

WALLINGFORD AND ITS CASTLE

A study day to be held at

Wallingford Methodist Church, St Leonard's Square, Wallingford, OX10 0AS

Saturday 3 November 2018

Wallingford has a long and distinguished history, the leading town of Berkshire when William the Conqueror crossed the Thames here on his way to his coronation in Westminster Abbey. Before the Norman Conquest it had been a fortified town (burh), part of a defensive network ordered by Alfred the Great against Danish invasion. It is now an attractive country town, the original Causton of Midsomer Murders.

9.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10.00 WALLINGFORD: AN INTRODUCTION TO ITS HISTORY AND A FOCUS ON ITS ANGLO-SAXON ORIGINS

Judy Dewey studied history at Durham University, specialising in the Anglo-Saxon period, and was a founder member and secretary of the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) in 1973. She and her husband helped set up the Wallingford Museum in 1981 and she has been its curator since then. She contributed historical background for the *Burh to Borough* project, and has published articles in two British Archaeology Reports as well as books, articles and pamphlets on the history of Wallingford.

11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.45 WALLINGFORD CASTLE: ROYAL STRONGHOLD, ROYAL RESIDENCE

Dr Katharine Keats-Rohan is a medievalist specialising in North-West France and the Norman Conquest. She published a contextual study of the medieval accounts and estate surveys relating to Wallingford Castle in 2015, in *Wallingford: The Castle and Town in Context*, which demonstrated the national importance of the castle for the first time.

1.00 LUNCH

There are pubs and cafes in the town, or packed lunches can be eaten in the church hall.

2.00 VISIT TO WALLINGFORD MUSEUM

Included in the price is entrance to the museum where there is a special display on the castle, showing the most recent discoveries. There are also displays on town life through the centuries; on local resident Agatha Christie and on Wallingford's role in *Midsomer Murders*.

2.45 A GUIDED WALK TO THE CASTLE GROUNDS will leave the museum

3.45 END OF THE DAY (but the Museum remains open until 5pm)

TRAVEL and PARKING: Wallingford is served by buses run by Thames Travel, including the X40 and X2. The Cattle Market in Wood Street (OX10 0AU) is the nearest long-stay car park (Saturday £2 for 5 hours).



BOOKING FORM – *Wallingford and its Castle* study day at Wallingford, 3 November 2018

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