



BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

Annual Conference and AGM Weekend
Friday 5th- Monday 8th April 2013, St Aidan's College, University of Durham

The Battlefields Trust's annual conference will be hosted by the North East and Borders Region. It includes visits to two key battlefields and a programme of talks about other battlefields in the North East. The aim of the conference is to showcase some of the Region's Battlefield heritage.

In our programme of events we have tried to reconcile the desire to make the most of a visit to the North East with the different budgets and time that our members can dedicate to the conference. We will therefore be offering a core Saturday – Sunday featuring some of the highlights and for those who would like to make the most of the weekend, a programme of visits on the Friday and Monday.

The highlights are the battle of Flodden, in its quincentenary year and Homildon Hill, where the Battlefields Trust has a new interpretation of the battlefield. We will spend Saturday visiting these battlefields, guided by local experts. In the evening we will have the Trust's annual dinner. Our Guest of Honour will be Professor Michael Prestwich, MA, D.Phil, F.R.Hist.S, FSA. On Sunday morning we will hear about some of the many other battles and sieges of the region. In the afternoon we will hold our Annual General Meeting and hold some workshops to hear your views about the Trust's work and the challenges facing it.

There will be an opportunity to take part in a battlefield tour on Monday to visit some of the battles we hear about on Sunday. Depending on the numbers this will either be using members' cars or if numbers merit it we will hire a coach.

The AGM takes place at 14.00 on Sunday 7th April. There is no charge for attending the AGM itself.



Illustration 1: Durham from the South

PROGRAMME

Date/ Time	Activity	Comments
Friday 5 th April 2013 *Morning/Afternoon	*Reivers and Raiders car tour. Visits include Corbridge, Aydon Castle, Otterburn and moorland Bastle Houses	Self-driven. Guided by Julian Humphrys
◆ Afternoon	◆ DLI Museum and Neville's Cross Battlefield	
◆ Evening	◆ Check in ◆ Evening meal	
Saturday 6 th April 2013		
◆ Morning	Battlefield Tour - Flodden	Local Guide Clive Hallam-Baker
◆ Afternoon	Battlefield Tour - Homildon Hill	
◆ Evening	Battlefields Trust Dinner	Guest Speaker
Sunday 7 th April 2013		
◆ Morning	Presentations on battlefields in the North East, including Homildon Hill and the Heugh Battery and some of, e.g. Newburn Ford, Hexham, etc	
◆ Afternoon	◆ AGM ◆ Trust workshops	
Monday 8 th April 2013		
◆ Morning	◆ Hexham ◆ Newburn Ford	Transport TBA
◆ Afternoon	◆ Heugh Battery ◆ Fighting ships exhibition	Transport TBA

Our Guest Speaker:

Professor Michael Prestwich, MA, D.Phil, F.R.Hist.S, FSA is Professor (emeritus) in the Department of History and a member of the Institute of Medieval and Renaissance Studies

He specialises in the history of thirteenth and fourteenth-century England. He has written extensively on the political, military and economic aspects of this period, perhaps most notably in his biography of Edward I (1988), and his volume of the New Oxford History of England, Plantagenet England 1225-1360 (2005). His *Armies and Warfare in the Middle Ages* (1996) is his main work on military history. He has written about fifty articles and chapters in journals and edited volumes. His next major project is to write a book about English medieval castles.

TOPICS

Homildon Hill (14 September 1402)

The battle of Homildon Hill took place after a large Scottish force under Archibald, Earl of Douglas, returning home from a raid, laden with booty was blocked at Millfield by an English force. The English were led by the Earl of Northumberland and his famous son Henry Percy, better known as Hotspur. The English victory at the battle of Homildon Hill was a triumph for the English archer. According to the sources other troops took very little part in the action. The argument over the treatment of the captive Scottish nobles from this battle led to the dispute between Henry IV and the Percys which culminated in the battle of Shrewsbury.

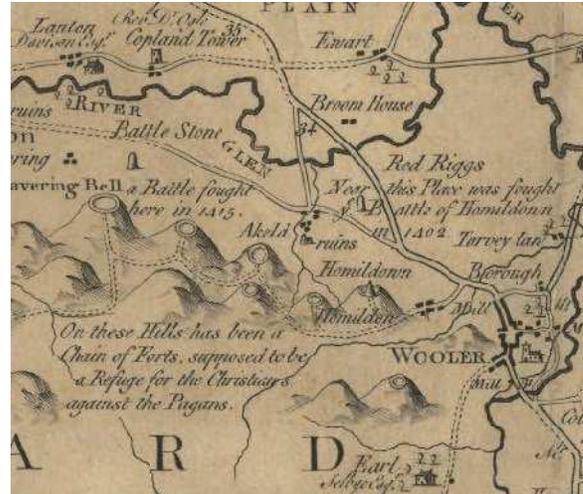


Illustration 2: Map showing Homildon Hill

Flodden (9 September 1513)



Illustration 3: Robert Hardy CBE at Flodden

The Battle of Flodden saw the defeat of an invading Scots army under King James IV and by an English army commanded by the Earl of Surrey. In terms of troop numbers, it was the largest battle fought between the two Kingdoms. James IV was killed in the battle, becoming the last monarch from the British Isles to suffer such a death to date. It was the last battle to be fought by troops armed with the war bow. There has been much interpretation at Flodden for to mark the 500th anniversary of the battle.

Neville's Cross (17th October 1346)

The battle of Neville's Cross, between Scottish and English forces, took place on moorland just to the west of Durham. The English had already chosen the best ground before the Scots could assemble their army and so the invaders found themselves severely disadvantaged by the terrain. Despite the battle being evenly balanced for a time, the Scots were outmanoeuvred and gradually fled the field, all but abandoning their King who was taken prisoner.



Illustration 4: Battle of Nevilles Cross from C15th manuscript



Illustration 5: War in the North 1463-4

Hexham (15 May 1464)

The Battle of Hexham marked the end of significant Lancastrian resistance in the north of England during the early part of the reign of Edward IV. John Neville, later to be 1st Marquess of Montagu, leading a modest force of 3,000-4,000 men, routed the rebel Lancastrians. Most of the rebel leaders were captured and executed, including Henry Beaufort, 3rd Duke of Somerset, Robert Hungerford, 3rd Baron Hungerford and Philip Wentworth, Knight of Nettlestead, Suffolk. Henry VI, however, was kept safely away from danger (having been captured in battle 3 times earlier in his life), and escaped to the north.

Newburn Ford (28th August 1640)

The battle of Newburn

Ford took place early on the morning of 28th August 1640. Some 4500 English troops had been dispatched to cover the ford at Newburn. On the south side of the river, close to the two adjacent crossings they had constructed two sconces where they planted artillery and awaited the Scottish approach. But the forts were poorly sited and the Scots took up a commanding position on the rising ground to the north of the river from which the bombarded the forts and supporting cavalry. Their swift and destructive attack routed and defeated the ill-prepared English troops. It was the only battle of the Second Bishops' War, but of great political significance. This is one of the six battles listed by English Heritage as at risk in 2012.



Illustration 6: Reenactment of the Battle of Newburn Ford

The Bombardment of Hartlepool (16 December 1914)

On 16 December 1914, the Imperial German Navy raided the British seaport towns of Scarborough, Hartlepool, West Hartlepool, and Whitby. The attack resulted in 137 fatalities and 592 casualties, many of which were civilians. The attack resulted in public outrage towards the German navy for an attack against civilians, and against the Royal Navy for its failure to prevent the raid. This is one of the few Great War battles to take place on British soil.



Illustration 7: Heugh Battery Memorial Plaque



The Battlefields Trust

'To preserve, interpret and develop battlefields for educational and heritage purposes'

' Application Form for Annual Conference and AGM Weekend

5-7th April 2013, University of Durham

Please complete and either

1) return a printed copy of this application with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to:

The Battlefields Trust to:

Annmarie Hayek

20 Rowington Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 3RR

OR

2) Pay the Trust electronically and send this application form with a copy of the evidence of your payment by email to

annmarie@talktalk.net Copy to treasurer@battlefields-trust.com

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code _____

Telephone: _____

Email _____

Please book

I would like to bring the following Guest(s)

(Note supplement for non members)

I enclose a Cheque for £_____ made payable to 'The Battlefields Trust'*

OR

I have paid £_____ to the Battlefields Trust electronically and enclose proof of payment.

BATTLEFIELDS TRUST BANK DETAILS

Account Name: The Battlefields Trust

Account number: 00150150

Sort code: 20-76-89

Booking: See para 1 below
Deadline: 1200 hrs Wednesday 15th March 2013
My requirements are as follows.

Activity	Cost	Required
"Local Conference Rate" (includes Saturday and Monday battlefield tours and Sunday conference, with packed lunch and Trust evening dinner on Saturday and buffet lunch on Sunday, but no accommodation or other meals)	£125 (£115 if booked before end of 2012)	
"Value Conference Rate" (includes all activities as per the local conference rate plus overnight accommodation on Friday and Saturday evening and supper on Friday)	£242 (£232 if booked before end of 2012)	
"Full Conference Rate" (includes all activities as per the "Value Conference" plus supper on Sunday and overnight B&B accommodation on Sunday and a battlefield tour on Monday)	£310 (£300 if booked before end of 2012)	
Non Member Supplement	£29	
If you would like different combination please calculate your requirements from the following		
Overnight accommodation Friday 5 th and breakfast 6 th	£49	
Overnight accommodation Saturday 6 th and breakfast 7 th	£49	
Overnight accommodation Sunday 7 th and breakfast 8 th Option for personal tour on Monday 8 th)	£49	
Evening meal Friday 5 th April	£19	
Evening meal Sunday 7 th April	£19	
One day conference rate (If only attending Saturday or Sunday only.) NB there is NO Charge for attending the AGM	£65.00	
Total £		

- Overnight Accommodation:** Accommodation requirements should be annotated above and include breakfast the following morning.
- "Early Bird" Discount:** An early bird discount of £10 will apply to the Weekend Conference rate for bookings received before 31 Dec 2012. There is no discount for a single day visit.
- Dietary requirements:** Details of any dietary requirements. _____
- Any other special requirements** _____
- Payment Options.** (* = please delete as appropriate and indicate requirement above)
AGM The AGM will take place on Sunday 7th April. There is no charge for attending the AGM, if that is the only part of the conference that you attend.
- Monday 8th April** is a day for touring the battlefields of the North East. If you are interested in spending Monday please complete the following. I want to visit and have a place in my car ____ or need a seat in a car ____.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

- Application Forms and Cheques or other payments must be with the Conference administrator Annmarie Hayek by **1200 hours on 15th March 2013 (or 31 December 2012 to claim £10 discount)**