

CCCU, Centre for Kent History and Heritage: Report for 4 March 2019

Events that took place between 1 December 2018 and 1 March 2019:

Although it did not take place in Kent, the book it launched has three chapters on medieval Kent. The book launch took place on 7 January at the University of Durham as part of the Gender and Medieval Studies conference and celebrated *Gender in Medieval Places, Spaces and Thresholds*, eds V. Blud, D. Heath and E. Klafter. For details, see:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/medieval-gender-studies-book-launch-and-canterbury-castle/>

On 31 January was the joint lecture organised by the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust and the Centre when Dr Steve Willis of the University of Kent spoke on 'Roman Lympe: context, new research and new questions' to an enthusiastic audience. See:

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/medieval-queens-anglo-saxon-saints-and-a-roman-fort-another-busy-week/>

On 23 February the Frank Jenkins Memorial Lecture was held at CCCU, a 3-way event involving the Centre, the Friends of CAT and the Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Trust. The lecture was given by Paul Bennett, Director of CAT and Visiting Professor in the Centre. For a short report, see: <https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/challenging-times-throughout-the-centuries/>

Although the Centre is not directly involved, the HLF-funded 'Finding Eanswythe' project run jointly by CCCU (lead Dr Lesley Hardy) and CAT (Dr Andrew Richardson), with help from Dr Ellie Williams (CCCU) and Annie Partridge (CAT), is drawing to its conclusion. Consequently, there is a free exhibition on St Eanswythe and her legacy at the Sassoon Gallery in Folkestone Library. See: <https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/folkestone-faversham-and-canterbury-medieval-saints-and-other-matters/>

This blog also reports on the Faversham and Swale Heritage Fair on Saturday 2 March at which the Centre had a stall. Diane Heath and Sheila Sweetinburgh also gave short talks as part of the day-long event. Diane spoke on Faversham's Abbey's Martyrology and Sheila spoke on Faversham as one of Archbishop Cranmer's 'troublesome' towns in the early 1540s.

Events that will be taking place between 1 March and 1 June 2019:

Thursday 7 March: second book launch for *Gender in Medieval Places, Spaces and Thresholds*, eds V. Blud, D. Heath and E. Klafter at the CCCU Bookshop from 5pm to celebrate the three Kent-based chapters.

Saturday 23 March: *William Somner (1606–1669)* at Old Sessions House, CCCU a one-day conference to celebrate the 350th anniversary of this great Kentish scholar. Before the lectures at Old Sessions, there will be an exhibition of Somner manuscripts and books in the Canterbury Cathedral Archives for those who have booked for the full day. Speakers at Old Sessions will include Professors Jackie Eales and Kenneth Fincham. See full conference programme at <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/william-somner> or phone 01227 782994 or email artsandculture@canterbury.ac.uk. Tickets £20; for lectures but not the exhibition £16; CCCU students £10.

Thursday 28 March: joint Centre and Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust lecture at CCCU, Newton Ng07 ‘*The Medieval Monastic Death Ritual: the Cluniac Experience*’ by Dr Ellie Williams (CCCU). At the heart of Cluniac monastic life, was death. The funerary rites documented in their eleventh-century customaries convey the extent to which the monks were to immerse themselves in the world of the dead, and to actively confront the emotional and biological realities surrounding the passing of a brother. Integrating osteoarchaeological and documentary evidence, this talk will explore the Cluniac response to death and burial. All welcome.

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April: *Tudors and Stuarts 2019*, primarily at Old Sessions House, CCCU. The momentous changes that took place in Western Europe during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries are to a large extent mirrored in the history of the British Isles under the Tudors and Stuart monarchs. We are thrilled to present our next History Weekend. Join us in the historic city of Canterbury to explore this fascinating period. See full Weekend programme at <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/tudors-stuarts> or phone 01227 782994 or email artsandculture@canterbury.ac.uk. Book individual events on a pick and mix basis.

Wednesday 8 May: annual lecture in Old Sessions House at 6pm by Paul Bennett, Visiting Professor of Archaeology in the Centre, which this year will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Canterbury’s UNESCO World Heritage status – St Martin’s church, St Augustine’s Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral. His lecture is entitled ‘*The Canterbury World Heritage Site – an archaeological perspective*’, all welcome.

Friday 14 and Saturday 25 May: 2-day conference and exhibition in Old Sessions House, CCCU, ‘*Celebrating 30 years of UNESCO in Canterbury*’. Join us for two days of talks, a wine reception and light show to celebrate Canterbury’s inspiring Heritage and History, and to consider how we can sustain it for future generations. For conference details and how to book, see: <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/events/arts-and-humanities/ckhh/celebrating-30-years-of-unesco-in-canterbury.aspx>

Thursday 30 May: joint Centre and Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust lecture at CCCU, Newton Ng07, ‘*Dover’s Defences in the 16th and 17th Centuries*’ by Jon Iveson (Museums and Tourism Manager, Dover District Council). All welcome