

**ASHFORD ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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Tonight we welcome **RICHARD FILMER** to talk to us about 'Hops and Hop Picking.' He assures me that the last time he gave this talk to the society was in 1981-82. I don't think many of us were here then!

Our next meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 when **JOHN BULAITIS** of Canterbury Christchurch University will talk on 'The Curious Rural Revolt – Kentish Tithe Wars in the 1930s' I heard John give this talk at the History and Library Centre in Maidstone and he is very keen to get any info anyone may have with regard to the tithe wars in this area. Posters are available as usual.

**OTHER MEETINGS**

On 5<sup>th</sup> March there is the final talk at the History and Library Centre in Maidstone. Peter Tann is talking on 'Why Does Faversham have its Magna Carta?'

**DON'T FORGET:**

On 14<sup>th</sup> March we have our Industrial Archaeology Study Day at the Willesborough Windmill. This will focus on aircraft – mainly vintage and we have as speakers Bill Croydon, Jim Preston, Dave Smith and Nick Kelly. There are posters available. Please advertise this as much as possible. It should be a good day. If you hope to come please let Lindsay or myself know as we need to make sure we have sufficient numbers.

On the same day Gill Draper is doing a Study Day at Canterbury on 'Lives and Landscape in the North Kent Marshland.'

On 28<sup>th</sup> March KAS has a conference at Christchurch, Canterbury entitled 'New Directions in Kent History since Thirsk' Speakers include Jackie Eales, Duncan Harrington, Sandra Dunster, and Sheila Sweetinburgh. Details on their website or ring me.

There is a conference on the weekend April 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Lyminge Archaeological Project. It is entitled 'Early Medieval Monasticism in the North Sea Zone.' It is to be held at the University of Kent and costs £42 with a Field trip an extra £10. Details on the website [www.lymingearchaeology.org](http://www.lymingearchaeology.org) or email [a.knox@reading.ac.uk](mailto:a.knox@reading.ac.uk).

Kent History Federation have their annual conference on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. This year it is at Elham. The speakers will include Alexandra Knox and David Brocklehurst of Kent Battle of Britain Museum. Details on the board.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- 1) Old copies of By-Gone Kent are available at 50p each.  
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**Please could I have the subs for the By-Gone Kent's -£23 each.**

**I have copies of the Journal of Kent History for sale at £1.50 (not £2 as on the cover). Please give that money to me.**

**I am starting to think about visits for the summer and speakers for next season so if you have any ideas let me know.**

**Andy has more copies of last month's presentation for those who ordered them and perhaps a few extra. -£5**