

The Essex Historic Buildings Group

This day has been organised in the continuing series of Essex Historic Buildings Group Day Schools to examine particular themes in the study of historic buildings.

The Group was formed in 1983 by a varied collection of professionals and amateurs keen to see more work published on the lesser buildings of Essex for all to see and comment on. They were a mix of people with many varied interests, covering buildings, materials, documents, landscape or just an inquisitive mind. We have published a series of booklets, a manual on recording a building, and a book on medieval roofs. In addition to organising our annual summer Day School, the Group also holds evening meetings about every six weeks at Chelmsford, where local, national and internationally known speakers are invited to talk to us. Occasional visits for members are also arranged to historic buildings.

New members are always welcome; the only requirement is to have an interest in historic buildings, their use, setting or documented history. For more details, contact our Membership Secretary, Ken Drinkwater, 21 Woodrolfe Park, Tollesbury, Malden CM9 8TB, Tel 01621 862547 or visit www.ehbg.co.uk.

Speakers

Tim Howson – is a Conservation Officer for Maldon District Council and an active member of EHBG with particular interests in medieval timber-framed buildings.

Dr Mark Gardiner – is Reader in Heritage at the School of History and Heritage, University of Lincoln and an expert in the archaeology of medieval buildings

Dr Hollie Morgan - is an interdisciplinary medievalist based in Lincoln and the author of “Beds and Chambers in Late Medieval England: Readings, Representations and Realities” (Woodbridge: York Medieval Press, 2017).

Dr Joanne Sear – lectures in local history at the Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge. Her research focuses on consumption and trade in East Anglian market towns in the late Middle Ages.

Prof Richard Smith – Emeritus Professor of Historical Demography and Emeritus Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge, - his research focusses on the demographic, family and economic history of late medieval and early modern England, with an emphasis on East Anglia.

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Day School
Saturday 15th June 2019

LIVING IN THE MEDIEVAL HOUSE

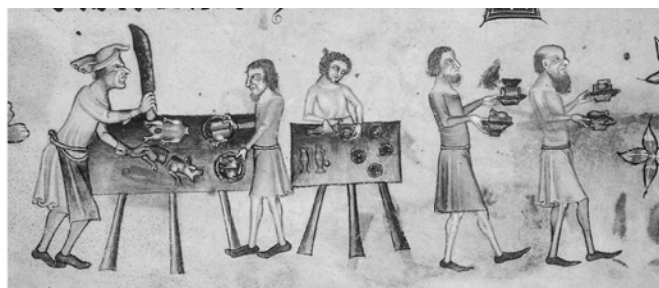


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Cost: £30
(EHBG Members £27)

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PROGRAMME

- 9.20 **Chairman’s welcome**
- 9.30 **Living in Maldon’s medieval houses**
Tim Howson
This talk will focus upon what the architectural evidence in surviving medieval houses can tell us about how these buildings were intended to be used. Different parts of the medieval house will be looked at in turn, starting with the open hall then moving on to the rooms found at the ‘low end’ and the ‘high end’. The main aspects under consideration will be variations of layout, patterns of circulation, use of decoration to express the hierarchy of internal spaces, location of hearths and evidence for functional fixtures such as benches, shelving and latrines.
- 10.30 Tea/Coffee
- 11.00 **Buttery and pantry: their development and long persistence**
Mark Gardiner
An exploration of why these two rooms developed at the low end of the hall, their function and why they persisted unchanged for so long.
- 12.00 **Co-resident domestic groups in the medieval house: forms and functions**
Prof Richard Smith
This talk will look at who occupied medieval houses including, among other matters, kin relations, marriage, old age and the co-resident servants umbrella.
- 13.00 **Lunch**
There are a number of places near the Hall where lunch can be bought.

- 14.30 **The cultural meaning of beds and chambers in late-medieval England**
Hollie Morgan
This talk will focus on what the chamber and the bed within it meant to people living in late-medieval England, and how the stories read and told at the time affected, and were affected by, people’s interactions with their domestic spaces.
- 15.15 Tea/coffee
- 15.45 **A potful of pease’ - diet in the late Middle Ages and the material culture of food preparation**
Joanne Sear
What did people eat in the late Middle Ages and how was this reflected in household possessions? This session will consider the basic medieval diet and how this changed in the post-Black Death period. Consideration will also be given to how consumption patterns were reflected in the material culture of the domestic environment, particularly in terms of the cooking utensils used. Evidence will be presented from a range of sources including testamentary bequests and household accounts.
- 16.30 **Discussion**
- 17.00 **Close**



When you book, your details will be held by the Day School secretary on a digital device solely to use for this day school. If you wish these to be retained so we can send you details of future EHBG day schools, please tick the box at the bottom of the booking form. Your details can be removed by contacting the booking secretary at the address on the booking form.

Booking Form for Day School

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and directions to the venue.
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