

OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OLHA)

OXFORDSHIRE: WORLD WAR TWO AT HOME

AGM and study day to be held at

Bampton Village Hall, Market Square, Bampton OX18 2JH

on Saturday 7 May 2022

9.30 Registration and tea/coffee

10.00 **DAD'S UNDERGROUND ARMY**

Bill King will explain the development, organisation and activities of this clandestine organisation which would have come into action had Britain been invaded during World War II. The talk includes especial references to the Oxfordshire area. There will be a short break after the talk.

11.15 **PUT THAT LIGHT OUT! AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS AND AIR DEFENCES IN WARTIME OXFORDSHIRE**

Malcolm Graham will look at both civilian and military activity, including the work of air raid wardens and civil defence personnel; the effects of the blackout; protection from gas attacks; public and private air raid shelters; and the use of bombing decoys, camouflage and anti-aircraft batteries.

12.00 **SECOND WORLD WAR PRISONERS OF WAR IN OXFORDSHIRE**

Matthew Smaldon will tell the story of the many thousands of prisoners of war who were held in camps across Oxfordshire during and immediately after WWII. The talk will include personal accounts relating prisoners' relationships with locals, their employment, and escapes and tragedies, and will explore what remains of the camps eighty years later.

12.35 **OLHA's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

AGM papers will be circulated at the meeting.

1.00 **LUNCH**

The cafe at Bampton Garden Plants in Buckland Road is highly recommended, and Clanfield Tavern and Aston Pottery are five minutes' drive away. It will not be possible to eat a packed lunch in the Bampton Village Hall, but if the weather is fine there are many pleasant outdoor spots around the village.

2.15 **GUIDED TOUR OF ST MARY'S CHURCH AND THE WAR MEMORIAL**

With **Robin Shuckburgh**, Chairman of the [Bampton Archive](http://www.bamptonarchive.org.uk). A second tour will run at 3:45pm if necessary. An alternative to the guided tour is a **self-guided tour of the village**, for which leaflets will be available.

There is limited parking at Bampton Village Hall, but there is on-street parking in the village, including by the church.

If possible, please book and pay on-line at <http://www.olha.org.uk/events/study-days>. This reduces administration for our volunteers, and avoids the 40p which our bank now charges for every cheque that we pay in.

If you are unable to book on-line, send this form with a cheque for £12.40 per person made payable to 'OLHA' to:
Liz Woolley, 138 Marlborough Road, Oxford OX1 4LS, (01865 242760, membership@olha.org.uk)

Name(s)

Local society if applicable

Number of places at £12.40 per person Do you want place(s) on the afternoon guided tour? Yes No

If you would like an acknowledgement by e-mail, please tick this box and write your e-mail address here:

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