

**Joint Meeting of
BERKSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
& OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

on SATURDAY 18th MAY 2013

WATER POWER

Mapledurham House and Watermill and then at Caversham Heath Golf Club

Mapledurham Estate has the last working watermill on the Thames, which still produces flour for sale. In 2011 an Archimedes screw began generating electricity, using water from the Thames to operate a turbine. Ours is a private visit – the public opening is at 2pm.

9.30 Coffee in the Old Manor, and Registration

10.00 Tour of the Watermill by the miller Cory Starling

11.00 Tour of Mapledurham House

The secluded Elizabethan house beside the Thames has been home to the recusant Blount family for four centuries. There are literary connections with Alexander Pope. We hope to be shown archive documents not normally on display. The Bardolf aisle of St Margaret's church adjacent houses family tombs.

12.00 Annual General Meeting – Oxfordshire Local History Association

In the Old Manor

Berkshire members may go on to Caversham Heath Golf Club for lunch

12.30 Lunch

Bring your own packed lunch to eat at Mapledurham or at Caversham Heath, which is part of the estate – see overleaf for directions. The Golf Club serves bar food from sandwiches to reasonably priced meals. Menu attached below. To save waiting order directly from them on 01189 478600.

2.00 Watermills and Water Power in Berkshire and Oxfordshire

Dr Jonathan Brown is an Honorary Fellow at the Museum of English Rural Life, University of Reading, whose research interests include rural industries and trade. His publications include *Water Power and Watermills (2011)* and *Steam on the Farm (2012)*.

3.00 The Mills Archive

Dr Ron Cookson is Chairman of the Mills Archive Trust, a registered charity responsible for the Mills Archive. He will talk about this Reading-based archive, the country's national repository for documents and images of windmills, watermills, and the people involved with them. Founded in 2002, it holds 2 million items, and is run by volunteers.

4.00 Finish

Booking Form – Joint BHLA & OLHA Study Day on Water Power, May 18th 2013

Member Name(s).....Number of places @ £13.....
Name of Local society.....
Address of Member.....

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Please send this slip and a cheque made to 'OLHA' to Liz Woolley, 138 Marlborough Road, Oxford, OX1 4LS (01865 242760, membership@olha.org.uk. **For an acknowledgement please write your e-mail address here:**

Mapledurham House (RG4 7TR) is signposted off the A4074 Oxford to Reading road.

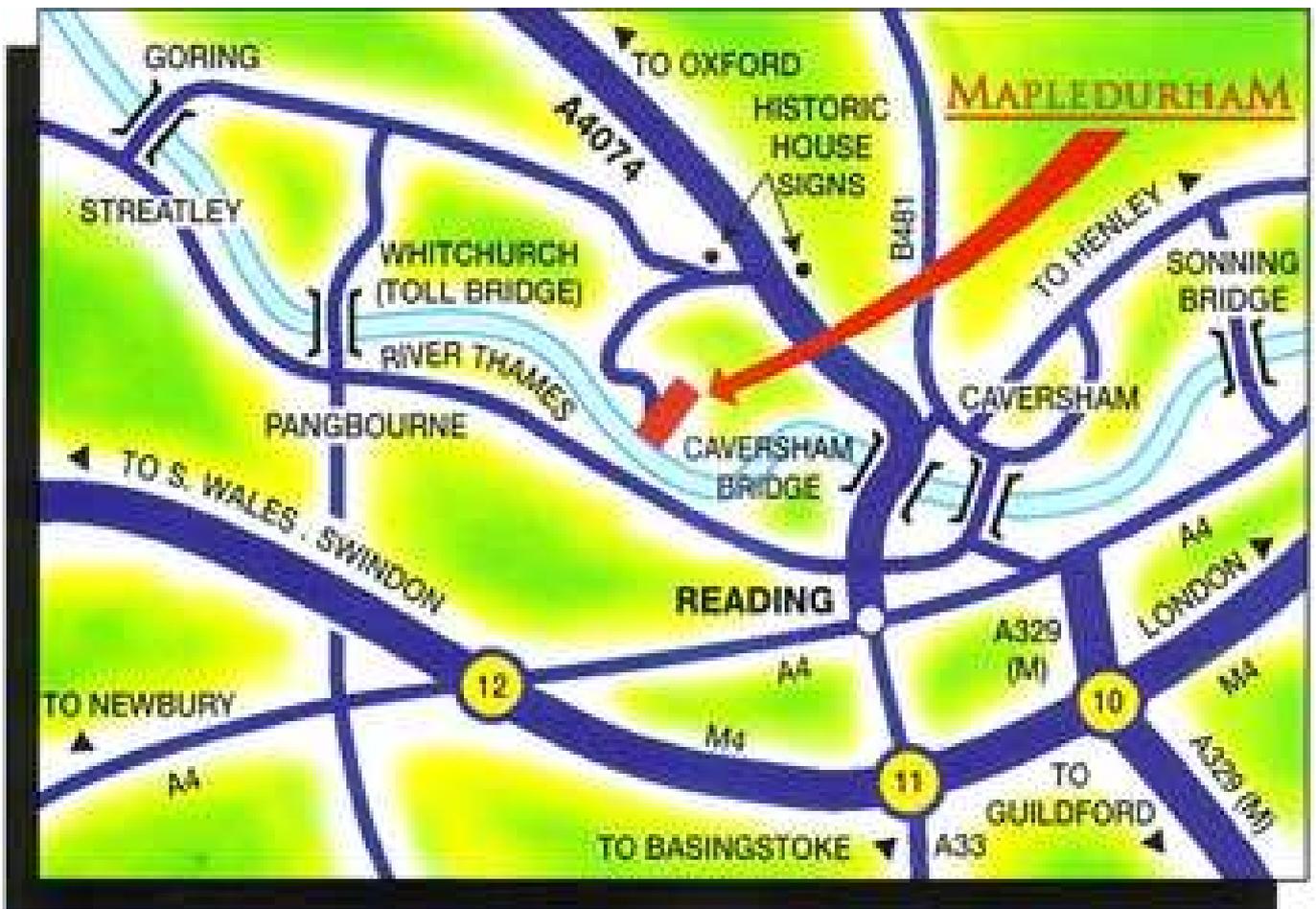
From Reading, turn left at the Pack Saddle Pub, pass the Caversham Heath Golf Club (RG4 7UT), and turn at sign to descend to Mapledurham.

From Oxford, turn right along Sheepsway Lane and then bear left to Mapledurham House.

Note – although some sat nav systems suggest otherwise, there is no crossing over the Thames from Purley.

Public transport X40 from Oxford or Reading to the Pack Saddle pub on the A4074, or train to Goring.

Please ring 01189 843260 (vickyjordan5@hotmail.com) well in advance for a lift to Mapledurham house from bus stop or station.



See over for lunch time menus for Caversham Heath Golf Club. Please order on 01189 478600

Paninis and Wraps

Served with tortilla chips and a salad garnish

- Sweet chilli chicken and cheese panini £4.95
- Bacon and brie panini £4.95
- Cajun chicken, lettuce and mayonnaise wrap £4.95
- Prawn and Marie-rose wrap £4.95

Sandwiches and Baguettes

Sandwiches £3.55, Baguettes £4.75

- Ham and mustard
- Sausage and onion
- Chicken, bacon and mayonnaise
- BLT
- Chees and pickle
- Prawn and Marie-rose
- Smoked salmon and cream cheese
- Tuna mayonnaise and cucumber

Side Orders

- Chips £2.25
- Cheesy chips £2.75
- Onion rings £2.25
- Potato wedges £2.55
- Garlic ciabatta £2.55

Kids' Menu

- Chicken nuggets, chips and beans £3.95
- Sausage, chips and beans £3.95
- Fish fingers, chips and beans £3.95

Specials, Saturday 18th May

- Tomato Soup** with a warm baguette **£3.25**
- Prawn Cocktail** **£3.95**
- Breaded Garlic Mushrooms** with garlic mayonnaise **£3.95**

Pan Fried Chicken Breast £7.25

Served with a creamy mushroom sauce, new potatoes and vegetables

Scampi £6.95

Served with chips & peas

Lasagne £6.95

Served with salad & garlic bread

Penne Pasta with Mushroom & Basil Sauce £6.95

Served with a side salad

Bread & Butter Pudding & Custard £3.60

Chocolate Torte with Cream £3.60

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Ice Cream £3.60