

Medieval Research Reading List

Introduction

The focus of this reading list is settlement sites, primarily rural dispersed sites. However, there are references for nucleated and larger settlements. Given the medieval economy was primarily agriculture that is included in a separate section. There is also a separate section for excavations, the source for this being mainly Sussex Archaeological Collections (SAC), which are available online under ADS.

As a result of the study day held on early 2024, a separate section has been added to cover Medieval Towns (especially Crawley, hopefully the subject of an article for the Journal).

Rural Settlement

Arnold, C.J. & Wardle, P. 1981 'Early Medieval Settlement Patterns in England', *Medieval Archaeology*, **25**,

Aston, M., Austin, D., & Dyer, C. 1989 *The rural settlement of medieval England*.

Bailey, M. 1989 'The concept of the margin in the medieval English economy', *Economic History Review* 2nd series **42**, 1-17.

Dyer, C. 1990 'The past, the present and the future in medieval rural history' *Rural History* **1**, 37-49.

Hamerow, H.F. 1991 'Settlement mobility and the "Middle Saxon Shift" rural settlement patterns in Anglo-Saxon England' *Anglo-Saxon England* **20**, 1-17.

Higham, N.J. 1990 'Settlement, land-use, and Domesday ploughlands' *Landscape History* **12**, 33-44.

Hunter, J.M. 1993 'The age of hedgerows on a Bocking estate' *Essex Archaeology & History* **24**, 114-117.

Lewis, C., Mitchell-Fox, P and Dyer, C. 1997 *Village, Hamlet and field*.

Platt, C. 1995 *Medieval England. A social history and archaeology from the Conquest to 1600 AD*.

Sawyer, P.H. 1976 *Medieval Settlement: Continuity and Change*.

Taylor, C. 1995 'Dispersed Settlement in Nucleated areas' *Landscape History* **17**, 27-34.

Taylor, C. C 1992 'Medieval rural settlement: changing perceptions' *Landscape History* **14**, 5-17.

Agriculture

Astill, G. & Langdon, J. 1997 *Medieval farming, and technology.*

Medieval Towns

The structure of this section has been amended following the Study Day in January 2024, it now reflects the towns discussed together with a general background section.

For this section unless a significant excavation has taken place before 1990, the SAC articles listed are from 1990 onwards. This approach probably excludes articles whose focus is on the historical evidence relating to medieval towns. Therefore, the intention is follow this research thread at a later date and update this list accordingly.

Background

Aldsworth, F & Freke, D. 1976 *Historic Towns in Sussex an archaeological survey.*

Armstrong, J.R. 1978 *A History of Sussex.*

Biddle, M. & Hill, D. 1971 'Late Saxon planned towns', *Antiquaries Journal* **51**, 70-85.

Brandon, P and Short B. 1990 *The South East from AD1000.*

Cornall, J. (ed) 1956 Lay Subsidy Rolls 1524-5 *SRS* **56**.

Darby, H.C. & Campbell, E.M.J 1962 *The Domesday Geography of South-East England.*

Dobson, R.B. 1977 'Urban decline in late medieval England' *Trans. Roy. Hist. Soc.* **5**, 1-24.

Dyer, A.D. 1979 'The market towns of southern England', *Southern History* **1**, 123-34.

Dyer, C. 1994 *Everyday Life in Medieval England.*

Gardiner, M.F. 1984 'Saxon settlement and land division in the western Weald', *SAC* **122**, 75-83.

Gardiner, M. 2003 'Economy and landscape change in Post-Roman and Early Medieval Sussex, 450-1175' in D. Rudling (ed) *The Archaeology of Sussex to AD2000*, 151-160.

Heighway, C.M (ed) 1972 *The Erosion of History.*

Hill, D. 1978 'The origin of the Saxon towns in Sussex' in P.F. Brandon (ed) *The South Saxons*, 174-89.

Lowerson, J.L.A. ???? *A Short History of Sussex.*

Oppenheim, M. 1907 'Maritime history of Sussex' *VCH Sussex* **2**, 125-168.

Pelham, R.A. 1929 'The Foreign Trade of Sussex:1300-1350' *SAC* **70**, 93-118.

Pelham, R.A. 1931 'Studies in the Historical Geography of Medieval Sussex', *SAC* **72**, 157-84.

Pelham, R.A. 19?? 'The Urban Population of Sussex in 1340', *SAC* **78**, ????.

Mason, J.F.A. 1964 'The Rapes of Sussex and the Norman Conquest', *SAC* **102**, 68-93.

Salzman, L.F. 1931 'The rapes of Sussex', *SAC* **72**, 20-9.

Crawley

This section also includes references to East Grinstead and Horsham, which whilst not discussed in detail at the Study Day was mentioned as being developed at the same time as Crawley.

Stevens 2012, covers the possible production of pins, mentioned on the Study Day.

Cooke, N. 2001 'Excavations on a late medieval ironworking site at London Road, Crawley, West Sussex, 10997' *SAC* **139**, 147-67.

Hammond, S. 2011 'Excavations of a medieval burgage plots and further evidence of iron working on land off Pegler Way, Crawley, West Sussex', *SAC* **149**, 49-58.

Leppard, M.J. 1991 'East Grinstead before the town', *SAC* **129**, 29-32.

Pine, J. 2013 'A re-investigation of Late Iron Age and Roman iron production, and Saxon activity, at Rathlin Road, Crawley', *SAC* **151**, 13-25.

Saunders, M.J. 1998 'Archaeological investigations on the route of the Crawley High Street Relief Road, Crawley, West Sussex', *SAC* **136**, 81-94.

Stevens, S. 1997 'Excavations at the Old Post Office site, 15-17 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex', *SAC* **135**, 193-208.

Stevens, S. 2006 'Archaeological investigations at the junction of High Street and Kilnmead, Crawley, West Sussex', *SAC* **144**, 203-7.

Stevens, S. 2008 'Archaeological investigations at the ASDA site, Crawley, West Sussex', *SAC* **146**, 107-47.

Stevens, S. 2012 'Archaeological investigations in the Vicarage Garden, Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex', *SAC* **150**, 123-38.

Stevens, S. 2014 'Archaeological investigations at 29-35 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex', *SAC* **152**, 67-77.

Wood, P.D. 1968 'The topography of East Grinstead Borough', *SAC* **106**, 49-62.

Cinque Ports

This section covers Rye, Seaford, and Winchelsea, which were covered on the Study Day together with any relevant articles on the other Cinque Ports in Sussex.

Barber, L. 1999 'The excavation of land adjacent to the Old Farmhouse, Pevensy, East Sussex, 1994', *SAC* **137**, 91-120.

Combes, P. & Lyne, M. 'Hastings, Haestingaceaster and Haestingaport', *SAC* **133**, 213-24.

Dulley, A.J.F. 1966 'The level and port of Pevensey in the Middle Ages' *SAC* **104**, 26-45.

Dulley, A.J.F. 1969 'The early history of the Rye fishing industry', *SAC* **107**, 36-64.

Gardiner, M. 1995 'Aspects of the history and archaeology of medieval Seaford' *SAC* **133**, 189-212.

Gardiner, M.F. & Whittick, C.H.C. 1990 'Some evidence for an intended collegiate church at Pevensey', *SAC* **128**, 261-2.

Haslam, J. 2022 'The site and early development of Old Winchelsea, East Sussex', *SAC* **160**, 77-87.

James, R. 2015 'Archaeological investigations at Pevensey and Westham CE School, High Street, Westham, East Sussex', *SAC* **153**, 73-81.

Margetts, A. 2017 'From medieval burgage to 18th century inn – The development of a Rye Street Corner', *SAC* **155**, 119-133.

Martin, D. & Martin, B. 2004 *New Winchelsea Sussex – A Medieval Port Town*.

Rudling, D., Barber, L. & Martin, D. 1993 'Excavations at the Phoenix Brewery site, Hastings, 1988', *SAC* **131**, 73-113.

Stevens, S. 2004 'Excavations at 1-3 High Street, Seaford, East Sussex'

[Steyping & Bramber](#)

Gardiner, M.F. 1988 'Excavations at Testers, White Horse Square, Steyping, 1985', *SAC* **126**, 53-76.

Gardiner, M.F. 1990 'An Anglo-Saxon and medieval settlement at Botolphs, Bramber. West Sussex' *Archaeol. Journal.* **147**, 216-275.

Gardiner, M. 1993 'The excavation of a Late Anglo-Saxon Settlement at Market Field, Steyping', *SAC* **131**, 21-67.

Gardiner, M.F. & Greatorex, C. 1997 'Archaeological excavations in Steyping, 1992-5 further evidence for the evolution of a late Saxon small town', *SAC* **135**, 143-71.

Greatorex, C. 2008 'An archaeological excavation at Steyping Museum, Church Street, Steyping, West Sussex', *SAC* **146**, 95-105.

Hudson, T.P. 1980 'The origin of Steyping and Bramber, Sussex', *Southern History* **2**, 11-30.

Pennington, J. 2006 'The market-houses of Steyping', *SAC* **144**, 169-76.

Reynolds, A. 1992 'Excavations at Steyping New Museum, Church Street, Steyping, West Sussex', *SAC* **130**, 60-68.

Lewes

Barber, L & Sibun, L. 2010 'The medieval hospital of St Nicholas, Lewes, East Sussex', *SAC* **148**, 79-109.

Drewett, P.L. 1992 'Excavations at Lewes Castle, East Sussex, 1985-88', *SAC* **130**, 69-106.

Gardiner, M.F. et al 1996 'Excavations at Lewes Friary 1985-6 and 1988-9', *SAC* **134**, 71-123.

James, R. 2016 'Excavations at Castle Ditch Lane, Lewes, East Sussex, 2003', *SAC* **154**, 141-56.

Rudling, D. 1991 'Excavations at Cliffe, Lewes, 1987 and 1988', *SAC* **129**, 165-181.

Russell, M. 1990 'Excavations in Friars Walk, Lewes, 1989', *SAC* **128**, 141-156.

Shoreham By Sea

The Marlipins excavation is covered by Thomas 2005 and the discovery of the Aquamanile pottery in Stevens 2011.

Stevens, S. 2009 'Excavations at No. 5 John Street, Shoreham-By-Sea, West Sussex', *SAC* **147**, 97-109.

Stevens, S. 2011 'Archaeological investigations at the Ropetackle site, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex', *SAC* **149**, 59-158.

Thomas, G. 2005 'Refining the biography of a marketplace tenement – A recent excavation and archaeological interpretative survey at 'The Marlipins', Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex', *SAC* **143**, 173-204.