

Course details

Course title

History: The Anarchy - The 12th Century Civil War for the Crown of England

Course code

Q00018061

Course date

Start: 05/02/25

End: 19/03/25

Number of classes

7 sessions

Timetable

Wed 5th Feb, 11:30 to 13:00

Wed 12th Feb, 11:30 to 13:00

Wed 19th Feb, 11:30 to 13:00

Wed 26th Feb, 11:30 to 13:00

Wed 5th Mar, 11:30 to 13:00

Wed 12th Mar, 11:30 to 13:00

Wed 19th Mar, 11:30 to 13:00

Branch

Tiptree and Tollesbury Branch

Tutor

Michael Long

Fee range

Free to £44.10

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated, or online in a video meeting. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online and in venue

Venue

St Lukes Church Hall (Tiptree)

66 Church Road

Tiptree

CO5 0SU

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This course looks at the troubled years after 1140, when England was ravaged by civil war and had two rival monarchs: the Empress Matilda, the daughter of King Henry I and her cousin, King Stephen. The Empress spent 17 years trying to secure her birthright. These years were called 'The Anarchy' by historians because of the destruction wreaked by both sides on villages and towns across southern England and the breakdown of law and order. The course explores the reasons why William Adelin's sister, the Empress Matilda never achieved the Crown.

Course description

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What financial support is available?

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What other support is available?

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