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The Wyvern

The newsletter of the Wessex Region of the Battlefields Trust

Introduction

With summer now upon us this seems an ideal time to let you know about the interesting range of events taking place in the Wessex Region over the next few months. We hope you'll find something of interest here. It was good to see so many members in Alton in December and we hope to meet up with many more of you this year.

We know that a number of members made a fruitless journey to the English Heritage Festival of History at the very aptly-named Kelmarsh Hall last July. Torrential overnight rain turned much of the event field into a lake and forced the cancellation of the entire event. Let's hope for better weather this year, not least because the Trust will be having a large stand in the main pavilion. More details of this important event (which is now called 'History Live' and takes place on 20-21 July) can be found on the English Heritage website. If you're going to the event, do come and say hello.

Members living in Somerset may be interested to know that the Trust is planning to work with the Langport Historical Society to raise the profile of the Battle of Langport, 1645. Anyone interested in getting involved is asked in the first instance to contact Julian Humphrys.
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Further details of Trust projects on the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta and the centenary of the First World War can be found in the next issue of 'Battlefield', which should reach you by the end of the month.

Sunday 7th July 2013

Battle of Nibley Green, 1470

In 1470 Thomas Talbot, Viscount Lisle, and Lord William Berkeley took advantage of the chaos caused by the Wars of the Roses to assemble hundreds of their followers and settle the issue of a disputed inheritance with a pitched battle. Adam Dolling will tell the fascinating story of England's last 'private' battle. Meet at 11.00am outside St Martins Church, Nibley, Gloucestershire, GL11 6DJ. Contact: Adam Dolling 07968 722973. There will be time to join the afternoon walk at Lansdown.

Sunday 7th July 2013 (continued)

Battle of Lansdown 1643

Julian Humphrys leads a fundraising walk around the site of one of the hardest fought battles of the Civil War. Includes access to areas not normally accessible to the public and goes through some beautiful countryside with spectacular views. Departs: 2.30pm from Liliput Farm, Lower Hamswell, nr Bath, BA1 9DE. Parking and refreshments available. Pre-booking essential. Cost: £10.00 (£7.50 Trust members). Proceeds will be shared between the Trust and Heropreneurs, a UK charity which helps former members of the armed forces set up in business.

<http://www.justgiving.com/lansdown-walk>
or contact Julian Humphrys
development.officer@battlefieldstrust.com,
Tel 07930 432444.

Please tell your friends about our events. If you know somewhere that will take some leaflets or will display a poster or flyer please let us know.



Sunday 14th July 2013

Battle of Cheriton 1644

Join John Dixon, author of a new book on the battle, for a guided walk around the site of Sir William Waller's victory over the Royalists under Forth and Hopton. Meet 1.30pm at the War Memorial, Cheriton, near Winchester, Hants. Walk will last 2-3 hours.

Contact: John Dixon
bodfamily@ntlworld.com

Saturday 24th August 2013

The sieges of Corfe Castle

A visit to this Dorset Castle which underwent sieges during the Anarchy of Stephen and Matilda and during the English Civil War when it was famously defended by Lady Mary Bankes. Meet 11.00am in front of Corfe Castle, near Wareham, Dorset.

Admission charge for non NT members.
Contact: Julian Humphrys 07930 432444

Sunday 1st September 2013

Battle of Flodden 1513. Lecture at Berkeley Castle.

The Battlefields Trust is teaming up with the Friends of Berkeley Castle to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the battle with a lecture by Julian Humphrys in the splendid surroundings of the Gloucestershire castle's Great Hall. The castle gardens will be open to view and the ticket price (£10.00) includes a glass of wine. For tickets please contact Julian Humphrys 07930 432444

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Sunday 6th October 2013

The sieges of Basing House

Visit led by Alan Turton, Chairman of the Battlefields Trust Wessex Region and an acknowledged expert on this Royalist Civil War stronghold. Meet 11.00am Basing House Car Park. In the morning Alan will tell the story of the relief of Basing in September 1644 and after lunch we'll go into the house (where there will be Living History displays by the English Civil War Society) and hear about its fall in 1645. Admission charge to House applies.

Contact: Alan Turton
theturtoncollection@gmail.com

Additional events may be arranged within the Region this year. We will email you with details when these are finalised. If anyone is interested in leading a walk or arranging an event would they please contact Julian Humphrys at the address below.

Facebook and Twitter

Finally, a reminder that the Trust has a Facebook page and a Twitter account (@battletrust). These are well worth following as they are excellent sources of both Trust news and battlefield news in general.

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