



Course details

Course title

History: 'A calamitous Plantagenet century', England 1200 - 1330

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

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 examines the century that shaped England, bookended by arguably England's worst King, John, and one of its greatest, Edward I. The century began with England's integral of a vast continental empire that stretched from the Scottish borders to the foothills of the Pyrenees. The 13th century began for England with the reign of King John, who lost his continental empire and almost lost his throne to a baronial revolt against his rule and an invasion of England by the French. One hundred and thirty years later, John's great-grandson did lose his Kingdom to an invasion led by his wife, Isabella, to overthrow him and replace him on the throne. The intervening years were no less dramatic: years of baronial unrest, Magna Carta, and the growing influence of foreigners around King Henry III culminating in the rebellion of Simon de Montfort and the Baron's War against the King in the 1260s. The England that we know, its governance and institutions were shaped during these 130 years of the calamitous thirteenth century.

Course description

A tumultuous century where truth is stranger than fiction. Drama, intrigue, rivalry, treachery, deviancy, pestilence, famine and the overthrow of a king. Conflicts that pitted sons against fathers and wives against husbands; over mighty subjects including de Montfort, Gaveston and Despenser, as well as strong powerful Queens like Eleanor de Provence, Eleanor of Castile and the 'She-Wolf', Isabella of France. Ignored and mostly unknown to most people, this was the calamitous Plantagenet century, 1250 - 1330.

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