

**800<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BOUVINES**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1214**



The Battle of Bouvines which took place near Lille on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1214 is one of the most significant events in British, if not world history. The defeat of the Emperor Otto by the French King Philip was the act that condemned Otto's Uncle King John of England to dealing with his recalcitrant barons and the sealing of the Magna Carta. The Battlefields Trust will be taking a group to the Commemorations of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Bouvines. This will be a fitting start to our own Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Battlefields Project to develop battlefield groups to support the sites associated with the battles and sieges of the Barons Wars 1214-67

Our party will be led by Harvey Watson and the historian Dr Matthew Bennett, will be providing historic expertise. Our group will be joined by Sir Robert Worcester the Chair of the Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Committee, our partners in the Magna Carta 800<sup>th</sup> Battlefield project.

We will be taking part in the commemorations organised by the French authorities for the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We will base our expedition in hotels in the city centre of Lille, which will allow you to enjoy the atmosphere and local restaurants of this gem of French Flanders.

If the numbers allow we plan to hire a coach which will pick up travellers from North of London.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **FRIDAY 25TH JULY 2014: TRAVEL TO LILLE**

- 12.00 noon (BST) Coach party depart London
- 6.30 pm (CET) Arrive Lille Check into hotel
- 19.30 pm Briefing on Visit plan.
- Evening meal in local restaurants Lille city centre.

### **SATURDAY 26TH JULY 2014 VISITS TO**

- AM – Visit to the Fort du Seclin
- PM - Battlefield tour of Bouvines Battlefield
- TBC visit to the museum at Mons-en-Pévèle

This is a provisional programme which may change as the details of the French commemorations become clear. We hope to hold talks on:-

- Warfare in the C13th
- The campaign that led to Bouvines
- Battles and Sieges of the Barons Wars
- The Maga Carta 800<sup>th</sup> project
- France and Flanders in the C13-14<sup>th</sup>

Evening meal in local restaurants Lille city centre.

### **SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2014 PARTICIPATION IN THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS**

- AM Church service and commemoration Bouvines Church
- PM Concert Seclin
- 17.30 depart for the UK.
- 21.00 ETA London

Accommodation has been reserved at the Ibis Hotel Lille and Holiday Inn Express Lille Centre.

The tour has been costed on a minimum of 20 delegates who can share the cost of a coach, which will allow us to travel in comfort and pick up delegates North of London. In the event that fewer than 20 delegates join the tour, we plan to undertake the tour using private cars. Drivers willing to take two others in their car will be paid a travel allowance of £300 to cover the cost of fuel and a ferry ticket. We will refund to anyone not wishing to travel on this basis.



## The Battlefields Trust

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### 'Battle of Bouvines Conference Weekend 25-27<sup>th</sup> July 2014, France

My requirements are as follows

Activity	Cost	Required
" <b>Conference Rate</b> " (includes accommodation on Friday and Saturday night and breakfast and a packed lunch on Saturday and Sunday)	£279 (£269 if booked before 31 May 2014)	
" <b>No Accommodation Rate</b> " (includes all activities as per the tour package less for accommodation and breakfast. You will make your own arrangements for accommodation.)	£197 (£187 if booked before 31 May 2014)	
" <b>Single Supplement</b> Additional charge for a single room	£55	
Non Member Supplement	£30	
<b>Total £</b>		

## Travel arrangements

Please indicate which of the following options would be most convenient to meet a coach en route for Lille.

Birmingham NEC 08.30 am		Rugby Station 09.15 am		Peterborough Station 11.00	
London Waterloo @ 13.00		Ashford International 14.45		Dover or Folkstone Terminal 15.30	

In the event that we cannot justify a coach, we plan to travel using a fleet of cars, re-imbursing each driver for the mileage and crossing cost @ £300 per car with two passengers. **Please delete the non applicable statement:**

If the tour was to be undertaken in private cars:-

- a. I would be willing to take two passengers in my car OR  
 b. I would need a lift. OR c. I would rather not travel at all



# The Battlefields Trust

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' **Application Form for Bouvines Battlefield Conference Weekend**

**25-27<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Lille and Bouvines**

**Please complete and, either**

1) return a printed copy of this application with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to:

**The Battlefields Trust** to:  
Annmarie Hayek  
20 Rowington Road, Norwich,  
Norfolk, NR1 3RR

**Or,**

2) Pay the Trust electronically  
Account Name:  
The Battlefields Trust  
Account number: 00150150  
Sort code: 20-76-89

and send an electronic copy of this application form with the evidence of your payment by email to [annmarie@talktalk.net](mailto:annmarie@talktalk.net) with a copy to [treasurer@battlefieldstrust.com](mailto:treasurer@battlefieldstrust.com)

**Full Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Post Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please book the following as above**  
**I would like to bring the following Guest(s)**

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**(Note supplement for non members)**

**I enclose a Cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to 'The Battlefield Trust'\***

**OR**

**I have paid £\_\_\_\_\_ to the Battlefields Trust electronically and enclose proof of payment to .**  
**(Delete if not applicable)**

- 1. Overnight Accommodation:** Accommodation requirements should be annotated above and include breakfast the following morning.
- 2. "Early Bird" Discount:** An early bird discount of £10 will apply to the Weekend for bookings received before 31 May 2014.
- 3. Dietary requirements:** Details of any dietary requirements. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Any other special requirements** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Application Forms and Cheques or other payments must be with the Conference administrator Annmarie Hayek by 1200 hours on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (or 31 May 2014 to claim £10 discount)**