

KENT HISTORY FEDERATION

Minutes of the quarterly meeting held at 2.00 pm on Friday 1 December 2017,
in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Maidstone

Present

Mrs Jackie Grebby (Chairman and Editor), Dr Maurice Raraty (Vice-Chairman and Vice-President), Revd Dr Peter Rowe (Secretary, Reviews Editor and President), Jenny Blackburn (Executive Committee) and 18 representatives of affiliated societies.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Robin Thomas (Treasurer), Dr Tim Moreton (Kent Portrait Survey), Richard Linning (Executive Committee), Bryan More (Capel), Jane More (Capel), Dr John Bulaitis (Canterbury Christ Church University), Diana Knight (Great Mongeham), Tim Thomas (Headcorn), Sylvia Golding (Hawkhurst), Jacqui Linning (Sandwich), Dr Nick Hudd (Tenterden), Dr James Farley (University of Kent), and Dr John Whyman (Personal Member)

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2017

The minutes were approved as drawn and signed by Mrs Grebby.

3. Matters arising (not dealt with anywhere else in the Agenda)

None.

4. Chairman's Report

Mrs Grebby said that she was hoping to move house shortly. She had received one or two queries which she had dealt with as they arose. Otherwise, she had nothing particular to report.

5. Secretary's Report

Dr Rowe said that he too had nothing particular to report. Dr Raraty then asked him to talk about the difficulties he had had with booking rooms for Federation meetings in County Hall. Dr Rowe gave a brief outline of what he had experienced but expressed the hope that matters might soon be resolved.

6. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mr Thomas, Dr Rowe read the following report from the Treasurer:

'We currently have about £ 3,000 in our Santander Bank account in addition to £ 5,700 with National Savings.

'How good or bad our position is depends on whether we owe Kent County Council any monies for our use of County Hall for the Quarterly meetings- (which we last paid for in September 2014) and if so how much. After this December meeting we will not have paid for the last thirteen!

'At the most recent committee meeting we agreed to hold the annual affiliation fee at £15 for 2018/9. This should be more than adequate if we do not have to pay for the use of halls for the quarterly meetings but may prove insufficient and may cause the affiliation fee to have to be increased for 2019/20 if we have to make significant payments for this purpose. We were paying £190 per meeting to KCC before they stopped sending us bills.

'We considered at the last committee meeting whether we could ask/ allow people to pay monies direct to our Santander Bank account and decided to move gradually in this direction starting with those who pay subscriptions for the journal. Jackie has therefore agreed to code the requests for the next renewal subscriptions with an identification number which can be used when paying the subscription.

‘One problem we foresee is in identifying other sorts of payments- such as affiliation fees- if they are sent without an identification number since many societies send payments from the account of one of their officers rather than from a society bank account, which indeed some of the smaller societies may not have. Payments from societies for the journal are time sensitive, payments for the annual conference need to have with them a stamped addressed envelope for the tickets and the request for the annual affiliation fee has – at least in the past- been accompanied by a request for confirmation that the details held for individual societies remains up to date.’

7. *Journal of Kent History*

7.1 Editor’s Report

Mrs Grebby said that her hoped for house move in the new year would not affect those collecting copies of the *Journal* from Pluckley, as Dr Tim Moreton (whose house was near Pluckley station) had agreed to be a distribution centre from March 2018. She said she had a couple of articles for the next issue, but was always on the look-out for more contributions, especially when they were illustrated.

7.2 Review Editor’s Report

Dr Rowe said that he had several reviews for the next issue of the *Journal*, and brought three recently received books with him to the meeting. Reviewers were found for all three. Dr Rowe mentioned that as the number of local history books to do with Kent and the Great War appeared to be coming to an end, there seemed to be little in the way of more general local history books on parts of Kent coming from publishers.

8. **Canterbury Christ Church University Tudors and Stuarts One Day Conference on Saturday 12 May 2018**

Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh was not at the meeting. In the circumstances, Dr Rowe read out the draft programme that Dr Sweetinburgh had provided to the Executive Committee meeting held in November.

Kent History Federation 1-day Conference: Tudor and Stuart Canterbury Saturday 12 May 2018: CCCU, Old Sessions House, Og46 + in and around Canterbury

Proposed Timetable:

9.15 – 9.45	Registration + tea/coffee
9.45 – 10.00	Welcome
10.00 – 11.15	Session 1: Tudor Canterbury – Dr Stuart Palmer, ‘Eight Fat Capons for Master Cromwell’: Banqueting and Gift Giving in Early Tudor Canterbury’ Professor Catherine Richardson, ‘Everyday Life in Elizabethan Christchurch Yard’
11.15 – 11.30	Tea/coffee
11.30 – 12.45	Session 2: Stuart Canterbury – Charlotte Young, ‘Raiding the Palace: the Sequestration of St Augustine's Abbey during the English Civil War’ Professor Jackie Eales, ‘Canterbury and the Wider World, 1600–1700’
12.45 – 13.00	Thanks & Announcements
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.30	Session 3: William Somner, Canterbury’s Antiquarian – Avril Leach, ‘Towards a 350 th Anniversary: Seeking Immortality: William Somner and <i>The Antiquities of Canterbury</i> ’
14.30 – 16.15	Guided Tours
16.15 –	Tea and cake

Guided Tours:

Canterbury Cathedral Archives – Cressida Williams

Early Tudor Canterbury – Meriel Connor? [Diane Heath]

“Strangers” in Canterbury: Walloons, Flemings and Huguenots – Doreen Rosman

St Augustine’s: a Minor Royal Palace – Peter Henderson

Drama & Theatre in Early Modern Canterbury – Sarah James

The King’s School – Paul Bennett

It was anticipated that the price of the One Day Conference would be £17.50. A buffet-style lunch would be available for an additional £10.00. It was thought unlikely that the caterers could provide purely vegetarian or gluten-free meals. Parking in Canterbury was not easy. Using one of the Park and Ride car parks was recommended. The cost per car was anticipated to be £3.50 by the time of the ODC. The Sessions House, where the ODC would be based, was next to the now closed Canterbury Prison.

9. One Day Conferences in 2019 and thereafter

Alan Ridgers from Gravesend said that they might consider hosting an ODC in 2024, to coincide with that society’s centenary. They would not consider hoisting one before then. Dr Christoph Bull was prepared to ask Swanscombe and Greenhithe (not affiliated to KHF), if Dr Rowe would send him details of past ODCs and the current guidelines. Dr Charles Turner said that he would raise the question with the Faversham Society, subject to his being sent similar details. Dr Rowe mentioned Rochester as a possibility, but said that as there was no affiliated society in that place, the Federation might have to organise something itself, but with local help. He had tried to talk to Medway Archives Centre (MAC) about the matter, but was unable to contact Mrs Irina Fridman who had attended meetings in the past on behalf of MAC, but was no longer doing so. Mr Andrew Moffat told the meeting that there was a City of Rochester Society (not affiliated to the Federation) who might be able to help. Dr Rowe said he would contact them.

Apart from these possibilities, nobody present at the meeting had any other suggestions.

10. Kent Portrait Survey

Dr Tim Moreton had sent his apologies. At the Executive Committee meeting in November he had said there were no finds to report, but he had had some success via personal visits where he had received some enthusiasm. There was a possibility of a John Singer Sargent portrait, but this had still to be verified.

After the meeting, he emailed the Secretary and added this information:

‘Please would you report on my behalf that I continue to receive information concerning interesting portraits in the county including several recently by established artists. You may also be interested to know that I’ve recently met the new Archivist at the NPG and discussed with her how our confidentiality assurances might be amended to take fully into account the current legal requirement.’

11. Reports

11.1 Kent Heritage Services (KHS)

No report was received.

11.2 Medway Archives Centre (MAC)

No report was received.

11.3 CPRE Kent Historic Buildings Committee

No report was received.

11.4 University of Kent

Dr Rowe summarised a report received from the University. The full report is attached.

11.5 Canterbury Christ Church University

Dr Rowe summarised a report received from the University. The full report is attached.

11.6 University of Greenwich

No report was received.

11.7 Kent Archaeological Society (KAS)

Mr Jonathan Fryer said that there was report from KAS.

11.8 British Association for Local History

Ms Susan Lavender read a report from BALH. It is attached.

11.9 Workers' Educational Association

Mrs Marion Pont read a report from WEA. It is attached.

12. Societies' publications

Mr David Collard reported that the latest issue of the *Cranbrook Journal* would be published shortly.

13. Any other business

Mrs Adrienne Rogers of Sevenoaks Historical Society told the meeting that its President, Professor David Killingray, was researching into the influenza epidemic at the end of the Great War.

Mrs Grebby asked that the Federation be given full contact details when societies appointed new officers. The most appropriate person to contact was her, as she was in charge of the Federation's data base, and as Editor of the *Journal of Kent History* was responsible for keeping society entries in the *Journal* correct and up to date.

14. Date of next meeting

Friday 2 March 2018, in [County Hall,] Maidstone, at 2.00pm.

VENUE TBC

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm

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Date:

Chairman

Attachments:

- Minute 11.4 University of Kent Report
- Minute 11.5 Canterbury Christ Church University Report
- Minute 11.8 British Association for Local History Report
- Minute 11.9 Workers' Educational Association Report

Kent History Federation Report – School of History, University of Kent.

Report made to the 1 December 2017 meeting of the Kent History Federation

Recent Developments:

- The term began with a prize giving ceremony for students who had achieved academic excellence.
- During September, the School celebrated Women's History as a team of historians from the department ran an event at Bromley High School.
- The event was attended by the Vice-President of the National Council of Women and began with a lecture provided by the Head of School, Dr Juliette Pattinson.
- To mark Black History Month, on the 25th of October, the School of History worked with our friends in the Special Collections to arrange a pop-up exhibition, showcasing some of the Templeman's rare source materials for the study of Black History.
- On the 17th-18th of November the School collaborated with St John's College, Cambridge for a conference covering new research in military history. Entitled 'The Many Faces of War – Changing Perspectives on Armed Conflict' the conference brought together early career historians to share various approaches towards military history with a global perspective. In addition, renowned Cambridge historian Brendan Simms gave a keynote lecture relating to his research on the Battle of Waterloo.
- In January, we will welcome a new member of staff, Dr Edward Roberts, a specialist in Medieval History.

Recent publications, include:

- Dr Leonie James, *'This Great Firebrand': William Laud and Scotland, 1617-1645*, (Boydell & Brewer).

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury (1633-45), remains one of the most controversial figures in British ecclesiastical and political history. His rise to prominence under Charles I, his contribution to the shaping and implementation of contentious religious policies and his subsequent and catastrophic downfall are fundamental to our understanding of the religious and political developments which led to the collapse of royal authority in all three of the Stuart kingdoms. Events in Scotland were central to this chain of events, and this book presents Scotland as a case study for a fresh interpretation of Laud, his career and his working partnership with Charles I. Casting new and much-needed light on Laud's engagement in Scottish affairs, this book reveals that his agency in Scotland was broadly consistent with - although differing in detail from - his approach in England and Ireland. It represents a major contribution to key debates on the nature of religion and politics in the 1630s and early 1640s and enhances current thinking on the role of both prince and prelate in the formulation of ecclesiastical policy, the 'British problem', and, indeed, the causes of the British Civil Wars.

- Dr Mark Lawrence, *'The Spanish Civil Wars: A Comparative History of the First Carlist War and the Conflict of the 1930s*.

This book provides a comparative history of the domestic and international nature of Spain's First Carlist War (1833-40) and the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), as well as the impact of both conflicts.

The book demonstrates how and why Spain's struggle for liberty was won in the 1830s only for it to be lost one hundred years later. It shows how both civil wars were world wars in miniature, fought in part by foreign volunteers under the gaze and in the political consciousness of the outside world.

Prefaced by a short introduction, *The Spanish Civil Wars* is arranged into two domestic and international sections, each with three thematic chapters comparing each civil war in detail. The main analytical perspectives are political, social and new military history in nature, but they also explore aspects of gender, culture, nationalism and separatism, economy, religion and, especially, the war in its international context. The book integrates international archival research with the latest scholarship on both subjects and also includes a glossary, a bibliography and several images.

It is a key resource tailored to the needs of students and scholars of modern Spain which offers an intriguing and original new perspective on the Spanish Civil War.

Future events:

6th December 2017 - Lecture Theatre 2 (ELT2), Eliot College, University of Kent.

School of History Research Seminar Series – ‘A Brief History of Colour’ – Dr Spike Bucklow.

The sixth School of History Research Seminar of the 2017/18 academic year will be presented by the University of Cambridge's Dr Spike Bucklow on the subject of 'A brief history of colour'. A Q&A session and a wine reception will follow Dr Bucklow's paper.

All are welcome to attend.

Report from Canterbury Christ Church University (comprising of coming events (sometime organised with partners) and recent activities by our Centre for Kent History and Heritage).

Report made to 1 December 2017 meeting of Kent History Federation

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 12 December, Old Sessions House, Og46 at 7pm

‘From Benghazi to Canterbury: an Archaeologist’s Tale – Part Two’: Professor Paul Bennett, MBE

Lecture in honour of Lawrence and Marjorie Lyle, friends of the Centre for Kent History and Heritage and long-time supporters of Canterbury Archaeological Trust

Thursday 25th January 2018, Newton Ng07 at 7pm

The Centre jointly with the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust

‘St Alban’s Cathedral’: Ross Lane (Canterbury Archaeological Trust)

Saturday 24th February 2018, Old Sessions House, Og46 at 6pm

The Centre jointly with the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust and Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society

‘The Frank Jenkins Memorial Lecture’: Professor Paul Bennett, MBE

Thursday 22nd March 2018, Newton Ng07 at 7pm

The Centre jointly with the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust

‘Excavations on the site of Slatter’s Hotel’: Alison Hicks (Canterbury Archaeological Trust)

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. Moreover, there will be guided tours on offer, such

as Paul Bennett's how to read a medieval stone building at the spectacular Poor Priests' Hospital and seeing ancient documents in Canterbury Cathedral Archives.
Details about the Weekend and how to book: www.canterbury.ac.uk/medieval-canterbury

Saturday & Sunday 21–22 April 2018, venue tbc

The Centre jointly with the Medieval Settlement Group
Spring conference '*Forest and Settlement*' conference. Programme available in January 2018

Thursday 10th May 2018, Newton Ng07 at 7pm

The Centre jointly with the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust
'*Finding Eanswythe: a community history and archaeology project on Folkestone's Anglo-Saxon saint*': Dr Lesley Hardy and Dr Ellie Williams (CCCU)

Saturday 12 May 2018, Old Sessions House, all day from 9.15am

Kent History Federation with the Centre for Kent History and Heritage
'*Tudor and Stuart Canterbury*'. See details in the next KHF Journal and soon on the website

Friday evening & Saturday 22–23 June 2018, Old Sessions House,

The Centre jointly with the Royal Museums Greenwich and Kent Archaeological Society
'*Maritime Kent through the Ages*' evening lecture and one-day conference. Programme will be available in January 2018

Events since the last KHF meeting

Friday 8 September, International Study Centre, Canterbury Cathedral

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

This was followed by tours of the crypt led by Drs Diane Heath and Sheila Sweetinburgh (Centre, CCCU) and Dr Emily Guerry (Kent). The event was very successful:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/sandy-heslop-the-organisation-and-formation-of-st-anselms-crypt/>

Thursday 21 September, Newton, CCCU

The first of the joint lectures organised by the Centre and the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust, the lecture was given by Professor Paul Bennett (Director of CAT) on 'Return to Shanidar' to a very appreciative audience:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/crypts-and-caves-from-canterbury-to-shanidar/>

Wednesday 27 September, Old Sessions House, CCCU

Sixth Nightingale Memorial Lecture, organised jointly by the Centre and the Agricultural Museum, Brook.

The lecture was given by Tony Redsell OBE, retired Chairman of the British Hop Association on '*Hop growing in Britain – past, present and future*' The large audience (c.100 people) also saw the presentation of Ian Coulson Memorial Postgraduate Awards made to three recipients: <https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/hops-in-history-nightingale-lecture-and-ian-coulson-awards/>

Saturday 7 October, Old Sessions House, CCCU

'*Garden History Study Day: from Monastic to Tradescant Gardens*' was a popular one-day conference that used a combination of lectures, workshops and guided tours on the medieval monastic sites of St Augustine's Abbey and Christ Church Priory [the latter did not take place because of a security alert], and the later gardens of John Tradescant for Lady Wootton. Among the experts from CCCU who gave lectures/led workshops were Professor Peter

Vujakovic, Dr Alec Forsyth and Mat Baldwin. Details of the day:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/tradescants-canterbury-and-garden-history/>

Saturday 11 November, Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Dr Diane Heath, with Dr Stuart Palmer from Kent, led a workshop for postgraduates from both universities looking at the treasures held in the Cathedral Archives and Library preparatory to producing entries for the monthly series 'Picture this ...':

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/picture-this-workshop-11th-november-2017/>

Thursday 16 November, Newton, CCCU

The second of the lectures organised jointly by the Centre and the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust featured Clive Bowley, who spoke on '*Canterbury's timber-framed buildings*'. This was enjoyed by the audience, see report:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/rivers-and-the-sea-from-rochester-to-canterbury/>

For information on all our activities, see our weekly blog on the Centre's webpages, such as:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/medieval-pageant-canterbury-award-winner/>

As an alternative to the website: phone 01227 782994 or email artsandculture@canterbury.ac.uk



BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL HISTORY REPORT

by Sue Lavender 1 December 2017

If you would like a short spring break in York why not include BALH's Local History Day on 2nd June 2018, at the Friargate Friends Meeting House in central York? The annual Lecture at Local History Day will be given by Professor John Beckett, University of Nottingham on 'The English Parish Church – past, present and future. We take great pride in our parish churches – particularly, perhaps, the stock of stone built medieval churches which are scattered across the landscape of Great Britain – but just how much do we know about their past, and what might become of them in the future? Nearly twenty years ago, in what were then the very early days of the internet, a project began in Nottinghamshire to gather together information about the county's churches in digital format. In the 2018 BALH lecture, Professor John Beckett will tell the story of the project, and then look at many of the lessons which have been learnt and which are applicable and relevant throughout the country, in relation to digital production, what we can find out about our parish churches, and what still remains unknown.' In the morning of the day Alison Kay, Archivist, National Railway Museum, York, will speak on 'Railway Records - Resources for research in the National Railway Museum.' Almost every community in the country has been affected in some way by the railways. In this session we will explore how the resources for railway history at the Museum can be exploited by local

historians. There will also be an opportunity for questions, and discussion. BALH's awards for Personal Achievement and Publications will be made. Full details of Local History Day and booking forms will appear in early 2018 on the BALH website www.balh.org.uk and in BALH's newsletter Local History News and in fliers available at the next KHF meeting.

BALH Events and Development Officer Dr Gill Draper and Local History News Editor Dr Jane Howells represented BALH in the West Surrey Family History Society Open Day on 4th November. It attracts stands and visitors from across southern England and beyond. As well as running a stand advertising BALH's work and publications, both gave successful talks to sell-out audiences. While Jane spoke about 'Townies, Ancestors in small market towns', Gill's talk covered 'Going back in time: free resources for finding people, 13th to 18th centuries'. Gill also spoke in September to an audience of 200 family historians and U3A group leaders at the U3A Family History Conference in Buxton. Gill's theme was 'Local History for Family Historians', basing the talk on the highly popular BALH publication Internet Sites Directory which is available from its website www.balh.org.uk. Slides from these talks are available on this website under Education, Presentations. BALH has also been represented at the new Discover your Ancestors Fair at Sandown Park, Esher, and the annual local history conference of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, and an article on Kent history appeared in its recent Transactions (vol. 67, 2016 for 2017) entitled 'Fields of Food for London? Supplies from the Hoo Peninsula, Kent, in the Middle Ages'. The article is available on <https://kent.academia.edu/GillianDraper> together with others on Kent history.

New community adult education courses for the Spring and summer will shortly be available at Canterbury Christ Church University. Those on local history include Pilgrims, Peasants and Paths on 29 April and Castle Life in Kent and Sussex on 12 May. Details on <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/cae/cae-home.aspx> or by phoning 01227 863451 for a brochure.

More detailed information, prices, and booking forms are available on the BALH website www.balh.org.uk or by post with a SAE from: BALH(V), PO Box 6549, Chester House, 68 Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6DY.

WEA REPORT –SPRING 2018.

Presented to Kent History Federation at its 1 December 2017 meeting.

ASHFORD - once again we hope to hold our Industrial Archaeology Study Day at Willesborough Windmill on Saturday 10th March 10-2.30. This year we are exploring various themes including hop growing, the tannery trade and the railways. Details will be sent through after Christmas. For information ring me on 01233 820679 (trayton.wspont@btopenworld.com) or Lindsay on 01233 634014 (lindsaypearson31@btopenworld.com)

CANTERBURY - 2 History courses this term '1000 years of the Cinque Ports' starting 08/01/18 and 'Monarchy and People in England 1307 – 1485' starting 10/01/18

HERNE BAY – Literature : Cold War – Nuclear Winter’ starting 11/01/18; ‘Music and Dictators: 1918-1991 starting 02/02/18

SWALE – “History: England 1815-1870’ starting 09/01/18; ‘Art Appreciation; Russian Art’ starting 10/01/18

TENTERDEN – ‘Gardening History :From the Sublime to the Ridiculous’ starting 22/02/18 and a Day school on 06/03/18 on ‘Politics and Religion in the Middle East.’

TONBRIDGE and SEVENOAKS has ‘History: The Story of London’ which starts on 09/01/18; ‘Journey Down the Thames’ starting 20/02/18. There are also 2 Day Schools. One on 13/01/18 on the Israel-Palestine Conflict and one on 17/03/18 which is an update on the Middle East.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS- has 3 Day Schools;-

20/01/18 ‘Rise and Fall of the Cold War,

10/02/ 18 ‘Ellen Terry; Uncrowned Queen of England.’

03/03/18 ‘In Flagrate Delicto’ about a famous divorce trial.

WHITSTABLE is all Literature:’ Novels of the 1920s –The Jazz Age’ starting 10/01/18

In the London book:-

BROMLEY have 2 History courses ‘The Victorians –pt2’ starting 10/01/18 and ‘American History’ starting 11/01/18

PETTS WOOD and ORPINGTON have several History courses – ‘British History: King and Parliament-Restoration to Glorious Revolution’ starting 08/01/18; ‘World History: China – The Making of Modern China’ starting 08/01/18; ‘American History: ‘From Revolution to Civil War.’ starting 11/01/18.

There are also courses at Christchurch University which will be available from their website.