

British Association for Local History

Report for the Kent History Federation quarterly meeting 1 September 2017.

BALH's July visit to the Houses of Parliament and Archives was reported by a member to have been excellent, well organised and really interesting.

BALH will be represented by talks and/or book stalls at a number of events across the country in the autumn and winter. In the south-east these include the following:

21 September: talk on Pirates- Real Lives, in the series Life along the Kent Coast at the Kent History and Library Centre Maidstone.

23 September 2017 West Sussex Archives Society day conference on maritime history

24 September The Family History Show at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher

4 November: West Surrey FHS Family History Fair and Open Day

At these the new edition of *Internet Sites for Local Historians: a Directory* will be on sale at £8. It is also available to purchase from the website www.balh.org.uk

BALH's newsletter *Local History News* notes that there are local history day schools and courses running in the coming academic year by Canterbury Christ Church University's Community Adult Education Programme. These include:

'Knole: a Calendar House?' on 25 November 2017 and 'Castle Life in Kent and Sussex' on 12 May 2018 (both with tutor Gillian Draper).

'Local history research for beginners' on 9 December 2017 and 'Advanced skills in local history research' on 27 January 2018 with tutor Nicola Waddington.

There is much more of interest in the full programme which can be found online at <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/home.aspx>

A brochure with the full programme can also be obtained by telephoning 01227 863451.