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## **Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

Next season will be the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Banbury Historical Society. The committee is planning a special day of celebration at Wroxton Abbey to mark this milestone, and we hope that many members of the society – both new and of long-standing – will wish to join us.

Wroxton Abbey is not open to the public as it is a college of Fairleigh Dickinson University whose main campus is in New Jersey, U.S.A. It is a wonderful house with a long and interesting history, and we are delighted that we have been able to book it for what should be a fascinating day.

Besides the opportunity to go round the house (and the grounds, if the weather permits) we have two distinguished speakers. Nicholas Cooper, who will be known to many members, will explain the architectural history of the Abbey. In the afternoon Professor Jeremy Black, of Exeter University, will give us a lecture about Lord North, who lived in the house and was, whilst Member of Parliament for the Borough of Banbury, Prime Minister to George III. His title will be '*Was Lord North wrong? Could Britain have won the American War of Independence?*'

There will also be lunch, coffee on arrival, and tea before departure. The price will be £15 to members, though as the actual costs are more than this we rely on additional donations as well. Please put the date in your diaries **now**.

**D.H.**

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*Cover: A Civil War Siege (from *Edgehill and Beyond*, Philip Tennant, BHS 23)*