



## *"Ruskin, Wilde and the Doctrine of Work"*

**A talk by Professor Bernard Richards, Emeritus Reader, Brasenose College, Oxford**

**A joint event with the Oscar Wilde Society and the Friends of North Hinksey. Lunch at [The Fishes](#), North Hinksey, Oxford, OX2 ONA, followed by a visit to the Road and a talk in the WI Hall, Botley, Oxford, OX2 0LT**

### **Saturday 24 September 2011**

In 1874 John Ruskin persuaded a group of Oxford undergraduates to work together on a project to improve the lives of working people: the mending and draining of [the road through North Hinksey](#). The road-builders included Arnold Toynbee, the economic historian; Alexander Wedderburn, Ruskin's future editor; W.G. Collingwood, Ruskin's future secretary and first biographer; and Hardwicke Rawnsley, who would later become one of the founders of the National Trust. Surprisingly, Oscar Wilde was amongst the diggers, and claimed to have been entrusted with 'Mr Ruskin's especial wheelbarrow'.

12.30 Lunch  
2.00 Visit to the Road and photographs  
3.00 Talk  
4.00 Tea  
4.30 Close

Car parking is available at The Fishes and at the WI Hall, which are about a mile apart. Please let us know if you need transport between the two.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the talk, lunch and tea at £25 per head. I enclose a cheque payable to The Ruskin Society for £ \_\_\_\_\_. The price does not include drinks. Please indicate any special dietary needs. Non members are most welcome Please note that no tickets will be issued, but a list will be maintained. Pre-booking is essential - deadline Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please return to: Mr AKC Webb, 1 The Crescent, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX28 2EL or email [allan.webb@ntlworld.com](mailto:allan.webb@ntlworld.com)