

## CCCU, Centre for Kent History and Heritage: Report for 7 December 2018

### Events that took place between 1 September and 1 December 2018:

**13 September:** ‘Pigs in medieval Kent’ joint lecture between the Centre and the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust [FCAT] by Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh where she explored pig farming in medieval Kent, from the probable use of temporary settlements and extensive management within the system of dens, to the more intensive stall kept pigs. In addition, the talk considered the role of the symbolic pig in the Middle Ages.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/pigs-place-names-and-more-young-medievalists-in-canterbury/>

**20 September:** ‘Canterbury Education Day’, organised by ‘The Canterbury Tales’ visitor attraction where the Centre was one of several locations around Canterbury that hosted workshops for 5- & 6-Year pupils. The Centre’s contribution, under the leadership of Dr Diane Heath, saw youngsters making their own ‘medieval tile’, having been enrolled for the day into the city’s Tile-Makers’ Guild. The tile designs featured animals and mythical beasts, an area that Diane researched for her doctorate.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/young-medievalists-and-medieval-animals-in-canterbury/>

**25 September:** ‘The Map as Biography: Maps, Memory and the Kent Landscape’, the Michael Nightingale Memorial Lecture, given by Professor Peter Vujakovic, a joint event between the Centre and the Agricultural Museum Brook. Peter discussed J.B. Harley’s essay on ‘The map as biography’ to explore his engagement with the rich history of cartography and changing landscapes of east Kent through his own life as a teacher, researcher and resident of Wye. Having split the voluntary donations collected equally, the Centre was able to add £150 to the Ian Coulson Memorial Postgraduate Award fund.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/ian-coulson-awards-and-nightingale-lecture/>

**18 October:** ‘Finds at CAT: amazing things and what to do with them!’ by Dr Andrew Richardson (Canterbury Archaeological Trust), joint Centre/FCAT lecture where Andrew provided an overview of finds work at CAT, including past and future approaches to their study and care. He also discussed the new finds store at Wincheap, Canterbury that will provide much needed storage space and a research/teaching room to accommodate specialists who want to study items and to offer a place to hold CAT courses.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/canterburys-history-and-heritage-exciting-developments/>

**30 October:** ‘Why the Anglo-Saxons matter’, by Professor Michael Wood that was an Open Lecture at CCCU; but had started life as a Centre lecture.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/michael-wood-on-canterburys-anglo-saxon-treasures/>

**9 November:** ‘Commemorating the Armistice’, a Faculty of Arts and Humanities series of events, which involved Dr Martin Watts of the Centre. The day included lectures, film screening, an exhibition, readings, a chapel service and a music recital.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/canterbury-castle-and-commemorating-the-armistice/>

**17 November:** ‘Exploring Kentish naming practices’, a one-day conference jointly organised by the Centre and Kent Archaeological Society. Among the speakers were Dr Paul Cullen, who spoke twice, once on tavern names through the ages in Kent and then surnames found in the county. Among the other speakers were Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh, Dr Ellie Rye (University of Nottingham), Dr Barrie Cook (British Library), Anita Thompson (KAS) and Dr Mark Bateson (KAS and KHLC). After covering expenses, £280 has been added to the Ian Coulson fund.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/canterbury-and-kent-from-place-names-to-wool-traders/>

**20 November:** the Centre took part in the nation ‘Being Human’ Festival, firstly Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh joined Dr David Hitchcock to lead a tour showing places of punishment, including execution in early modern Canterbury. The following day Dr Martin Watts was one of the leaders regarding a play performed by senior secondary school students at Folkestone.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/being-human-in-canterbury-with-the-becket-lecture-next-week/>

**27 November:** ‘Fake or Fortune? The curious case of Thomas Becket’s pilgrims in Canterbury’s stained glass’, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Becket Lecture by Dr Rachel Koopmans (York University, Canada), who discussed her new findings relating to the stained glass windows showing pilgrims on their way to Canterbury.

29 November: ‘Old Park Hill: the mystery of a lost Anglo-Saxon cemetery solved’, joint Centre/FCAT lecture by Keith Parfitt (CAT), where Keith discussed the Buckland Anglo-Saxon cemetery, the likelihood of others on the hill sides above the Dour valley, and how his excavation team found one of these at Old Park Hill.

<https://blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/kenthistory/canterbury-pilgrims-and-anglo-saxon-cemeteries/>

All the Centre’s staff of Professors Jackie Eales and Louise Wilkinson, and Drs Diane Heath, Sheila Sweetinburgh and Martin Watts have given talks to local societies and other groups both in Kent and beyond during the same period.

### **Events due to take place between 1 December 2018 and 1 March 2019:**

This three-month period is more of a planning and publicity period for post 1 March than one where events occur. This means the only scheduled events are the lectures organised jointly between the Centre and FCAT: **31 January**, ‘Roman Lympne: context, new research and new questions’ by Dr Steven Willis (University of Kent) and **23 February**, the Annual Frank Jenkins Memorial Lecture, which will be given by Professor Paul Bennett (Canterbury Archaeological Trust and Visiting Professor of Archaeology, Centre for Kent History and Heritage).

Advance notice, the Centre’s History Weekend in 2019 – Tudors and Stuarts, will be on 13–14 April 2019. For details see: <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/tudors-stuarts>

For other future Centre events, see: <https://www.canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-humanities/research-kent-history-and-archaeology/events.aspx>