

The Rothley Heritage Trust presents:

The Rothley Colloquium: Emergence of a community

Talks on the development of the village & its community from
the pre-Romans through to the medieval period

To be held at the Old School Rooms, School Street, Rothley
On Saturday 20th March 2010 from 9.30 am to 4 pm

The morning will consist of four short talks, and a display of local books and publications for sale. In the afternoon there will be two tours of the village, led by the Rothley Heritage Wardens, Terry Sheppard and Brian Verity.

Speakers and topics: *(see over for more details of speakers)*

- David Carpenter: 'The peasants of Rothley, the Templars and King Henry III'
- Vanessa McLoughlin: 'Origins of Rothley parish investigated'
- Tim Upson-Smith: 'Rothley churchyard revealed: secrets of the lost grave site'
- Brian Verity: 'Rothley archaeology - an overview'

The morning session will end at approximately 12.30, and the afternoon tours will begin at 2 pm. Tea and coffee facilities will be available during the morning and mid-day breaks. There are good, local facilities where lunch may be purchased, or you may bring your own picnic lunch.

The event is free, but donations for tea and coffee are appreciated.
There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Old School Rooms.

Booking is essential, as places are limited

To book please e-mail the organiser, Vanessa McLoughlin, on vemcloughlin@btinternet.com, or phone 07967-798806 stating name, contact details & the number of people attending.

A car park will be available on Fowke Street, Rothley.

Closing date for applications: Monday 22nd February, 2010

See over for a selection of local cafes and hostelrys for lunch.

Please check availability of places for lunch by phoning direct.

Templars Coffee Shop, Woodgate, Rothley
Tel: 0116 2302638

The Royal Oak, Cross Green, Rothley
Tel: 0116 2302158

The Time & Plaice, Cross Green, Rothley
Tel: 0116 2302009

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- David Carpenter is Professor of Medieval History, King's College London. He has published widely and he specialises in the thirteenth century, and the reign of Henry III.
 - Vanessa McLoughlin has a PhD in English Local History, University of Leicester. Her thesis was *Medieval Rothley: manor, soke and parish*. She has published articles on aspects of medieval life in Rothley, and Leicestershire.
 - Tim Upson-Smith is the County Archaeologist for the Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit. He directed the excavation in 2007 on the 'lost' graveyard of Rothley church.
 - Brian Verity has a BA Hons in Archaeology, University of Leicester. He is Honorary Heritage Warden for Rothley, and Chairman of the Rothley Heritage Trust. He has a particular interest in Romano-British Villas, especially Rothley.

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- Bob Trubshaw has run 'Heart of Albion' since 1989. He will display a wide range of books on folklore, mythology and cultural history for purchase.
 - The conference will be chaired by Terry Sheppard, Rothley Heritage Warden