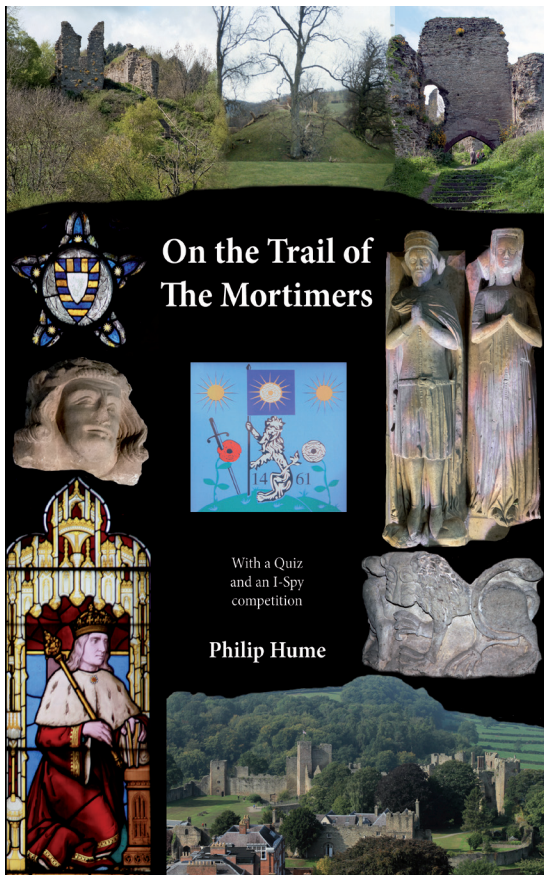


The Mortimer History Society, Logaston Press & Philip Hume

invite you to celebrate the launch of



On the Trail of the Mortimers containing a Quiz and an I-Spy competition

at 7.30pm on *Thursday 12th May*
at Ludlow Library
7-9 Parkway, Ludlow SY8 2PG
(behind The Feathers)

with a short talk by Philip Hume

Refreshments available

The book is paperback, 144 pages with over 75 colour photographs as well as maps and family trees and is priced at £7.50

This book both gives a history of the Mortimers (notably in their actions and impact on the central Marches) and suggests a tour that explores the surviving physical remains that relate to the family.

Partly through the good fortune of having an unbroken male succession for over 350 years, and also through conquest, marriage and royal favour, they amassed a great empire of estates in England, Wales and Ireland; played key roles in the changing balance of power between the monarchy and nobles; deposed a king and virtually ruled the kingdom for three years; became, in later generations, close heirs to the throne through marriage; and seized the throne through battle when a Mortimer grandson became King Edward IV.

The tour details what there is to see at 17 locations connected with the Mortimers. These include substantial remains of stone-built castles as well as mottes of several smaller castles; churches and tombs; depictions of individual members of the family and their heraldic coats of arms in stained glass; and buildings and art patronised by the family.

A Quiz and an I-Spy have been designed to give pleasure to families wishing to find out more, with the successful completion of the latter leading to a certificate issued by the Mortimer History Society.