



The Civil War in Henley

STUDY DAY

FEE: £15 to TVN members. £17 for non-TVN U3A

**The River & Rowing Museum
Henley-on-Thames**

Wednesday, 16th September 2015

In the 17th century, the market town of Henley-on-Thames was a strategic point. It controlled routes going north, west and east, both by road and by river, a vital point in the supply route to London.

This study day looks at the struggles to control Henley in the English Civil War. Great houses were fortified and attacks were made by opposing forces, as the tide of war swept back and forth across the town.

We are very fortunate in having two speakers who will cast light on these issues.

Valerie Alasia, a local historian, will take us in detail through the opening stages of the War and the attacks by Prince Rupert's cavalry, as well as that of the Parliamentary forces.

Then Tony Cullen, a member of the English Civil War Society (ECWS), will talk about the life of a soldier in the Civil War. As he will appear in costume, and display the full panoply of weapons and armour, this should give us a fascinating insight into those times.

The afternoon activities give you the choice of exploring the routes taken by the Civil War armies, on either a longer or shorter route, or joining a workshop on the origins of names of local fields and pathways.

Find out more about the ECWS at <http://ecws.org.uk/public/>

PROGRAMME

- 10:00 Registration and coffee
- 10:30 Welcome and introduction – *Patsy Thornton*
- 10:45 “Civil War events in Henley” – *Valerie Alasia*
- 11:15 “The life of a soldier in the Civil War” – *Tony Cullen - ECWS*
- 12:00 Future programme and afternoon arrangements - *Patsy Thornton*
- 12:15 END OF MORNING SESSION

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES - SEE CHOICES ON APPLICATION FORM

- 4:15 END OF STUDY DAY

You are advised to get your application in early: The last Study Days we ran at the River & Rowing Museum were fully subscribed, with long waiting lists. There is limited space on some activities, so the first to apply will receive their first choice.

Please address all enquires about the content of the day, or the Historic Pathways Project, to Patsy Thornton, patsy@thorntac.co.uk, 01344 774812