



## **Agatha Christie Weekend**

The fourth Agatha Christie Weekend will be held throughout Wallingford and Cholsey from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th Sept 2017.

This is an event which is growing each year and attracts tourists from afar as well as being of interest to local residents.

Volunteers are now planning the events, and anyone will be welcome to support the organising group in making this another successful occasion.

Last year's programme can still be viewed online at:

[www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/agatha-christie-weekend](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk/agatha-christie-weekend)

If you would like to be involved, please contact Judy Dewey on 01491 651127 or [judy@piepowder.co.uk](mailto:judy@piepowder.co.uk)

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## **A Night at the Museum**

Wallingford Museum will have a special one-off evening opening at half price (Adults £2.50, children free as usual), on Friday 19th May (6pm to

9pm) offering a chance to see our current exhibitions and also take a look 'behind the scenes' at a time when we are usually closed. You can also find out more about how the museum is run and what opportunities there are to join the team of volunteers!

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### **'The Round Mounds project: from Medieval Mottes to Prehistoric Round Mounds'**

Dr Jim Leary will talk at the Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the project 'Extending Histories: From Medieval Mottes to Prehistoric Round Mounds' which is funded by the Leverhulme Trust.

His talk will discuss the results from this project, which aims to discover the history of monumental mounds in the English landscape. The project brings together evidence from detailed analytical earthwork survey, geoarchaeological techniques and a comprehensive dating programme to determine the date of construction, sequence of development and environmental context of 20 castle mottes from across England.

Late Neolithic round mounds, such as Silbury Hill near Avebury, are among the rarest and least well understood monuments in Britain. Recent archaeological work at the medieval Marlborough Castle motte, Wiltshire, however, has shown it to be a reused Neolithic round mound, comparable in date to Silbury Hill. Could prehistoric round mounds therefore be more numerous and widespread than previously thought?

Have many been hidden in plain sight for the past thousand years - incorporated into the fabric of later medieval castles? Such a link has not been drawn before, and yet, if true, could have considerable implications for the way we understand both late Neolithic round mounds and medieval castles.

We should learn more about the Wallingford Castle motte which has been dated between 1050 and 1150.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 10th May, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

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