

Course details

Course title

History: Origin and Development of Norfolk Parish Churches, Churchwardens' accounts in 16th Century

Course code

Q00017996

Course date

Start: 26/10/24

End: 26/10/24

Number of classes

1 sessions

Timetable

Sat 26th Oct, 10:00 to 15:00

Branch

Swaffham Branch

Tutor

Guest Speaker

Fee range

Free to £21.00

How you'll learn

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

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Swaffham Community Centre (Swaffham)
Iceni Partnership
Campingland
Swaffham
PE37 7RB

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

A Medieval Recipe: Take 600 Norfolk Parish Churches, mix in a handful of 16th century Churchwardens' Accounts and just add water! Through a triptych of subjects, we'll whet your appetite with a three-course menu which, for starters, reveals the origins and development of Norfolk's iconic architectural masterpieces - its ancient parish churches - investigating their oft-times pagan roots through to the Christianity of the late medieval period. Churchwardens were key players in implementing and recording the changes which affected these churches as they grew in size and complexity, particularly in the devastating years surrounding the Reformation and their accounts provide fascinating details of those changes. This Day School bill of fare finishes with an esoteric analysis of the importance of the Water of Life in medieval monasteries both in its symbolic, ritual use and its practical life-supporting function. This is no dry subject!

Course description

The Origins & Development of Norfolk's parish churches

Although medieval parish churches might appear to have been in place from the founding of a settlement, some were not: they may have been spawned from a mother church under the "system of Minster Parochiae." This lecture investigates how, why and where parish churches were established and built and how contemporary fashions and population growth led to "make-overs" at various stages over the centuries.

Churchwardens' accounts in the 16th century

From the early Gothic period until the dawn of the Reformation, new styles of church architecture accompanied a building-boom and Churchwardens played a vital role administering and accounting for the ecclesiastical estate. Many East Anglian parishes have detailed and fascinating

accounts of activity and developments in their churches particularly during the turmoil caused by King Henry VIII and his successors. This presentation brings to life a subject which is far from dry!

The Spiritual & Practical use of water in medieval monasteries

Water was a spiritual necessity to the early religious psyche. But as medieval monasteries developed into more sophisticated communities another argument becomes dominant; that water and its management was principally a response to utilitarian and practical needs. This is no dry subject and the soul-cleansing ritual of water through to the flushing of latrines is examined, offering a fascinating insight into monastic life.

What financial support is available?

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What other support is available?

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