



Course details

Course title

History: Anglo-Saxon & Norman England 1066-1100

Course code

Q00021550

Course date

Start: 17/06/25

End: 15/07/25

Number of classes

5 sessions

Timetable

Tue 17th Jun, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 24th Jun, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 1st Jul, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 8th Jul, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 15th Jul, 10:30 to 12:30

Branch

Enfield and Southgate

Tutor

Laurie Johnston

Fee range

Free to £42.00

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.

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In venue

Venue

Enfield Baptist Church (Enfield) (Enfiel
Cecil Road
Enfield
EN2 6TG

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This short course tells the epic story of the Norman Conquest and the end of Anglo-Saxon England in the 11th Century. We will consider the reasons for the Norman invasion and its impact on landscape, government, language and culture amongst other things. We will discuss its lasting legacy and the ways in which it continues to affect our own times. The course will draw on current academic writing as well as contemporary source material including the Bayeux Tapestry, the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle and Domesday Book among many others. Throughout we will use study of sources and discussion to draw conclusions and ask further questions.

Course description

We will start by considering why there was a succession crisis in England in 1066 and the cases of the different claimants to the throne left vacant by the death of Edward the Confessor and the lack of a direct heir. We will move on to consider the nature and impact of the Norman invasion spending some time considering how Harold Godwinson contrived to lose the Kingdom at Hastings in 1066. We will ask ourselves how William established control after Hastings and consider the role of Castles in particular. We will also discuss the various resistance efforts and rebellions by the Anglo Saxons through the first decade or so of William's rule. We will examine the nature of William's royal power including the Feudal System, land and the law, the Nobility, the Church, the role of the Sheriff and Forest Law. An extension of this discussion but so significant it merits a session to itself, is our discussion of Domesday Book and what it tells us about England by 1087.

We finish with the end William's reign and the troubled succession that followed, closing with a consideration of three momentous decades in English History and reflections on their impact and legacy down to our own times.

What financial support is available?

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