

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL HISTORY REPORT

by Sue Lavender 1 June 2018

9 June Conference National Archives Kew Fragmentary Lives: the survival and interpretation of historic ego documents. A collaborative research project 'In their own write' funded by Arts and Humanities Research Council, the National Archives and the University of Leicester are hosting this conference to explore how perspectives from pauper writings are shaping future research.

22/23 June Maritime Kent through the Ages

BALH will be represented with a stand and a talk by Dr Gillian Draper at the conference at Canterbury Christ Church University, organised by the Centre for Kent History and Heritage, Royal Museums Greenwich, and Kent Archaeological Society. Tickets artsandculture@canterbury.ac.uk or phone 01227 782994.

23 June David Hey Memorial Conference Channing Hall, Sheffield

The British Agricultural History Society with BALH, the British Records Society and Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society are holding a celebration of the life and work of David Hey.

14 July Conference Leeds City Museum

'Family history and academic history – the value of collaboration.'

31 August Secret Lives A Family History Conference at Jurys Inn, Hinckley

8 September West Sussex Archives Society Annual Conference

At Steyning Centre, Steyning. The topic is 'In Steyning and beyond'.

22 September The Family History Show, London Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher.

This event attracts exhibitors and family history societies from all over the UK.

Two new BALH books have been published.

Pauper Prisons...Pauper Palaces is a collection of essays about how poor people in the Midlands experienced life from 1834 to 1871 under the New Poor Law. Using original evidence in poor law union correspondence in The National Archives, local researchers examined how individuals and families were directly affected by this legislation. The nine studies by enthusiastic and committed local historians are an important contribution to the social history of the Victorian period.

Exploring Local History – A Practical Guide for Teachers in Primary and Secondary Schools is a paperback with detailed guidance and case studies aimed at showing how to stimulate the interest of young people and develop key skills such as numeracy and literacy. It explains how readily available sources – documentary, visual, oral and physical – can enrich understanding of local history. Also suitable for parents and grandparents wanting to help and interest children in local history which they encounter at all stages of the national curriculum.

Two other books are on sale at reduced prices (see website) and all of these books will be available to buy from the BALH stand at the Maritime Kent Through the Ages Conference on 22/23 June 2018.

GDPR - There is an update for individual members under latest news on the website.

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.