

Weekly seminars on Teams

Time: Tuesdays at 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm (GMT)

First seminar: Tuesday 20 February 2024

I can be quite flexible and respond to the wishes of the group, but I suggest the following timetable (which corresponds to the reading programme in the handbook). You can prepare for the seminar by doing the suggested reading and looking at the powerpoints. However, if you are not able (for any reason) to do much preparation do not let that deter you from joining us.

Not all of you will be able to come every week, and for those who cannot, the session will (with the consent of those present) be recorded.

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| 20 February | Desert Monks, St Benedict, and Benedictines |
| 27 February | No meeting. If you would like to attend the University of Wales Medieval History Staff Student Colloquium online, by Teams (the actual venue is Aberystwyth University), please let me know. The theme is 'Visual and Material Culture of the Middle Ages' |
| 5 March | The <i>Exordium parvum</i> , the foundation of Cîteaux, and its early years |
| 12 March | Commentary Practice – visual sources

The <i>Carta caritatis</i> and the notion of a monastic 'order' |
| 19 March | Commentary Practice – documentary sources

Why were the Cistercians so popular? |
| 26 March | A big gun: St Bernard |

EASTER VACATION: no meeting on 2 and 9 April

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| 16 April | Your short presentations on an abbey of your choice |
| 23 April | Archaeologist Charlotte Harris (one of our former MRes students) will talk about recent excavations at Cistercian Tintern Abbey in south Wales, and the light they shed on Cistercian sites and buildings |
| 30 April | The Cistercian Economy: <i>conversi</i> , granges, and sheep? |
| 7 May | Cistercian women |
| 14 May | tbc |