

## **Kent Libraries, Registration and Archives**

### **Quarterly Report of the Archives & Local History Team to the Kent History Federation, 03 June 2019**

[All events and reports relate to the Kent History and Library Centre ('KHLC'), unless otherwise stated]

#### **Projects and Events**

Kent Archives has several special events on offer for 2019. For further information or bookings please call us on 03000 42 06 73 or email [archives@kent.gov.uk](mailto:archives@kent.gov.uk).

<https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/archive-events/>

#### **Brewing and Distilling in Faversham and Maidstone**

18 July 6.30 p.m.

Archbishop's Palace, Maidstone

Tickets £12 with some samples, booking advisable

Talks by John Owen (Archivist of Shepherd Neame Plc) on 'The Brewing Business during the First World War, with specific reference to Shepherd Neame', and Helen Vining (Proprietor of Maiden Distillery) on 'Maidstone's distilling heritage'.

Interval sampling of craft beers and gins in the company of Dave Berry (Head Brewer of Cellarhead Brewing) and Helen Vining (Proprietor of Maiden Distillery).

#### **Make a Decorative Paper Notebook**

5 August 1 – 2 p.m.

Kent History and Library Centre

Ticket £5 to cover the cost of material and booking is essential as places are strictly limited.

Learn to make a useful and attractive notebook in an hour.

#### **Make a Leather Bound Notebook**

19 August 1 – 2 p.m.

Kent History and Library Centre

Ticket £5 to cover the cost of material and booking is essential as places are strictly limited.

Made a robust and practical leather bound notebook.

“Lucit in Tenebris Veritas”: The Records of Kent’s Two Dioceses (A Day Conference)

28 September 10 a.m.

Kent History and Library Centre

Ticket: £12 to include a buffet lunch, booking essential

Kent Archives is holding a one-day conference to mark the recent consolidation of the archives of Kent’s two ecclesiastical dioceses, Rochester and Canterbury, under one roof at the Kent History and Library Centre. To promote it, we are adopting the Latin motto of the seventeenth-century notary public William Somner, whose penwork can be found in contemporary documents found among the archives. *Lucit in tenebris veritas*, meaning ‘the truth shines in darkness’, expounds the effect we hope our speakers will have: that is, by exploring some of the rich diversity of material found in these collections they will shed light – where perhaps there was previously darkness – on a range of topics relevant to people interested in different sorts of history, including family, local, cultural, and ecclesiastical. Documents from both collections will be on display

Papers by Ken Fincham (University of Kent) on the Clergy of the Church of England Database’, Catherine Richardson (University of Kent) on the early modern household, Timothy Brittain-Catlin (University of Kent), on Queen Anne’s Bounty, Celia Heritage (Ancestry Progenealogists) on Wills and Probate Records for the family historian, Sheila Sweetinburgh (Canterbury Christ Church University) on lay piety in late medieval Kent and Paula Woolf (Trinity College Cambridge) on the involvement of women in early modern disputes over tithe

Maidstone on Film

9 October 7 p.m.

Archbishop’s Palace, Maidstone

Tickets £10 includes refreshments, booking advisable

This special programme takes us on an archive film tour of Maidstone and district from the 1930s to the 1960s. The films, all drawn from the collection of Screen Archive South East, feature the parade of Maidstone Industries led by the Mayor of Maidstone Councillor G. Tyrwhitt Drake (c. 1930), auctioneers at work at the livestock market (1932), the River Medway and its course through Aylesford Bridge, Allington Lock and East Farleigh (c. 1935), a visit to Harold Potter, the miller at Chegworth Watermill (1946), the Kent Show of 1951 in colour at Mote Park, the work of the Maidstone and District Motor Services and street scenes and landmarks from the 1960s. Many of these films have never been seen before in public. SASE works

in partnership with Kent Archives to collect, preserve, digitise, research and promote moving images made in Kent and the region. This show is presented by SASE and Kent Archives and Dr Frank Gray of SASE provides it with a commentary.

#### Lunchtime Talks:

<https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/lunchtime-talks/>

Join in on one of our free lunchtime talks at the Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone, which are held between 1pm and 2pm. Call us on 03000 42 06 73 or email [archives@kent.gov.uk](mailto:archives@kent.gov.uk) for more information or to register your interest.

#### 'Bookishness': Writing, Sharing and Collecting Books in Early Modern Kent – Claire Bartram

10 June 2019

Claire examines famous and not-so-famous writers, readers and bibliophiles living in Kent and considers the social circumstances that underpins what Peter Laslett famously termed the 'bookish' reputation of the Kentish in Tudor times.

Claire Bartram teaches early modern literature at Canterbury Christ Church University and is especially interested in writers and readers living in Kent in the sixteenth century. She is editor of a book of essays forthcoming with Peter Lang on Kentish Book Culture 1400-1660.

#### From Workhouse to Hospital – The Changing Role of the Workhouse – Deborah Collins

24 June 2019

The editor of a website on Kent workhouses looks at how the workhouse, both the physical buildings and the running of them, changed with social and cultural developments.

Deborah Collins is a local historian specialising in the study of Kent Poor Law Unions and their interaction with the local community. She has a website on Kent Poor Law Unions and related topics: <https://www.kentworkhouses.uk/>

#### Ypres: transforming a Belgian city into an outpost of the British Empire, 1919-1939 – Mark Connelly

15 July 2019

As soon as the war ended, visitors began to arrive. Some wanted to find out where loved ones had fought and died while others wanted to see something of the reality of the battlefields for themselves.

Mark Connelly is Professor of Modern British History at the University of Kent. He works closely with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and has assisted

the Department of Culture, Media and Sport with its activities during the First World War centenary.

### The Orchard Family: Loss, Heartbreak and Remembrance – Liz Finn

29 July 2019

More than 740,000 British servicemen were killed or died in the First World War. The story of the Orchard family from Folkestone illustrates the human cost of the war.

Liz Finn is an archivist with the Kent Archives Service, based at the Kent History and Library Centre. She currently combines her post of Community History Officer with a role as Manorial Documents Register Project Officer for Kent.

### Clergy and Criminal Violence in later medieval Kent – Peter Clarke

9 September 2019

A presentation of the speaker's current research on clergy and criminal violence in later medieval England and Wales, with special reference to pre-1500 church court records in the Rochester and Canterbury diocese archives.

Peter D. Clarke is Professor of Ecclesiastical History at the University of Southampton and specialises in later medieval religious history, especially the papacy and canon law.

### The White Horse of Kent – James Lloyd

21 October 2019

The White Horse is the ubiquitous symbol of the county but what exactly does it mean and for how long has it been used?

James Lloyd gained a Cambridge doctorate for research into local government in Anglo-Saxon England. He currently combines roles as an archivist at the Kent History and Library Centre and Librarian at Aylesford Priory.

### Kent Inn Names – Paul Cullen

28 October 2019

Paul considers fresh research in this follow-up to an earlier talk on how Kent alehouses, inns and pubs got their names.

Paul Cullen is the English Place-Name Society's editor for the Survey of Kent. His academic background is in historical linguistics, especially Old English, Old Scandinavian, and Old French. He is known to dozens as the folk troubadour, Paul Carbuncle.

## **Cataloguing and Accessioning**

### **Catalogue Transfer Project**

The following catalogues have recently been added and will be available on our online catalogue soon:

- U145:** Faunce-Delaune Manuscripts, 1484-1938
- U487:** Title deeds, estate and legal papers concerning the oyster fisheries and other property of the Alston family, 1617-1875
- U488:** Tyrwhitt-Drake manuscripts, c1330-1923
- U542:** Deeds and maps of Selling and Sheldwich, and deeds of Reculver and district, 1657-1817
- U575:** Deeds of Appledore, part of Dr Cock's collection, 1581-1960
- U787:** Manorial papers and deeds of Birling and Ryarsh, 1371-1923
- U830:** James of Ightham manuscripts, 1568-1938
- U850:** Hawley manuscripts, 1659-1830
- U876:** Deeds, mainly of the Palmer family estate in Wingham, Swingfield and other locations, 1539-1755
- U905:** Deeds of the Tankerton estate, 1598-1919
- U918:** Deeds of Tickners farm, Hawkhurst, 1627-1792
- U929:** Holworthy collection, 1313-1938
- U934:** Powell manuscripts, 1500-c1984
- U984:** Deeds of Yalding and Faversham, 1380-1684
- U1001:** Deeds of various parishes, 1651-1907
- U1007:** Polhill-Drabble manuscripts, 1303-1937
- U1018:** Deeds of Bearsted, Boxley, Ewell, Gravesend, Lower Halstow, Rainham and Upchurch, 1622-1789
- U1022:** Deeds and other documents of Gillingham and other parishes, 1281-1695
- U1025:** Title deeds and miscellaneous official papers, 1584-1933
- U1066:** Deeds of Boxley and Maidstone, 1540-1880
- U1080:** Deeds and documents of the Walter family and other families relating mainly to property in Goudhurst, Marden and Staplehurst, and to property in Sussex and Hertfordshire, 1694-1957
- U1088:** Miscellaneous title deeds and estate papers, including the Baldock estate at New Hythe, 1581-1947
- U1108:** Title deeds and miscellaneous papers, 1540-1949
- U1109:** Deeds and maps, mainly of the Somerhill estate, Tonbridge, 1570-1919
- U1118:** Deeds of the manor of Egerton and of property in Godmersham, Crundale, Waltham, Wye, Chilham, Newington-next-Hythe, Hollingbourne and Harrietsham, 1552-c1867
- U1158:** Deeds of various Kent parishes, 1438-1804
- U1159:** Deeds of various Kent parishes, 1595-1845

**U1163:** Gore manuscripts, 1627-1891  
**U1246:** Deeds and documents of the Lambard and other families, 1525-1882  
**U1329:** Records of Stowting Manor, and title deeds and estate papers, various parishes, 1690-1933  
**U1397:** Additional Filmer manuscripts, 1733-1947  
**U1409:** Deeds of Fairlawn estate, Shipbourne and Ightham Mote estate, 1653-1930  
**U1418:** Deeds and sale particulars of Alkham and neighbouring parishes, 1543-1933  
**U1431:** Deeds, maps and business papers of G. Smith, estate agent, Bouhgton Monchelsea, 1609-1965  
**U1625:** Trade Union and political papers of J. H. Thomas, 1901-1950  
**U1830:** Family papers, 1814, and photographs of Canterbury and Rochester cathedrals, 20th century  
**U1918:** Deeds for Frant (Sussex), Gravesend, Gillingham, Rochester, Wittersham, Goudhurst, Cranbrook, Ramsgate, Lydd and New Romney, 1610-1937  
**U1936:** Deeds of Crippenden manor, Cowden, 1616-1725  
**U1954:** Deeds and family papers, 1422-1617  
**U1957:** Brett and Ransley family papers, c1800-1912  
**U1971:** Deeds of Lewisham, 1759-1878  
**U2035:** Deeds of the Stede Hill, Harrietsham estate, and papers of the Stede, Turner and Baldwin families, 1511-1901  
**U2040:** Settlements and other documents of the Scoones family of Tonbridge, 1736-1860  
**U2085:** Mead family papers, 1836-1956  
**U2091:** Deeds of Sandwich, 1653-1920  
**U2118:** Deeds and papers of the Macknade estate, including Charing, Chartham, Chilham, Dymchurch, Herne, Reculver, Nackington, Whitstable and others, 1440-1908  
**U2193:** Title deeds and estate papers of the Meade-Waldo family of Chiddingstone and Hever, 1741-1920  
**U2222:** Title deeds, 1698-1914  
**U2224:** Deeds relating to public houses in Kent, 1604-1925

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24 May 2019