Oxfordshire Past
Saturday May 7th 2005, Eynsham Village Hall

Oxfordshire Past 2005 will be held in the Village Hall, Eynsham on May 7th 2005. The organisers this year are Eynsham History Group, whose President, Brian Atkins, will open proceedings at 10.00a.m. before Paul Smith, County Archaeologist, gives his annual review of discoveries in Oxfordshire. The full programme for the day is on p. 4.

The cost of the day will be £5, including coffee and tea. Lunch is not included; there are many places in Eynsham where lunch may be bought, or you may prefer to bring a packed lunch. A map of places selling lunch will be available on the day.

As well as the speakers listed in the programme, there will be an exhibition. The exhibition at Oxfordshire Past has become a standard platform for local societies to exhibit their research or sell their publications. Those wishing to exhibit should contact Paul Smith (p. 3).

It is essential to book in advance for Oxfordshire Past, as this is a very popular conference. Book by returning the form at the bottom of this page. Online booking is available at the Oxfordshire Past website (www.oahs.org.uk/oxpast).

Oxfordshire Past 2005—Booking form

To book for Oxfordshire Past please cut out this form, and write the names of all attendees and a contact address on the other side. Send the form together with a cheque for £5 per attendee payable to Eynsham History Group, to: Mrs Phillis Pimm, 65 Witney Road, Eynsham OX29 4PN
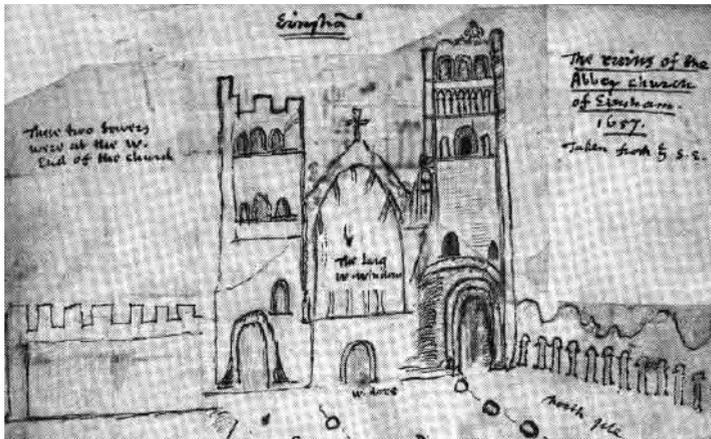
All attendees, including exhibitors, are required to book and pay admission.

Please note that, in order to reduce costs, we do not acknowledge bookings.

Eynsham Abbey

2005 marks the millennium of the foundation of Eynsham Abbey. In the Middle Ages, there was a huge abbey in Eynsham. The first Abbot was Aelfric, a famous scholar. But the monks fled to Stow when the Normans came in 1066, and the abbey was destroyed. They returned to rebuild it nearly 40 years later (1109). The abbey became famous all over the south; it is supposed to have been bigger than Oxford in the days before the University. There is an Abbey Heritage Walk round the Abbey precinct, with illustrations of the Abbey as it may have looked from various viewpoints.

Eynsham History Group has organised an exhibition in the Bartholomew Room in the Square of artefacts from Eynsham Abbey, mostly discovered by Oxford Archaeology in the 1990s, and loaned by the County Museum.

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Address:

Getting to Eynsham Village Hall:

By car: There is a free car park close to the Village Hall (see map)

By bus: Buses (Stagecoach service 100) leave Oxford every 15 minutes from either George St. or New Road during road repairs (please check which at the time with Stagecoach:(01865) 772250). Leave the bus either at the first stop in the village, and walk via the footpath 'Conduit Lane', or the next stop and walk via 'Wastie's Lane' both of which are shown by dotted lines on the map. Return, via Conduit Lane, to the main bus stop in High Street by 'Martins'. Buses run every 15 minutes.

For more information contact:

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10.00	Welcome	Dr F. B. Atkins (President of Eynsham History Group)
10.15	A Review of Recent Archaeology in the Shire	Paul Smith (Oxfordshire County Council)
11.00	Coffee and biscuits	
11.30	Ælfric's Abbey	Anne Dodd (Oxford Archaeology)
12.15	The Abbey Church of St. Peter and St Paul, Dorchester-on-Thames	Graham Keevill (Keevill Heritage Consultancy)
13.00	Lunch	
14.05	St Martin's Church, Wallingford	Iain Soden (Northamptonshire Archaeology)
14.45	Investigations at Preston Crowmarsh	Colin Clarke (The Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Soc)
15.15	Tea and biscuits	
15.45	A Review of Recent Archaeology in Oxford City	Brian Durham (Oxford City Council)
16.30	Close	