



The Lost Manor House of the FitzWaryns

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Wantage, the birthplace of Alfred the Great in around 849 AD, has clearly seen significant residences which would have been the main palaces and manors of his successors although today the evidence for them is not easy to spot. This talk explores the story of a particular mediaeval building, the lost manor of the FitzWaryn family. Does part of it still exist in the centre of Wantage and how much of its history can be discovered? Terry Randall, who has lived and taught locally for 45 years, has undertaken the research of a particular Norman family, the FitzWaryns, who were prominent in the town from the 13th to the 17th century, and lived in such a manor. Today a street and school remain in their name. Where was their house, and did Dick Whittington, thrice Mayor of London, and his cat ever visit?

This promises to be a fascinating story of the search for the buildings in which the FitzWaryn family may have lived, set against the history of Wantage for over a thousand years and the development of early English town houses from around 1400.

Hanney History Group

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**Hanney War Memorial Hall
OX12 0JL**

Visitors are welcome @£3 a head - Please arrive by 7.50 p.m. If Covid forces us to transfer to Zoom, please mail our secretary Peter Belk - hhgsecretary@gmail.com for log-in details



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