

Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society

AGM Papers and Spring Newsletter 2019

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Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society Annual General Meeting 2019

The 2019 OAHS AGM will be held on Saturday 8 June at 12.30 p.m. at the Corn Exchange, Witney. All members are very welcome to attend. The papers for the meeting are in this booklet.

Attending the AGM

There is no need to book. Apologies may be sent to the Secretary in advance. The AGM is held in association with Oxfordshire Past 2019 and if you wish to attend that event you must book in advance (details on pages 18-19 of this booklet).

Agenda for AGM 2019

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 Reports of Officers and Subcommittees
- 5 Finance
 - a) Report of Hon. Treasurer
 - b) Adoption of accounts
 - c) Appointment of Examiners
- 6 Increase in Subscription Rates
The Committee proposes to increase subscription rates from 1 January 2020. The new rates would be:

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Membership Type	Current (£)	Proposed (£)
Ordinary (no Oxoniensia)	5	Remove this category. Full members may opt not to receive a paper copy of the journal.
Full	12	18
Family (1 copy of journal)	17	25
UK institutions	18	25
International institutions	22	30

Proposed: Treasurer – Bob Crabtree

Seconded:

7 Elections

All the present Committee are prepared to continue in office.

8 Any other business

**Minutes of the OAHS AGM
held at St Peter & St Paul Church, Deddington
19th May 2018 at 12.30 pm
(Registered Charity No. 259055)**

The President, Geoffrey Tyack, took the chair. 23 members were present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from 7 members.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted and passed without correction.

Proposed: Sarah Gray, seconded: Simon Townley.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Finance

a) Report of Hon. Treasurer

Penny Cookson was unable to attend, but a report had been circulated. She has now resigned, and Bob Crabtree has agreed to take on the role.

b) Adoption of accounts and balance sheet.

The accounts were commended to the Society and were adopted.

Proposed: David Clark, seconded: Peter Steere.

c) Appointment of Examiners

OAHS is happy with the service provided by the current examiners and would like to re-appoint them.

Proposed: Chris Day, seconded: Peter Steere.

5. Officers' reports

a) Geoffrey Tyack has enjoyed his first year as President and feels it has been a good one. The lectures have been excellent.

b) Jill Hind, Secretary, apologised for the length of the Privacy Policy. She reiterated that she would like to find a new organiser for Oxfordshire Past.

c) Peter Steere, Membership Secretary, reported that there had been a good number of new members joining the Society.

d) David Clark, Chair of Listed Buildings Sub-committee, said that they would like to recruit additional case workers.

e) It was suggested that all reports should be taken as read. These were accepted.

6. Ratification of Vice President

a) Chris Day, former President, has accepted an invitation to become a Vice-President. This proposal was accepted by the meeting.

7. Election of Officers

a) It was proposed that Dr J R Crabtree be appointed Treasurer of the Society.

Proposed: Simon Townley, seconded: Chris Day.

This resolution was approved by those present.

b) The remaining existing Committee members were all prepared to re-stand apart from Tony Dodd, Webmaster.

These officers were approved by the meeting.

c) The OAHS website requires significant work, including making it more compatible with mobile devices. It has been agreed that Meriel Lewis will take over responsibility on a paid basis.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Tony Dodd for his service on the OAHS Committee. He served as Secretary from 1995-2006 and since then has been Webmaster.

8. Any other business

a) Geoffrey Tyack explained that OAHS was in the process of drawing up a policy for the award of grants for research work.

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- b) Joanna Matthews asked about OAHS compliance with the new GDPR regulations. Jill Hind and Peter Steere were confident that this was the case. Most of the communication formed part of the membership package and was therefore part of a contract. Members do need to sign up to receive email communications.
- c) Julian Munby, Librarian, said that the Sackler Library which currently hosts the OAHS Library was proposing to send the material to the Swindon store. Other options were being explored which would retain the material in Oxford.

The meeting closed at 13.00 pm.

Reports for 2018-19

From the President

I am writing just before the last of our 2018-9 series of lectures, which have, as always, presented new and original research on the history of the city and county in a lively and stimulating manner. I would like to thank all our speakers, and also our Lectures Secretary, Adrienne Rosen, for arranging such an interesting and wide-ranging programme. I am also very grateful to our Secretary, Jill Hind, for her hard organisational work behind the scenes; without her efforts the Society would not be the success that it is.

Please note that this year's Oxfordshire Past will be held in the Corn Exchange in Witney on 8 June, and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. This is our annual opportunity to meet outside Oxford and to hear about a wide range of current research on local history and archaeology, and I am grateful to our new committee member Becky Peacock for arranging the event. I'd also like to draw your attention to the very interesting programme of summer excursions that have been arranged by John Hine; they are listed in this newsletter, and on the website, and I urge you to attend as many of them as you can.

The Listed Buildings sub-committee has, as always, kept a careful eye on current planning issues that affect the historic environment of both city and county. Many of these involve alterations to listed houses, but there have also been proposals for alterations to high-profile buildings in the centre of Oxford, including Trinity College and the University Museum, to which the members of the sub-committee have responded in a characteristically robust manner. They are also monitoring current proposals for extending the boundary of the central Oxford conservation area, and for the 2016-2036 Local Plan, and I am particularly grateful to David Clark for navigating his way through the bureaucratic jargon of these documents.

The 2018 volume of Oxoniensia contains a characteristically wide-ranging collection of scholarly articles on varied aspects of the

county's history and archaeology, together with reviews of recent publications. The 2019 volume will appear in December, and planning for a supplementary volume of papers on recent archaeology in Oxford, with an introduction by the City Archaeologist David Radford, is at an advanced stage. It is hoped that this will go on sale at a competitive price, with a discount for OAHS members, within the next year.

One of the Society's main purposes is to encourage research into the history, archaeology and architecture of the county and the city, and with this in mind we have recently revised our grants policy. We are now prepared to offer grants of up to £2,500 for research, and for the publication of such research; details of how to apply will be posted on the website, which is currently under revision.

The Society possesses a substantial library of books, some of them of great value, going back to the 1830s, details of which can be found on the website. The books are currently kept in the Sackler Library in St John Street (containing the University's books on the history of art and archaeology), and discussions are currently under way on where they might be housed in the future, given the lack of space there for the University's own collections.

In recent years the Society has always had a healthy bank balance, and the annual subscription has remained low, especially when compared with that of comparable historical societies elsewhere. But costs, especially of producing *Oxoniensia*, have risen, and continue to rise, and the Committee is now proposing a small increase in the subscription: to £18 p.a. for single membership, £25 for family membership and £25 for institutions (£30 for overseas institutions), all of them including *Oxoniensia*. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the AGM, which will be held, as usual, as part of Oxfordshire Past, and I urge you to attend the meeting if you can. Meanwhile I am very grateful to Bob Crabtree, our Treasurer, for looking after our finances and for making necessary adjustments to our investments so that the Society can continue to flourish in the future.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of our Committee, and you as members, for your support of the Society over the past year, and I will look forward to seeing you at future events.

Geoffrey Tyack

From the Secretary

The 2018 Oxfordshire Past was held successfully in Deddington, with a good range of speakers. From 2019 the event will have a new organiser, Becky Peacock, who came forward after an appeal at the AGM, for which much thanks.

Generally it was a routine year, apart from planning matters. With Geoffrey Tyack and David Clark I helped draft an OAHS response to the proposed Oxford Local Plan. In December I attended a launch event for the production of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, at which aspirations and challenges for the future were discussed.

Jill Hind

From the Membership Secretary

I will start with an apology to all those who are new members, or have renewed by PayPal, or are users of the website. The committee took the decision to update the website and to carry out some much-needed maintenance because parts of it had stopped working. This has resulted, in the short term, in difficulties with keeping the membership records up to date. An example would be, if a member decides to join or renew by PayPal the old system would automatically add their payment to their membership record and an email would automatically be sent to the membership secretary to alert me to that fact. This has stopped working. Consequently I am currently running manual reports at intervals and updating the records manually in batches. I've had several emails from members who have paid but it had not shown in their record. Please be assured that the payment record will be updated correctly,

but it is taking more time currently because the automatic process is not working. Eventually, as part of the improvements, when a new member joins via PayPal they will have automatic access to the members' area of the website, rather than needing to go through a separate registration process, as is the case now. So please bear with us while these changes are made.

The good news is that, despite these difficulties, we continue to get a healthy stream of new memberships, which more than makes up for the members who decide not to renew. At the last committee meeting I reported a figure of 543 members which is slightly higher than the previous measurement taken in December 2018.

Lastly, a single reminder is sent as an insert in Oxoniensia each December, reminding members that subscriptions are due on January 1st each year. If a further postal mailing is necessary it costs the society around £300 in postage and materials, so I am reluctant to undertake this, relying instead on email reminders where necessary. So for those members who do not pay by standing orders (thankfully the majority do) please make sure that I know your email address if you wish to receive any further subscription reminders in addition to the insert in Oxoniensia.

Peter Steere

From Oxford City and County Archaeological Forum

OCCAF has continued to meet three times a year to discuss archaeology and museums in Oxford City and across the County.

Among the issues discussed is the impact of the national reorganisation in process at Historic England. They have stopped updating the national Pastscape system, which provided an online mapping of archaeological remains and investigations. Local Historic Environment Records will now be expected to provide up-to-date data, so it is fortunate that Jacqueline Pitt has joined the County as the new HER Officer for Oxfordshire.

In addition, the aerial photographs in the Historic England record centre in Swindon will no longer be available on open shelves, but will need to be ordered in advance.

Roger Ainslie

From the Listed Buildings Sub-committee

Local council	CBA* cases	Non-CBA cases	2018 total (2017 total)
Cherwell	-	-	0 (1)
Oxford City (including the Victorian Group)	2	33	35 (51)
South Oxon	2	5	7 (9)
Vale	-	2	2 (4)
West Oxon	-	1	1 (1)
Total	4	41	45 (66)

* Council for British Archaeology, for whom we act as agents in Oxfordshire, looking at planning applications involving the complete or partial demolition of any listed building.

In 2018 the sub-committee sent comments to the relevant council planning departments on 45 planning applications throughout the county.

In Oxford there have been a number of major applications by colleges to demolish what we consider to be worthy and important 20th-century buildings. Peter Howell of the Victorian Group has commented on 30 applications, the majority in North Oxford, where inappropriate extensions, the closure of important gaps between the houses and the destruction of original conservatories, porches and

trees continue to threaten the special character of the Conservation Area. In South Oxfordshire there have been several applications affecting the historic estate village of Nuneham Courtenay; sub-committee member Prof Malcolm Airs has played a leading role in brokering discussions between local residents, the Parish Council, the District Council, and the new owner of the estate.

At the time of writing, our comments on all applications appear to have been taken into consideration in about 36% of the cases on which a decision has been made (it was 38% in 2017). We are still concerned that many planning applications are being registered despite containing inadequate documentation; in 2018 about 31% of applications (up from 23% last year) fell into this category in our opinion.

We continue to work closely with the Oxford Preservation Trust on cases affecting Oxford City, and have been one of the key consultees on the Review of the Oxford Central (City & University) Conservation Area, including the possible extension of its boundaries to include the Science Area and parts of St Thomas's, which we favour. We also submitted detailed comments on the updated Oxford Local Plan (2016-2036).

The constitution of the sub-committee has been revised slightly to reflect current activities; a copy can be obtained from lbsecretary@oahs.org.uk.

We were sorry in December to say goodbye to Helen Wilkinson, who has ably represented the Oxford Preservation Trust on the sub-committee for a number of years. We look forward to welcoming her successor.

We are always keen to hear from OAHS members who would like to join the sub-committee and get involved in the protection of Oxfordshire's architectural heritage. Please contact lbsecretary@oahs.org.uk for an informal discussion about the role.

Liz Woolley and David Clark

From the Editor of *Oxoniensia*

The last fourteen months have seen some strong output from *Oxoniensia*, with gratifying recognition of the high quality of particular content, as well as a significant new publication venture. Volume 83 of the journal, published in November 2018, included a good range of material on history, archaeology and buildings, plus the usual varied and well-crafted reviews section (thanks to our outstanding reviews editor, Dr Robert Peberdy). As ever, the index was skilfully compiled by Genefer Clark. Amongst the contributions to the volume was Alan Crossley's new assessment of the western approach to Anglo-Saxon Oxford, Malcolm Thurlby's in-depth architectural analysis of St Peter-in-the-East church, and Joshua Mardell's study of college architect John Chessell Buckler (which was awarded the Cohen Essay Prize). Volume 84 (2019) is currently being edited, and will include a valuable study of the OAHS collection of architectural casts, a structural and historical analysis of the medieval chapel at Stonor, and two studies of Oxford's urban development in the twentieth century. In February 2019 the editor received the gratifying news that Roger Gilboy's article on crisis mortality in Civil War Oxford (vol. 82, 2017) is to receive a publication award from the British Association for Local History. Many congratulations to Roger!

2018 also saw the crystallization of a plan to produce a volume dedicated to recent archaeological work by Oxford Archaeology in the city of Oxford. The book, provisionally entitled 'The Archaeology of Oxford in the 21st Century', is to be the first OAHS 'Occasional Paper' – the pioneer in a new series envisaged for single- or multi-authored works making a significant new contribution to the history and archaeology of the county. The Oxford volume will include a valuable overview by City Archaeologist David Radford, and stimulating reflections on the last fifty years of archaeological excavation in Oxford by Tom Hassall. It is proposed that members will be eligible for a discount on the publication price when the book comes out, hopefully in 2020/1. Further news will follow.

Stephen Miles

From the Treasurer

2018 Accounts

The accounts show a loss of £3,704 for the year. This is in part a reflection of delays in receiving gift aid from the government and payments for Oxoniensia from an important agent. The excursions showed a deficit due to a shortfall in numbers on some trips. However, it is apparent that income from members and publication grants only just covered the cost of publishing Oxoniensia, which were much higher in 2018 as compared with previous years. Further increases in the cost of publishing Oxoniensia are to be expected.

The overall assets of the Society remain healthy with a market valuation of £114,332 at the year-end despite a downturn in the stock market. In order to improve the income from investments £27,000 has been transferred from low income deposits and National Savings to the existing M and G Charifund and to Schroders Charities Fund. This should increase the income earned by at least £1,000 per year. A secure reserve of around £30,000 remains in National Savings.

Given the difficulty in covering costs from income it is proposed to increase the Membership and Subscription rates from 2020 in order to strengthen the financial position. The reasons for proposing this are:

- * The current rates are low compared with those for similar societies.
- * The rates are low in relation to the benefits enjoyed by members which include the journal Oxoniensia.
- * Additional income is needed to balance the accounts given that costs are steadily increasing.
- * Selling investments to cover current expenditure is not a viable option in the longer term because it would reduce income and become unsustainable.

Bob Crabtree

Proposed Committee for 2019/20

President	Geoffrey Tyack
Secretary	Jill Hind
Treasurer	Bob Crabtree
Membership Secretary	Peter Steere
Lectures Secretary	Adrienne Rosen
Excursions Secretary	John Hine
Editor, <i>Oxoniensia</i>	Stephen Mileson
Librarian	Julian Munby
Listed Buildings	Liz Woolley/David Clark
Website co-ordinator	Meriel Lewis
OCCAF	Roger Ainslie
Oxfordshire Past organiser	Becky Peacock
Committee member	Nick Doggett

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Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due on 1 January 2019. Any member failing to pay the annual subscription by 31 May will cease to be a member of the Society.

Lecture Programme 2019-20

The Autumn lecture programme will begin on Tuesday 15 October. The programme card for 2019-20 will be posted to all members in September.

Brian Cohen Essay Prize

A prize of £250 is offered annually for the best essay on a subject related to the archaeology, architecture, or history of Oxfordshire written by someone who has not previously published in a refereed journal. The winning essay will be considered for publication in *Oxoniensia*.

The essays will be judged by a panel appointed by the Society, the judges looking for evidence of original contributions to knowledge, quality of research, and clarity of expression. The decision of the judges will be final, and the Society reserves the right not to award the prize if there are no suitable entries. There is no age limit for entrants, but entry is restricted to those who have not previously had their work on Oxfordshire history published in a refereed journal. Both individuals and groups are eligible.

The closing date for entries is 30 September each year. There is a limit of 8,000 words, which should include references and a preceding summary of no more than 150 words.

For further information please contact:

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In 2018 the Society was delighted to award the Brian Cohen Essay Prize to Joshua Mardell, a Ph.D. student at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, for his article '*Fidelis ad Mortem: John Chessell Buckler, an Oxford College Architect*', published in *Oxoniensia* volume 83 (2018).

Oxfordshire Past 2019

Oxfordshire Past 2019 will be held on Saturday 8 June at the Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney OX28 6AB from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. This enjoyable annual event in the Oxfordshire calendar is for anyone interested in history, buildings and archaeology. Stalls and exhibits will be open throughout the day.

Attendance at Oxfordshire Past costs £7 and must be booked in advance. The fee of £7 includes tea/coffee but not lunch. The Corn Exchange is in Witney town centre and there are many shops and eating places nearby.

The S1 and S2 buses run between Oxford and Witney, stopping in Witney's Market Place. Free car parking is available in the Woolgate Centre Car Park (OX28 6AR) in Witan Way, 5 minutes' walk from the Corn Exchange.

Booking for Oxfordshire Past

Please pay online at the website <http://oxfordshirepast.org/> which can be used by both OAHS members and non-members,

OR send a cheque for £7 payable to 'Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society' to:

Becky Peacock, Oxfordshire Past, Janus House, Osney Mead,
Oxford OX2 0ES

If paying by cheque, please assume receipt as no acknowledgement will be made.

Email for enquiries: becky.peacock@oxfordarch.co.uk.

Oxfordshire Past 2019 Programme

Time	Subject	Speaker
10.00	Introduction and Welcome	Geoffrey Tyack, OAHS
10.05	The Victoria County History: an update for 2018/19	Simon Townley, VCH Oxon
10.30	Archaeological work in Oxford 2018/19	David Radford, Oxford City Council
10.55	Coffee / tea	
11.20	The Heritage Environment Record	Jacqueline Pitt, HER Officer
11.40	The History of Station Road, Didcot	Eugene Coyle
12.00	Excavations at Coxwell Road, Faringdon	Kate Brady, OA
12.20	Questions for morning session	
12.30	Lunch break and OAHS AGM	
1.40	Recent Finds from Oxfordshire	Anni Byard, Portable Antiquities Sch.
2.05	Archaeological work in Oxfordshire 2018/19	Richard Oram, Oxon CC
2.30	Tea / coffee	
3.00	Building recording in Oxfordshire 2018/19	David Clark, OBR
3.25	Victorian Wantage and the Wantage Mummings	tbc
3.45	Questions for afternoon session	
3.55	Closing address	OAHS
4.00	Close of Oxfordshire Past 2019	

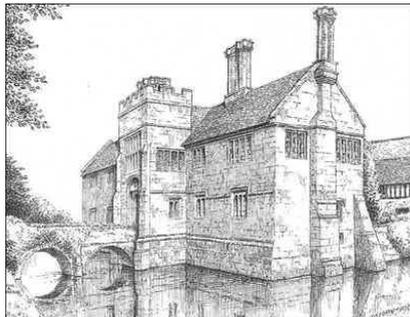
Excursions 2019

This year we have arranged three coach excursions, each one visiting a National Trust House and a privately owned property, and also two walking tours to a nearby town and village, led by knowledgeable guides.

National Trust members will enter their venues free, but pay additional tour charges, and non NT members will pay both entrance and tour charges. Please ensure you enter the correct NT and non NT fees on the booking form.

Each venue will provide an exclusive tour for our group, and teas and cakes, included in the entry fee, will be available at the end of most tours. There is an option to book a lunch at Baddesley Clinton and a café is available at Croome, but otherwise there is no formal lunchtime catering.

Spaces are limited, and as usual, you are encouraged to book early, either by the Booking Form at the end of this newsletter, or via the Society's website at <http://www.oahs.org.uk/> where you can book and pay by Paypal. If you miss the closing date, always enquire, as there are sometimes spaces available.



Baddesley Clinton, drawn by W.A. Green in 1951 (www.ewgreen.org.uk)

**1. Thursday 16 May 2019:
Chastleton House and Ablington Manor**

Pick up: St Giles 8.45 am, Water Eaton (Oxf Parkway) P&R 9.00 am
Return: Water Eaton P&R 6.00 pm, St Giles 6.15 pm
Cost: NT member £42.00, non NT member £52.50
Maximum number: 25 Closing date for applications: 25 April

Chastleton House, near Moreton in Marsh (NT)

In the morning we visit a rare gem of a Jacobean country house, built between 1607 and 1612 by a prosperous wool merchant as an impressive statement of wealth and power. Owned by the same increasingly impoverished family until 1991, the house remained essentially unchanged for nearly 400 years as the interiors and contents gradually succumbed to the ravages of time. With virtually no intrusion from the 21st century, this fascinating place exudes an informal and timeless atmosphere in a gloriously unspoilt setting. National Trust volunteers will guide us around the house before it opens to the public.

There is no shop or tea room, but light refreshments, included in the entry fee, will be provided by a local charity in the adjoining church.

Ablington Manor, Bibury

In the afternoon we drive to Ablington Manor in the beautiful village of Bibury, one of those ancient, hidden-away manors that, after the dissolution of the monasteries, gained status in the time of the Tudors. John Coxwell, who had made his money in the wool trade, built the present house in about 1590. It underwent various alterations in succeeding centuries, but the multi-gabled house still sits in a place of great natural beauty, seemingly little altered by the passing of time. It was for a time the home of J. Arthur Gibbs, author of *A Cotswold Village*, one of the first books to popularise the Cotswolds in the late C19 and early C20. Robert Cooper, the present owner, bought the manor in 1975 and he and his wife, Prudence, developed the garden with imagination and careful planting.

Robert has arranged a tour of the most interesting parts of the house, and will provide us with tea and cakes, included in the entry fee, in his excellent landscaped gardens.

2. Saturday 22 June 2019: Walking Tour of Wantage

Own transport

**Meet at 2.00 pm at the Vale and Downland Museum,
16 Church Street, Wantage, OX12 8BL**

Cost: £10.00

Maximum number: 20 Closing date for applications: 1 June

Geoffrey Tyack will conduct a 1½ hour walking tour around the town centre, to include sites of architectural and historical interest, and also the Church if there is no wedding in progress. The meeting point is the museum at 2.00 pm, but you might care to visit the museum in the morning and take a light lunch in their café beforehand.

There is a Pay and Display car park within a short walking distance in Portway, to the south of the Museum.

We will conclude at the museum café at about 3.45 pm for tea/coffee and cake, included in the entry fee.

**3. Thursday 18 July 2019:
Little Malvern Court and Croome**

Pick up: St Giles 8.00 am, Water Eaton (Oxf Parkway) P&R 8.15 am

Return: Water Eaton P&R 6.00 pm, St Giles 6.15 pm

Cost: NT member £36.00, non NT member £47.00

Maximum number: 30 Closing date for applications: 27 June

Little Malvern Court, Malvern

After an early start, this morning we visit a home at the foot of the wooded slopes of the Malvern Hills, with far-reaching views across the Severn Valley to the Cotswolds. Little Malvern Court includes the Prior's Hall, with an oak framed roof, which was part of a former Benedictine monastery, dating back to the 1400s. After the dissolution of the monasteries, Little Malvern Court became a family home and still today remains in the same family by descent. The Hall has a collection of religious vestments and relics, embroideries and paintings.

Ten acres of former monastic grounds surround the Court with a rose garden, terraces and garden rooms, reaching down to the lakes which

had been ancient fish ponds excavated by the monks. Old-fashioned roses and a topiary yew hedge are some of the highlights.

A private tour of the court has been arranged with the owners and tea and cakes, included in the entry fee, will be provided afterwards.

Croome, Worcester (NT)

In the afternoon we visit Croome, one of the grandest of English landscapes, 'Capability' Brown's masterful first commission, with commanding views over the Malvern Hills. The parkland is now great for walks, but as a full day could be spent admiring the eye catchers, lakes and walled gardens, the visit has been tailored around the buildings. There is a quarter- to half-mile walk on even ground to the main house, Croome Court, via the Church.

We will start with an introduction to Croome Court and a 'hard hat' tour of the service wing, dubbed the 'Red Wing' because it was made of red brick. It was designed and built by 'Capability' Brown as part of the development of Croome Court for the 6th Earl of Coventry in the 1750s and housed the servants' quarters, the kitchen and offices. Now in a poor state, it is being lovingly restored. Following the tour, you are free to explore the house, once home to the Earls of Coventry, with four floors, all in a remarkable unfurnished state.

A secret wartime airbase, once a hub of activity for thousands of people, is now a visitor centre and café open all day for you to purchase your own refreshments, and there is also a tea room in the house.

4. Saturday 10 August 2019: Walking Tour of Hook Norton

Own transport

Meet 2.00pm at Hook Norton Brewery Visitor Centre, Brewery Lane, Hook Norton OX15 5NY

Cost: £10.00

Maximum number: 20

Closing date for applications: 20 July

Although the tour starts at 2.00 pm, you may wish to arrive earlier at the Brewery where a light lunch can be purchased, or in the Malt House (free entry), explore the Brewery and Village Museum and Archive.

At 2.00 pm, Don Ratcliffe of the Hook Norton Local History Group will conduct us around the significant sites and buildings, including the Church, explaining the fascinating history of the village for about 2½ hours.

The day will conclude with afternoon tea and cakes, included in the entry fee, at The Sun PH in the centre of the village.

**5. Thursday 12 September 2019:
Baddesley Clinton and Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick**

Pick up: St Giles 8.30 am, Water Eaton (Oxf Parkway) P&R 8.45 am

Return: Water Eaton P&R 6.00 pm, St Giles 6.15 pm

Cost: NT member £30.00, non NT member £41.00

Lunch option: £7.50

Maximum number: 30 Closing date for applications: 22 Aug.

Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire (NT)

In the morning we arrive at Baddesley Clinton, a remarkable survivor of a medieval moated manor house, home to the Ferrers family for 500 years. In 1940 the house was put up for sale, and bought by a distant cousin, Thomas Walker, who restored the house with the intention of passing it on to the National Trust. It was his son, Thomas Ferrers-Walker, who finally raised the funds to do this and the house was opened to the public in 1982. The gatehouse entrance makes Baddesley one of the most visually pleasing architectural ensembles in England, with its combination of bridge, moat and crenellated gatehouse and its stonework and windows of several different periods. National Trust volunteers will conduct a 'behind the scenes' tour for us, including a tour of the house itself, to include the great hall, constructed in the 1570s and dominated by a magnificent stone chimneypiece, the drawing room, chapel, library, and Henry Ferrers' bedroom.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be available at the end of the morning in the Barn Restaurant, if booked separately in advance.

Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick

In the afternoon we visit this historic group of medieval timber-framed buildings on Warwick High Street, dating mainly from the late 14th

century and one of the finest examples in Britain of medieval courtyard architecture. Clustered round the Norman gateway into the town, the 12th century Chantry Chapel sits above it. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth I the buildings became a place of retirement for old warriors who had fought in the Elizabethan wars, under the patronage of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester. These soldiers are known to this day as the Brethren and, with the Master, still live within the walls of the building. The Master's Garden features a Victorian pineapple pit, a 2,000 year old 'nilometer' used in ancient Egypt to measure the height of the Nile, and a small thatched summer house. Adjacent to it is the Knot Garden with its design and symbolism echoing Tudor times. One of the Brethren will conduct a tour of the hospital and gardens for our group, following which afternoon cream teas, included in the entry fee, will be available in either the Great Hall or the Brethren's Kitchen.



West Gate and Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick, drawn by W.A. Green
in 1952 (www.ewgreen.org.uk)

Booking for 2019 Excursions

Please make cheques payable to 'Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society' and send the Booking Form with your cheque to John Hine, Excursions Secretary, Canal Lodge, Shipton on Cherwell, Kidlington, Oxon. OX5 1JL Email: hine.j@yahoo.com

OR make a BACS transfer direct to the OAHS bank account (**sort code 20-65-18 a/c 70712078**) quoting your surname and all excursion numbers booked (essential), and send a scan of the Booking Form by email to John Hine;

OR book on the OAHS website: www.oahs.org.uk and pay by PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account).

Cancellation and Own Transport Policy

Cancellations will be accepted up to the Booking Closing Date, and refunds made, subject to a £5.00 per person administration fee being deducted. No refunds will be made after the Booking Closing Date.

If you wish to use your own transport, the full cost of the excursion will still have to be paid, but please let us know if this is the case as car parking is limited at some venues.

Disability Policy

Members with limited mobility must contact the Excursions Secretary, John Hine (tel: 01865 841698) before booking an excursion to discuss whether special access arrangements can be made to buildings or locations. The Society will do its best to accommodate special needs, but reserves the right to refuse access to its events where, in the judgement of the Committee, the safety of an individual or of other participants is put at risk.

Booking Form

Please give an email address where we can contact you nearer the time of the excursions with updated information (solely for OAHS use):

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1. Thursday 16 May. Chastleton House and Ablington Manor

Cost: £42.00 per person (NT members) / £52.50 (non NT members)

Booking closing date: 25 April

Name of Lead Passenger:

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Name(s) of Guests:

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Pick up Point: St Giles Water Eaton P&R
(Please circle choice)

I enclose a payment for (number in party), totalling

£.....

Tick if paid by BACS

2. Saturday 22 June. Wantage

2.00 pm

Cost: £10.00 per person

Booking closing date: 1 June

Name of Lead Participant:

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Name(s) of Guests:

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I enclose a payment for (number in party), totalling

£.....

Tick if paid by BACS

(please turn over)

3. Thursday 18 July. Little Malvern Court and Croome

Cost: £36.00 per person (NT members) / £47.00 (non NT members)
Booking closing date: 27 June

Name of Lead Passenger:.....

Name(s) of Guests:
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Pick up Point: St Giles Water Eaton P&R (Please circle choice)

I enclose a payment for (number in party), totalling
£..... Tick if paid by BACS

4. Saturday 10 August. Hook Norton 2.00 pm

Cost: £10.00 per person Booking closing date: 20 July

Name of Lead Participant:

Name(s) of Guests:
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I enclose a payment for (number in party), totalling
£..... Tick if paid by BACS

5. Thursday 12 September. Baddesley Clinton / Lord Leycester

Cost: £30.00 per person (NT members) / £41.00 (non NT members)
Booking closing date: 22 August

Name of Lead Passenger:

Name(s) of Guests:
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Number of lunches required @ £7.50 each

Pick up Point: St Giles Water Eaton P&R (Please circle choice)

I enclose a payment for (no. in party) and (no. of lunches)
totalling £..... Tick if paid by BACS