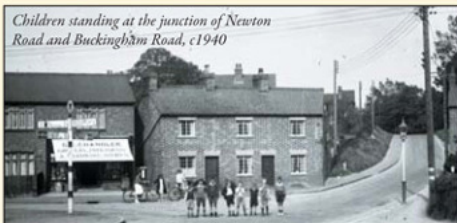


Historic Towns & Villages

Fenny Stratford

A celebration of local people and places through the eyes of one photographer



Percy Baker was a professional photographer based in Fenny Stratford from about 1910 until the mid-1950s.

During that time he produced a fascinating photographic record of Milton Keynes people and places and recorded events of local and national interest, particularly in and around Bletchley. These included VE day celebrations in May 1945 and a street parade to mark the Coronation of King George VI in 1937. Bletchley Co-Op dressed its lorries and carts for the occasion!

Mr Baker's first premises were at 80 Aylesbury Street, opposite Church Street. During the 1920s he moved down the road to a shop at No 24 which was part of a converted seventeenth century farmhouse. The site has now been redeveloped as Eden Court residential flats.

Nearly six hundred of Mr Baker's original glass plate negatives were saved from destruction when the County Council's Area Planning Office moved into his former studio in the mid-1950s. These negatives are now safely stored at Buckinghamshire County Museum for all to enjoy, and they will be made available on the Museum's website in the future.

Percy Baker's photographs represent a small number of the thousands of fascinating historical photographs in the collection at the County Museum, including many more images of Milton Keynes. These photographs can be seen on the Museum's website at www.buckscc.org.uk/museum. Alternatively, to book an appointment to view any part of the Museum's stored collections call us on 01296 624519 or email museum@buckscc.gov.uk.