Medieval Studies Movie Series: Homecoming

The Return of Martin Guerre (1983)
Wednesday, September 18 7.30pm  Woodburn Hall 100

Set in medieval France during the Hundred Years’ War, this film follows the alleged homecoming of a soldier after many years of absence. His wife finds him such an improvement—both in the sack and otherwise—from the husband who left for the front that she ignores the villagers’ suspicions that he is an impostor. French, with English subtitles.

A Month in the Country (1987)
Wednesday, October 16 7.30pm  Woodburn Hall 120

Colin Firth and Kenneth Branagh star as two young, weary veterans of World War I who spend a summer month in a peaceful town to escape the horrors of war. One helps to restore a local church, while the other looks for the grave of an ancestor of the building’s patroness, who fought in the Crusades. One begins a romance with the reverend’s young wife, forcing the other to face his own dark desires.

Robin Hood (2010)
Wednesday, November 13 7.30pm  Woodburn Hall 120

Robin Longstride is just returned from a 10-year jaunt in the Crusades when he loses his king and his job. Back in England, Robin folds himself neatly into a Nottingham family, where a grieving widow named Marion and her father-in-law hardly care that he doesn’t much resemble their own departed warrior. This movie creates a portrait of the royal intrigue that went into creating Robin Hood rather than detailing the hijinks of the merry outlaws.