

Battle of Agincourt

1415-2015: COMMEMORATION

Key Dates

While not all the key dates for 2015 are yet finalised, the following dates have been agreed with the appropriate authorities:

March

Special showing of the film 'Henry V' with historical commentary at the Institute of Historical Research



March

Lecture evening "Agincourt and The City of London" at the London Guildhall

4 July

Commemorative event at Trotton, burial place of Thomas, Lord Camoys, Commander of the Rearguard at the battle

21 July

Concert of Agincourt Music and One Man Show at All-Hallows-by-the-Tower

31 July – 3 August

An International Conference at Southampton University in conjunction with the Royal Armouries Fort Nelson and the Battlefields Trust

1 and 2 August

Yorkshire Medieval Festival with Agincourt theme at the Rowntree Park in York

August

Medieval Festival at Leeds Castle, Kent, featuring jousting tournament and archery competition

17 September

The Society of Antiquaries seminar on the cultural legacy of Agincourt

22 September

Formal Banquet in London Guildhall for the City and Livery Companies

25 October

600th Anniversary of the Battle: Anglo-French commemorations at the battle site, linking also to the joint event which was held there in 1915

29 October

Commemoration Service in Westminster Abbey

14 November

The Lord Mayor's Show

October – January 2016

Royal Armouries Exhibition in the Tower, with a specially-constructed model of the battle



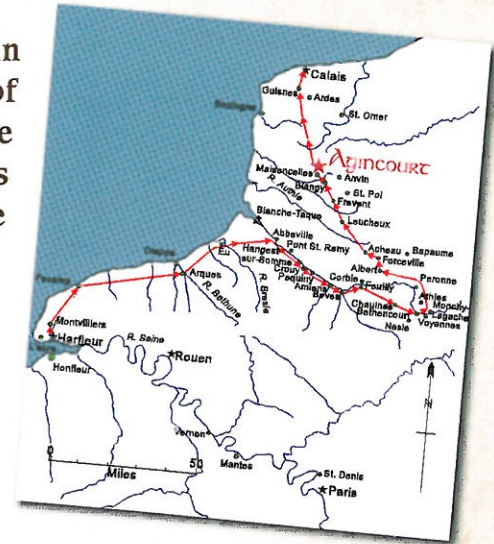
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The Agincourt 600 Committee is planning a number of events in 2015 to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt. The City of London is also very keen to commemorate the anniversary because the City, together with livery companies and individuals in the City, contributed the greater part of the loans for Henry V's campaign in 1415.

The three keypoints of the events are:

- Commemoration – rather than celebration
- Inclusion – events are to be as inclusive as possible. As well as official guests such as members of the Royal Family and the Lord Mayor of the City of London, we are very keen to include the general public
- Internationalism – the Ambassadors of France, Belgium and Luxembourg have agreed to participate.



Service of Commemoration in Westminster Abbey

A Service of Commemoration will be held in Westminster Abbey on 29th October 2015, followed by a reception in Church House. Masters of livery companies will process down the central aisle of the Abbey. On this day in 1415 the news of the battle reached the City, when the newly elected Lord Mayor, Nicholas Wootton, was due to go in great pomp to be sworn in at the Palace of Westminster. Instead he, accompanied by his Aldermen and a large crowd, "walked on foot like pilgrims" to Westminster Abbey to give thanks in the presence of the King's mother.

Other Activities in 2015

Details of other activities planned in 2015 are given overleaf. For further information, please contact us through our website www.agincourt600.com.

Longer Term Activities

The commemoration will leave a lasting legacy through longer-term activities, funded through our dedicated Agincourt 600 Charity. These activities include "Agincourt Scholarships", the planting of "Agincourt Oaks" across the country, support for archery and fencing for the disabled, and the funding of visits to the battlefield and the Centre Historique Médiéval d'Azincourt.

Trustees of the Agincourt 600 Charity

The Trustees of the Agincourt 600 Charity are:
The Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Baldry MP; Professor Anne Curry, Professor of Medieval History at Southampton University; Wesley Paul, Chairman of the Trustees of the Royal Armouries; Dr Sinclair Rogers, and Robin Tutty. None of the Trustees of this Charity will take any expenses or other payments. The Registered Office of the Charity is the White Tower in HM Tower of London.

