

The World of the Troubadours and the Cathars



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Friday, January 10th, 2020

10.00am – 4.00pm

Hatton Village Hall

Warwick Rd, Warwick

CV35 7LR

The World of the Troubadours and the Cathars: Occitan Society at the time of Crusade and Inquisition

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

‘Occitania’ is generally thought of as ‘Provence’ or the ‘south of France’ but neither is strictly correct as in reality it is rather larger. Occitania is best defined not by political boundaries, but by its language and culture, and in broad terms it stretched from the Pyrenees to the Alps, and from the Auvergne to the Limousin, encompassing many independent or semi-autonomous territories, each acutely conscious of its own identity.

This day school will explore aspects of Occitan history, culture and society between the 11th and early 14th centuries. Themes discussed will include the nature of Occitan society and its engagement with the early Crusades, but particular attention will be given to the Cathars, the Albigensian Crusade, and the events that gave rise to it, one of the most intriguing or infamous episodes in European history, rivalling even the Templars for the mysticism that modern generations have invested in the happenings of these times. Perhaps less widely known is the importance of these events in the growth of the French kingdom. We will also consider the work of the Inquisition, particularly through the records of Jacques Fournier’s campaign against the remaining Cathar heretics between 1318 and 1325.

On Friday 10th January 2020

At Hatton Village Hall

Hatton

10.00am till 4.00pm

FEES: £40.00 (Payable in advance)

Inclusive of light lunch & morning coffee or tea

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

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENTS – 3rd January 2020

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Please reserve me _____ place(s) for this day school.

NAME.....

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Please indicate if you wish to be added to our mailing list YES/NO

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as soon as possible and in any case not later than
Friday 3rd January 2020