

The Welford & Weston Local History Society

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Happy New year to all our members. We hope you enjoyed the excellent talk given by Mairi Macdonald on the Gunpowder Plot in the Midlands, back in November. The subject of our next talk is 'The Life & Times of English and Welsh Archers in the 14th and 15th centuries'. It will be given by Peter Hallett ably assisted by his wife Joan & will take place in the Memorial Hall, Welford on Avon at 7:30 pm, on Friday 30th January 2015



Master Peter, Captain of Archers in the retinue of Sir John de Vere the 13th Earl of Oxford, will assess the effect the 'Great Pestilence', the '100 Years war with France', the 'Slump of the 15th Century' & the 'Wars of the Plantagenet Family', had on the population as a whole, then explain how armies were financed, raised, equipped and fed. He will describe the gamble taken by individuals on entering military service, the brutal facts of medieval warfare, how armed men were formed into fighting units, the importance of medical treatment and religion to the individual, and the results of war on the winners and losers, whether it be fame and fortune, or injury and death.