



# Glimpses of the Social History of the Thames Valley

## STUDY DAY

**FEE: £17.50 for  
TVN members.  
£19.50 for non-  
TVN U3A**

**The River & Rowing Museum  
Henley-on-Thames  
Wednesday, 17th May 2017**

This event takes place in the stunning setting of the Thames Room of the River & Rowing Museum, Henley, looking out across the river. The intention of the study day is to shed light on different aspects of the lives of people in past centuries, in the towns and villages of the Thames Valley where we all live now. We are very fortunate in our panel of knowledgeable and enthusiastic speakers who will open these windows on the landscape of the past for us.

**Judy Dewey**, curator of Wallingford Museum, needs no introduction to many of us. She has an amazingly wide knowledge of the history of Wallingford, and also the ability to hold her audience spellbound.

**Avis Furness**, formerly Chairman of Reading U3A, has taken a deep interest in the history of the Civil War in Reading. The citizens of the town felt the impact not only of battles, but also of the siege and the depredations of soldiers of both sides.

**Dr Matthew Smith** of Royal Holloway College is the creator of the Citizens 800 Project, which features men and women of the past who fought for their rights and liberties. He will be joined by two U3A researchers who will describe what they have discovered of local heroes.

**Tony Cullen** of the English Civil War Society brings drama and excitement to his talks, as well as sharing his wide knowledge with us. No wonder he is such a popular speaker!

### PROGRAMME

- 10:00 Registration and refreshments
- 10.30 Welcome and Introduction - Patsy Thornton
- 10.40 "Life in Medieval Wallingford" - Judy Dewey
- 11.25 BREAK
- 11.35 "The Impact of the Civil War on the Citizens of Reading" - Avis Furness, Chairman, Reading U3A
- 12.20 LUNCH
- 13:50 Citizens 800 Project - Dr. Matthew Smith and two U3A researchers.
- 14:25 "Crime and Punishment in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century" - Tony Cullen
- 15.10 PANEL DISCUSSION
- 15.30 CLOSE