

OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OLHA)

JOINT MEETING WITH THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY, OXFORD – LOCAL HISTORY AT THE BODLEIAN

To be held at the Weston Library, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG

on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Oxfordshire local historians are fortunate in having in Oxford a world renowned library of record which has been amassing its collections for over 400 years. Such an august institution can seem a little daunting to amateur historians. The recent opening of the Weston Library has provided an interface with public users, and our speakers, all experts in their fields, will attempt to familiarise researchers with the ways of the Bodleian.

- 9.30 Registration.** Note: refreshments are available at the café, but otherwise no food or drink to be taken into the library.
- 9.45 Welcome**
- 9.50 Introduction to the Weston Library**  
Mike Webb is Curator of Early Modern Archives and Manuscripts at the Bodleian. Formerly Head of Cataloguing in Western Manuscripts, he has curated three exhibitions in the library on the Tudor and Stuart gentry and nobility (1997), the Civil War (2000), and the First World War (2014).
- 10.15 Local History from estate and manorial records: getting the best out of the Bodleian collections**  
Simon Townley has been County Editor of the Victoria County History since 1996, for which he has worked on numerous towns and villages, drawing partly on Bodleian collections. He is also a member of the OLHA committee.
- 10.45 Maps for local history in the Bodleian**  
Nick Millea is curator of one of the ten largest collections of maps in the world. He has written books on sea charts, street mapping and mediaeval cartography and published numerous articles on map librarianship. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.
- 11.15 OLHA’s Annual General Meeting** – expected to last no more than 20 minutes.
- 11.45 Break.** Refreshments are available at the Weston Library café, or at nearby cafés and pubs.
- 12.15 Percy Manning: the man who collected Oxfordshire**  
Mike Heaney, former Executive Secretary of the Bodleian, is particularly interested in Oxfordshire folk studies. He is co-ordinating the plans to celebrate the centenary in 2017 of Percy Manning’s death with displays and activities in the Bodleian, Ashmolean, Pitt Rivers and elsewhere.
- 12.45 Every picture tells a story**  
Colin Harris is Superintendent of the Special Collections Reading Rooms at the Weston Library. He was previously responsible, for over 20 years, for photographs in the Western Manuscripts department of the Bodleian. He is a member of the Oxfordshire Record Society and a founding member and Vice-President of the Oxfordshire Family History Society.
- 2.00 Optional guided tour of the Old Bodleian Library** – one hour, to include the Divinity School, Convocation House, the Chancellor’s Court and Duke Humfrey’s mediaeval library. Places limited, please book early.

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BOOKING FORM – Local History at the Bodleian, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Please book and pay on-line at <http://www.olha.org.uk/events/study-days>

OR complete this form and send it with a cheque for the total amount (**£8 per person for the lectures only; £14 for the lectures plus guided tour**) made payable to ‘OLHA’ to:

Liz Woolley, 138 Marlborough Road, Oxford OX1 4LS (01865 242760, [membership@olha.org.uk](mailto:membership@olha.org.uk))

If you would like a place on the Bodleian tour please remember to add £6 per person to your payment and tick this box:

Name(s).....Local society if applicable .....

Number of places at £8/£14 per person ..... Your e-mail address .....

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