

CROMWELL ASSOCIATION STUDY DAY 2021 BOOKING FORM

Oxford Quaker Meeting House, 43 St Giles', Oxford, OX1 3LW

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The cost of attendance includes coffee and a light buffet lunch.

I wish to book place/places at £45 OR

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as a Member of the Cromwell Association / Full-time student
(please delete as applicable)

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All bookings must be received by: THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2021

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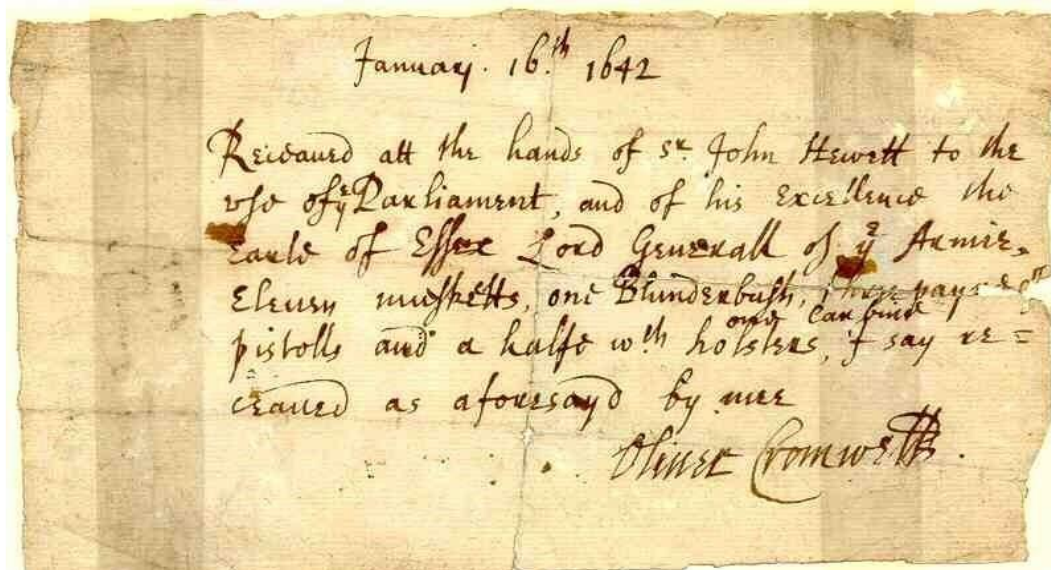
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Please enclose a cheque made payable to **The Cromwell Association** for the correct amount. Applications will be acknowledged by e-mail. If you require acknowledgement in hard copy, please enclose an SAE.

All queries about bookings to the secretary@olivercromwell.org. Alternatively, you can book online at www.olivercromwell.org where you will find more details of the Study Day.

Cromwell Association Study Day

The new letters and speeches project – Oliver Cromwell re-examined



**Saturday 16th October 2021
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.....promoting our understanding of the 17th century

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A major research project to re-examine all of the known writings and speeches of Oliver Cromwell is now in its final stages, with publication due in 2022. Led by Professor John Morrill, of the University of Cambridge, a team of academics has examined every document in close detail, including some that have never been previously published. It has been an enormous task and will provide a new basis for Cromwell scholarship for years to come, and the new edition will become the standard reference work for future generations.

10:30 **Registration and coffee**

11:00 **Welcome and introduction** by Professor Peter Gaunt (University of Chester), President of The Cromwell Association

11:05 **Cromwell for the digital age: why, how and what?**

Professor John Morrill (University of Cambridge)

The new *Letters, Writings and Speeches of Oliver Cromwell* brings together all the material which reveals the 'voice' of Oliver Cromwell. This paper will provide an overview of the project. There are some new items and a large number of holograph and autograph autographs never before accurately transcribed. It will be published in hard copy and as a highly searchable resource. This overview discusses what is and what is not in it; how it was prepared and why it has been worth the effort.



11:45 **Editing Cromwell's speeches: voice, authenticity, and 'too long a digression'.**

Dr Joel Halcomb (University of East Anglia)

Well over 100 accounts of speeches by Cromwell have survived in various manuscript and printed sources. None were written by Cromwell himself. Editing Cromwell's speeches is therefore really editing what other people heard. This talk will address the challenges we have faced in editing these texts, what our sources tell us about Cromwell's audiences, and to what extent we might identify his 'voice'.

12:20 **Oliver Cromwell, institutional interventions and constitutional innovation.**

Professor Jason Peacey (UCL)

This paper reflects upon the experience of editing Cromwell's papers during the period 1651–3, between his return from Scotland and his nomination as protector, highlighting neglected dimensions of his well-known 'anti-formalism'. These vital months are often associated with famous episodes (dissolving the Rump), evocative conversations (about a monarchical settlement), and rhetorical performances (his speech to Barebones), but this paper reflects instead upon his activity as Chancellor of Oxford University, as well as his negotiations with the Dutch, in order to shed light upon his attitudes towards institutional conventions as well as constitutional forms.

13:00 **Lunch**

14:15 **Can we take Cromwell at his word?**

A debate between Professor John Morrill and Professor Ronald Hutton.



John Morrill has spent his academic career studying Oliver Cromwell, culminating in the new edition of Cromwell's writings and speeches. Ronald Hutton (University of Bristol) has also published widely on the seventeenth century, and part one of his new two-volume biography of Cromwell was published this summer. Professor Hutton takes a less benevolent view of Cromwell and cautions against taking Cromwell at his word.



15:30 **End of Study Day**