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OXFORDSHIRE ESU

Visit to Broughton Castle

16th September 2019 We will have a private tour at 2pm, £15 including tea.

ESU Fundraising Events—August to December 2019 (Details below & over).

16th September—Private tour of Broughton Castle £15

21st August AGM—Paddock Cottage Thrupp, OX5 1JY Free, but option to buy your own supper at the Boat Inn afterwards.

25th October—Talk by Katherine Harbourne—Christchurch College including afternoon tea £15

24th November—Thanksgiving Lunch—Weston Manor, speaker Lord Wasserman £42

Broughton Castle, OX15 5EB.

We will meet in the car park at about 1.50.

Broughton Castle is 2.5 miles from the centre of Banbury, 3 miles from Junction 11 of the M40.

At Banbury Cross take the B4035 west signposted to Shipston on Stour then, after about two miles, turn right in Broughton village at the crossroads by the Saye & Sele Arms pub. At the bottom of the hill turn left into the drive. The car park is on your left before the Church.

Please note that all public toilets are in the main building in the car park – there are none available at the Castle.

The Saye & Sele Arms pub in the village serves lunches.

www.sayeandselearms.co.uk

Broughton Castle is a moated and fortified manor house. The core of the house was built in 1306 and the gatehouse in the early fifteenth century, but most of what you see today dates from the 1550's. It was a centre of opposition to Charles I and was besieged and damaged after the Battle of Edgehill in 1642. Broughton Castle is home to the 21st Lord and Lady Saye & Sele, whose family name is Fiennes.



The ownership of the Castle has remained in the same family since 1447. Sir Thomas Wykeham was granted a “*license to crenellate*” in 1406 and these fortifications – gatehouse, moat and the battlements of the curtain wall – are the result. Sir Thomas had inherited Broughton Castle from his great uncle William of Wykeham, the founder of New College, Oxford and Winchester College who bought Broughton Castle in 1377. Their descendants still live in the Castle.





Oxfordshire ESU Annual Dinner

The Dinner was held at Oriol College, Oxford on 13th July. The speaker was Tim O'Mara, TV and film producer who had members rehearse an episode of Coronation Street that was hilarious!

The food was exceptional and we had a very enjoyable evening. Don't miss the Thanksgiving Lunch on 24th November.

We were privileged to have the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, Cllr Les Sibley, present.

The Oxfordshire Vice Chairman, Roger Trafford, gave the loyal toast.

Oxfordshire ESU Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 21st August 2019: AGM, 6.30pm. Paddock Cottage, Thrupp, OX5 1JY with optional supper in the Boat Inn Thrupp after the AGM.

All members are welcome but please let us know if you are coming so that we can arrange seating.

Other fund raising events this year:

Friday 25th October 2019: Talk by Katherine Harborne, "*GM Crops and Lady Chatterley*" Priory Room, Christchurch College. Afternoon tea. £15.



Sunday 24th November 2019:

Thanksgiving Lunch at Weston Manor, speaker **Lord Wasserman**, former Rhodes Scholar



Lord Gordon Wasserman, born in Montreal, Canada, he was educated at McGill University and New College, Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. After a varied and distinguished career in the Home Office, including 12 years with responsibility for scientific and technological support to UK police forces, he spent 12 years in the USA advising police chiefs in New York, Philadelphia and other cities. From May 2010 to April 2012, he was senior adviser on policing and criminal justice to PM David Cameron and Home Secretary Theresa May.

November—December 2019: Schools Public Speaking competitions.

Please contact Jan, as below, if you wish to attend any event.

Please make cheques payable to ESU Oxfordshire and send to Jan at the address below with your details and any dietary requirements. If you prefer to pay by BACS: 20-65-18/ 90371459. Please still book through Jan as below:

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