

PRAYER BOOK REBELLION 475TH FEEDBACK

"We had a great time today and learned a good deal about the rebellion- very interesting and knowledgeable chap upstairs in the church rooms- suggested they re- enact the meeting of the leaders and William Hellyons gatecrashing etc. that would give people an idea of what went on....just a thought."

"As Sue and I said yesterday, we both felt very honoured to be there. Sampford Courtenay is a very special place: one which not only possesses a fascinating past, but in which you can still **feel** that past all around you.

And the combination of the splendid church, the wonderful church-house, and the beautiful – and completely unspoilt – village must make it unique in Devon.

I think that the best way to honour the rebels' memory is to fight to defend all three against so-called 'developers' - just as they fought to preserve their own way of life!

And it's very inspiring to see all of you banding together to make sure that the history of the Western Rising is not forgotten in the place where it all began." Prof Mark Stoye

"Soo interesting! Thanks so much for arranging this"

"It has been a real pleasure to work with such a competent and enthusiastic steering committee. Thank you for allowing us to be involved. We certainly couldn't have done it without you either!" Commotion Times

"Been to the Prayer book rebellion in our local village this weekend to commemorate it. Commotion times were the re- enacting group who were, we have to say, incredibly knowledgeable and informative. Attended evensong church service to remember those who died on both sides (2500 approx were slaughtered in the village alone I think). Thanks to everyone involved for bringing this event to Sampford Courtenay- ❤️ the village we are part of."

"It was so brilliant to visit your Church House last week and enjoy your events."

"Speaking as one of the famous(?) real historians, I would be very glad to support any and all further development in preserving and promoting the history of those tumultuous events of 1549.

Sampford Courtenay has resources which are of national, not just local, importance and it would be a crying shame to leave them hidden beneath a bushel. The sixteenth century was a time of rapid developments in social, religious, and military history and there is nowhere in England more suited to exploring all three." Dr Ed Fox

"Thank you to all in the village for your wonderful welcome and for allowing us to be part of the commemorations. It was a rare thing to be involved at the place where the commotion began and ended. I hope we all learned more about the events of 1549 on the way to building a series of most enjoyable events - I know I did.

If there is a will to follow this up in the near future rather than wait another 25 years, count us in if there is anything Alison and I can do to support you."