

# OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OLHA)

## The Romans in Oxfordshire

A Study Day to be held in the Morris Room, Corner House, Charlbury, OX7 3PN

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013

£8 per person

*The Roman forts of Dorchester and Alchester (Bicester) and the road later named Akeman Street from Corinium (Cirencester) to Verulamium (St Albans) are evidence of Roman military presence in Oxfordshire. Domestic life on the Roman pattern can also be seen in villas, temples and farms throughout the countryside. Thirteen years after the publication of 'Roman Oxfordshire' by Martin Henig and Paul Booth, we will look again at what the county was to the Romans.*

**9.30 Registration and Coffee**

**10.00 Roman Oxfordshire – An Update**

Paul Booth has over 30 years' experience in professional archaeology. He is a specialist in Roman pottery, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Member of the Institute for Archaeologists, and an Honorary Associate of the Institute of Archaeology at Oxford.

**11.30 Break**

**11.45 Gatehampton Roman Villa**

Hazel Williams, Director for the South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group's excavation near Goring.

**12.45 Lunch**

Charlbury has many pubs and a small café. The hall will be available for those bringing sandwiches.

**There are two options for the afternoon:**

**2.00 – 3.30 Charlbury Museum and Guided Walk of the Town**

The museum is in the basement of the Corner House and displays a blacksmith's forge; machines and tools used in the manufacture of gloves; maps and photographs of Charlbury. At 2.30pm members of the Charlbury Society will lead a walk around the town.

**2.00 – 3.30 North Leigh Roman Villa**

Drive to East End, approximately 3 miles south east (see overleaf). Parking is in a lay-by and the villa is 550 yards (600 metres) from the road, down a rough track. This was a large courtyard villa, with four bath suites, 11 rooms with underfloor heating and 16 mosaic floors by the time the Romans withdrew from Britain. We will go into the mosaic house (which is not normally open to the public) to see one that has been preserved.

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### Booking Form – The Romans in Oxfordshire Study Day, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Member name(s).....

Address.....

Number of places at £8 each.....

Name of local society (if applicable).....

Please send this slip and a cheque made payable to 'OLHA' to:

Liz Woolley, 138 Marlborough Road, Oxford OX1 4LS (01865 242760, [membership@olha.org.uk](mailto:membership@olha.org.uk))

**If you would like an acknowledgement please write your e-mail address here:**

## To get to the Corner House, Charlbury, OX7 3PN

**By ROAD** Charlbury is on the B4437, off the A44 north west of Woodstock

**By RAIL** Twenty minutes from Oxford on the Cotswold Line

**By BUS** Hourly Stagecoach service S3 (note that not all go via Charlbury)

From Witney and Chipping Norton, Stagecoach service X9

**Parking** In the surrounding streets, or behind the Co-op supermarket in Browns Lane, opposite an open space called Playing Close

