

JORVIK MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 2015

Events

Wednesday 19th August

History at the Hall

11:00 - 16:00 | Barley Hall | Normal admission prices apply

Barley Hall's volunteer Living History team are offering visitors a special treat as they take the Hall back in time, showcasing the life of servants in the late-medieval period.

Join them as they recreate the sights, sounds and smells of the household of William Snawsell, a former Lord Mayor of York and occupant of Barley Hall towards the end of the medieval period. With opportunities to meet characters, see demonstrations and take part in activities, this is a rare glimpse of social history brought to life in a fabulously atmospheric setting.

Weds 19th, Thurs 20th & Fri 21st August

The Canterbury Tales

19:30 | St Helen's Church, York | £7 adult, £5 conc, £4 child

Peter Carrington-Porter returns to York with his adaption of a selection of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, including the Miller's Tale, the Franklin's Tale and the Pardoner's Tale.

An evening of storytelling in costume with tales of humour, romance and adventure that will take you right back to the Middle Ages!

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

Saturday 22nd August

Medieval Day at Knaresborough Castle

11:00 - 16:00 | Knaresborough Castle | Admission FREE, small cost for some activities using Medieval Coin Exchange: £1 each or 6 for £5

Who can resist a day of fun and games at a real medieval castle?!

Enjoy a host of family events; for the brave young knights there are medieval sword fighting workshops, where chivalry is just as important as sword skills. Afterwards make an appointment with the Barber Surgeon and discover the gruesome 'treatments' they would prescribe for war wounds!

2015 is the 600th anniversary of the battle Agincourt, and there is no better way to commemorate this great English victory than learning how to be an accomplished Archer at 'Have-A-Go Archery'.

Knaresborough Castle will also play host to a medieval tournament with period combat performances and thrilling birds of prey displays. Plus fun crafts, activities and tours of the castle and its Sallyport will run throughout the day.

Medieval Arms & Armour

10:00 - 17:00 | The Richard III Experience | Normal admission prices apply

Join us in the atmospheric setting of Monk Bar and meet our medieval soldier, who will be showcasing the arms and armour of the late medieval period as well as discussing the battle tactics of the day. You're sure to hear a few war stories as well from this veteran of the Wars of the Roses!

Sunday 23rd August

Medieval Arms & Armour

10:00 - 17:00 | The Richard III Experience | Normal admission prices apply

See entry from Sat 22nd August

Helen Cox Magna Carta

19:00 | Barley Hall | £4 Adult, £3 Conc

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the creation of one of the world's most famous political documents, local historian and author Helen Cox discusses the historical context of the Magna Carta and its impact on the reign of King John and subsequent English kings.

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

Monday 24th August

Meet the Snawsells'

10:00 - 17:00 | Barley Hall | Normal admission prices apply

William Snawsell and his wife Joan invite you into their beautiful home, located in the heart of York, where they will talk about their lives in the city during the late medieval period.

Come armed with questions for the former Lord Mayor of York as he holds court in the Great Hall.

Little Diggers Medieval Mischief: Kings & Queens

10:30 - 11:30 | DIG | £3 per child

Suitable for 2 to 5 year olds

DIG is going medieval for the whole week!

Step back in time as we find out about kings and queens in the Middle Ages. Discover who was in charge and how they showed their power in a play session. Could you rule the country?

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

From Richard to Henry: “That noble House of Yorke.....”

14:30 I Start from the Richard III Experience at Monk Bar

£4 adult, £3 conc.

Join us for a walking tour around parts of York’s medieval defences.

Starting at the Richard III Experience at Monk Bar and finishing at the Henry VII Experience at Micklegate Bar; this guided tour will bring one of the most turbulent times in English history, the Wars of the Roses, back to life.

Discover how this period affected the city using the sights from York’s ancient city walls as a backdrop to these fascinating stories.

This walk takes approx 90 minutes and requires safe walking shoes. Please note that only guide dogs are allowed on the City Walls. Upgrade your ticket to include access to the Richard III and Henry VII Experiences £7.50 Adult, £5 Conc.

Pre-booking recommended

Who Was Edward of Middleham?

13:00 I Barley Hall I £4 Adult, £3 Conc

Edward, the only legitimate son of Richard III, was created Prince of Wales in York Minster in 1483 during his father’s post coronation visit to York.

This fascinating talk by Ricardian historian Peter Hammond describes the events of the royal visit to York and of the short life of this young Plantagenet prince.

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

Tuesday 25th August

Meet the Experts

10:00 - 17:00 I Barley Hall I Normal admission prices apply

Join experts from York Archaeological Trust for an exclusive look at fascinating artefacts excavated in York from the Medieval period.

This is your chance to get up close and ask your questions to real archaeologists!

Little Diggers Medieval Mischief: Costumes & Characters

Tuesday 25th August

10:30 - 11:30 I DIG I £3 per child

Suitable for 2 to 5 year olds

What did medieval people wear? Did they look like us? Come along to learn about the different clothes worn in the Middle Ages and even have a chance to dress up in medieval costume!

Will you be a knight, a servant, a king or a queen?

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

From Richard to Henry: "That noble House of Yorke....."

Monday 24th August

14:30 | Start from the Richard III Experience at Monk Bar

£4 adult, £3 conc.

See entry on 24th August

Philippa Langley - The Looking For Richard Project

19:00 | The Guildhall, York | £10.00 Adult, £8.00 Conc. including RIII Society members

Screenwriter Philippa Langley, who led the search for Richard III, tells the story of her seven and a half year journey to uncover the king's grave through the Looking For Richard Project.

Detailing the four years of research and three and a half year battle to cut the tarmac in Leicester, Philippa's astonishing story brings to life her quest and helps shed new light on the man at the centre of her search.

This talk includes free admission to the Richard III Experience and the Henry VII Experience

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

From Richard to Henry: "That noble House of Yorke....."

14:30 | Start from the Richard III Experience at Monk Bar

£4 adult, £3 conc.

See entry on 24th August

Wednesday 26th August

History at the Hall

11:00 - 16:00 | Barley Hall | Normal admission prices apply

See entry on 19th August

Little Diggers Medieval Mischief: Bastions & Banners

Wednesday 26th August

10:30 - 11:30 | DIG | £3 per child

Suitable for 2 to 5 year olds

What was it like to live in a castle? Join us for a play and activity session which finds out!

Design your own colourful flag or banner to fly from the top of the castle and represent your family.

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

Western Martial Arts with the York School of Defence: Medieval Combat Class

11:00, 13:30, 15:30 | The Guildhall

£7 Adult, £5 Conc, £20 Family of 4*, £25 Family of 5 **Family prices are based on 2 adults and 2 children or 2 adults and 3 children*

This is your opportunity to learn combat techniques from the middle ages with instructors from the York School of Defence, a local Western Martial Arts group.

Incorporating fight demonstrations, a chance to have a go at sword fighting and the opportunity to see and handle a variety of medieval weaponry, this really is an exciting highlight to this year's programme.

Each session lasts an hour and a half and participants are asked to wear sturdy footwear with some grip to the soles. Suitable for ages 5+, both adults and children are catered for.

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See entry on 24th August

Warrior Women

19:00 | The Mansion House, York | £4 Adult, £3 Conc

People still believe that women in the middle ages never fought on the battlefield, that their duties were largely domestic and that they were treated as second class citizens. The situation is of course far more complex...

This lecture will scratch beneath the surface by looking at various case studies of women in the medieval period who chose to or were forced to take up arms in defence of home, family, or country.

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

Thursday 27th August

Meet the Experts

10:00 - 17:00 | Barley Hall | Normal admission prices apply

See entry on 25th August

Little Diggers Medieval Mischief: Festivals & Fun

Thursday 27th August

10:30 - 11:30 | DIG | £3 per child

Suitable for 2 to 5 year olds

It's festival time! Find out how people had fun in medieval times at tournaments and festivals. Hear about the types of games they played, perhaps even have a go yourself? Make a puppet to take home and entertain your family, just like a jester!

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

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See entry on 26th August

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£4 adult, £3 conc.

See entry on 24th August

Mace to the Face

19:00 | The Mansion House, York | £4 Adult, £3 Conc

Human anatomist Emma Halpin-Durband expands her popular lecture series with a new instalment focusing on the harrowing effects of blunt force trauma on medieval combatants.

Using a mix of modern accidents and injuries contrasted with archaeological remains from the middle ages she aims to explain more about how maces, hammers, axes, and other often overlooked weapons were used on the battlefield and the devastating effects they could have when wielded with skill.

This lecture will contain graphic images of modern wounds and trauma and as such is not suitable for those of a nervous disposition.

Pre-booking essential

Friday 28th August

Little Diggers Medieval Mischief: Knights & Naughty Monsters

10:30 - 11:30 | DIG | £3 per child

Suitable for 2 to 5 year olds

DIG is learning about mythical creatures today and we are in search of brave adventurers to help us!

Hear stories about valiant knights and the monsters that they meet along the way. You'll have the chance to design your own Medieval monster too!

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

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See entry on 26th August

From Richard to Henry: "That noble House of Yorke....."

14:30 | Start from the Richard III Experience at Monk Bar

£4 adult, £3 conc.

See entry on 24th August

Trouvère Medieval Minstrels - Magna Melodia

Friday 28th August

19:00 | Barley Hall | £10 Adult, £8 Conc

Many legends and stories surrounded England's Angevin monarchs. Some said they had the devil's blood in them... But this 'devil's brood' also presided over a magnificent musical scene.

Join medieval minstrels Trouvère as they take you back 800 years into the past to experience the musical backdrop to the tumultuous events of 1215, when England's barons forced Magna Carta upon King John.

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

Saturday 29th August

Little Diggers Medieval Mischief: Music & Merriment

Saturday 29th August

10:30 - 11:30 | DIG | £3 per child

Suitable for 2 to 5 year olds

The Medieval Festival is coming to an end - help us to celebrate the final Little Diggers session by learning about medieval music and dance. Dance like a noble and create your own musical shaker worthy to play at the court of the King himself!

Pre-booking essential to avoid disappointment

Medieval Arms & Armour

Saturday 29th August

10:00 - 17:00 | The Richard III Experience | Normal admission prices apply

See entry on 22nd August

'Joan of Arc: A History', with Helen Castor

14:00 | Council Chambers, The Guildhall, York | £10.00 Adult, £8.00 Conc.

Join the JORVIK Medieval Festival keynote speaker, Dr Helen Castor, to hear the fascinating story of Joan of Arc, the peasant girl who heard voices from God, and became a warrior leading an army to victory in an age that believed women cannot fight.

Dr Castor's latest book uses the transcripts of Joan's two medieval trials to build fascinating insights into her life and world. With an opportunity to buy copies of Joan of Arc: A History and to have them signed by the author this is special addition to the festival.

Places are limited and this event will prove popular, so pre-booking is essential to avoid disappointment.

Terry Deary's 7 Ages of York

Saturday 29th August

19:00 | The Guildhall, York | £12 per adult, £10 per con, £8 per child

Suitable for children 7 and up

Horrible Histories author Terry Deary is joined by musicians Eboracum Baroque to take you on a journey through the gruesome history of York.

The 'Seven Ages of York' will include hilarious stories from the time of the Vicious Vikings and Measly Middle Ages as well as the Terrible Tudors and those Slimy Stuarts; including one of York's most notorious villains, and former York resident, Guy Fawkes.

Accompanied by music from across the centuries by Eboracum Baroque - a baroque ensemble of singers and instrumentalists Terry will make sure he doesn't leave out the important gory and ghastly bits!

Pre-booking essential so you don't miss out on this exciting event for all the family.

Sunday 30th August

Medieval Arms & Armour

Sunday 30th August

10:00 - 17:00 | The Richard III Experience | Normal admission prices apply

See entry on 22nd August

Monday 31st August

Medieval Merriment

Monday 31st August

10:00 - 16:00 daily | Merchant Adventurers' Hall, York | Admission FREE, small cost for some activities using Medieval Coin Exchange: £1 each or 6 for £5

A fun-packed day that the whole family will enjoy, in the heart of historic York!

Featuring a host of medieval crafts and activities including; Have-a-Go Archery, Sword Fighting Workshops.

The Plague Doctor will be in residence at the hall, ready to diagnose any ailment and offer a terrifyingly medieval cure – for the right price, of course!

With bird of prey displays and lots of fun crafts and themed activities will also be on offer throughout the day.

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Notes to Editor

The JORVIK Medieval Festival is new name for the Yorkshire Medieval Festival.

Organised by The JORVIK Group, the attractions and events division of York Archaeological Trust, the festival is a 2 week celebration of York's medieval heritage.

For more information on JORVIK Medieval Festival visit www.jorvikmedievalfestival.com/press.

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