

Coronation Weekend at Middleham Castle

This year it is July 7 and 8 and this will be followed by a full week's run of the Middleham Festival.

I have not heard from him yet, but assume that Mike Bennett will be doing his "Evening with King Richard" at some point during the week.

There will also be a series of talks at the Key Centre which Sue Constantine, now retired as area-manager for English Heritage, is arranging. She has already lined up a speaker from the Richard III Foundation, who many will remember gave a good lecture last year in this event and another speaker on The Henchmen [The Cat, the Rat, and Lovell our Dog.....] and only requires one more to give her a full day's activity at the centre.

Further seminars are being organised locally and it is likely that Mary O'Regan, immediate past Chairperson of the Yorkshire Branch of the Society, will be talking on Richard III, and a speaker from the Towton Battlefield Society will be holding forth expertly on the greatest battle ever fought in this island.

Additional events in general support are likely to include the medieval market, within and without the castle, and hopefully in more amiable weather conditions than in 2000, and a new group of re-enactors will be working their magic inside the castle walls.

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