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The evidence of document such as custumals, rentals, surveys and the Hundred Rolls will be combined with that of archaeology and landscape to reconstruct the daily lives of medieval rural communities in Warwickshire and the west midlands. The rich imagery of manuscripts such as the Luttrell and Queen Mary Psalters, and the cycles that comprised 'Labours of the Month' will be integral to the discussion, but the case studies will be taken primarily from Warwickshire, looking at communities such as Berkswell and Tysoe, among others.

After introducing some basic features of manor and vill and the sources available to reconstruct daily life in them, we will consider themes that include associated landscapes, particularly the fields; making a living within the agrarian cycle; the buildings, material culture, prosperity and standards of living in the communities of manor and vill.

The part played by the parish in the life of such communities, and their religious lives, will be the subject of forthcoming study days.

10.00am till 2.30pm

FEES: £30.00 (*Payable in advance*)

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