

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/>

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