

## Canterbury Christ Church University: Centre for Kent History and Heritage (CKHH)

### Report for Kent History Federation, AGM 1 June 2018

The Centre for Kent History and Heritage (CKHH) showcases the regional work of the Historians and Archaeologists in the School of Humanities at Canterbury Christ Church University. It hosts public lectures, study days and workshops on aspects of the history and archaeology of Kent. Drs John Bulaitis, Diane Heath, Dave Hitchcock, Sheila Sweetinburgh, Sara Wolfson and Professors Jackie Eales and Louise Wilkinson have given talks to history societies and other associations, and are happy to continue to do so. You can read reports from the centre on its blog:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/>

#### Events and Conferences (held since March 2018)

Friday 6 April – Sunday 8 April: Almost 2000 tickets were sold for the *Medieval Canterbury Weekend 2018* attracted almost 2000 people, comprising 25 events, with people coming from Uppsala, Sweden to New York, USA. See blog: <https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/the-medieval-canterbury-weekend-comes-to-town/>

Friday 20 April – Sunday 22 April: ‘*Woodlands and Settlement*’, Spring conference of the Medieval Settlement Research Group jointly with CKHH, organiser Dr Andy Seaman. See blog:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/canterbury-pilgrims-and-medieval-woodland-settlements/>

Saturday 12 May, ‘*Tudor and Stuart Canterbury*’, KHF 1-day conference hosted by CKHH at CCCU.

See blog: <https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/tudor-and-stuart-canterbury-universities-working-together/>

#### Lectures/Invited Papers (since March 2018)

Tuesday 6 March, ‘*Thomas Becket and his Predecessors*’, Dr Marie-Pierre Gelin (UCL, University of London), Annual Becket Lecture.

Wednesday 21 March, CCCU Knowledge Exchange award winners for both ‘*Gender in Medieval Studies conference on Places, Spaces and Thresholds*’ and for ‘*Tudors and Stuarts History Weekend*’.

Thursday 22 March, ‘*Slatter’s Hotel archaeological excavation*’, Alison Hicks (CAT), joint CKHH and FCAT lecture, CCCU

Thursday 22 March, ‘*Kent History and Schools Projects*’, Dr Diane Heath and Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh, in collaboration with Dr Ben Marsh (lead) and others from the University of Kent, Ash Heritage Centre

Thursday 10 May, ‘*Finding Eanswythe*’, Dr Ellie Williams and Dr Lesley Hardy (CCCU), part of the HLF-funded ‘*Finding Eanswythe*’ project, joint CKHH and FCAT lecture, CCCU

#### Exhibitions:

The team of Dr Diane Heath, Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh and Dr Harriet Kersey has completed the first phase of an exhibition for Faversham Town Council entitled ‘*Medieval Faversham*’, now installed. Next phase awaiting funding. Due to open June/July 2018. A virtual exhibition will be hosted to the CKHH website from June 2018

Sheila Sweetinburgh has produced the text for an exhibition entitled ‘*Eastbridge Hospital through the Ages*’, to be installed at Eastbridge Hospital, Canterbury. Due to open September 2018.

Diane Heath has worked with Turner Contemporary, Margate and The Canterbury Journey, Canterbury Cathedral on ‘*Animals & Us*’ exhibition, Turner Contemporary. Opened May 2018

## Young Medievalists' Events:

Friday 6 April, 'Saturn's Fury' puppet show at Waterstones Bookshop, Canterbury, and 'Campfire Tales with a Canterbury Twist', at The Canterbury Tales, St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, joint events with Waterstones and The Canterbury Tales.

Saturday 14 April, 'Skeletons Workshops' for Young Archaeologist Clubs in Kent, Dr Ellie Williams (CCCU) with Diane Heath and Sheila Sweetinburgh

## Other partnerships:

- Diane Heath and Sheila Sweetinburgh are working with Queen Elizabeth Grammar School on 'Medieval Faversham' as a project for Year 7.
- Diane Heath and Sheila Sweetinburgh are working with Penny Bernard and Alison (Education, CCCU) on developing an educational pack for different groups
- Sheila Sweetinburgh is working with Educational Life; and CAT on a range of projects
- Louise Wilkinson is chairing the city of Canterbury's 2020 Becket Festival project
- Dr Martin Watts is working with Whitstable Maritime regarding the 'Harbour Days'.
- Dr John Bulaitis is turning his work on the 'tithe wars 1931-36' into a book.

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## Don't Miss the Conference on 22-23 June: 'Maritime Kent through the Ages'. Organised by CKHH with Royal Museums, Greenwich and Kent Archaeological Trust

Beginning with a free, open lecture on Friday evening at 7pm on Friday 22 June (wine reception from 6.30 pm), which will be given by Richard Holdsworth MBE (Chatham Historic Dockyard), this conference looks at some of these issues to offer a flavour of the richness of Kent's maritime history.

On Saturday 23 June the first session, starting at 10am, features Dr Chris Young (CCCU) who will outline the many changes to the coastline that have occurred over time. This geographical overview sets the scene for the three remaining sessions: 'Coastal Communities'; 'Trade and Industry', and 'Defending the Coast'. Each of these sessions comprises two speakers, drawing on the research expertise of the three Kent universities of Greenwich, the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University, as well as the internationally renowned maritime scholar Professor Maryanne Kowaleski (Fordham University, New York) and Jon Iveson, the curator at Dover Museum and a well-known expert on that town's coastal defences.

Tickets for Saturday are: £18 Adult, KAS £16, CCCU Student £10

More information: <http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/maritime-kent>

## Maritime Kent through the Ages

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018



This two day conference at Old Sessions House, Canterbury Christ Church University, Longport, Canterbury CT1 1PL, begins with a:

Free lecture 7pm on Friday by Richard Holdsworth MBE (Chatham Historic Dockyard), with wine reception at 6.30pm.

Followed by four plenary sessions on Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm

Tickets for Saturday available from:

artsandculture@canterbury.ac.uk, or phone: **01227 782994** or buy online at

[www.canterbury.ac.uk/maritime-kent](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/maritime-kent)

Tickets for Saturday cost £18 (£16 KAS) or £10 (CCCU students).

