

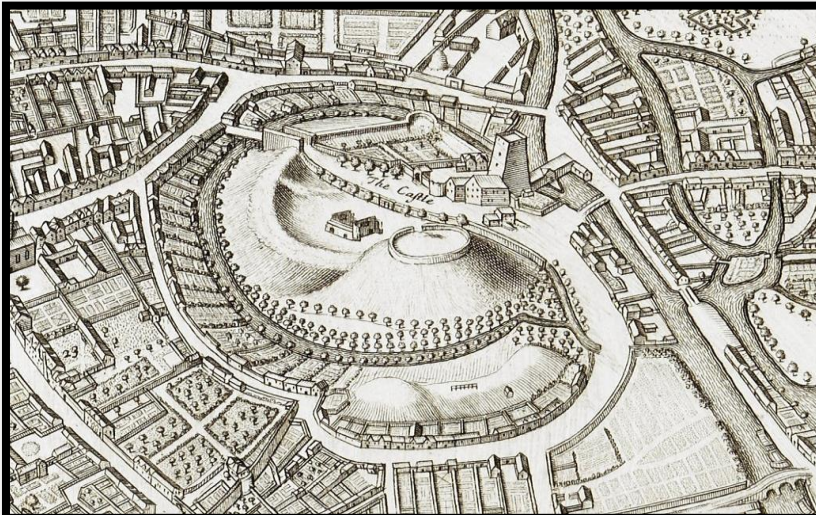
MICHAELANGELO ROOKER – CASTLE HILL OXFORD C1790

Mark Davies

Stories of Oxford Castle: from Dungeon to Dunghill

Oxford's Norman castle was founded in 1071, but it is not until the 17th and 18th centuries that the exploits of its more devious, daring, deluded or defamed prisoners can be told in any detail. From the Civil War onwards, these tales of hard labour, escape, transportation and execution reveal the extremes of human depravity – and of ingenuity. This also includes the gaolers! Most striking among the latter is Daniel 'Damnable' Harris (c.1761–1840) – who was also an engineer, builder, artist & architect who exemplified a more enlightened attitude to the treatment of prisoners.

Mark Davies has completed much research on the local history of Oxford, especially Oxford Castle and its rivers and canals. He has published several books on these and other topics, and is a regular lecturer and tour guide.



BIRDS
EYE
VIEW OF
OXFORD
CASTLE
AFTER
CIVIL
WAR
DAMAGE

BY
DAVID
LOGGAN
IN
AROUND
1640

Hanne History Group

8.00 p.m.

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THE CASTLE AND MILL IN THE
LATE 18TH CENTURY. THE PUNT
SUPPLYING THE MILLER OR
MORELLS BREWERY?