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April Meeting

Wednesday 13 April 2022

8.00pm in St Mary's Church, Wallingford Market Place

A Brief AGM will be followed by

'Oxfordshire on Canvas'

A talk by Marie-Louise Kerr

Marie-Louise's presentation is a visual tour of Oxfordshire which looks at how artists, both national and local, have captured our beautiful area and been influenced by it.

Among the artists included are:

George Dunlop Leslie, who lived and painted in Wallingford; **Paul Nash**, who created many works featuring The Wittenham Clumps; **John Piper**, whose works are celebrated at the River & Rowing Museum.

Marie-Louise has worked in the heritage sector for over 15 years and as a Curator looked after collections featuring social and military history, textiles, history of science, archaeology and art.

She regularly gave curator's talks and tours, always enjoying the interaction with visitors and audiences of all backgrounds and ages. She loves researching artefacts and sharing the stories she uncovers, getting people passionate about history. Setting up her own public speaking business, '*Curator Without Museum*', seemed a good next step.

She lives locally and we are delighted that for the last two years she has been fulfilling the job of Professional Advisor to Wallingford Museum - a voluntary role required by our 'Accredited' status with the Arts Council. Her excellent support is greatly appreciated and we very much look forward to this month's talk.



'A Thameside Conversation' by GD Leslie, is displayed in Wallingford Museum

From this month onwards our talks will be back in St Mary's Church at 8pm

Visitors are welcome: £4 per person (cash only please)

TWHAS AGM

We shall be having a very brief AGM at the beginning of our meeting in St Mary's Church on 13 April, as we were unable to do this in March. Our hard-working **Chairman** Steve Capel-Davies will lead this.

The financial report for 2021- 22 is attached with this newsletter. It has been prepared for us by our **Treasurer**, Judith Pengilly, who has continued to do an excellent job for us during the difficult time when we have been unable to meet much in person. A big 'thank-you' to her!

You'll notice that the year 2021-22 shows a loss. This is simply because the **TWHAS Committee**, which met regularly by Zoom, decided to extend all memberships for an extra year during the Covid crisis, as we felt we were unable to provide all the normal meetings and activities. As you know, we have now resumed the usual annual fees for membership, which became due at the beginning of March 2022.

Thanks too to our **Membership Secretary**, Becky Dewey. She has been happily inundated with many renewals but, due to the large numbers, she wishes to apologise to anyone who has not received an acknowledgement! Your TWHAS membership card will be available at the April meeting; it not only entitles you to join in TWHAS meetings and activities, but also gives you free access to the Museum throughout the year. (After this meeting, your card can be collected from the Museum).

Our **Speakers' Secretary**, Katharine Keats-Rohan, has worked hard to line up another excellent and varied programme of speakers for us for 2022-23 and we intend to continue meetings in person from now on. We shall obviously continue to be alert to the Covid situation and will do our best to ensure that the meetings provide a safe environment. We much appreciate the quality of the speakers Katharine engages. Further details can be found on the TWHAS website www.twhas.org.uk

Visitors are welcome to attend our monthly lectures for a fee of £4, payable in cash at the door.

Forthcoming Dates (* indicates a TWHAS Meeting in St Mary's Church, 8.00pm)

Tues 12 April	1st Easter holiday workshop. Also 14,19 & 21 April at the museum. For details and bookings see website: www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk
*Weds 13 April	Marie-Lou Kerr: 'Oxfordshire on Canvas' (Preceded by a brief AGM) St Mary's Church, Market Place, Wallingford. 8pm
Tues 26 April	TWHAS/Museum Committee. Museum 7.30pm
*Weds 11 May	Melanie King: 'Can onions cure earache? Medical Advice in the 18th century'
Weds 24 May	Research Group. Museum 7.30pm
Tues 31 May	TWHAS/Museum Committee. Museum 7.30pm
*Weds 8 June	Gabor Thomas: 'The Marlow warlord and the rediscovered church at Cookham: A review of early medieval archaeology of the Middle Thames'
*Weds 13 July	Janice Kinory: 'Oxford Past and Present - Images from the Historic Environment Image Resource (HEIR) Project'
Sat 23 July	Family Archaeology Day at Wallingford Museum. 11am - 4pm