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The Welsh March: a border society and landscape



**At Hatton Village Hall
Warwick Rd, Warwick
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on

**Friday 20th April 2018
10.00am – 4.00pm**

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Tutor: Dr John Hunt, BA, PhD, FSA, FRHistS, PGCE.

The Welsh Border landscape, as Trevor Rowley observed, is 'one of the most richly varied in the whole of Britain', and this distinctiveness is matched by its history and development during the Middle Ages, and by the imprint that this period has left on the area. This study day will explore some of the fascinating aspects of its history between the eleventh and fourteenth centuries, focussing particularly upon Shropshire and the Southern March.

A short discussion of historical thinking on frontiers and frontier societies will introduce this study day, followed by a definition of the Welsh March, its character and the impact of the Norman Conquest upon it. Drawing throughout on examples and case studies that include the lordships of Kilpeck, Montgomery, Chepstow and Clun, the focal points of our discussions will be –

- Castles, *castellaria* and the establishment of the marcher lordships, with particular reference to Chepstow, and the Hen Domen excavations.
- Consolidating the March and the development of marcher society, including aristocratic networks, *caput* building, the foundation of monastic foundations.
- The nature of marcher society in the later medieval period and the development of aristocratic estates and their economies, as at Clun.
- The landscape of settlement in the Welsh March, including the establishment of boroughs, both successful and failed, as a part of the process of stabilisation and economic growth, and illustrated by examples like those of Chepstow, Clun, Caus and Richard's Castle. The establishment of local churches was an integral aspect of the developing landscape and of the communities living and working within it.

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FEES: £40.00 - Inclusive of a light lunch

(Payable in advance)

ALL CHEQUES should be made payable to the 'Dr J Hunt'.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENTS – Friday 13th April 18

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