



OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION (OLHA)

**THE FAR PROMISED LAND:  
A HISTORY OF EMIGRATION FROM  
OXFORDSHIRE  
AUTUMN STUDY DAY**

**Saturday 9 November 2024**

**Baptist Church, 34 Witney Street, Burford OX18 4SN**

*The study day coincides with the 150th anniversary of the sinking of the emigrant ship Cospatrick in November 1874, with the loss of almost 500 lives.*

- 9:30am**      **Registration and refreshments**
- 10:00am**    **Welcome and introduction** by Christopher Fance, Chair of OLHA
- 10:05am**    **Burford Baptist Church**  
**Nicholas Wood**, Chair of the Trustees of Burford Baptist Church, will provide a brief history of the church and its congregation.
- 10:30am**    **The First Wave: Tackley Emigrants on the ‘Cataraque’ 1845**  
**Neil Wilson** will explore the reasons for emigration from Oxfordshire in the 1840s, focusing on the sinking of the Cataraque in the Bass Strait, with its payload of emigrants, many from Oxfordshire.
- 11:15am**    **Coffee break**
- 11:40am**    **The Far Promised Land**  
A generation after the loss of the Cataraque, what motivated so many people to undertake a lengthy and perilous sea journey from our land-locked county? How did they meet the cost of their passage, what awaited them on the other side of the world, and what impact did the loss of the Cospatrick have on the rush to emigrate? **Carol Anderson** and **John Bennett** will explore these and other questions about the Great Exodus of the early 1870s.
- 12:45pm**    **Lunch:** there are many pubs and cafés in the town, or packed lunches can be eaten in the Baptist Church.
- 1:45pm**      **Private visits to the Tolsey Museum and the new Archive building to see some of the collections now housed there.** Followed by a guided walk around Burford (finishing c. 3:45pm).

*The Burford Tolsey Museum and Archive will run a book stall during the morning, featuring the newly-published 'Treasures of the Burford Tolsey Museum'. Copies of another new publication 'Cospatrick and Emigration', and of recent OLHA publications, will also be available. See over for transport and parking advice.*

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**If possible, please book and pay on-line at <http://www.olha.org.uk/events/study-days>. Otherwise, send this form with a cheque for £14.40 per person made payable to 'OLHA' to: Liz Woolley, 138 Marlborough Road, Oxford OX1 4LS, (01865 242760, [membership@olha.org.uk](mailto:membership@olha.org.uk)). Thank you.**

Name(s) .....

Local society if applicable .....

Number of places at £14.40 per person ..... Do you want place(s) on the afternoon guided tour?  Yes  No

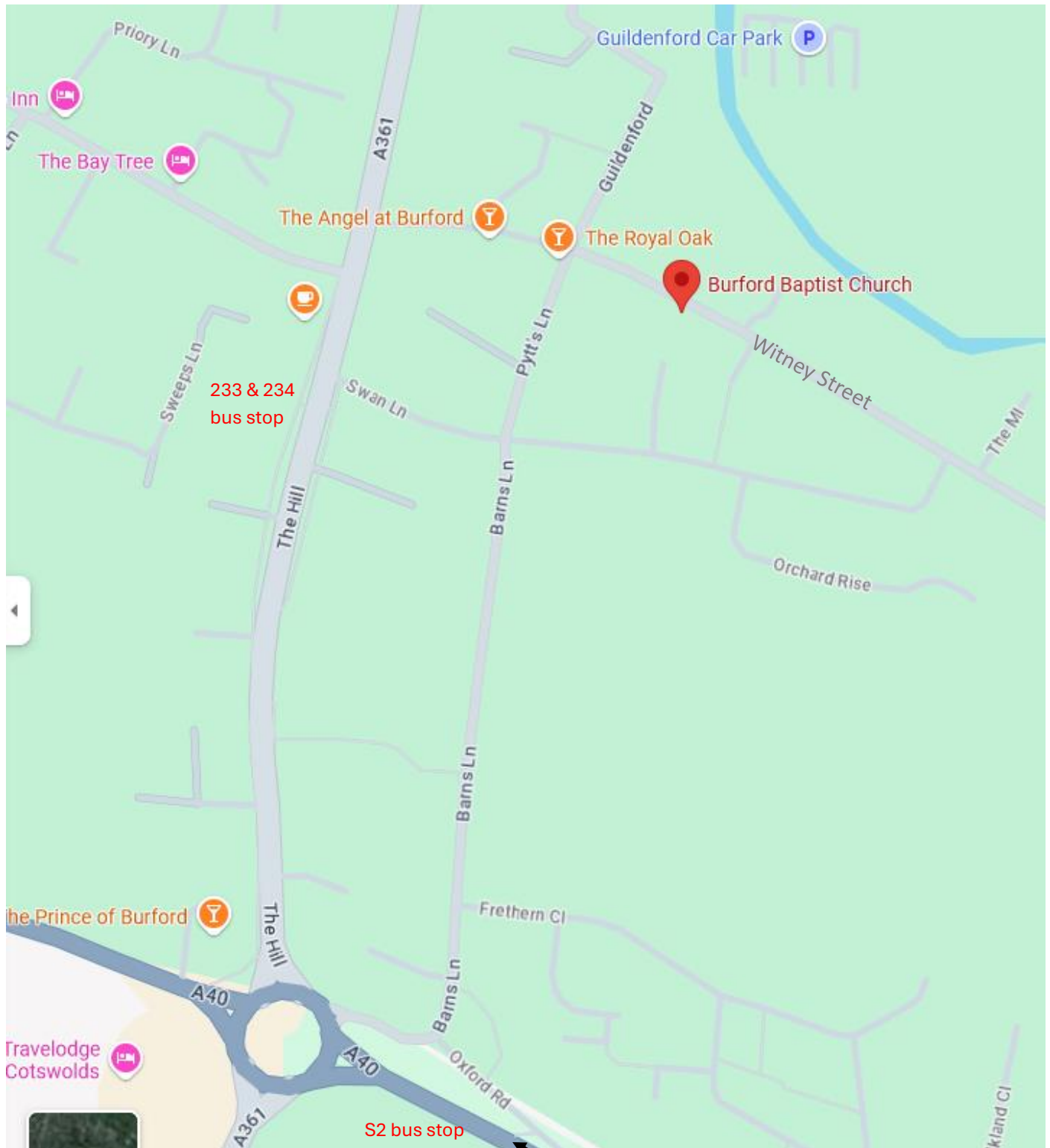
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## TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Stagecoach operates a direct service (S2) from Oxford city centre to Cheltenham via Burford (bus stop in lay-by on A40, a 10–12-minute walk downhill to the Baptist Church). The S1 provides a frequent service from Oxford to Witney, and buses 233 and 234 run twice an hour from Witney to the centre of Burford.

Parking is free in the long-term Guildenford car park beside the river at the bottom of the hill in Burford, a short stroll from the venue.



From Oxford and Witney