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# The Wyvern

News from the Wessex Region of the Battlefields Trust

**As I write this the Spring issue of the Battlefields Trust Magazine will be winging its way to you but I thought it might be helpful if I drew your attention to some of the events we've organised for the next month or so in and around our region. Let's hope the weather is a bit better than it has been recently – I'm still drying out after leading a tour round an extremely wet Naseby last week!**

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

This Sunday Derek Lester will be leading a walk around the site of the Battle of Chalgrove 1643, the cavalry action which led to the death of Parliamentarian leader John Hampden. Meet at 10.30am at the John Hampden Monument, Chalgrove, OX44 7RW. Contact Harvey Watson on 07818 853385 for details.

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Alan Turton, chair of our Wessex Region will lead a tour round Basing House, the Hampshire mansion that was so resolutely defended for the King by the Marquis of Winchester during the Civil War. Meet: Basing House car park at 1.00pm. The adjacent Millstone Pub serves lunches. Admission to Basing House will cost £5.00. Basing House, Redbridge Lane, Old Basing, Basingstoke, RG24 7HB. Contact: Alan Turton 01256 321193

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30-14.00**

The first of our new lunchtime lecture series in the Fusilier Museum in the Tower of London. Martin Marix Evans of the Naseby Battlefield Project will be talking about Naseby: the Battle then and the Battlefield now. While other major battles – Hastings, Bosworth and Culloden – are well marked, Naseby had been neglected for many years before the Battlefields Trust set up a working party to plan development in 2001. Martin Marix Evans is a prolific author of military history and has been leading the development of the interpretation of Naseby Battlefield.

Tickets are £25 per head (£20 for Battlefields Trust members) and include a sandwich lunch and admission to the Tower of London, so you can make an afternoon of it!

*All profits from this great event will be donated to the Naseby Battlefield Project so please spread the word and try to come along if you can.*

We have set up a Justgiving webpage to facilitate booking:

<http://www.justgiving.com/Battlefields-Trust-city-lecture-Naseby-25May2012>

However if you prefer to pay by cheque please contact Frank Baldwin on 07813 179668.