

Town, country and consumers

A bouquet for Margaret Yates

Friday 16 May 2014

Room G15, Henley Business School, Whiteknights Campus

The Centre for Economic History with support from the Centre for Institutional Performance at the University of Reading is pleased to announce a one-day meeting to celebrate the retirement of its founder and first guiding figure, Dr Margaret Yates. We have drawn together a number of colleagues and friends to speak on themes with which Margaret has engaged in her own work – or which we hope will simply amuse her.

Registration and coffee from 10.00 in Room G04 Henley Business School

Session 1 (10.45)

Jane Whittle (Exeter), 'Estate management and agricultural labour, 1328-1630: the case of Hunstanton, Norfolk'.

Ralph Houlbrooke (Reading), 'Tithe disputes in Robert Kett's Norfolk'.

Session 2 (12.00)

Richard Smith (Cambridge), 'Could English towns reproduce themselves without immigration before 1700?'.

Chris Dyer (Leicester), 'A town in its country: Alcester in the fifteenth century'.

Lunch (1.15) G04

Session 3 (2.00)

Chris Briggs (Cambridge), 'Peasant possessions in Berkshire escheator's accounts, c.1350-1450'.

Harriet Mahood (Reading), 'Begging for bread and asking for alms, the efficacy of monastic charity in towns'.

Tea (3.00) G04

Session 4 (3.30)

Danae Tankard (Chichester), 'The acquisition of textiles and clothing in seventeenth-century Sussex'.

Jameson Wooders (Reading), 'Seventeenth-century Reading probate inventories compared to Berkshire rural inventories: some first results'.

Session 5 (4.45)

Richard Hoyle (Reading), 'Robin Hood in the sixteenth century: one outlaw or several?'

As is the custom of our meetings, we will move on for some early dinner in Reading town centre. All are welcome to join us there.

Registration, including lunch, coffee and tea, is free for all who register their intention to attend with the Centre's Secretary, Amanda Harvey, a.h.harvey@reading.ac.uk, by Friday 9 May 2014. Any academic enquiries should be directed to Professor R. W. Hoyle at r.w.hoyle@reading.ac.uk.