

OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OLHA)

Autumn Study Day

FOCUS ON THAME

at the Thame Barns Centre, Church Road, Thame, OX9 3AJ

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016

There was a Saxon settlement on a crossing of the River Thame, but the market town was developed in the twelfth century by the Bishop of Lincoln on a separate site, to which the Oxford to Aylesbury road was diverted. The town centre retains its market place and many attractive buildings from the thirteenth century onwards. Evidence of earlier occupation has recently come to light.

9.30 Registration and coffee

9.45 Before the Saxons – Neolithic, Iron Age and Roman Thame Discovered

Chris Ellis, Senior Project officer for Oxford Archaeology, directed the excavations in 2015 which uncovered rare ritual and commemorative monuments of the earliest farmers in Britain, as well as the managed agricultural landscape and enclosures of the Iron Age and Roman periods.

10.45 Baron Williams of Thame, Tudor Courtier – Life and Legacy

Brian Lowe started his professional life in the navy, went on to photography and is now an Oxford Blue Badge guide. He attended Lord Williams School in Thame.

11.45 Break

12.00 Residents of St Mary’s Churchyard

David Bretherton, former RAF engineer, came to Thame for a couple of years in the 1980s, and never left. He is a Councillor, former mayor, local historian and founder member of the Museum Trust.

1.00 Lunch break – there are several good pubs and cafés in the town centre.

2.15 Visit to Thame Museum and/or town walk

The former County Court at 79 High Street houses the volunteer-run museum. Entrance is free, donations welcome. Members will also have the option of a town walk.

NOTE: There is parking at Thame Barns for 34, for the duration of the meeting. Other street and long- and short-term parking is also available in the town.

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BOOKING FORM – Focus on Thame, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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