

THE EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH
Invites you to their

Annual Dinner

Saturday 7th October 2023 at 7.00 for 7.30pm
at Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge CB23 8AQ

With an after dinner presentation:

The Viking Conquest of England

An Illustrated talk by Dr. Richard Dolby OBE, FREng,
former Director of Research at TWI & former President of the Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining

As a senior figure at TWI for many years, Richard will reflect on the 100th Anniversary of the Welding Institute. He is also a member of a team investigating the Battle of Assandun on behalf of the Battlefields Trust of Britain. This is of special local interest, as the Battle is believed to have taken place around 1000 years ago near Hadstock Essex, just a few miles from TWI.

Viking invasions of England started around 800AD and, for the next 200 years, armies from Norway and Denmark created death and destruction across most regions. In 1016AD, the Danes invaded once more, intent on taking the English crown. The Danish King, Cnut (Canute), succeeded and became only the second King to rule over all of England. He reigned successfully for 19 years, becoming known as Cnut the Great. His decisive battle with England's Edmund Ironside, the Battle of Assandun, took place on October 18th somewhere in Essex. The talk will discuss progress in investigating the battle site location.



The Eastern Counties Branch returns to Madingley Hall for its Annual Dinner, a 16th century country house in seven acres of beautiful gardens, owned by Cambridge University,.

Husbands, wives and partners of Branch Members are also very welcome

Tickets are £40 per person. Dress is formal - black tie.

Menu choices will be advised shortly. Please advise any special dietary needs.

To be included in the dinner numbers and for more information or directions, RSVP to
Peter Mudge, Branch Secretary, pjmc18@btinternet.com

Tickets are limited so book early. Please send cheques payable to The Welding Institute Eastern Counties Branch or BACS to Sort code: 20:74:81 A/C: 30093149 Ref. Annual Dinner.

Limited B&B accommodation is available to book through Madingley Hall. (01223 746222)