

The Templars at Home

Richard Stone

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Saturday to Sunday

The crusading exploits of the Knights Templar in the Holy Land are well documented. What about the Templars in Britain? Here, resources to finance the struggle to protect the Christian Holy Places were gathered, and men recruited and trained to fight. This course will explore Templar sites in Britain and examine some of the associated myths and legends.

Description

The course will focus on the activities of the Order in Britain, and explore the physical remains still to be seen. We will begin by examining the origins of the Order: the aims and objectives of its founders; how it gained official Church approval; and, the rules by which members lived. We will then trace the growth of the Order through recruitment, donations and grants of land into a powerful organisation with a network of regional centres known as 'preceptories', identifying where these centres were sited in Britain, how they were organised, and discover what physical remains can be seen today. We will weigh the evidence for the charges which led to the suppression of the Order, before examining some of the myths and legends that have grown up around the Templars and fuelled so much speculation and romance.

Please bring with you

A notebook and pen will be useful.

Level

Suitable for all levels

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