

## 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](http://www.ehbg.co.uk).



## Speakers

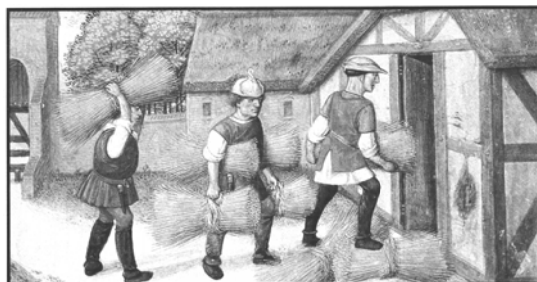
*Prof. Christopher Dyer - is emeritus professor of history at the University of Leicester. He has published a number of books and many articles and chapters on social and economic history, landscape history and medieval archaeology.*

*Dr Mark Gardiner – is an Assistant Professor at the University of Lincoln and has worked on the archaeology of excavated and standing medieval rural buildings.*

*John Thorp - is a partner in Keystone Historic Buildings Consultants, a small independent practice committed to the conservation and revival of buildings based on the best possible understanding of historic places. Trained as an archaeologist he has, sometimes with partner Jo Cox, published on traditional building materials, aspects of historic building types, their finish and carpentry, along with accounts of significant historic buildings in Devon.*

*Dr Edward Impey - has spent many years studying and writing about medieval buildings, including barns. Formerly Director of Heritage Protection and Planning at (what was) English Heritage, since 2013 he has been Master and Director General of the Royal Armouries.*

*Anne Padfield - has lectured widely on Essex vernacular architecture and, coming from a farming background, has a particular interest in farm buildings.*



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**Day School**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**THE ENGLISH FARMYARD TO 1700:  
housing people, animals and crops.**



**at**  
**Maldon Town Hall**  
**Market Hill**  
**Maldon**  
**Essex CM9 4PZ**

**Cost: £30**  
**(EHBG Members £27)**

**Bookings to John Walker**  
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**PROGRAMME**

9.20 **Chairman’s welcome**

9.30 **Farming and buildings in the later Middle Ages**

*Christopher Dyer*

What do buildings tell us about the organisation and practices of medieval farming? We know about the archaeological and architectural evidence, and can glean a great deal of information from documents. This information relates to both aristocracy and the peasantry, so that we can make comparisons between them. We can learn much about the function of buildings, which is not as clear as such labels as 'barn' or 'sheephouse' might suggest. As we learn more about the buildings, we gain insights into how and why people farmed.

10.30 Tea/Coffee

11.00 **The layout of late medieval farmsteads in eastern England**

*Mark Gardiner*

Remarkably little attention has been paid to the operation of the late medieval farmstead. This paper looks at the evidence for the character of farmsteads in eastern England, both those of the lords and of the peasants, drawing largely from excavated sites.

12.00 **The Dartmoor Longhouse**

*John Thorp*

An explanation of the survival of the longhouse plan-form – that is buildings which house both people and animals under the same roof - and its historic economic success on Dartmoor due to the special relationship of the tenant-occupants of the longhouses, the Duchy of Cornwall ownership of the high moor, and ancient rights of transhumance enjoyed by lowland Devon farmers.

13.00 Lunch  
There are a number of places near the Hall where lunch can be bought.

14.30 **The Great Barn of 1425-7 at Harmondsworth, Middlesex: construction, function and significance**

*Dr Edward Impey*

Edward is author of *The Great Barn of 1425-27 at Harmondsworth* (Historic England 2017), a fascinating study of the origins, design, construction and importance of this great building and the people, functions and processes associated with it in the Middle Ages and later.

15.15 Tea/coffee

15.45 **Essex farm buildings and their characteristics**

*Anne Padfield*

Bringing the story back to Essex, we end with a look at this county’s farmyard buildings, including their timber-framing, usage and characteristics.

16.30 **Discussion**

17.00 **Close**

**EHBG Bookstall**

There will be a bookstall on the day selling both EHBG publications and a range of other related second-hand books.

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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