

KENT HISTORY FEDERATION'S MEETING ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

1. Coming Events

Friday 8 September, AV Lecture Theatre, Cathedral Lodge at 6.00 pm

Public Lecture by Professor Sandy Heslop (UEA): Envisioning the Canterbury Cathedral Crypt Creatures Project. *'Anselm and the Formation of Canterbury Cathedral Crypt'*

This event is open to the public, booking required. Jointly organised with 'The Canterbury Journey' project, Canterbury Cathedral.

Saturday 16 September, Lilford Gallery Folkestone

Launch of two Folkestone HLF-funded projects: 'Finding Eanswythe: the Life and Afterlife of an Anglo-Saxon Saint' and 'The Townscape Heritage Initiative Interpreting Historic Folkestone'.

Thursday 21 September, CCCU, Newton Ng07 at 7pm

'Return to Shanidar'- talk by Professor Paul Bennett MBE. In the spring of this year Paul and three other members of CAT staff returned to northern Iraq to 'one of the top ten prehistoric caves in the world', which has already yielded ten Neanderthals. Organised jointly with FCAT

Wednesday 27 September, Old Sessions House, Og46 at 7pm (Wine reception from 6.30pm)

Sixth Nightingale Memorial Lecture: 'Hop-growing in Britain – past, present and future'

Given by Tony Redsell OBE, retired Chairman of the British Hop-Growers Association

Presentation to winners of the Ian Coulson Memorial Postgraduate Award who are/will be studying aspects of Kent's history. Organised jointly with the Agricultural Museum, Brook

Saturday 7 October, Old Sessions House, at 10.15

'Garden History Study Day: from Monastic to Tradescant Gardens' one-day conference.

Using a combination of lectures, workshops and guided tours on the medieval monastic sites of St Augustine's Abbey and Christ Church Priory, and the later gardens of John Tradescant for Lady Wootton, participants will explore garden history with experts such as Jayne Wackett, Mat Baldwin, Karen Brayshaw and Jennifer Potter.

Thursday 16 November, CCCU, Newton Ng07 at 7pm

'Canterbury's timber-framed buildings' talk by Clive Bowley. Clive Bowley spent many years as Principal Conservation Architect at Canterbury City Council and has an intimate knowledge of Canterbury's timber-framed buildings. Organised jointly with FCAT

2. Advance Notices:

Friday 6 April – Sunday 8 April 2018, Old Sessions House [main venue]

Medieval Canterbury Weekend

A varied selection of lectures on topics from 'Bad King John' to the types of operations conducted by medieval surgeons, with much in-between such as who was reading Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* in Henry IV's London. There will be guided tours on offer, such as Paul Bennett's how to read a medieval church at spectacular St Mildred's parish church and viewing ancient documents in Canterbury Cathedral Archives. Details about the Weekend and booking information will be available from 2 October 2017.

2020. Professor Louise Wilkinson is chairing the Canterbury Celebration Committee that is co-ordinating the events planned to commemorate the 800th anniversary of Thomas Becket's translation in 2020. Plans are advancing for activities across the city to involve as many people from the community as possible, led by the Cathedral, and including partners from the Canterbury Business Improvement District, the Marlowe Theatre, the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, the Canterbury Museums, the city's churches, the Wise Words Festival, the annual Medieval Pageant and others.

3. Brief report of events since 1 June 2017

Saturday 3 June: '*The Baedeker Raid on Canterbury – 75 years on*' - half-day conference + guided walk in the early afternoon around the Whitefriars sector of Canterbury. Exhibition of photos in Old Sessions foyer provided by Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library. Speakers: Professor Kevin Ruane (CCCU), Professor Paul Bennett (CAT) and Jordan Newton (CCCU)

Thursday 8 June: 'From martyrdom to Magna Carta. . . ' The life, poetry and fate of Nigel Wireker monk of Canterbury' talk by Dr Diane Heath (CCCU).. Nigel Wireker was a Christ Church monk/author around the time of Becket (died in 1217), who uses (bestiary) animals to get across his political message. Organised jointly with FCAT.

Saturday 17 June: '*Tithe through the Ages: the Historian's View*' - one-day conference. Speakers included Professor Christopher Dyer (University of Leicester), Dr Ben Dodds (Durham University), Dr Paula Simpson (Trinity College, Cambridge), Dr John Bulaitis (CCCU), Elizabeth Finn (Kent Archive Service), Stuart Morrison (University of Kent)

Thursday 6 July: 'Roman cemetery to Norman castle: recent excavations at Rhodaus Town, Canterbury' - talk by Dr Richard Helm (CAT) about the exciting discoveries made during the very recent excavation of the Peugeot Garage site, Rhodaus Town, which has revealed an extensive Roman cemetery as well as hugely significant evidence for William the Conqueror's motte and bailey castle. Organised jointly with FCAT.

Saturday 8 July: 'Medieval Pageant' - Professor Louise Wilkinson ran a workshop for children and their parents in the Greyfriars Gardens, Stour Street as part of the Medieval Pageant.

Week beginning 10 July

Launch of two new HLF-funded projects at Folkestone under the leadership of Dr Lesley Hardy, Dr Ellie Williams and Dr Mike Bintley. The two projects are 'Finding Eanswythe: the Life and Afterlife of an Anglo-Saxon Saint' and 'The Townscape Heritage Initiative Interpreting Historic Folkestone'.

Saturday 5 August: Whitstable 'Harbour Day'

Dr Martin Watts, who is actively involved in the Whitstable Maritime project was on duty at the Harbour to offer information about the coastal landscape and history.

4. Website

You can find detailed information about all these activities and more at our website, including a very interesting blog.

<https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/research-kent-history-and-archaeology/centre-for-research-in-kent-history-and-archaeology.aspx>