



Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

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Dear Members

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The pandemic and OHCT activities

First, my best wishes

I do hope that this email finds you well despite the present pandemic. As we hunker down in our various ways, we shall all have the disappointment of needing to abandon some of our immediate plans; but I trust that, with the help of reading, music and other activities at home (including perhaps a little gardening once the weather gets more friendly), we can look to alternative pleasures in store for us over the coming weeks. We are fortunate these days to have so many means of staying in touch with our families and friends, and that will bring us reassurance. Whilst we wait for better times, do take all precautions to look after yourselves.

Our events for 2020: dates to hold in your diaries

This year's Spring Newsletter needs to be put back to May. I shall write to you then and hope to confirm that our Wolfson Lecture and reception can go ahead on Sunday, July 5th. The plan is for Professor Sir Diarmaid MacCulloch to speak to us on Thomas Cromwell. On Tuesday, July 7th, we have booked Broughton Castle for our Annual Meeting – as last year, starting at about 4:00 p.m. and followed by a visit to the church in the Broughton Park and an early evening buffet. This will be Bishop Colin's last meeting as President before he retires in the Autumn. Another date to reserve is Thursday (not our usual Wednesday!), October 8th for the Blenheim Lecture, when we shall hear from Dr Simon Bradley whose work revising the Pevsner architectural guides you will be familiar with (he is currently working on Oxford and South Oxfordshire). I'll let you all know and provide you with details before we open booking for these. David Warr had planned two day trips in May to the churches around Shrivenham, and we shall save these for another time.

Our work for Oxfordshire Churches

We shall do all we can to maintain our consideration of applications and to make new grant awards, most especially where there is any need for urgent work.

With many thanks for your continued support