



Oxfordshire Past Saturday June 3rd 2006, Courtyard Centre, Bicester

Oxfordshire Past 2006 will be held in the Courtyard Centre, Bicester on June 3rd 2006. The organisers this year are Bicester Local History Society, whose Chairman, Bob Hessian, 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 Bicester where lunch may be bought, or you may prefer to bring a packed lunch. A map of Bicester appears on page 3.

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. 2).

This year Oxfordshire Past will be a 'ticket only' event; people will not be admitted unless they have booked in advance. This is because the hall is slightly smaller than in previous years. Those booking will receive printed acknowledgement by post. 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.htm).

Oxfordshire Past 2006—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 Bicester Local History Society, to: Sally James, 14 George Street, Bicester, Oxon. OX26 2EG.

All attendees, including exhibitors, are required to book and pay admission.

This year's conference will focus on recent discoveries concerning the history of Bicester. The fullest general account of the history of Bicester can be found in volume VI of the *Victoria County History of Oxfordshire*. More recent discoveries have been chronicled in *Oxoniensia*, volume lxxvii of which contains two major excavation reports and a survey by John Blair, 'Anglo-Saxon Bicester: the Minster and the Town'.

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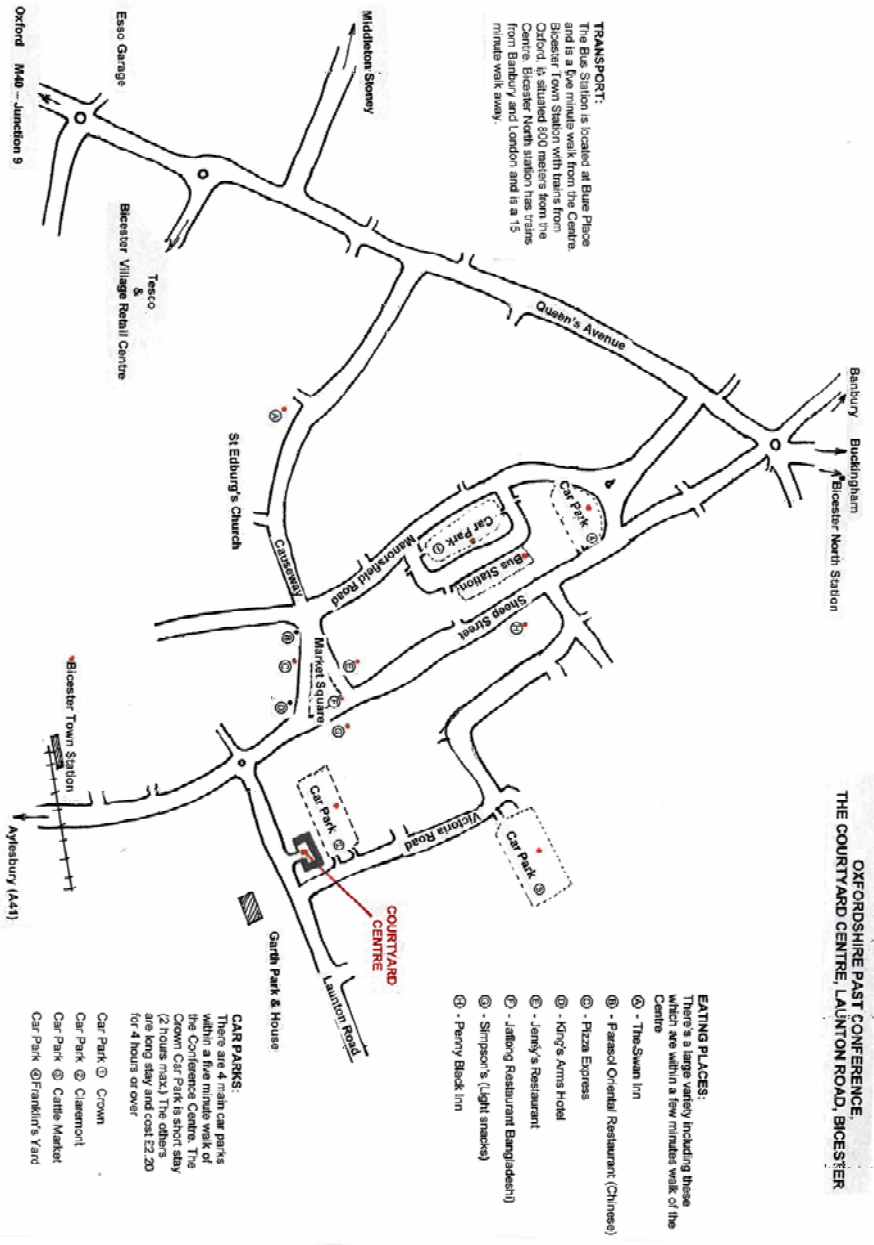


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**OXFORDSHIRE PAST CONFERENCE
THE COURTYARD CENTRE, LAUNTON ROAD, BICESTER**

TRANSPORT:
The Bus Station is located at Blue Palace and is a five minute walk from the Centre. The main Station with trains from Oxford is situated 500 meters from the Centre. Bicester North station has trains from Banbury and London and is a 15 minute walk away.



EATING PLACES:
There's a large variety including those which are within a few minutes walk of the Centre

- ① - The Swan Inn
- ② - Fazeol Oriental Restaurant (Chinese)
- ③ - Pizza Express
- ④ - King's Arms Hotel
- ⑤ - Jerry's Restaurant
- ⑥ - Jaffing Restaurant (Bangladeshi)
- ⑦ - Simpson's (Light snacks)
- ⑧ - Penny Black Inn

CAR PARKS:

There are 4 main car parks within a five minute walk of the Conference Centre. The Crown Car Park is short stay (2 hours max). The others are long stay and cost £2.20 for 4 hours or over

- Car Park ① - Crown
- Car Park ② - Clarendon
- Car Park ③ - Cattle Market
- Car Park ④ - Franklin's Yard

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Programme

10.00 Welcome: by Bob Hessian, Chairman
Bicester Local History Society

Session 1: Pot-pourri

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| | A Review of Recent Archaeology In the Shire | Paul Smith (Oxfordshire County Council) |
| 11.00 | Coffee and biscuits | |
| 11.30 | Recent Excavations at Marcham/ Frilford | Gary Lock (Institute of Archaeology, Oxford) |
| 12.00 | Islip – The TT Experience and Millennium Project | Christopher Lowe (Islip Historical Society) |
| 12.20 | The Anglo-Saxon Charter of Brightwell (Baldwin): a new approach | Ian Clarke (South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group) |
| 12.45 | News in Brief – Updates on Various Countywide Projects/Initiatives | |
| 13.00 | Lunch | |

Session 2: Beyond Bicester

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| 14.10 | From Mesolithic to M.O.D: A Synthesis of the Current Evidence for the Evolution of Bicester | John Moore (John Moore Heritage Services) and Paul Smith |
| 15.15 | Tea and biscuits | |
| 15.45 | A Review of Recent Archaeology In Oxford City | Brian Durham (Oxford City Council) |
| 16.30 | Close | |