

General History Group 2026 programme at 19 Aug 2025 – part 1



MON 9 FEBRUARY 2.15 TO 4 PM

HOW DO YOU BUILD A MEDIEVAL CASTLE FROM SCRATCH?

Part 1 of the BBC 'Secrets of the Castle' with **Ruth Goodman, Tom Pinfold & Peter Ginn**. A colour film followed by group discussion and refreshments.

MON 9 MARCH 2.15 TO 4 PM

Tony Robinson's History of Britain – THE MIDDLE AGES

Tony takes us back to the Middle Ages, a time of knights and kings in shining armour as well as a runaway nun, a farting jester and a sewage worker. A colour film followed by group discussion and refreshments.

MON 13 APRIL 2.15 TO 4PM

UNIVERSE OF STONE, THE BUILDING OF A MEDIEVAL CATHEDRAL

Guest Speaker Alan Hill

The Medieval Period was a time of great change, and Europe embarked on a "cathedral building crusade". Building in stone spread from Normandy, throughout France & to England, and was used for the largest & most important buildings of which the cathedral would be the pinnacle. In the mid-12th century, a new style of church building called Gothic Architecture developed in the area around Paris & spread throughout Europe. This talk looks at the building of a medieval cathedral, the people who built them, and the Gothic Revival of the mid-Victorian period.

Open to all u3a members £3 each

