

Course details

Course title

History: Things You Didn't Know About Thaxted in the Middle Ages

Course code

Q00013958

Course date

Start: 18/04/24

End: 25/04/24

Number of classes

4 sessions

Timetable

Thu 18th Apr, 10:30 to 12:40

Thu 18th Apr, 10:30 to 12:40

Thu 25th Apr, 10:30 to 12:40

Thu 25th Apr, 10:30 to 12:40

Branch

Danbury and Little Baddow Branch

Tutor

Deborah Young

Fee range

Free to £16.80

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

St John the Baptist Church Meeting Room
55 Main Road
Danbury
CM3 4NG

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

Using source materials and original published research, the course will focus on two fascinating topics: first "The Cutlers of Thaxted" and how Thaxted, in rural Essex, became one of the most important cutlery centres in England, rivalling Sheffield in terms of production; and second, "The Great Fight in the Church at Thaxted" and the events which gave rise to a pamphlet distributed in London in August 1647 bearing the news "The Great Fight in the Church in Thaxted between the sequestrators and the minister, the mayor being present.

Course description

Join us on this fascinating look into Thaxted in the middle ages.

We will look at the importance of source material and research and understand why previous research failed to explain the growth and decline of the industry. Be aware of the role of archaeology and the findings and implications of the Orange Street dig of 2015 and discover how to put together crucial evidence, the poll tax of 1348 and the manorial survey of 1393 and be aware of the incomplete work of Ken Newton. We will also look at document in relation to the Great Fight, to get a better understanding of the reasons for the riot and the particular role of women. Recognise the roles of three key players: William, Lord Maynard, Rev. Newman Leader and Richard Turner and appreciate the acute religious and political controversies of the Civil War, the tensions between High Church and Puritanism, the involvement of the House of Lords and its consequences. Places will fill up fast, so sign up now.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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