



## Oliver Cromwell

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**Start date** 3 November 2017                      **End date** 5 November 2017

**Venue**            Madingley Hall  
                      Madingley  
                      Cambridge

**Tutor**            David L Smith                      **Course code** 1718NRX003

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### Tutor biography

David has been a Fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge, since 1988. He has been a Director of Studies in History since 1992, and a Graduate Tutor since 2004. At Selwyn he has also served as Admissions Tutor (1992-2003), and as Praelector (1996-2006). He has been an Affiliated Lecturer in the Cambridge History Faculty since 1995. For ICE he teaches weekend courses and day-schools, and is also the Director of the International Summer School in History. He served on the Management Board of the Institute of Continuing Education from 2005 until 2008.

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## Course Programme

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### Friday

Please plan to arrive between 4:30 and 6:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and Coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Cromwell's early life and career, 1599-1642
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Cromwell and the English Civil Wars, August 1642 – August 1648
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	From Regicide to Republic, August 1648 – April 1653
13:00	Lunch
13:45	Visit to the Cromwell Museum at Huntingdon
16:30	Late Tea
16:30 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	From Commonwealth to Protectorate, April 1653 – January 1655
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	The Later Years of the Protectorate, January 1655 – September 1658
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Cromwell's historical reputation
12:45	Lunch

**The course will disperse after lunch**

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## Course syllabus

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### Aims:

1. to examine Cromwell's life and career in the context of his times;
2. to explore the nature of his beliefs and motives through a range of primary and secondary sources.

### Content:

This weekend course will examine in detail the personality and career of Oliver Cromwell, and place it in the context of the unique and dramatic events that gripped mid-seventeenth-century England. The classes will explore Cromwell's life and career in a series of chronological sections, from his birth in 1599, through his rise to military prominence during the 1640s and his gaining of political power in the 1650s, up to his death in 1658. Throughout, the classes will focus especially on what Cromwell sought to achieve, the methods he employed, and the reasons why he proved unable to establish a stable regime during the period of the English Republic (1649-60). Particular attention will be paid to the light that Cromwell's personality throws on the unfolding of events, the motives that guided him and the relationship between his ideas and his actions. To this end, we will examine a selection of primary sources, especially Cromwell's own letters and speeches, and the course will also include a trip to the nearby Cromwell Museum at Huntingdon.

### Presentation of the course:

The six sessions in Madingley Hall will involve a mixture of lectures and discussions. In addition, on the Saturday afternoon there will be a visit to the Cromwell Museum at Huntingdon.

### Outcomes:

**As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:**

- Gain an understanding of Cromwell's life and career within the context of his times;
- Identify and evaluate some of the different ways in which Cromwell's life has been interpreted
- Form their own view of Cromwell's beliefs, significance, impact on his times, and legacy.

<b>Reading and resources list</b>		
Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.		
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PUBLISHER &amp; DATE</b>
<b>A. SURVEYS OF ENGLISH HISTORY DURING CROMWELL'S LIFETIME</b>		
AYLMER G E	<i>Rebellion or Revolution? England, 1640-1660</i>	Oxford, 1986
COWARD B	<i>The Stuart Age</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, Longman, 1994
HIRST D	<i>England in Conflict 1603-1660</i>	Arnold, 1999
SMITH D L	<i>A History of the Modern British Isles, 1603-1707: The Double Crown</i>	Blackwell, 1998
<b>B. STUDIES OF CROMWELL'S PERSONALITY AND CAREER</b>		
COWARD B	<i>Oliver Cromwell</i>	Longman, 2000
DAVIS J C	<i>Oliver Cromwell</i>	Arnold, 2001
GAUNT P	<i>Oliver Cromwell</i>	Blackwell, 1996
MORRILL, J	<i>Oliver Cromwell</i>	Oxford, 2007
MORRILL, J (ed.)	<i>Oliver Cromwell and the English Revolution</i>	Longman, 1991
SMITH D L	<i>Oliver Cromwell: Politics and Religion in the English Revolution, 1640-1658</i>	Cambridge, 1991
SMITH D L (ed.)	<i>Cromwell and the Interregnum</i>	Blackwell, 2003

**Note** Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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