will be used for storing, sorting, and curating material that has been donated to the Society, but which to date has been randomly stored in sheds and lofts, due to the Dacorum Heritage Trust Store being full.

The project will sit comfortably in the Tower, alongside the Ashridge collections which are housed on the floor above.

BLHMS has re-decorated the rooms and will be shortly kitting them out with the necessary storage and office equipment. A sub-committee has been formed to plan this in detail and to draw up the protocol for those wishing to use the facility. Watch this space for further announcements on the launch and how to become involved!



## **Berkhamsted Castle Trust**

BCT reports the opening of the visitor's room is set for Easter. **Andrew Holder** andrew.holder@berkhamstedcastle.org.uk 01442 871620 runs the stewarding rota with aplomb; there is always room for more stewards. You can sit with a friend in the sun and greet people from far and wide. 2-hour shifts at weekends to suit as little or as much as you want. Full training given. Why not pop down one weekend and chat to the volunteer steward on duty to find out if it's something you might like to consider? Plus, regular volunteers are rewarded with a FREE English Heritage yearly pass!

**New Publications** For the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary year (2022) of St Peter's church, Berkhamsted, the Hertfordshire Record Society has published a transcription from the original volume of the accounts held in the British Library. It throws a light on many aspects of parish life in the first half of the seventeenth century.

***Berkhamsted St Peter Churchwardens Accounts, c.1584-1660***, edited and with an Introduction by **Nick Brown** assisted by **Christine Whittingham**  
They show the receipts from the more well to do to give to the poor (the late 1620s were a time of real hardship). There are also details of payments for the church administration and building works - the roof, the bells and church furniture, such as the pulpit. The HRS has agreed to make the volume available at the reduced price of £17.50. If you would like to acquire a copy, please contact [nick.brown560@btinternet.com](mailto:nick.brown560@btinternet.com)

### ***St Peters Church Great Berkhamsted 1222-2022* by Christopher Green.**

A beautifully produced book in full colour celebrating its 800<sup>th</sup> year. £20 available from the Parish Office.

## **Coronation of King Charles III**

We are working with Berkhamsted Town Council to provide an exhibition in the Civic Centre in May

## **Heritage Open Days**

We are currently arranging a series of FREE tours of the town's history for this annual event in early September. This year's theme is 'The Arts'. Any potential guides/ideas for tours please get in touch: mary\_casserley@yahoo.co.uk 07704 822587.

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