

BICENTENARY 2007

A BOOK LAUNCH & A COMMEMORATION

Sunday 25 March 2007 2-5pm at the Rothley Court Hotel

THE BOOK

ROTHLEY AND THE ABOLITION OF THE SLAVE TRADE

The mutual endeavours of Babington,
Gisborne, Wilberforce and Macaulay



Terry Sheppard
& Iain Whyte

THE EVENT

Rothley's son Thomas Babington worked closely with Wilberforce here in Rothley and in London on the campaign that led to the abolition of the Slave Trade on 25 March 1807. The story is told in a new book to be launched at Rothley Court on 25 March 2007; in dramatic readings from letters and documents of the time; and in a storyboard exhibition.

The children of Rothley School will show their work on anti-slavery in picture and song, and the Kaine Gospel Choir will give a concert. The event will conclude with the unveiling of a new commemorative plaque on the lawns at Rothley Court. Radio Leicester will be broadcasting from the scene.

The afternoon's events, open to all, will be preceded by a special service at the parish church at 10.30, at which the anti-slavery scholar Iain Whyte will preach, and at 12noon, the hour when the Bill was signed into law 200 years earlier, the church bells will ring with a special peal.

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