



Milton Keynes Celebrates!

Milton Keynes Heritage Association

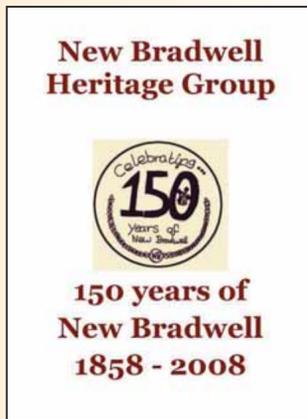
2008: A busy year



Photo courtesy of Neil Beardmore

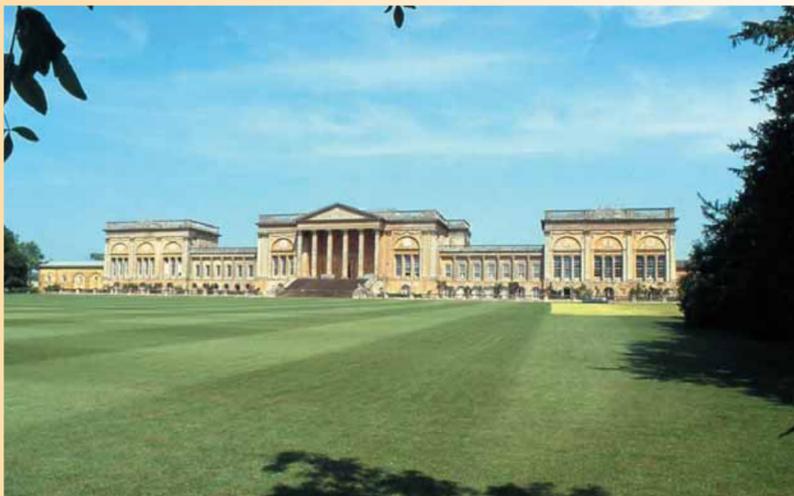
New Bradwell: 150 years

New Bradwell Heritage Group (NBHG) utilised one of the MKHA's members' grants to produce an interesting 14 page booklet to accompany their sesquicentenary (150 years) celebrations 1858 - 2008. The logo on the front cover is by schoolgirl Georgina Platt who won a prize for her work. The High Street was closed for the afternoon to allow Maypole dancing, stalls, storytelling, juggling and pony rides – all to the accompaniment of Bradwell Silver Band.



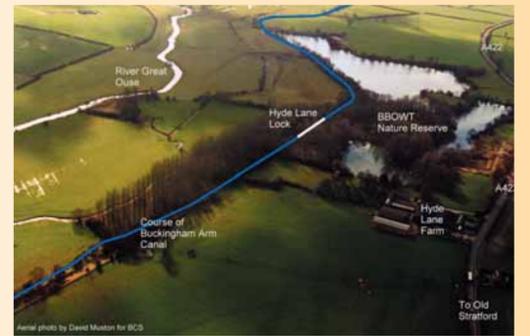
Stowe House

Currently applying for HLF money (25%) to continue restoring all of the South Front and also most of the state room interiors. We will hear in December as to whether or not we have a Stage 1 pass to continue with the work. All this restoration ties in with the New Inn project run by the National Trust at Stowe, to restore the original 18th century visitors' entrance to the site by 2011.



Buckingham Canal Society

Buckingham Canal Society Chair, Athina Becket, reports on a major restoration project: 'Buckingham Canal Society's Celebration Day marked the completion of structural refurbishment works to Hyde Lane Lock. This represented a major step forward by the Society in the staged restoration of the abandoned Buckingham Arm of the Grand Union Canal (see location photo). MKHA Vice Chairman Neil Louden unveiled the 4th interpretation board which was funded by an MKHA members' grant. BCS Chair, Athina Becket, thanked all the other sponsors and volunteers who had made the renovation work possible. BCS is currently in negotiation with British Waterways with a view to getting a second hand set of gates fitted to complete the work.'



MKHA Quarterly Members' Meeting

More than 20 members attended the MKHA's quarterly meeting at MK library on November 20th. Recently elected Chairman, David Muston, introduced a new visual slide based format to add visual interest to the proceedings and to provide members the opportunity to show pictures of their recent activities



Calverton Records Project

Brian Giggins reported for Calverton describing his c.1550 sketch reconstruction showing evidence of the large fishpond (highlighted blue) in the field still known as 'Pond Close'

