

## The Lost Castle of Henley

We meet at St Nicholas Church in Beaudesert Lane, below the Mount at 10am on Wednesday 28 May 2008- parking is plentiful at the top of this lane. Please note that the rendez-vous is NOT at St John the Baptist Church, corner of High Street and Beaudesert Lane on the main A3400 Stratford Road. There are public toilets by the fire station and at the many local inns and hotels.

After a short talk about Henley's history in the church, we will stroll up to the Lost Castle of the de Montford Family at Beaudesert.

At the motte and bailey of the site itself, the findings from the Channel 4 Time Team Excavation will be explained.

Taking easy roads and pathways, we come to Blackford Mill and then follow the gentle River Alne to the ancient Osier Beds. We'll look for evidence of otters and mink here.

Re-tracing our steps to The Mediaeval High Street we will explore the delights of the old houses, find out about previous owners and their tales of life in the "good old days".

We can enjoy a famous Henley ice cream before looking at churches, the history of the ancient Guild Hall and tales from the many other buildings and people, past and present, of this unique ribbon village.

We will end at the Henley Heritage Centre for noon where fuller details can be seen of our journey today.

We'll see the ubiquitous Green Man in Henley and find out about his curious origins.

There are many places for a pub lunch or other culinary delights in the village afterwards. Especially the famous Henley Ice Cream !!!

Cost £2 - a donation will be made to the national charity " Beating Bowel Cancer"

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