

## English medieval towns: Norwich, King's Lynn, Canterbury and Cambridge

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<b>Start date</b>	22 April 2016	<b>End date</b>	24 April 2016
<b>Venue</b>	Madingley Hall Madingley Cambridge		
<b>Tutor</b>	Dr Francis Woodman	<b>Course code</b>	1516NRX058

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### Tutor biography

A post-graduate at the Courtauld Institute, where his subject was "John Wastell of Bury, Master Mason". Woodman has taught at Westfield and University College, London, the Bartlett School of Architecture and at the UEA. He joined the Institute in 1997 following some years working and researching in the Near East, South East Asia and Central America.

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## Course programme

### Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Introduction and background
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
8.45	Day Trip to Kings Lynn - Please note this day trip will involve a fair deal of walking and some stairs. Please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing and footwear. -Lunch is included in the course price; this is £10 per person for a meal and a soft drink at Lattice House. You may wish to purchase your own alcoholic beverages. The tour will include two breaks for refreshments. Please note the price of refreshments will not be included in the tour.
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Canterbury
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Norwich
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Cambridge
12:45	Lunch

**The course will disperse after lunch**

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## Course syllabus

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### **Aims:**

To understand the continuity or the lack of from late-Roman British towns to medieval.

To understand the influence of the medieval church in the development of medieval towns.

To understand the consequences of small, and diminishing populations on the fabric of medieval towns.

### **Content:**

This course will examine four different and distinct medieval towns, all in the east of England.

Canterbury, the ecclesiastical town *par excellence* is still dominated by the presence of the medieval church. Norwich is a merchant town, with fine public buildings, rich town houses and fifty plus parish churches. Cambridge is unlike anywhere else (except Oxford!) - a town almost lost in the world of education. King's Lynn was a new town, planned and built after the Norman Conquest. As a member of the Hanseatic League Lynn is essentially a place to get stuff in and stuff out. We shall visit Lynn for the day.

### **Presentation of the course:**

There will be PowerPoint presentations, questions and class discussion. There will be a whole day exploration of King's Lynn (on foot). It is a flat town.

### **Outcomes:**

A better understanding of the growth of English medieval towns.

A grasp of the basic development of English medieval urban houses

An appreciation of the various factors determining the growth or shrinkage of medieval settlements.

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## Reading and resources list

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Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title
<b>Canterbury Before the Normans</b>	Birmingham, D. 2016
<b><u>Medieval Town and Augustinian Friary: Settlement c 1325-1700: Canterbury Whitefriars Excavations 1999-2004 (Archaeology...</u></b>	Hicks, A. 2015
<b><u>Medieval Art, Architecture &amp; Archaeology at Canterbury (British Archaeological Association Conference Transactions)</u></b>	Bovey, A. 2013 (ed)
<b><u>Canterbury: A Medieval City</u></b>	Royer-Hemet, C. 2010
<b><u>The Hospitals of Medieval Norwich (Studies in East Anglian History)</u></b>	Studies in East Anglian History, Rawcliffe, C. 1995
<b><u>Medieval Norwich</u></b>	Rawcliffe, C & Wilson, R. 2004
<b><u>Norwich Cathedral Close: The Evolution of the English Cathedral Landscape (Studies in the History of Medieval...</u></b>	Gilchrist, R. 2016
<b><u>Medieval and Early Modern Art, Architecture and Archaeology in Norwich</u></b>	Heslop, S & Lunnon, H (eds) BAA 2013

**Making of King's Lynn: Secular Buildings  
from the 11th to 17th Centuries (Kings Lynn  
archaeological survey)**

Parker, V. 1971

**King's Lynn**

Richards, P. 2006

**The Making of King's Lynn: A Documentary  
Survey (Records of Social and Economic  
History (New Series))**

Dorothy M. Owen,  
D.M. 1984

**History of the Borough of King's Lynn  
Volume 1**

Hillen, H.J., 2012

**Cambridgeshire (Pevsner Architectural  
Guides) (Pevsner Architectural Guides:  
Buildings of England)**

Bradly, S. & Pevsner,  
N. 2104

**The Architectural History of the University of  
Cambridge and of the Colleges of Cambridge  
and Eton: Volume 4,...**

Willis, R. & Clark, J.  
W. (reprint)

17 Sep 2009

**Cambridge: An Architectural Guide  
(Architectural Travel Guides)**

Peter Howard, P.  
& Helena Webster, H.  
2000.

## Website addresses

**Note** Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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