

This is the sixth conference organised by The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) in conjunction with Wallingford Museum, making public the most recent research on Wallingford's history.

The last eight years have seen major advances in understanding the importance of Wallingford's role as a royal Saxon and Medieval stronghold. TWHAS has undertaken new documentary research, as well as being actively involved in the AHRC funded *Wallingford Burh to Borough Project*, led by the Universities of Leicester, Exeter and Oxford, including taking over completion of the project's Urban Test Pitting programme. Three publications have so far followed: *The Origins of Wallingford* (2009), *Transforming Townscapes* (2014) and now *Wallingford: the Castle and Town in Context* (Sept 2015). All will be available at the conference.

The latest documentary work has finally revealed Wallingford Castle in its rightful place among the great royal castles of the Thames Valley, so we are delighted to have brought together for you a group of eminent speakers, each of whom has been involved in new research concerning these significant royal strongholds.

Programme

- 9.15am *Registration and coffee*
- 9.45am **Welcome:** Katharine Keats- Rohan
- 9.50am **Windsor: the castle and its landscape, c. 1070-1300**
Steven Brindle
- 10.30am **Anarchy in the Thames Valley: Wallingford Castle in Context during Stephen's Reign**
Oliver Creighton

11.10am *Coffee & biscuits*

11.40am **'Most securely fortified': Wallingford Castle and the Long Road to Regicide**
Katharine Keats-Rohan

12.20pm *Buffet Lunch*

1.00pm *For anyone wishing to visit the site of Wallingford Castle there will be a brief guided tour led by Judy Dewey*

1.50pm **'The Most Famous and Impregnable Castle' - The Tower of London from Henry III to Edward III'**
Jeremy Ashbee

2.30pm **Reconfiguring Oxford Castle: Research and Excavations**
Julian Munby

3.10pm *Tea & biscuits*

3.40pm **'The Mystery of the Missing Walls': revealing Wallingford Castle's southern defences**
Judy Dewey

4.20pm **Discussion and summing up**
Led by David Roffe & Anne Dodd

5.00pm *Conference closes*

Application Form

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Saturday 24 October 2015

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone No: _____

E-mail: _____

No of Persons _____

Cost is £30 per person - this includes a Buffet Lunch and all refreshments

Please make cheques payable to 'TWHAS'
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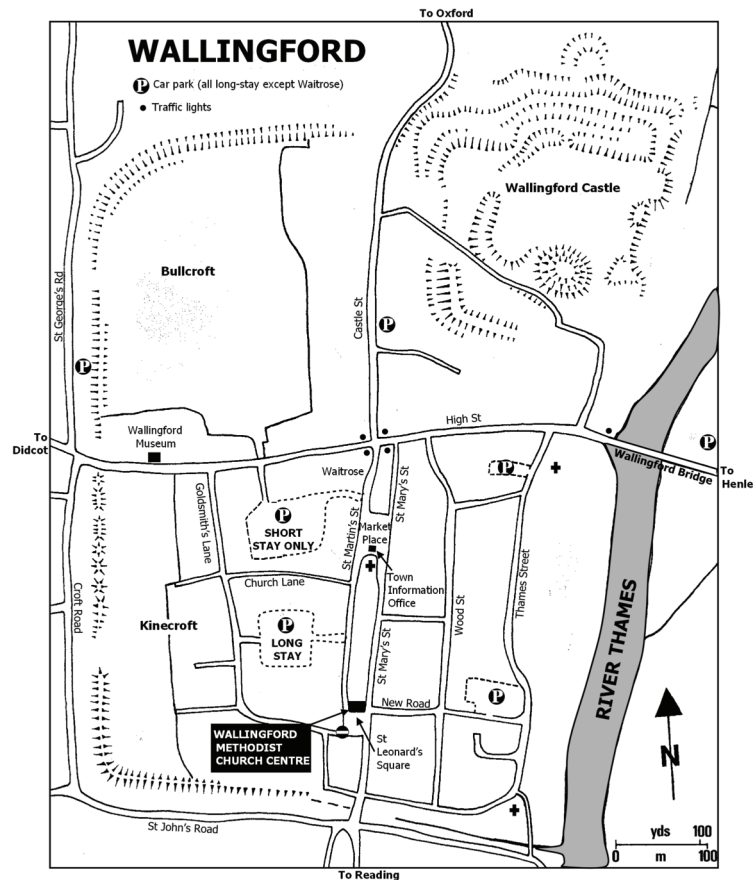
In deference to the wishes of the Wallingford Methodist Church Centre, no alcohol will be served on the premises.

How to Find the Venue

BY CAR: Via A34 from M4 (junction 13) or from M40 (junction 9) or via A329 from M40 junction 7.

BY TRAIN: Half-hourly train service to **Cholsey Station** from Oxford, & Reading. Cholsey is two miles from Wallingford (Hill's Taxis (01491) 837022). Hourly bus from Cholsey to Wallingford Market Place (136). Or buy an integrated rail ticket to **Reading Station** and then X39 or X40 bus to Wallingford.

CAR-PARKING: The recommended long stay car-park is in Goldsmith's Lane (access from High St). From car-park, exit to St Martin's Street and turn right. The Methodist Church Centre is to your left as you enter St Leonard's Square.



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A One-Day Conference

on

Saturday 24 October 2015

at

The Methodist Church Centre

St Leonard's Square

Wallingford

Oxon

OX10 0AS

9.45am - 5.00pm

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