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In 1258 a combination of long-standing grievances and frustrations with the governance of Henry III provoked several leading barons of the kingdom into rebellion, seizing central government in the interests of the king and the 'community of the realm'. Between 1258 and 1265 the initiative passed to and fro between the royalist and rebel parties, prompting armed disturbances in the localities and major battles at Lewes and Evesham.

This study day will examine the causes and course of this rebellion, but will focus particularly upon the experience of the west midlands region, the tensions that the rebellion revealed in local society, and the significant levels of support that Simon de Montfort, earl of Leicester and leader of the rebellion by 1263, received from the lesser nobility of the area, particularly from Warwickshire and Leicestershire. The baronial rebellion was largely brought to an end with the defeat of the Montfortians and death of Simon de Montfort in Worcestershire at the Battle of Evesham in 1265, and then the submission in 1266 of the rebel garrison at Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire.

10.00am till 2.30pm

FEEES: £30.00 (Payable in advance)

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