

**The Age of Chivalry: the Life of Edward III (1312 - 1377)**  
Richard Stone

**18th - 19th May 2019**  
**Saturday to Sunday**

The eventful fifty-year reign of Edward III saw the revival of chivalry and the restoration of national prestige following the disastrous reign of Edward II and the treachery of Roger de Mortimer. It was also when the Hundred Years War began...

**Description**

Setting the scene by questioning the accepted version of events following the abdication of his father, we will follow the 17-year-old Edward's audacious overthrow of his mother and Roger Mortimer. After this unlikely backdrop to an age of 'chivalry', we will wind the clock back to Edward's childhood and consider the factors that shaped his character and influenced his vision of kingship and his love of pageantry. Domestic reforms will be explored along with the founding of the Knights of the Garter. We will examine Edward's battle tactics in wars with Scotland and France, including his stunning victory at Cr&eacute;cy and the subsequent capture of Calais. Edward's personal relationships with his wife, Philippa of Hainault; his children; and the mistress of his final years, Alice Perrers, will inform our story. We will conclude with a consideration of Edward's achievements and the legacy of his reign.

**Please bring with you**

A notebook and pen will be useful.

**About Richard Stone**

Richard is an experienced tutor and the author of several books on history. He holds a Masters degree from the University of Leicester.

**Course Location:**

**Missenden Abbey**

Great Missenden  
Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD

Saturday	
9.30am	Coffee on arrival
9.45am	Welcome and tutor introductions for all
10am-1pm	Teaching session
1pm	Lunch for all - residents may check in
2-5.30pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Sunday	
From 7-9.15am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Last teaching session