

Finding Medieval in Modern Villages

Start date 21 October 2016 **End date** 23 October 2016

Venue Madingley Hall
 Madingley
 Cambridge

Tutor Dr Susan Oosthuizen **Course code** 1617NRX056

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Tutor biography

Susan Oosthuizen is Reader in Medieval Archaeology at the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education and is a member of the University of Cambridge Department of Archaeology. She has been involved in university lifelong learning since 1985. Her undergraduate degree in Archaeology and History was taken at the University of Southampton; she holds an MA from SOAS (University of London), and a PGCE and a PhD from the University of Cambridge, where her research on Anglo-Saxon landscapes bridged archaeology, history and historical geography. She is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, the Royal Historical Society, and of Wolfson College, Cambridge. She is a former President of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society.

Dr Oosthuizen has a strong interest in community engagement in higher education. She was Vice-Chair of the Universities Association for Lifelong Learning (UALL) from 2007-2012, and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Her work has included numerous externally funded outreach projects, and the direction of a programme of community education and outreach courses for the Institute. She received a National Award for excellence in History Teaching in Higher Education in 2003 from the Historical Association, the History at the Universities Defence Group, the Royal Historical Society, and the LTSN for History, Archaeology and Classics'. She delivered the 2012 Hoskins Lecture on 'Medieval Open Fields and Their Origins'.

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	Session 1: Introduction to the principles of the course and virtual field visit to Toft
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

Please note that there will be a lot of walking involved during the fieldtrips on Saturday and you will be on your feet most of the day. There will be approximately 75-90 minutes of walking per village, however the distance per village will not be more than a mile. Please ensure you bring appropriate clothing and footwear.

Due to the field trips taking place on Saturday October 22nd please be aware that session 5 at 20:00 is free time and no teaching will be taking place.

07:30	Breakfast
08:45	Pick up from Madingley Hall
09:00 – 10:30	Session 2 Field trip to Comberton
10:45	Drive to Kingston
11:00 – 12:30	Session 3 Field trip to Kingston
12:30	Return to Madingley Hall
13:00	Lunch at Madingley Hall
14:00	Pick up from Madingley Hall
14:30 – 15:30	Session 4 Field trip to Reach
15:45	Drive to Isleham
16:15 – 17:15	Session 5 Field trip to Isleham
17:15 – 18:00	Return to Madingley Hall
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Free
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 6 Virtual field visit to Rampton
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Session 7 Virtual field visit to Barrington
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

1. To introduce students to the concepts and theories underpinning explanations and debates in the history of the medieval landscape.
2. To enable students to begin to recognise and interpret field monuments.
3. To enable students to begin to explain the history of the medieval landscape using structured arguments, contextualised in the wider knowledge of what is known about medieval landscape, and supported by evidence, in particular that of earthworks, settlement morphology, vernacular and ecclesiastical architecture, and ecological material.

Content:

The modern landscape is patterned with clues to the ways in which it was laid out and used by medieval men and women. The course focuses on the buildings, fields, roads and earthworks created by earlier generations to extrapolate medieval landscapes from the modern settlements that now overlie them. It is based around 'virtual' visits to 3 different villages, and a Saturday field trip to explore such evidence in 4 villages on the ground.

Presentation of the course:

The course will be taught through tutor-led presentations, full class discussions and two half-day fieldtrips. Please bring sensible footwear and clothing for inclement weather. The Saturday visit to each of the 4 villages on the programme will involve walking and standing for around 90 minutes at a time. The distances walked will vary but will usually be under a mile.

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Reading and resources list

Author	Title	Publisher and date
ASTON, M & GERRARD, C	<i>Interpreting the English Village</i>	Windgather, 2013
BERESFORD, M	<i>The Lost Villages of England</i>	Lutterworth 1955
DARBY, H C	<i>The Medieval Fenland</i>	David and Charles 1974
HALL, David	<i>Medieval Fields</i>	Shire 1982
OOSTHUIZEN, S	<i>Landscapes Decoded</i>	Herts UP, 2006
PARKER, R	<i>The Common Stream</i>	Academy, 1999
RAVENSDALE, J R	<i>Liable to Floods</i>	Cambridge University Press 1974
RAVENSDALE, J R	<i>A Domesday Inheritance</i>	Cambridge University Press 1986
TAYLOR, C C	<i>The Cambridgeshire Landscape</i>	Hodder 1973
TAYLOR, C C	<i>The Archaeology of Gardens</i>	Shire 1982
TAYLOR, C C	<i>Village and Farmstead</i> *	George Philip 1983

* indicates core reading

Website addresses:

Heritage Gateway - www.heritagegateway.org.uk
Images of England - www.imagesofengland.org.uk
Pastscape - www.pastscape.org.uk

Note:

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