



Course details

Course title

Humanities: On the Feast of Stephen

Course code

Q00019855

Course date

Start: 26/12/24

End: 26/12/24

Number of classes

1 sessions

Timetable

Thu 26th Dec, 15:00 to 17:00

Tutor

Jane Williams

Fee range

Free to £7.40

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

The 26th of December, Boxing Day, is also St Stephen's Day. So, quite apart from wondering about "Boxing", who was Stephen? And since we know him mainly because "the Feast of Stephen" is when Good King Wenceslas looked out, who was Wenceslas? What other myths and legends are associated with this day: in particular, what does the Wren have to do with it? A light-hearted look at the traditions of the day, suitable for relaxing with a mince pie and a turkey sandwich.

Course description

A look at the traditions associated with this day, including:

- "Boxing" Day – what is it, and why don't Americans have it too?
- St Stephen – who was he?
- How is the day celebrated in other countries? Catalonia seems to have some nice recipes...
- Good King Wenceslas – what's the story of the carol, and of the King? (Singing is not compulsory.)
- Speaking of carols, it's also the Second Day of Christmas, and what did my True Love bring?
- On a rather melancholy note, today is the Hunting of the Wren. (Please don't try the original at home, but the Irish version might well be fun.)

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment

journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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