

Towton Battlefield Society was formed nearly 20 years ago and is a well-established charity committed to preserving the site for present and future generations, promoting knowledge of the battlefield and supporting research. The Society has a strong and active membership with members from all over the country and from all age groups and backgrounds.

1. The Society meets every month and its strong calendar of expert speakers attracts many members and visitors.
2. Members are kept up to date on developments with a monthly newsletter and our esteemed research publication "The Towton Herald".
3. Each year the Society organises a very successful Memorial Event on Palm Sunday weekend, including guided battlefield walks, a living history camp, demonstrations and displays.
4. The Society is committed to the preservation of the skills and craft of the traditional longbow. Many of our members are keen enthusiasts and all are welcome to attend our regular practice sessions.
5. The Society works very closely with landowners and research bodies to support archaeological projects. In 2005, TBS was responsible for the erection of a Memorial to the dead of Towton at Saxton Church, and in 2011 we supported the opening of the new battlefield trail.
6. Throughout the year the Society guides the public over the battlefield and has instigated a comprehensive programme of walks throughout the year.
7. The Society regularly provides talks and presentations to local groups and schools and has many speakers who can talk on a wide range of subjects.
8. Our work is important and we always give our full effort. We welcome all to join our organisation.

To join, please complete the details overleaf, circle the relevant membership category below, and return this form with your cheque (payable to The Towton Battlefield Society) to:

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38 High Bank Approach
Colton
Leeds LD15 9DA

Towton Battlefield Society Membership Categories:

Single	Family	Junior (under 18)
£18	£25	£5

If you would prefer to pay by Standing Order or Bank Transfer, please email Jill at jillthorley@btinternet.com
For further information or assistance, please contact Mark Taylor at chairman@towton.org.uk



TOWTON BATTLEFIELD SOCIETY

2012

PATRONS - ROBERT HARDY C.B.E & A.A GILL
PRESIDENT - ELIZABETH VERITY
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Registered Charity Number 1043080

CALENDAR 2012

All meetings are held at Saxton Village Hall beginning at 19.30 unless otherwise stated. Non-Members are welcome to attend any meeting.

- Monday 9th Jan - The Military Encounters at Ferrybridge and Dintingdale** – Alan Stringer
- Monday 6th Feb - The Plough, the Fool and the Ox: an Introduction to Medieval Combat Manuscripts** – Frances Perry
- Sunday 4th Mar- Tour of Marston Moor Battlefield.** Meeting at 10.00 – David Cooke, military historian and writer, leads the walk.
- Monday 5th Mar - The Battle of Flodden 1513** – A presentation about this important Battle and the innovative approach to Battlefield interpretation by Clive Hallam-Baker.
- Saturday 24th Mar - Members Walk** - Meet at the Rockingham Arms at 10.30.
- Sunday 1st Apr - Towton Memorial Event** - An Event to commemorate the battle.
- Monday 16th Apr - Annual General Meeting**
- Monday 14th May - Richard III's Reign – State and Politics 1483 - 1485**
– Jonathan Tummons.
- Monday 11th June - The Battle of Hexham** – Popular writer and historian John Sadler discusses this key Wars of the Roses Battle.
- Monday 2nd July - Knights Templar and Yorkshire** – Diane Holloway.
- Wed 1st Aug - Medieval Yorkshire Evening** - Crooked Billet Inn at 19.00. Fun for all the family.
- Monday 6th Aug - The Power & Effectiveness of the English Longbow** - Mark Stretton, a recognised national expert and world record holding longbow archer. Talk may be followed by a demonstration at the Crooked Billet, time and weather permitting.
- Monday 3rd Sept – Towton Battlefield Update** – Tim Sutherland gives an update on the latest archaeological perspectives from the Battlefield.

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- Sat 15th Sept – Trip to Lincoln** – A guided tour of this historic city.
- Monday 1st Oct - Medieval Gardens** - Simon Tomson.
- Monday 5th Nov - The English Longbow** - Pip Bickerstaffe, one of England's leading Bowyers.
- Monday 3rd Dec - Medieval Christmas Feast** - A traditional seasonal celebration with festive food, wine, music, costume and entertainment.

Membership Form - New Members Only

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

I confirm that I am a basic rate tax payer and request that this and all future subscriptions/donations be treated as eligible for Gift Aid*.

Signed:

I do/do not* give permission for my contact details to be disclosed to other members. I would/would not* like to receive my newsletters by email.

***Please delete as applicable**