

# The Material Experiences of 'Peasant' Life in Medieval Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England (c. 1200–1600)

Dr Karen Dempsey (NUI Galway) and Dr Ben Jervis (Cardiff University)

## Day 1 Thursday June 16th

09.15 – 09.30 Karen and Ben Welcome

### **09.30 – 11.30 Place-based Papers / Setting the Scene**

09.30 [Ben Jervis](#) – Different Rurals in Medieval England

09.45 [Alice Forward and Sian Iles](#) – Forgotten Communities. The archaeology evidence for peasant life from Wales.

10.00 [Piers Dixon](#) – House, Status and Living conditions: Later medieval households in mainland Scotland (excluding Caithness) and North-east England, c.1200-1600

10.15 [Karen Dempsey](#) – Home is Where the Hearth is: peasant rural households in Ireland 1200-1600

10.30 – 11.00 Discussion / Q & A

### **13.45 -14.45 Small Things / Portable Antiquities Scheme**

13.45 [Mark Lodwick](#) - Material culture of Medieval Wales recorded through the Portable Antiquities Scheme

14.00 [Arthur Redmonds](#) – Respect is Motte Given: Taskscapes and the peasant experience of the castle

14.15 – 14.30 Q and A

### **14.40 – 16.00 Peasant Experiences: Feelings of Home**

14.40 [Eleanor Standley](#): Emotional Experiences In Rural Settlements: The Tangible & Intangible

14.55 [Mark Hall](#) – Material Experiences of Peasant Life: Recreation and Ritual in the Later Medieval Household

15.10 [Mark Gardiner](#) – Emotional responses to the home: projections and reflecting images of house – an investigation into medieval peasant agency and architecture

15.30 – 15.45 Q and A

## Day 2 Friday June 17th

09.00-09.15 - Karen and Ben -brief welcome and recap

### **Living in the Landscape 09.00 – 10.15**

09.00 [Sophia Mills](#) – Individual agency through senescence and frailty in Medieval communities from the North East of England.

09.15 [Richard Jones](#) – Title TBC / Feeling Experiences through placenames

09.30 [Sarah Jane Gibbons](#) –North and Western Isles: intimate experiences in Orkney

09.45 [Tracy Collins](#) – Households of God (and people). Some perspectives on medieval religious houses and rural settlement.

10.00 – 10.30 Q & A, discussion



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## Participants

1. Dr Bronach Kane. Senior Lecturer in Medieval History, Cardiff University
2. Dr Alice Forward. Allen Archaeology (specialist in material culture of medieval Wales)
3. Professor Mark Gardiner. University of Lincoln
4. Dr Eleanor Standley. Associate Professor and Assistant Keeper in Oxford, Medieval Archaeology, University of Oxford
5. Sian Iles. Curator, Medieval Archaeology, National Museum of Wales/Amgueddfa Cymru
6. Mark Lodwick. National Museum of Wales/Amgueddfa Cymru
7. Dr Mark Hall. Perth Museum
8. Professor Roberta Gilchrist. University of Reading
9. Dr Richard Jones. Associate Professor in Landscape History, Leicester
10. Dr Tracy Collins. National Monuments Service, Ireland (State Archaeologist)
11. Arthur Redmonds. PhD Student Cardiff University and University of Exeter.
12. Dr Sarah Jane Gibbons. Lecturer UHI, Norse archaeology, rural settlement, landscapes experience
13. Dr Sophia Mills. bioarchaeology, University of Reading / Independent Researcher
14. Piers Dixon. Medieval archaeologist
15. Bernice Kelly. Archaeologist, Transport Infrastructure Ireland



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