

Getting to Ewelme Church, OX10 6HP

Unfortunately, as Ewelme is deep in the countryside, public transport is virtually non-existent. By car, from Reading or Oxford the easiest route is to take the A4074, turning off at Benson. From Henley, you take the A4130 (the Oxford road) north for about 9 miles, passing through the village of Nettlebed. The turning to Ewelme is sign-posted on the right-hand side, about 4 miles after Nettlebed. Parking can be difficult, and car sharing would be a good idea where possible. There is a little on-street parking, and a small public car park.

Ewelme is one of the most delectable of Chiltern villages, with The Shepherd's Hut pub and the old watercress beds at one end, and the church, almshouses and school at the other.

The church is noted for its monuments, most notably the tomb of Alice, Duchess of Suffolk, part of which is pictured on the front of the leaflet. A picture of the almshouses appears below.



Death and Commemoration in the Middle Ages

A study day in the church of St Mary the Virgin, with its attached medieval almshouses and school, Ewelme, Oxfordshire

Saturday 7th October 2017



Berkshire Local History Association

Booking form

Name:

Contact email or address:

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I would like to buy places at the above seminar at £7.50 each, total £....., to include the talks, tea and cake and a visit to Ewelme schoolroom with its medieval wall paintings, the oldest in the country still in use for its original purpose.

Cheques payable to The Berkshire Local History Association

Please send to:

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To minimise administrative costs tickets will not be issued, but the above name & the number of places purchased will be held at the entrance to the seminar. Please enclose an SAE if a receipt is required.

Programme, Saturday October 7th, 2017

12.00 - 14.00	Arrive	Eat own packed lunch in tranquil church grounds, and explore the almshouses & interior of the church.*
14.00 – 14.05	Welcome, fire procedure and other notices	Church warden
14.05 – 14.10	BLHA introduction to talks and activities of the Association	David Cliffe, Chairman BLHA
14.10-14.50	'Contextualising Ewelme's medieval tombs: negotiating the journey to paradise'	Dr David Mercer
14.50 – 15.00	Questions	
15.00 – 15.40	'Commemorative Institutions in the Late Middle Ages – Ewelme in Context'	Dr Clive Burgess , Royal Holloway, University of London
15.40 – 15.50	Questions	
15.50 – 16.10	Break	
16.10 -16.50	'Life and tomb of Alice, Duchess of Suffolk'	Dr Rowena Archer , Christ Church, University of Oxford
16.50-17.00	Questions	
17.00	Tea and cake, followed by a visit to Ewelme Schoolroom with its medieval wall paintings	

* If the weather's bad, lunch can be eaten inside the church - as long as there aren't any crisps and crumbs dropped on the floor.