

'When Christ and His Saints Slept': the Anarchy in the western midlands



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**At Hatton Village Hall
Warwick Rd, Warwick
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on

**Friday 16th March 2018
10.00am – 2.30pm**

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

The turbulent condition in England between 1135 and 1154, as conveyed by the chroniclers, led historians to coin the phrase, 'The Anarchy', as best encapsulating the flavour of the reign of William the Conqueror's grandson, King Stephen. This study day will examine the character and impact of these years of civil war upon the western midlands.

The course will firstly introduce some of the key themes and events, establishing an outline 'narrative' while looking particularly at how contemporary chroniclers presented this struggle and its protagonists, at some of the main issues and motivations associated with it, and at the changing perspectives of historians on this fascinating period in English history.

The situation in the western midlands will be introduced by discussing the earls and earldoms that dominated there; their ambitions and varying fortunes, and through these the factions, 'geography' and consequences of the conflict in the region; together with some of the principal events and developments, such as King Stephen's campaign of 1138. Case studies will include the fortunes of selected baronial families such as the Paganel and the Marmions.

The Church, as was so often the case in times of war, was a long-suffering victim of this turmoil. We will therefore look at the role of the bishops in the events of these years and examine in particular the experience of the diocese of Hereford, and to a lesser extent, that of Worcester.

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FEES: £30.00 - Inclusive of a light lunch

(Payable in advance)

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

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENTS – Friday 9th March 18

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