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The Civil War in the Welford & Weston Area

Friday 27 November 2026
Please note earlier time of 6:30pm (doors open 6:00 pm)



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Alex Bear, Learning and Education Officer at the Almonry in Evesham will present a talk on the Civil War in the Welford and Weston area. The West Midlands acted as the mobile frontline during the conflict, and as such the area saw many unrecorded skirmishes and engagements as scouting parties bumped into each other while out on patrol. Our area is particularly interesting as Weston supported the Puritans, but Welford on Avon favoured the Royalists. The local population was also heavily taxed by both sides to support the respective war efforts.
Alex's talk will look at one of the key aspects that affected the area around the Avon: river crossings. Absolutely vital for the manoeuvre of field armies, bridges and fording points became essential areas to control and as such were often the flashpoints of small engagements-such as at Powick, Evesham, Pershore and Bidford.

Attendees will have the opportunity to handle (or even wear!) reproduction armour and weaponry from the Almonry. We will also see some originals from their collection!

This talk will be available to people attending in person in Welford Memorial Hall. Doors open at **6:00pm.** To ease pressure on the evening I would strongly encourage you to renew your membership prior to the talk by following this link

https://www.welfordandweston.org.uk/Membership/