

Kenilworth Revealed: Public Event

As agreed at the TC meeting on 15 February, a public event, a “Living History Afternoon”, was held in Abbey Fields on Sunday 24 May to promote the heritage of St Mary’s Abbey and the Kenilworth Revealed App, see images below. The (former) Mayor, Cllr James Kennedy, Cllr Alan Chalmers and Tony Shakespeare (chair of KHAS - dressed as a Canon) promoted the event at schools before the event.

The “Living History Afternoon” included:

- A procession of the re-enactors and the visiting Civics
- The Abbot reading the Lord’s Prayer in Medieval English
- Chanting by our band of chanting canons, very ably let by Kit Lawry and Jeremy Sampson

After this, children and adults were able to partake in a number of activities and collect stickers for having taken part. The stickers were a huge success with children (and adults) very keen to try and get the full set.

- Scribing – led by Cllr Andrew Milton and County Cllr Chris Mills
- Games – let by Kristel and James McDade
- Costume dressing up – led by Town Clerk Maggie Field and Jo Randall
- Seeing leeches – led by Simon Price and Simon Gordon
- Chanting – led again by Kit Lawry and Jeremy Sampson
- Tours using Kenilworth Revealed App, including one for the Civics, led by Cllr Alan Chalmers and Tony Shakespeare

A number of items were also for sale from the museum.

Four talks were held at St Nicholas church. They were chaired by Rob Duigan – in costume - head teacher of Crackley Hall school.

- Medieval Clothes – Anne McWhirter
- Medieval vegetables – Simon Gordon
- Medieval medicine - Anne McWhirter
- Capturing Medieval re-enactments – Dr Arindam Dutta, University of Birmingham

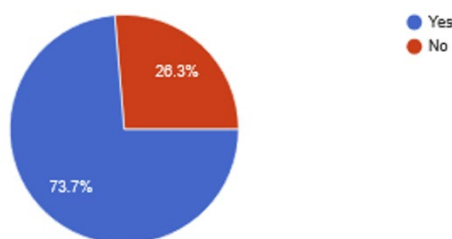
There were two small last-minute “hiccups” before the event. The person originally due to give the talk on medieval medicine was unable to come, luckily, we managed to find leeches from a “leech clinic” in Birmingham and the awfully hot weather led to the cancellation of the horse & cart rides. We announced the cancellation of the horse & cart rides on Facebook and the public were very supportive.

The Lowland Rescue volunteers did a wonderful job of serving tea, coffee and juice at the church.

Of the 19 people interviewed by the intern working with the Town Council. 73.7% had heard of the Kenilworth Revealed App.

Have you heard of the Kenilworth Revealed app before?

19 responses



A huge thank you to everyone involved, and to the Town Clerk, Maggie Field, and her two fantastic officers, Gemma and Miles for all the preparatory work which helped make the event such a success.

