

Kent Libraries, Registration and Archives

Quarterly Report of the Archives & Local History Team to the Kent History Federation, 01 September 2017

[All events and reports relate to the Kent History and Library Centre ('KHLC'), unless otherwise stated]

Team name change

Our staff team at the Kent History & Library Centre, recently referred to as the Heritage Services team, is now to be known as the Archives & Local History Team. Where necessary, the job titles of team members have been amended accordingly.

New dedicated Twitter account

If you use Twitter, we invite you to "follow" **@kent_archives**
This is a good way to get involved with and to keep up-to-date with our Service.

As part of the national *Explore Your Archive* Campaign the organisations and people who look after archive collections will be using Twitter to share their work, their experiences and stories from their collections.

Explore Your Archive is a campaign designed for archives of all kinds throughout the UK and Ireland. This year the main launch week will run from 18 to 26 November 2017.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/projects-and-programmes/explore-your-archive/>

Exhibitions and Events

Bawleys, Barbels and Owlers: Life along the Kent Coast

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/history-and-heritage/kent-archives/visit-the-kent-history-and-library-centre/exhibitions#tab-1>

The exhibition and talks are collaborations with Screen Archive South East, and part of the Britain on Film: Coast and Sea project supported by funding from the British Film Institute and HLF. See <http://screenarchive.brighton.ac.uk/news/britain-on-film-coast-sea/>

Our multi-media exhibition is well underway, having started on 5 August and being due to finish on 28 October. There is supporting programme of talks and other events: So far we've heard Paul Bennett's wonderful eye witness account of the finding of the Bronze Age Boat in Dover in 1992 and the amazing projects this remarkable artefact has inspired and continues to inspire to this day.

We took the second event in the series out on tour, to Canterbury Library/The Beaney. This was a double event delivered by Paul Cullen, the Editor of the Place-Names of Kent: a talk on *Kent Maritime Place-names* and a concert of *Sea Shanties and Fo'c'sle Songs*. Paul's 'talkig' will be repeated at the KHLC on 30 September and groups from coastal towns and villages in particular might wish to attend to see what Paul makes of their particular name.

The talk, next Wednesday 6 September, is entitled *Those sons of Plunder: Daniel Defoe and the Wreckers of Kent*. Cathryn Pearce of the University of Greenwich uses Defoe's verse essay 'The Storm' as a window for viewing the world of the wreckers and salvagers of the Kent coast in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Cathryn Pearce is the Chair for the British Commission for Maritime History.

Thursday 21 September - 6.30pm Gill Draper (British Association for Local History) '*Pirates of the South-East - real lives c1300-1600*' This talk by Gill Draper will open up the nature of piracy and privateering, examine how it related to economic activity, trade and war, and set pirates in their domestic context.

Wednesday 27 September - 6.30pm Martin Watts (Canterbury Christ Church University) '*My Take on Bawleys, Barbels and Owers*' The Bawleys, Barbels and Owers exhibition serves as inspiration for Martin Watts' talk, as he explores the subjects on display.

Wednesday 11 October - 6.30pm Carolyn Oulton (Canterbury Christ Church University) '*All that rag-tag and bobtail down from town: Seaside reading for Londoners, from Dickens to Barbara Cartland*' The railway brought a new type of literature to coastal resorts, with suggestive titles like *Death in a Deck Chair*. Carolyn Oulton delves into the world of seaside reading, including murder mysteries and romances.

Wednesday 18 October - 6.30pm Frank Gray (Screen Archive South East) '*Exploring Maritime Kent on Film*' Frank Gray looks at some of Screen Archive South East's fascinating range of amateur and professional films related to maritime Kent throughout the 20th century.

Further details are in the series leaflet, available in hard copy from the KHLC or via this weblink: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/history-and-heritage/kent-archives/visit-the-kent-history-and-library-centre/exhibitions#tab-2>

Heritage Open Days 2017

We are participating in the Heritage Open Days 2017 which run from 7-10 September. On Saturday 9 September we will be leading tours behind the scenes at the KHLC, which will visit one of the Archive Strong Rooms, the Digitisation Suite and the Conservation Suite and include a small display of items from our collections specially chosen for the occasion. Booking is advisable: email archives@kent.gov.uk or phone 03000 420673

On Thursday 7 of September our Registration Service colleagues are organising tours of the Archbishops' Palace, Maidstone. Booking is advisable: email registerofficemaids@kent.gov.uk

Faversham Hop Festival

We will be represented at this year's Faverham Hop Festival (2nd and 3rd September) by an exhibition on the history of Kent hop farming that features a specially made film by Screen Archive South East and original books and documents from the Kent History and Library Centre. The exhibition will show at 12 Market Square in the town centre.

<https://www.favershamhopfestival.org/>

Cataloguing and Accessioning

Catalogue Transfer Project:

To make our collections more accessible archives staff and volunteers are currently adding the details of collections previously only available as paper catalogues to our electronic catalogue. These collections predate the introduction of our electronic cataloguing software and its online counterpart. Newly added catalogues include:

Ch5: Records of Cranbrook school, 1563-1883

Ch45: Maidstone British School, 1758-1886

Ch48: Kent Guiding records, 1921-1974

Ch54: Records of the Kent Bee Keepers' association, 1911-1997

Ch55: 497th Starr-Bowkett Building Society, Dover, 1882-1913

Ch70: Records of the Maidstone Society, 1973-1981

Ch148: Records of Springetts Charity, Hawkhurst, 1814-1968

Ch153: Thomas Iddenden's Charity, Hawkhurst, 1665-1960

RD-Se: Sevenoaks Rural District Council records

U6: Collection of deeds deposited by Essex Record Office

U106: Deeds of Hockeridge Mill, Cranbrook and accounts of the Peel Estate, 1511-1766, 1811-1863

U283: Deeds of Bobbing and other parishes, 1664-1923 U285: Deeds of Swanscombe, Hollingbourne and Hoo, 1414-1868 U451: Order of St John Manuscripts, c1260-1774 U464: Ralph Griffin Collection, 1543-1831 U787: Manorial papers and deeds of Birling and Ryarsh U998: Letters of J. A. Hammond reporting antiquarian matters, 1760-1802 U1155: Title deeds and estate papers of Brasted

and Greenwich U1212: Pamphlets of the Civil War Period, 1641-1648 U1290: Estate papers of the Ashdowne and Streatfeild families, 1585-1728 U1298: Title deeds and estate papers, Isle of Oxney and East Sussex, 1668-1940 U1314: Deeds of Dover and West Malling, 1802-1867 U1491: Records of the Brands Hatch Combine U1506: Book of Maps Concerning the Thomas Nevitt Charity, c.1640 U1510: Title deeds and insurance papers, 1713/14-1953 U1511: Draft and copy tithe maps and awards, and some estate maps U1512: Deeds and maps, 1632-1923 U1513: Campion Manuscripts, 1509-1664 U1537: Miscellaneous bills, receipts and vouchers for the Leeds Castle Estate U1996: Campbell (Colgrain) MSS. Formerly in Sevenoaks Public Library U2385: Polhill Family MSS U2429: Registers of motor vehicles registered and licensed by the motor taxation department of Canterbury City Council between June 1962 and September 1974 U2725: Records of Porter and Cobb, estate agents, Dartford U2741: Various probates and deeds, 1424-1815 U2742: Literary and other papers of novelist and playwright Lt. Col. Eliot Crawshay-Williams, 1901-1962 U2745: Deeds of Faversham Cement Works and Tenterden, 1751-1918 U2748: Faversham deeds, 1846-1956 U2790: Papers of J. H. Haynes, pacifist, c.1931-1980 U3139: Deeds of Badlesmere, Throwley, Challock, Sheldwich, Leaveland and Woodchurch, 1587/8-1782 U3191: Miscellaneous deeds and documents [including papers of the Kent Water Preservation Association], 1901-

As more catalogues are added we will share updates in the Kent Archives newsletters detailing our progress:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/history-and-heritage/kent-archives/visit-the-kent-history-and-library-centre/archives-newsletter>

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