

PART I PAPER 8

BRITISH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY, 1050-c. 1500

2021-22

READING LIST FOR STUDENTS & SUPERVISORS



Man's head, fourteenth century, a carving in Prior Crauden's chapel (1320s), Ely cathedral

## Part I Paper 8 2021-22

The period covered by this paper was one of dramatic change in British economic and social life. The twelfth and thirteenth centuries were a time of marked economic development and creativity, and saw the expansion of agricultural output, towns, trade and industry. Famine and plague followed in the fourteenth century, leading to a very different era of stagnation and social upheaval in the later middle ages. Overall, it is now generally agreed that the period studied in this course laid essential foundations for Britain's exceptional economic trajectory in later centuries. This course aims to provide students with a sense of the broader trends of the period 1050-1500, as well as the chance to look in depth at important problems and debates. By the end of the course students will also be able to reflect on the exciting challenges involved in studying the society and economy of an era before censuses, government statistics, and printing.

Paper 8 is made up of 24 topics, such as 'The Black Death', 'Town life', and 'War and society'. Students, in consultation with their supervisors, can choose which of these topics they wish to study for weekly supervisions. The 24 topics represent a mix of economic and social history. Across Michaelmas and Lent terms, there will be two series of introductory lectures, followed by lectures on each of the 24 topics. The Part I Tripos examination paper for Paper 8 will feature 24 questions, that is, one corresponding to each of the 24 topics. (Paper 8 took this format for the first time in the Tripos exam in 2017.) This reading list specifies a number of themes or debates (usually three) under each topic. The relevant lecture will engage heavily with these themes or debates. When doing their supervision essays, students are advised to focus on one or more of these themes/debates. One or more of the themes or debates will normally form the focus of each examination question.

### Using this reading list

This list is divided into two parts, each containing 16 sections, giving 32 sections in all. The first part concerns British economic history, the second British social history. The 32 sections correspond to the 32 lectures on this paper scheduled for Michaelmas and Lent Terms. For both economic and social history, there are four Introductory lectures. These will discuss key concepts, trends, sources, historical debates and methods. The aim of these introductory lectures is to provide essential background to the 12 'topic' lectures which follow in each series. They are intended to be especially helpful for students who are new to medieval history and/or economic and social history. The reading lists for the four Introductory lectures are deliberately kept relatively short and include only the more essential items. The reading lists for the 24 Topics are usually longer. It is intended that students will be able, with guidance from their supervisors, to select from these lists when preparing weekly essays on particular topics. In some of the 'Topic' lectures, an additional reading list will be distributed, which will contain further items not in this list.

**\*\*NOTE ON ONLINE READING, SEPTEMBER 2021\*\*:**

This reading list was revised in September 2020 in preparation for the 2020-21 academic year, during which Faculty teaching was largely online, and physical access to libraries restricted. All items in the list available online at that point, either

as e-books via IDiscover, or as e-journals (via an e-journal search, or elsewhere online e.g. JSTOR) are noted as such, by highlighting and the inclusion of the words 'e-journals' or 'e-book', or similar. NB only digital items available to read outside the library are marked in the list. Where a key piece of reading is only available as a physical copy in libraries, an attempt has been made to identify an online alternative. Some items have already been scanned and made available to students in the 'Reading – scanned items' folder in the Paper 8 Moodle. These are marked ['Moodle'] in the list below. Overall the online reading provision for Paper 8 is relatively good, since for most topics there are plenty of journal articles published online.

Starred items: \*=priority reading \*\*=high priority reading

#### abbreviations used in this reading list

<i>AgHR</i>	<i>Agricultural History Review</i>
<i>BIHR</i>	<i>Bulletin of The Institute of Historical Research</i>
<i>C&amp;C</i>	<i>Continuity and Change</i>
<i>ECHR</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Economic History</i>
<i>P&amp;P</i>	<i>Past &amp; Present</i>
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>

#### Electronic resources

Many of the journal items in this reading list are available electronically; see above. To locate an online journal article, visit the University Library e-journals page, at:

[https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/jsearch?vid=44CAM\\_PROD&lang=en\\_US](https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/jsearch?vid=44CAM_PROD&lang=en_US)

Many of the more important journals for Paper 8 are available in their entirety if you are within the @cam domain. This includes *AgHR*, *C&C*, *ECHR*, *EHR*, *JEH*, and *P&P*. *The Cambridge Urban History of Britain* and *The Cambridge Economic History of Europe* are available online: search for 'Cambridge Histories Online'. Older works published more than 100 years ago are very likely to be available online, e.g. at: archive.org.

NB this reading list includes several useful chapters from the medieval volumes of the ***Agrarian History of England and Wales*** (vol. 2, edited by H. Hallam, 1988, and vol. 3, edited by E. Miller, 1990). These can be quite hard to find in IDiscover. They are not online but available in the Seeley at HD603 .A36 1967, the UI at R220.4, and in many College libraries.

All those taking Paper 8 for Tripos will be added to the Moodle course site for Paper 8, where access to key scanned items is available (see above). Contact Dr Briggs (cdb23) for further details.

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## GENERAL WORKS

These books are likely to be of use for the whole paper. They cover the 8 introductory themes, as well as most of the 24 topics (many of these general works are mentioned again below, where relevant). Older works, i.e. those published before 1990, do not take account of the latest research. If read with this in mind, however, they remain very valuable, since they frequently engage with ongoing debates.

Bolton, J.L., *The Medieval English Economy 1150-1500* (1980).

\*Britnell, R., *The Commercialization of English Society 1000-1500* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1996).

\*\*Britnell, R., *Britain and Ireland, 1050-1530: Economy and society* (2004).

Carr, A.D., *Medieval Wales* (1995).

\*Crick, J., and Van Houts, E. (eds.), *A Social History of England 900-1200* (2011). [e-book]

\*\*Dyer, C., *Making a living in the Middle Ages* (2002). [e-book]

Dyer, C., *An Age of Transition? Economy and Society in England in the later middle ages* (2005). [e-book]

Duffy, S., *Ireland in the Middle Ages* (1997).

Goldberg, P.J.P., *Medieval England: a Social History* (2004).

Hatcher, J., *Plague, Population and the English Economy, 1348-1530* (1977).

\*\*Horrox, R., and Ormrod, W.M. (eds.), *A Social History of England 1200-1500* (2006). [E-BOOK]

McNeill, P., and MacQueen, H. (eds.), *Atlas of Scottish History to 1707* (1996).

\*Miller, E., and Hatcher, J., *Medieval England: Rural Society and Economic Change, 1086-1348* (1978).

\*Miller, E., and Hatcher, J., *Medieval England: Towns, Commerce and Crafts. 1086-1348* (1995).

Postan, M.M., *The Medieval Economy and Society* (1972).

\*Rigby, S.H., *English Society in the Late Middle Ages: Class, Status and Gender* (1995).

\*\*Rigby, S.H. ed., *A Companion to Britain in the Later Middle Ages* (revised paperback edition, 2009), esp. parts I, III and IV; covers Scotland, Wales and Ireland as well as England. [E-BOOK]

## ECONOMIC HISTORY

### 1. Land and people

The medieval economy as an 'organic economy'; the predominance of agriculture; fundamental features of British geography; the distribution of natural resources; transport; settlement patterns and the distribution of population.

- \*\*Britnell, R.H., *Britain and Ireland 1050-1530: Economy and Society* (2004), chs 1-4 ('preliminaries'), esp. pp. 71-95 ('Contours of development'). [Moodle: ch. 4]
- Britnell, R.H., 'England and Northern Italy in the Early Fourteenth Century: The Economic Contrasts', *TRHS*, fifth ser., 39 (1989) [e-journals]
- \*Campbell, B., 'Progressiveness and backwardness in thirteenth and early fourteenth-century English agriculture: the verdict of recent research', in J-M. Duvosquel and E. Thoen, eds., *Peasants and Townsmen in Medieval Europe* (1995) [Moodle]
- \*\*Campbell, B., 'England: land and people', in S. Rigby, ed., *A companion to Britain in the late middle ages* (2003); also reprinted in B. Campbell, *Land and People in Late Medieval England* (2009) [e-book]
- Campbell, B., 'The land', in R. Horrox and W.M. Ormrod, eds., *A Social History of England 1200-1500* (2006) [e-book] esp. pp. 195-215
- Campbell, and Barry, L., 'The population geography of Great Britain c.1290: a provisional reconstruction', in C. Briggs et al. eds., *Population welfare and economic change in Britain, 1290-1834* (2014)
- Darby, H.C., ed., *A New Historical Geography of England before 1600* (1978), chapters by Glasscock, Donkin, Baker
- \*Dyer, C., 'How urbanized was medieval England?' in J-M. Duvosquel and E. Thoen, eds., *Peasants and Townsmen in Medieval Europe* (1995) [Moodle]
- \*Langdon, J., 'Inland water transport in medieval England', *Journal of Historical Geography*, 19 (1993) [e-journals]
- Smith, R., 'Human resources', in G. Astill and A. Grant eds., *The countryside of medieval England* (1988) [Moodle]
- \*Wrigley, E.A., 'The transition to an advanced organic economy: half a millennium of English agriculture' *EcHR* 59 (2006), pp. 435-80 [e-journals]

### 2. Trends: a chronological overview

Some basic economic and demographic trends of the period 1050-c.1500; difficulties of assessing twelfth-century trends; movement in indicators such as prices and wages; 'turning points'; the period 1349-c.1500 as a set of sub-periods.

#### *Population trends*

Hinde, A., *England's Population: A History since the Domesday Survey* (2003) Part I – work by a demographer which looks at the mechanics of population change in this period.

1100-1300

- King, E., 'Economic development in the early twelfth century', in R. Britnell and J. Hatcher (eds.), *Progress and Problems in Medieval England* (1996). [e-book]
- \*Masschaele, J., 'The English economy in the era of Magna Carta', in J.S. Loengard (ed.), *Magna Carta and the England of King John* (2010). [e-book]
- \*Miller, E., 'England in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries: an economic contrast?', *EcHR*, 24 (1971). [e-journals]

*1300-1500 (see also Topic 9, The early 14<sup>th</sup>-century 'crisis')*

- Bridbury, A.R., 'Before the Black Death', *EcHR*, 30 (1977) [e-journals]
- Bridbury, A.R., 'The Black Death' *EcHR*, 26 (1973) [e-journals]
- Bridbury, A.R., *Economic Growth: England in the Later Middle Ages* (1962)
- Britnell, R., 'The economic context', in A.J. Pollard, ed., *The Wars of the Roses* (1995)
- Britnell, R., *The closing of the middle ages? England, 1471-1529* (1997), Part IV for the end of the period
- Campbell, B., 'Portrait of Britain: AD 1300', *History Today*, 50 (2000) [online]
- \*Dyer, C., *An Age of Transition? Economy and Society in England in the Later Middle Ages* (2005) Chapter One ('A new middle ages') [e-book]
- \*Hatcher, J., 'The great slump of the mid-fifteenth century', in R. Britnell and J. Hatcher, eds., *Progress and Problems in Medieval England* (1996) [e-book]
- \*Hatcher, J., 'Unreal wages: long-run living standards and the 'golden age' of the fifteenth century', in B. Dodds and C.D. Liddy, eds., *Commercial Activity, Markets and Entrepreneurs in the Middle Ages* (2011) [Moodle/e-book]
- \*Miller, E., 'Introduction: land and people', in Miller, ed., *Agrarian History of England and Wales*, III 1348-1500 (1991) [Moodle]
- Munro, J., 'Before and after the Black Death: money, prices, and wages in fourteenth-century England', in T. Dahlerup and P. Ingesman (eds.), *New Approaches to the History of Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe* (2009). [Moodle]
- Postan, M.M., 'The fifteenth century', *EcHR*, 9 (1939), also in Postan, *Medieval Agriculture and General problems of the Medieval Economy* (1973) [e-book]

*Also stimulating:*

- Campbell, B.M.S., 'The Great Transition: climate, disease and society in the 13th and 14th centuries' Ellen McArthur Lectures, University of Cambridge, February 2013. Now published as *The Great Transition*. [e-book] Watch podcasts at:

<http://www.econsoc.hist.cam.ac.uk/podcast-campbell.html>

### 3. Models of economic change

The use of models and theories to explain the developments identified in the overview of trends: Malthusian or population-resources models; class-conflict based models; commercialisation models.

*General and Introductory*



Campbell, B., *English Seigniorial Agriculture* (2000), pp. 1-25 [e-book]

\*Hatcher J., and Bailey, M., *Modelling the Middle Ages: The History and Theory of England's economic development* (2001) [e-book]

\*\*Rigby, S.H., 'Introduction: social structure and economic change in late medieval England', in R. Horrox and W.M. Ormrod, eds., *A Social History of England 1200-1500* (2006) [e-book]

For an advanced yet stimulating view of these issues, see:

Epstein, S., *Freedom and Growth. The Rise of States and Markets in Europe, 1300-1700* (2000), chs. 1 and 3. [e-book]

#### *Malthus – population and resources*

\*\*Postan, M., 'Medieval agrarian society in its prime: England', in Postan, ed., *The Cambridge Economic History of Europe, I. Agrarian Life in the Middle Ages* 2<sup>nd</sup>. Edn., 1966) [e-book]

Titow, J.Z., *English Rural Society 1200-1350* (1969)

#### *Class conflict and the role of socio-property relations*

\*Aston, T.H., and Philipin, C., eds., *The Brenner debate: Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe* (1985), especially the two chapters by R. Brenner, starting with the original (1976) one [e-book]

#### *Commercialization*

Bailey, M., 'The commercialisation of the English economy, 1086-1500', *Journal of Medieval History*, 24 (1998) [e-journals]

\*\*Britnell, R.H., 'Commercialisation and economic development in England, 1000-1300', in Britnell, R.H., and Campbell, B.M.S., *A Commercialising Economy. England 1086 to c.1300* (1995) [Moodle]

Britnell, R.H., 'Specialization of work in England, 1100-1300', *Economic History Review*, 54 (2001) [e-journals]

\*Britnell, R.H., *The Commercialisation of English Society 1000-1500* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1996)

\*Langdon, J., and Masschaele, J., 'Commercial activity and economic growth in medieval England', *P&P*, 190 (2006) [e-journals]

#### 4. Debates, sources and methods

What sources and methods have been used to write the history of the medieval British economy, and how have these changed over time? Chronological and spatial distribution of surviving sources; local case studies versus larger scale investigations.

#### *Primary sources*

*English Historical Documents* volumes 2-4 (edited by D. Douglas, H. Rothwell, and A.R. Myers, respectively), sections on 'land and people' or 'economy and society', for examples of the written sources used to write the economic history of this period. [e-book, via Idiscover - databases]

#### *Discussions of the primary sources*

\*\*Britnell, R.H., *Britain and Ireland 1050-1530: Society and economy* (2004), chapters 13 and 23

Campbell, B., 'A unique estate and a unique source: the Winchester Pipe Rolls in perspective', in Britnell, R., ed., *The Winchester Pipe Rolls and Medieval English Society* (2003)

\*\* Clanchy, M., *From Memory to Written Record. England 1066-1307* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2012) [e-book via UL catalogue] – on the huge growth in writing in this period, especially royal documents.

Duby, G., *Rural Economy and Country Life in the Medieval West* (1968) –good collection of documents useful for comparisons of England and France.

\*Dyer, C., 'Documentary evidence: problems and enquiries', in G. Astill and A. Grant, eds., *The Countryside of Medieval England* (1988); and see other essays in the book e.g. that by Grant for use of material evidence.

Dyer, C., *An Age of Transition? Economy and Society in England in the Later Middle Ages* (2005) [e-book]– shows that some sources - especially manorial sources - become scarcer and less detailed for the fifteenth century, while new types of sources such as wills then become available.

Hilton, R., 'The content and sources of English agrarian history before 1500' *AgHR* 3 (1955) [e-journals; old but still useful]

West, J., *Village Records* (1982)

#### *Archaeology and material evidence*

Astill, G., 'Economic change in later medieval England: an archaeological review', in T.H. Aston et al., eds. *Social Relations and Ideas* (1983)

Astill, G., and Grant, A. (eds.) *The Countryside of Medieval England* (1988)

Platt, C., *Medieval England: a social history and archaeology from the Conquest to A.D. 1600* (1978).

Schofield J. and Vince, A., *Medieval Towns* (1994).

## 5. England in 1086: economy and society

Themes and debates:

- How much can Domesday Book (DB) tell us about the size and distribution of England's population in 1086?
- How much can DB tell us about the level of England's economic development in 1086?
- How much does DB reveal about the social impact of the Norman Conquest?

### *Primary sources*

For a convenient translation of the text, try *Domesday Book: A Complete Translation* (Penguin, 2003), or the series published by Phillimore (red paperbacks, one per county), general editor J. Morris (Seeley Library 13.11.502 onwards)

### *Secondary sources*

*The Domesday survey and DB: background, motives, and structure of its contents:*

Finn, R.W., *Domesday Book: a Guide* (1973)

Galbraith, V.H., *The Making of Domesday Book* (1961)

Harvey, S., *Domesday: book of judgement* (2014) [e-book], esp. ch. 7

\*Holt, J.C., ed., *Domesday Studies* (1987), especially chapter by Holt; chapters by Harvey and Palmer also relevant for economic aspects

Sawyer, P., ed., *Domesday Book: A Reassessment* (1985)

*On the Norman Conquest, and its economic effects:*

Finn, R.W., *The Norman Conquest and its Effects on the Economy, 1066-1086* (1971)

Kapelle, W.E., *The Norman Conquest of the North* (1979), [e-book], chapters 3, 6

*Introductory surveys of what Domesday tells us about the economy:*

\*Dyer, C., *Making a Living in the Middle Ages* (2002), [e-book] ch. 3

\*Miller E., and Hatcher, J., *Medieval England: Rural Society and Economic Change 1086-1348* (1978), ch. 1

*Domesday Book and the (Rural) Economy:*

Britnell, R.H., and Campbell, B.M.S, eds., *A Commercialising Economy. England 1086 to c.1300* (1995), Appendices 1-3 (short discussions which shed interesting light on the problems of using Domesday to calculate GDP; Mayhew and Snooks reach very different figures in this volume) [Moodle]

Campbell, B.M.S., *English Seigniorial Agriculture 1250-1450* (2000), [e-book] chapter 8 (uses estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), population etc. in 1086 to make comparisons with evidence from later dates)

\*Darby, H.C., *Domesday England* (1977), [e-book], useful on towns, population, geographical distribution of resources etc.

\*Harvey, S., 'Domesday England', in *The Agrarian History of England and Wales II*, ed. H.E. Hallam (1988)  
Harvey, S. 'The extent and profitability of demesne agriculture in England in the late eleventh century', in T. Aston et al., eds., *Social Relations and Ideas* (1983)

*Towns in Domesday:*

Palliser, D., ed., *The Cambridge Urban History of Britain Vol. 1, 600-1540* (2000), Part II [e-book]  
Reynolds, S., chapter in Holt, ed., *Domesday Studies* (see above) [Moodle]

*On population in Domesday:*

Hinton, D.A., 'Demography: from Domesday and beyond', *Journal of Medieval Hist.*, 39 (2013) [e-journals]  
Moore, J., '“Quot homines?” the population of Domesday England', *Anglo-Norman Studies* 19 (1996) [Moodle]

*For the application of modern economic and statistical techniques to Domesday, see:*

McDonald J., and Snooks, G.D., *Domesday Economy: a New Approach to Anglo-Norman History* (1986) [e-book; esp Part I]  
McDonald, J., *Production efficiency in Domesday England, 1086* (1998) (very mathematical – a striking example of the kinds of quantitative analysis that have been undertaken using DB)

*Classic older studies:*

Lennard, R., *Rural England 1086-1135. A Study of Social and Agrarian Conditions* (1959)  
Maitland, F.W., *Domesday Book and Beyond. Three Essays in the early History of England* (1897, [e-book]; 1960 reprint with introduction by E. Miller)  
Round, J.H., *Feudal England. Historical Studies on the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries* (1895) [e-book; out of copyright]

## 6. Landlords and estate management 1100-1350

Themes and debates:

- What objectives guided landlords' estate management?
- To what extent did landlords make a dynamic contribution to the wider economy?
- Did large and small landlords adopt similar estate management policies following similar chronologies?

*General and introductory:*

- \*Dyer, C., *Making a Living in the Middle Ages: the People of Britain 850-1520* (2002) [e-book] chap. 4
- Dyer, C., 'The ineffectiveness of lordship in England, 1200-1400', in C. Dyer et al., eds., *Rodney Hilton's Middle Ages* (supplement to *Past and Present*, 2007) [e-journals] [https://academic.oup.com/past/issue/195/suppl\\_2](https://academic.oup.com/past/issue/195/suppl_2)
- Miller, E., and Hatcher, J., *Medieval England: Rural Society and Economic Change 1086-1348* (1978) [chap. 7 although now quite old is still v good introduction] [Moodle: Ch. 7]
- \*Miller, E., 'England in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries: an economic contrast?' *EcHR*, 24 (1971) [e-journals]

*The inflation of 1180-1220*

- \*Harvey, P.D.A., 'The English inflation of 1180-1220', *P&P* 61 (1973) [[e-journals]; reprinted in R.H. Hilton, ed., *Peasants, Knights and Heretics* (1976)]
- \*Harvey, P.D.A., 'The Pipe Rolls and the adoption of demesne farming in England', *EcHR*, 27 (1974) [e-journals]
- Latimer, P., 'The English inflation of 1180 to 1220 reconsidered', *P&P* 171 (2001) [e-journals]

*Treatises on estate management, and the development of estate documentation*

- Drew, J.S., 'Manorial accounts of St Swithun's Priory, Winchester', *English Historical Review* 62 (1947), [e-journals]; also repr. in E. Carus-Wilson, ed., *Essays in Economic History Volume Two* (1962).]
- Harvey, P., 'Agricultural treatises and manorial accounting in medieval England', *AgHR* 20 (1972) [e-journals]
- Oschinsky, D., ed., *Walter of Henley and other Treatises on Estate Management and Accounting* (1971) [for texts of the key treatises; see previous item for important review essay; older edition ed. E. Lamond is available [online](#)]
- Titow, J.Z., *English Rural Society 1200-1350* (1969) [gives examples of estate documentation and is also a useful introduction to these.]

*Profit*

- Mate, M., 'Profit and productivity on the estates of Isabella de Forz (1260-92)', *EcHR*, 33 (1980) [e-journals]
- Postles, D., 'The perception of profit before the leasing of demesnes' *Agricultural History Review*, 34 (1986) [e-journals, or [bahs.org.uk](http://bahs.org.uk)]

Stone, E., 'Profit and loss accountancy at Norwich Cathedral Priory', *TRHS*, 5<sup>th</sup> ser., 12 (1962) [e-journals]

*Some studies of different types of landlord from the point of view of estate management*

Coss, P., *The foundations of gentry life: the Multons of Frampton and their world 1270-1370* (2010) [e-book], chaps. 5 & 6

Dyer, C., *Lords and Peasants in a Changing Society. The Estates of the Bishopric of Worcester, 680-1540* (1980)

Faith, R.J., 'Demesne resources and labour rent on the manors of St Paul's Cathedral, 1066-1222', *EcHR* 47 1992 [e-journals]

Harvey, S.P.J., 'The extent and profitability of demesne agriculture in England in the later eleventh century', in T.H. Aston et al., eds., *Social relations and ideas* (1983)

Kershaw, I., *Bolton Priory The Economy of a Northern Monastery, 1286-1325* (1973)

King, E., *Peterborough Abbey 1086-1300* (1973), esp. chs. 7-8

Mate, M., 'The farming out of manors: a new look at the evidence from Canterbury Cathedral Priory', *Journal of Medieval History*, 9 (1983) [e-journals]

Miller, E., *The abbey and bishopric of Ely* (1951)

Postles, D., *Oseney abbey studies* (2008) [chaps 7-14; online collection of previously published items, at: <http://historicalresources.myzen.co.uk/oxon.pdf>]

Smith, R.A.L., *Canterbury Cathedral Priory. A Study in Monastic Administration* (1943)

\*Stacy, N., 'The state of the demesne manors of Glastonbury Abbey in the twelfth century', in R. Evans ed., *Lordship and learning: studies in memory of Trevor Aston* (2004)

## 7. Landlords and estate management c.1350-c.1500

Themes and debates:

- What were the problems facing landlords in this period and how severe were they?
- How far did landlords innovate in their approach to estate management?
- Did large and small landlords act in the same way?

*General and introductory:*

- \*Bean, J.M.W., 'Landlords 1350-1500', in E. Miller (ed.), *Agrarian History of England and Wales*, iii, 1348-1500 (1991)
- Britnell, R., *Britain and Ireland 1050-1530: Economy and Society* (2004), ch. 21.
- Dyer, C., 'Were there any capitalists in fifteenth-century England?', in J. Kermodé ed., *Enterprise and individuals in fifteenth century England* (1991)
- Dyer, C., *Standards of Living in the Later Middle Ages* (revised edn., 1998), [e-book] chs. 2-4.
- Dyer, C., *Making a Living in the Middle Ages* (2002), [e-book] pp. 330-349.
- \*Fryde, E.B., *Peasants and landlords in later medieval England* (1996), ch. 8; also chs. 9-11.
- Given-Wilson, C., *The English nobility in the late middle ages* (1987), [e-book] Part II.
- \*Hatcher, J., 'The great slump of the mid-fifteenth century', in J. Hatcher and R. Britnell (eds.), *Progress and Problems in Medieval England* (1996) [e-book]

*The leasing out of demesnes*

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- Hare, J., 'The demesne lessees of fifteenth-century Wiltshire', *AgHR*, 1981 [e-journals] – and see Hare's book on Wiltshire, *A prospering society* (2011), chapters 6 and 7
- Harvey, B., 'The leasing of the abbot of Westminster's demesnes in the later middle ages', *ECHR* 22 (1969) [e-journals]

*Tenurial changes amongst tenants*

- Bailey, M., 'The transformation of customary tenures in southern England, c.1350-c.1500' *AgHR* 62 (2014) [e-journals]
- \*Schofield, P.R., 'Tenurial developments and the availability of customary land in a later medieval community', *ECHR*, 49 (1996) [e-journals] – about the shift to contractual tenures on a manor of Westminster Abbey]

*Some studies of individual estates and landlords:*

- Britnell, R., 'The Pastons and their Norfolk', *AgHR* 36 (1988) [e-journals]
- Britnell, R., 'The coal industry in the later middle ages: the bishop of Durham's estates', in M. Bailey and S. Rigby eds., *Town and countryside in the age of the Black Death* (2011)
- Carpenter, C., *Locality and Polity: A Study of Warwickshire Landed Society 1401-99* (1992) [e-book] [Pt. 1 esp. chs. 4 & 5]

- Dobson, R.B., *Durham priory 1400-1450* (1973), [e-book] ch. 8.
- Du Boulay, F.R.H., *The Lordship of Canterbury* (1966)
- Dyer, C., *Lords and Peasants in a Changing Society: the Estates of the Bishopric of Worcester 680-1540* (1980)
- Harvey, B., *Westminster Abbey and its Estates in the Middle Ages* (1977), esp. chs. v, ix, & x.
- Holmes, G., *The Estates of the Higher Nobility in Fourteenth-Century England* (1957) esp. ch. iv
- Mate, M., 'Agrarian economy after the Black Death: the estates of Canterbury Cathedral Priory, 1348-91', *ECHR*, 37 (1984) [e-journals]
- McFarlane, K.B., *The Nobility of Later Medieval England* (1973)
- Pollard, A., 'Estate management in the later middle ages: the Talbots and Whitchurch, 1383-1525', *ECHR* (1972) [e-journals]
- Richmond, C., *John Hopton* (1981) [e-book] [chap. 2]



## 8. Agriculture: landlords and peasants

Themes and debates:

- How far did peasant agriculture differ from that of landlords?
- To what extent were medieval farmers capable of technical innovation?
- To what extent is it possible to discern distinctive regional farming systems in this period?

*General and introductory (including regional contrasts):*

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\*Campbell, B.M.S., 'Progressiveness and backwardness in thirteenth- and early fourteenth-century agriculture: the verdict of recent research', in J-M. Duvosquel & E. Thoen (eds.), *Peasants and Townsmen in Medieval Europe* (1995) [Moodle]

Campbell B., and Overton, M., 'A new perspective on medieval and early modern agriculture: six centuries of Norfolk farming, c.1250-c.1850', *P&P*, 141 (1993) [e-journals]

\*Campbell, B.M.S., *English seigniorial agriculture, 1250-1450* (2000). [e-book]  
Though it looks forbidding, this important book is well worth a try. It is a good place to go if you want to find out something specific about agricultural methods - see chapters 4 and 5 in particular.

Hallam, H.E. (ed.), *The Agrarian History of England and Wales, vol. II* (1988). Ch. 4

Miller, E. (ed.), *The Agrarian History of England and Wales, vol III* (1991). Ch. 3.

Postan, M., *The Medieval Economy and Society* (1972), ch. 4

\*Stone, D., *Decision-making in medieval agriculture* (2005) [e-book]

*Agricultural productivity*

\*Campbell, B.M.S., 'Agricultural progress in medieval England: some evidence from eastern Norfolk', *EcHR*, 36 (1983). [e-journals]

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Stone, D., 'The productivity of hired and customary labour: evidence from Wisbech Barton in the fourteenth century', *EcHR*, 50 (1997). [e-journals]

\*Thornton, C. 'The level of arable productivity on the bishopric of Winchester's manor of Taunton, 1283-1348', in R. Britnell, (ed.), *The Winchester Pipe Rolls and Medieval English society* (2003). [Moodle]

*Technological change in medieval agriculture*

Bailey, M., 'The rabbit and the medieval East Anglian economy', *AgHR*, 36 (1988). [e-journals]

Campbell, B.M.S., 'Economic rent and the intensification of English agriculture, 1086-1350', in Astill, G., and Langdon, J. (eds.), *Medieval Farming and Technology. The impact of Agricultural Change in Northwestern Europe* (1997) [Moodle]

- Campbell, B.M.S., 'The diffusion of vetches in medieval England', *Economic History Review*, 41 (1988) [e-journals]
- Langdon, J., *Horses, Oxen and Technological Innovation. The Use of Draft Animals in English Farming from 1066-1500* (1986). [start with 'Conclusions, available on Moodle]
- Mate, M., 'Medieval agrarian practices: the determining factors?', *AgHR*, 33 (1985). [e-journals]
- Fox, H.S.A., 'The alleged transformation from two-field to three-field systems in medieval England', *EcHR*, 39 (1986) [e-journals]
- Sawyer, P., and Hilton, R.H., 'Technical determinism: the stirrup and the plough' *P&P*, 24 (1963) (a response to Lynn White jr. – see below). [e-journals]
- Stone, D., 'Medieval farm management and technological mentalities: Hinderclay before the Black Death', *EcHR*, 54 (2001). [e-journals]
- White Jr, L., *Medieval Technology and Social Change* (1962). [E-book] (for a broad account of the role of technology).

#### *Peasant agriculture, including comparison with seigniorial agriculture*

- Dodds, B. *Peasants and Production in the Medieval North-East: The Evidence from Tithes, 1270-1536* (2007), esp. chs. 3 and 6.
- Langdon, *Horses* (above)
- Postan, M., 'Village livestock in the thirteenth century', *EcHR*, 15 (1962), also in Postan, *Essays on Medieval Agriculture* (1973). [e-book]
- Sapoznik, A., 'The productivity of peasant agriculture: Oakington, Cambridgeshire, 1360–99', *EcHR*, 66 (2013) [e-journals]
- Stone, *Decision-making* (above), pp. 262 ff.

#### *Pastoral agriculture*

- Biddick, K., *The Other Economy: pastoral husbandry on a medieval estate* (1989). [e-book]
- Birrell, J., 'Deer and deer farming in medieval England', *AgHR*, 40 (1992). [e-journals]
- Mate, M., 'Pastoral farming in south-east England in the fifteenth century', *Economic History Review* 40 (1987) [e-journals]
- Page, M., 'The technology of medieval sheep farming: some evidence from Crawley, Hampshire, 1208-1349', *AgHR*, 51 (2003). [e-journals]
- Stone, D., 'The productivity and management of sheep in late medieval England', *AgHR*, 51 (2003). [e-journals]

## 9. The 'crisis' of the early fourteenth century

Themes and debates:

- Was the crisis a single event or a series of developments?
- Which were the more important in causing the crisis: endogenous or exogenous forces?
- How rapid or successful was economic recovery following the crisis?

*General and introductory:*

- \*\*Bailey, M., 'Peasant welfare in England, 1290-1348', *EcHR*, [e-journals]
- Bailey, M., 'The concept of the margin in the medieval English economy', *Economic History Rev.*, (1990) [e-journals]
- Baker, A.R.H., 'Evidence in the *Nonarum Inquisitiones* of contracting arable lands in England during the early fourteenth century', *EcHR* 19 (1966) [e-journals]
- Campbell, B., ed., *Before the Black Death. Studies in the 'Crisis' of the early fourteenth century* (1991), [e-book] esp. \*'Introduction' by B. Harvey.
- \*Campbell, B., 'The agrarian problem in the early fourteenth century', *Past and Present* 188 (2005) [e-journals]
- \*Campbell, B., and Bartley, K., *England on the Eve of the Black Death. An Atlas of Lay Lordship, Land and Wealth, 1300-49* (2006) [chapters 1-3 to understand underlying source material, then e.g. chaps. 7-10, 16]
- Dyer, C., 'The crisis of the early fourteenth century: some material evidence from Britain', in D. Boisseuil et al., eds., *Écritures de l'espace social* (2010) [Moodle]
- Dyer, C., 'The Midland economy and society, 1314-1348: insights from changes in the landscape', *Midland History*, 42 (2017) [e-journals]
- Hallam, H.E. *Rural England, 1086-1348* (1981), chapters 2 and 12
- \*Harvey, B.F. 'The population trend in England between 1300 and 1348', *TRHS* 5<sup>th</sup> ser., 16 (1966) [e-journals]
- Hilton, R.H., 'Was there a general crisis of feudalism?' [pub 1951], reprinted in Hilton, *Class Conflict and the Crisis of Feudalism* (1985, revised edn. 1990) [Moodle]
- Jordan, W.C., *The Great Famine. Northern Europe in the Early Fourteenth Century* (1996) [e-book] esp. Part I.
- \*Kershaw, I. 'The Great Famine and agrarian crisis in England 1315-1322' *Past and Present* (1973) [e-journals], also reprinted in R.H. Hilton, *Peasants, Knights and Heretics* (1976)
- \*Postan, M.M. 'Medieval agrarian society in its prime: England', in *Cambridge Economic History of Europe I*, ed. Postan (1966), pp. 548-633. (A classic argument in favour of the key role of population in economic development.). [e-book]
- Titow, J.Z. *English Rural Society 1200-1350* (1969), ch. 3

*Environmental shocks*

- \*Campbell, B.M.S., *The Great Transition: climate disease and society in the late medieval world* (2016), ch 3 ['A precarious balance']. esp. pp. 191-208 [E-book.]

- \*Campbell, B.M.S., 'Physical shocks, biological hazards, and human impacts: the crisis of the fourteenth century revisited', in S. Cavaciocchi, ed., *La interazione fra economia e ambiente biologico nell'Europa preindustriale secc. XIII-XVIII [Economic and Biological Interactions in Preindustrial Europe from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries]* (2010) [In UL; Moodle]
- Slavin, P., 'The Great Bovine Pestilence and its economic and environmental consequences in England and Wales, 1318-50', *ECHR*, 65 (2012) [e-journals]
- Stone, D., 'The impact of drought in early fourteenth-century England', *Economic History Review*, 2014 [e-journals]

### Warfare

- Briggs, C., 'Taxation, warfare, and the early fourteenth-century "crisis" in the North: Cumberland lay subsidies, 1332-1348', *Economic History Review* 58 (2005) [e-journals]
- \*\*Maddicott, J.R., 'The English peasantry and the demands of the Crown, 1294-1341', supplement to *P&P* (1975), also in T.H. Aston (ed.), *Landlords, peasants and politics in medieval England* (1987) [Moodle]
- Mate, M., 'The Impact of the War on the Economy of Canterbury Cathedral Priory, 1294-1340', *Speculum*, 57 (1982) [e-journals]
- McNamee, C., *The Wars of the Bruces. Scotland, England and Ireland 1306-1328* (1997), esp. chap. 3
- Prestwich, M., 'Currency and the economy of early fourteenth-century England', in N. Mayhew ed., *Edwardian monetary affairs* (1977) (useful short piece)

## 10. The Black Death and later fourteenth-century epidemics

Themes and debates:

1. To what extent was mortality in the Black Death and subsequent fourteenth-century plague outbreaks similar for all social groups and regions?
2. How successful was legislation to deal with labour shortages after the Black Death?
3. Were the effects of the Black Death (including mortality levels) exaggerated by contemporaries?

*Primary sources*

Horrox, R., *The Black Death* (1994) [e-book] [a very useful collection. See, for example, the description of the plague by Henry Knighton]

*General and introductory:*

Bailey, M., *After the Black Death: economy, society and the law in fourteenth-century England* (2021) [important new study; e-book]

Benedictow, O., *The Black Death 1346-1353. The Complete History* (2004)

\*Hatcher, J., *Plague, population and the English Economy, 1348-1530* (1977)

\*\*Hatcher, J., 'England in the aftermath of the Black Death', *P&P* (1994) [e-journals]

Ormrod, M. & Lindley, P., eds., *The Black Death in England* (1996) [see especially chapter by \*Bolton - Moodle]

Platt, C., *King Death. The Black Death and its Aftermath in late-medieval England* (1996)

*The debate about the nature of the disease*

Bolton, J.L., 'Looking for *Yersinia Pestis*: scientists, historians, and the Black Death' in Linda Clark and Carole Rawcliffe eds., *The Fifteenth Century XIII: Society in an Age of Plague* (2013) [e-book]

Cohn, S.K., 'The Black Death: the end of a paradigm', *American Historical Rev.*, 107 (2002) [e-journals; for the view that the medieval plague was not the same disease as modern plague]

Theilmann, J., and Cate, F., 'A plague of plagues: the problem of plague diagnosis in medieval England', *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 32 (2007) [e-journals]

*The effects of Black Death on prices and wages, including legislative responses:*

\*Bailey, M., and Rigby, S., *Town and Countryside in the Age of the Black Death* (2012). Studies by \*Stone, \*Campbell

Braid, R., 'Behind the Ordinance of Labourers: economic regulation and market control in London before the Black Death', *Journal of Legal History* 34 (2013) [e-journals]

\*Farmer, D., 'Prices and wages, 1350-1500', chapter 5 in E. Miller, ed., *The Agrarian History of England and Wales, III, 1348-1500* (1991), esp. pp. 432-43.

- \*Given-Wilson, C., 'Service, serfdom and English labour legislation 1350-1500', in *Concepts and Patterns of Service in the Later Middle Ages*, ed. A. Curry and E. Matthew (Woodbridge, 2000), 21-37 [[Moodle](#)]
- Munro, J., 'Before and after the Black Death: money, prices, and wages in fourteenth-century England', in T. Dahlerup and P. Ingesman (eds.), *New Approaches to the History of Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe* (2009) [[Moodle](#)].
- \*Putnam, B., *The Enforcement of the statute of labourers during the first decade after the Black Death 1349-59* (1908) [[online at archive.org](#); comprehensive & detailed]

#### *Further studies*

- \*Britnell, R.H., 'The Black Death in English towns', *Urban History*, 21 (1994) [[e-journals](#)]
- Dohar, W.J., *Black Death and Pastoral Leadership: the diocese of Hereford in the fourteenth century* (1995) [[e-book](#)]
- Fryde, E., 'The tenants of the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield and of Worcester after the plague of 1348-9', in R.F. Hunnisett and J.B. Post, eds., *Medieval Legal Records* (1978)
- Levett, A.E., *The Black Death on the estates of the See of Winchester* (Oxford Studies in Social and Legal History, 1916) [[e-book at archive.org](#) etc.]
- James, T.B., 'The Black Death in Hampshire' (*Hampshire Papers*, 18 (1999) [order West Room, L479.b.270]
- Lomas, R.A., 'The Black Death in county Durham', *Journal of Medieval History*, 15 (1989) [[e-journals](#)]
- Rees, W., 'The Black Death in Wales', *TRHS*, 4<sup>th</sup> series, 3 (1920) [[e-journals](#)], reprinted in R.W. Southern, ed., *Essays in Medieval History* (1968)
- Sloane, B., *The Black Death in London* (2011)

## 11. Population stagnation: the later middle ages

Themes and debates:

- What are strengths and weaknesses of the available primary sources for population trends after 1350?
- Can we determine the chronological, social and spatial incidence of epidemic disease after c. 1390?
- How can we best characterize the relationship between population and economy in the fifteenth century?

*Important older studies:*

- Bean, J., 'Plague, population and economic decline in the later middle ages', *EcHR*, 15 (1963) [e-journals]
- \*Hatcher, J., *Plague, Population and the English Economy 1348-1530* (1977)
- Russell, J.C., *British Medieval Population* (1940)
- Thrupp, S., 'The problem of replacement rates in late medieval English population', *EcHR* (1965) [e-journals]

*Studies placing late medieval population in wider perspective:*

- Smith, R.M., 'Human resources', in G. Astill and A. Grant, eds., *The countryside of medieval England* (1988) [Moodle]
- Smith, R.M., 'Plagues and peoples: the long demographic cycle, 1250-1670', in P. Slack and R. Ward (eds.), *The Peopling of Britain* (2002) [e-book]
- Wrigley, E.A., and Schofield, R.S., *The Population History of England 1541-1871: a Reconstruction* (1981) – while principally about the parish register era (post-1538) there is an important discussion in appendix 5 of how estimates of English population totals might be made for the early sixteenth century

*Key studies on later medieval English population change*

- \*\*Bailey, M., 'Demographic decline in late medieval England: some thoughts on recent research', *EcHR* (1996) [e-journals] – a critical review of the influence of changes in fertility on demographic trends]
- Bolton, J., '“The world upside down”. Plague as an agent of economic and social change', in M. Ormrod and P. Lindley, eds., *The Black Death in England* (1996), pp. 29-40, a mid-1990s review of the debate. [Moodle]
- Goldberg, P.J.P., *Women, Work and Life-Cycle in a Medieval Economy: Women and Work in Yorkshire, c.1300-1520* (1992), [e-book] esp. chap. 8. Uses wills, church court cases and poll taxes
- \*Poos, L.R., *A Rural Society after the Black Death: Essex 1350-1525* (1991) [e-book], Part III, esp. pp. 111-15
- Rigby, S.H. 'Urban population in late medieval England: the evidence of the lay subsidies', *Economic History Rev.*, 63 (2010) [E-Journals]

*Studies of mortality using wills*

Goldberg, P.J.P., 'Mortality and economic change in the diocese of York, 1390-1514', *Northern History* 24 (1988) [e-journals]  
Gottfried, R.S., *Epidemic Disease in Fifteenth-Century England* (1972) - a will-based study which has been subject to criticism

*Studies of mortality in monastic communities*

\*Hatcher, J. Piper, A.J., and Stone, D., 'Monastic mortality: Durham Priory 1395-1529', *EcHR* 59 (2006) [e-journals]; summarizes the work on monastic sources; for more detail, see the next two items]  
Hatcher, J., 'Mortality in the fifteenth century: some new evidence', *Economic History Review* 39 (1986) [e-journals]  
Harvey, B.F., *Living and Dying in Medieval England 1100-1540. The Monastic Experience* (1993) [chap IV] [e-book]

*Recent work from the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure on the Inquisitions Post Mortem (IPMs)*

Poos, L.R., Oeppen, J., and Smith, R.M., 'Re-assessing Josiah Russell's measurements of late medieval mortality using the Inquisitions Post Mortem', in M. Hicks (ed.), *The Fifteenth Century Inquisitions Post-Mortem: A Companion* (2012) [e-book]  
Smith, R.M., 'Measuring adult mortality in an age of plague: England 1349-1540', in M. Bailey and S. Rigby (eds), *Town and Countryside in the age of the Black Death: Essays in honour of John Hatcher* (2012)



## 12. The peasant household

Themes and debates:

- How strong is the evidence for an improvement in peasant diets after c.1350?
- How important is evidence of the material environment for our understanding of peasant living standards?
- Did peasants display a distinctive pattern of consumption and expenditure?

*General and introductory:*

Dyer, C., *Standards of living in the later middle ages* (rev. ed., 1998) [e-book], chs 5 & 6

Dyer, C., *An Age of Transition? Economy and Society in England in the later middle ages* (2005) [e-book], esp. chs. 2 and 4

Gilchrist, R., *Medieval life: archaeology and the life course* (2012) [e-book], ch. 4

Goldberg, P.J.P., 'The fashioning of bourgeois domesticity in later medieval England: a material culture perspective', in M. Kowaleski and P.J.P. Goldberg, eds., *Medieval Domesticity: Home, Housing and Household in Medieval England* (2008) [Moodle]

\*Hanawalt, B., *The ties that bound. Peasant families in medieval England* (1986) esp. chs I and III

Jaritz, G., 'The material culture of the peasantry in the late middle ages: "image" and "reality"', in D. Sweeney, ed., *Agriculture in the Middle Ages: Technology, Practice, and Representation* (1995). [e-book]

\*Kowaleski, M., 'A consumer economy', in R. Horrox and M. Ormrod, eds., *A Social History of England, 1200-1500* (2006) [e-book]

*Families and households: structure and character*

Macfarlane, A., *The Origins of English Individualism* (1978)

Schofield, P.R., *Peasant and community in medieval England* (2003)

*Housing*

Alcock, N., 'The medieval peasant at home: England, 1250-1550', in C. Beattie, A. Maslakovic, and S. Rees Jones, eds., *The Medieval Household in Christian Europe c.850-c.1550. Managing Power, Wealth and the Body* (2003)

\*\*Dyer, C., 'English peasant buildings in the later middle ages', *Medieval Archaeology* 30 (1986) [e-journals], reprinted in Dyer, *Everyday Life in Medieval England* 1994) [e-book]

\*Grenville, J., *Medieval Housing* (1997). chapter on peasant housing [Moodle]

*Diet*

\*Dyer, C., 'Changes in diet in the later middle ages: the case of harvest workers', *AgHR*, 36 (1988), [e-journals]; also in Dyer, *Everyday life in medieval England* (1994)] [e-book]

Dyer, C., 'English diet in the later middle ages', in T.H.Aston et al., *Social Relations and Ideas* (1983)

Woolgar, C.M., Serjeantson, T., and Waldron, D., eds., *Food in Medieval England* (2006) [useful studies by Dyer, Schofield, and Stone] [e-book]

*Material possessions and clothing*

\*Field, R.K., 'Worcestershire peasant buildings, household goods and farming equipment in the later middle ages', *Medieval Archaeology*, 9 (1965). [e-journals]

Hinton, D.A., 'Deserted medieval villages and the objects from them', in C. Dyer and R. Jones, eds., *Deserted Medieval Villages Revisited* (2010) [e-book]

Smith, S.V., 'Materializing resistant identities among the medieval peasantry: an examination of dress accessories from English rural settlement sites', *Journal of Material Culture* 14 (3) (2009) [e-journals]

### 13. Serfdom

Themes and debates:

- How and why did serfdom/villeinage emerge in the later twelfth and early thirteenth centuries?
- When and why did serfdom decline?
- To what extent did serfdom/villeinage have detrimental economic effects?

*General and introductory:*

*On the growth of the common law*

Hudson, J., *The formation of the English common law* (1996), [e-book] esp. Introduction and ch. 7

*Key contributions to the debate on villenage*

- \*Bailey, M., 'Villeinage in England: a regional case study, c.1250-c.1349', *EcHR*, 62 (2009) [e-journals]
- \*Hatcher, J. 'English serfdom and villeinage: towards a reassessment', *Past & Present*, 90 (1981) [e-journals]; also in T.H. Aston (ed.), *Landlords, peasants and politics in medieval England* (1987)
- \*Hilton, R.H. 'Freedom and villeinage in England', *P&P*, 31 (1965) [e-journals]; also reprinted in Hilton, ed., *Peasants, knights and heretics* (1976)
- \*Hyams, P., *King, lords and peasants in Medieval England* (1980). Try starting with parts I and IV
- Kanzaka, J., 'Villein rents in thirteenth-century England: an analysis of the Hundred Rolls of 1279-80', *EcHR*, 55 (2002) [e-journals]
- \*Razi, Z., 'Serfdom and freedom in medieval England: a reply to the revisionists', in C. Dyer, P. Coss and C. Wickham, (eds.), *Rodney Hilton's middle ages* (2007) [e-journals]

*More detailed studies of the period c.1050-c.1200*

Faith, R., *The English Peasantry and Growth of Lordship* (1997), esp. ch. 10.  
Pelteret, D.A.E., *Slavery in Early Medieval England: from the reign of Alfred until the Twelfth Century* (1995).

*Other useful studies on different aspects of freedom and villeinage*

- Carpenter, D.A., 'English peasants in politics, 1258-67', *Past & Present*, 136 (1992). [e-journals; villeins and the law]
- \*Dyer, C., 'Memories of freedom: attitudes towards serfdom in England, 1200-1350', in M. Bush (ed.), *Serfdom and slavery: studies in legal bondage* (1996) [analyzes lawsuits in which villeins claimed to be tenants of 'ancient demesne']
- Smith R.M., 'The English peasantry, 1250-1650', in T. Scott, ed., *The peasantries of Europe from the fourteenth to the eighteenth centuries* (1998)

*For a recent discussion of the issues, see also:*

Briggs, C., 'English serfdom, c.1200-c.1350: towards an institutionalist analysis', in Cavaciocchi, S., ed., *Schiavitù e servaggio nell'economia europea. secc. XI-XVIII. / Slavery and serfdom in the European economy from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries* (2014) available at:

<https://cambridge.academia.edu/ChrisBriggs>

*The decline of villeinage:*

\*\*Bailey, M., *The decline of serfdom in late medieval England: from bondage to freedom* (2014) [e-book]

*Important older studies on villeinage in its heyday, and in decline:*

Davenport, F., 'The decay of villeinage in East Anglia', *TRHS*, 14 (1900) [e-journals  
UL catalogue]

Gray, H.L., 'The commutation of labour services in England before the Black Death', *EHR* 29 (1914) [e-journals]

Hilton, R., *The Decline of Serfdom in Medieval England* (1969; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1983)

\*Pollock F. and Maitland, F.W., *The History of English Law before the Time of Edward I* (2 vols., 1895), vol. I, sections on 'unfree tenure' and 'the unfree'  
[available [online at archive.org](https://www.archive.org)]

Poole, A.L., *The Obligations of Society in XII and XIII centuries* (1946). Ch. II.

## 14. Towns, markets and trade 1050-c.1350

Themes and debates:

- How extensive was urban growth in this period and how should we account for it?
- How great an impact did overseas trade have on the wider economy?
- What was the relative importance of informal and formal trade and marketing?

*General and introductory:*

- Beresford, M., *New towns of the middle ages. Town Plantation in England, Wales and Gascony* (1967)
- Britnell, R., 'Urban demand in the English economy, 1300-1600' in J.A. Galloway, ed., *Trade, urban hinterlands and market integration c.1300-1600* (2000) [importance of demand from small towns]
- Britnell, R., 'England: Towns, Trade and Industry', in S. Rigby, ed., *A companion to Britain in the late middle ages* (2009 edition) [e-book]
- Dyer, C., 'Small places with large consequences: the importance of small towns in England, 1000-1540', *Historical Research*, 75 (2002) [e-journals]
- Dyer, C. 'How urbanized was medieval England?' in J-M. Duvosquel and E. Thoen, eds., *Peasants and Townsmen in Medieval Europe* (1995) [Moodle]
- Lynch, M., Spearman, M., and Stell, G., eds. *The Scottish Medieval Town* (1988)
- \*Miller, E., and Hatcher, J., *Medieval England: Towns, Commerce and Crafts 1086-1348* (1995) [whole book is relevant; ch. 2 on industries especially good] [to scan]
- \*\*Palliser, D.M. (ed.), *The Cambridge Urban History of Britain Volume I 600-1540* (2000) [e-book], Part II, esp. chs. 5 and \*\*6
- Platt, C., *The English Mediaeval Town* (1979) [a bit dated, but an 'easy' introduction]
- \*Reynolds, S., *Introduction to the History of English Medieval Towns* (1977)

NB for case studies of specific towns try the essays at:

<http://www.historictownsatlas.org.uk/> (also useful for economic history topic 15 and social history 9), and for primary sources G. Rosser, *Towns in medieval England: selected sources* (2016) [e-book]

*Markets & fairs*

- \*\*Britnell, R.H., 'The proliferation of markets in England, 1200-1349', *EcHR*, 34 (1981) [e-journals]
- Britnell, R.H., *The Commercialisation of English Society 1000-1500* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1996), part 2 esp. ch. 4
- Dyer, C., 'Market towns and the countryside in late medieval England', *Canadian Journal of History* 31 (1996) [e-journals] [useful here even though it considers the period after as well as before 1348]
- Masschaele, J., *Peasants, merchants and markets. Inland Trade in Medieval England 1150-1350* (1998) [a strong statement of the intensification of trade in the countryside and the importance of rural markets in this period]
- Moore, E.W., *The Fairs of Medieval England: An Introductory Study* (1985)

*Towns in Domesday Book*

Darby, H.C., *Domesday England* (1977) [e-book], ch. 10  
Palliser, D., *Domesday York* (Borthwick Paper, 1990) [31 pages]  
Reynolds, S., 'Towns in Domesday Book' in J. Holt, ed., *Domesday Studies* (1987)

*Studies of particular towns/regions in this period: a selection*

*London*

Keene, D., 'Medieval London and its region', *London Journal* 14 (1989) [Moodle]  
Williams, G., *Medieval London: From Commune to capital* (1963) [e-book]

*Other:*

Bailey, M., 'The economy of towns and markets, 1100-1500', in T.R. Slater and N. Goose, eds., *A county of small towns: the development of Hertfordshire's urban landscape to 1800* (2008)  
Britnell, R., 'Boroughs, markets and trade in northern England, 1000-1216', in R. Britnell and J. Hatcher eds., *Progress and Problems in Medieval England* (1996) [e-book]  
Carus-Wilson, E. 'The first half century of the borough of Stratford upon avon', *EcHR*, 18 (1965) [e-journals]; also in Holt, R., and Rosser, G. eds., *The English Medieval Town. A Reader in English Urban History 1200-1540* (1990)]  
\*Goddard, R., 'Small boroughs and the manorial economy: enterprise zones or urban failures?', *P&P*, 210 (2011) [e-journals]  
Rawcliffe, C., and Wilson, R., eds., *Medieval Norwich* (2004) see esp. chapters by Campbell and Rutledge

*Overseas trade (for inland trade see under 'markets and fairs', above):*

Carus-Wilson, E., and Coleman, O., *England's export trade, 1275-1547* (1963)  
Lloyd, T.H., *The English wool trade in the middle ages* (1977) [e-book]  
Power, E., *The wool trade in English medieval history* (1941)

## 15. Towns, markets and trade c.1350-c.1500

Themes and debates:

- To what extent did the role of markets and marketing change in this period?
- In what ways did changes in the textile industry affect the fortunes of towns?
- Did British towns suffer economic decline in this period?

*Introductions to medieval towns which include coverage of this period:*

Dyer, A., *Decline and Growth in English Towns 1400-1640* (1995)

Holt, R., and Rosser, G., eds., *The English Medieval Town. A Reader in English Urban History 1200-1540* (1990) (reprints some classic studies on towns in this period; Also some useful further reading suggestions at the end of each chapter)

Reynolds, S., *An Introduction to the History of English Medieval Towns* (1977)

Swanson, H., *Medieval British Towns* (1999)

NB for case studies of specific towns try the essays at:

<http://www.historictownsatlas.org.uk/> (also useful for economic history topic 14 and social history 9), and for primary sources G. Rosser, *Towns in medieval England: selected sources* (2016)

*The Cambridge Urban History of Britain:*

\*D. Palliser (ed.) *The Cambridge Urban History of Britain Vol. 1, 600-1540* (2000) [e-book], Part III, especially chapters 12, 14, 17, 18, 20. Chapters 22 and 23 concern Welsh and Scottish towns.

*The debate about later medieval 'urban decay':*

Dobson, R.B., 'Urban decline in late medieval England', *TRHS* (1977) [e-journals] (UL catalogue) ; also reprinted in Holt and Rosser, eds., *The English Medieval Town* (see above)

Dyer, A., '“Urban decline” in England, 1377-1525', in T.R. Slater, ed., *Towns in Decline AD 100-1600* (2000)

Palliser, D., 'Urban decay revisited', in J.A.F. Thomson, ed., *Towns and Townspeople in the Fifteenth Century* (1988)

Phythian Adams, C., 'Urban decay in late medieval England', in P. Abrams and E.A. Wrigley (eds.), *Towns in Societies* (1978)

Rigby, S.H., 'Late medieval urban prosperity: the evidence of the lay subsidies', *EcHR*, 39 (1986) [e-journals]

\*Rigby, S.H., 'Urban population in late medieval England: the evidence of the lay subsidies', *EcHR*, 63 (2010) [e-journals]; this article goes beyond the issue of urban decay]

*Local and regional trade*

- \*Dyer, C., 'The consumer and the market in the later middle ages', *EcHR*, 42 (1989) [e-journals]; also available in Dyer, *Everyday Life in Medieval England* (1994) [e-book]
- Dyer, C., and Laughton, J., 'Seasonal patterns of trade in the later middle ages: buying and selling at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, 1400-1520', *Nottingham Medieval Studies*, 46 (2002) [e-journals]
- Hicks, M. (ed.), *English inland trade 1430-1540: Southampton and its region* (2015) [e-book]
- Lee, J.S., 'The trade of fifteenth-century Cambridge and its region', in M. Hicks, ed., *Revolution and Consumption in Late Medieval England* (2001)
- Mate, M., 'The rise and fall of markets in southeast England', *Canadian Journal of History*, 31 (1996) [e-journals]

#### *The later medieval cloth industry*

- \*Bailey, M., *Medieval Suffolk: an Economic and Social History, 1200-1500* (2007), chapters 11 and 12, which are also good on general changes in trade and markets, 1349-1500
- Bridbury, A.R., *Medieval English Clothmaking: an Economic Survey* (1982)
- \*Carus-Wilson, E., 'Evidences of industrial growth on some fifteenth-century manors', *EcHR* 12 (1959) [e-journals], reprinted in Carus-Wilson, ed., *Essays in Economic history Volume II*(1962)
- Hare, J.N., 'Growth and recession in the fifteenth-century economy: the Wiltshire textile industry and the countryside', *EcHR*, 52 (1999) [e-journals]
- Hare, J., *A Prospering Society: Wiltshire in the Later Middle Ages* (2011), chapters 10 and 11
- Oldland, J., 'Wool and cloth production in late medieval and early Tudor England', *EcHR*, 67 (2014) [e-journals]

#### *Overseas trade in wool and cloth*

- Carus-Wilson, E., and Coleman, O., *England's Export Trade, 1275-1547* (1963)
- Carus-Wilson, E., *Medieval Merchant venturers* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1967), esp. ch. VI
- Kermode, J., *Medieval Merchants: York, Beverly and Hull in the Later Middle Ages* (1998)
- Power, E., 'The wool trade in the fifteenth century', in E. Power and M. Postan, eds., *Studies in English Trade in the Fifteenth century* (1933)

#### *Other aspects of overseas trade*

- Childs, W., 'England's iron trade in the fifteenth century', *EcHR*, 34 (1981) [e-journals]
- Childs, W., *Anglo-Castilian Trade in the Later Middle Ages* (1978)
- Hatcher, J., *English Tin production and trade before 1550* (1973)
- James, M.K., *Studies in the Medieval Wine Trade* (1971)

#### *Some studies of particular towns*

- Amor, N., *Late medieval Ipswich: Trade and Industry* (2011) [UL & Seeley; also e-book]



- Bailey, M., 'A tale of two towns: Buntingford and Standon in the late middle ages', *Journal of Medieval Hist.* (1993) [e-journals]
- Barron, C., *London in the Later Middle Ages. Government and People 1200-1500* (2004) [e-book],
- \*Britnell, R.H., *Growth and Decline in Colchester 1300-1525* (1986) [e-book],
- \*Kowaleski, M., *Local Markets and Regional Trade in Medieval Exeter* (1995)
- Lee, J.S., *Cambridge and its Economic Region 1450-1560* (2005)
- Palliser, D., *Medieval York 600-1540* (2014) [e-book], chs. 6 and 7
- Phythian-Adams, C., *Desolation of a City. Coventry and the Urban Crisis of the Late Middle Ages* (1979)
- Platt, C., *Medieval Southampton. The port and trading community, AD 1000-1600* (1973), parts III and IV
- Rigby, S.H., *Medieval Grimsby, Growth and Decline* (1993)

## 16. Money and credit

Themes and debates:

-In what ways did the supply of money change between 1150 and 1500 and how did these changes affect the economy?

-How important was credit and in what ways did this change over time?

-To what extent was the economy in this period completely 'monetized'?

*General and introductory:*

\*Bolton, J.L., 'What is money? What is a money economy? When did a money economy emerge in medieval England?', in Wood, D., ed., *Medieval Money Matters* (2004)

Bolton, J.L. *Money in the medieval English economy: 973-1489* (2012)

\*Dyer, C., 'Peasants and coins: the uses of money in the middle ages', *British Numismatic Journal*, 67 (1997) [e-journals]

Spufford, P., *Money and its uses in Medieval Europe* (1989) [e-book]

Webb, D., ed., *Medieval Money Matters* (2004; all studies relevant)

*On the mints and the coinage:*

Challis, C., ed., *A New History of the Royal Mint* (1992), ch. 2, by Mayhew.

*For discussion of a 'monetarist' interpretation of the medieval economy:*

Mayhew, N.J., 'Population, money supply and the velocity of circulation in England, 1300-1700', *EcHR*, 2nd ser. 48 (1995) [e-journals]

Munro, J.H., 'Wage-stickiness, monetary changes, and real incomes in late medieval England and the Low Countries, 1300-1500: did money matter?', *Research in Economic History*, 21 (2003), 185-297 [P220.b.116; not for the faint-hearted but good example of work by a major advocate of the importance of money in medieval economic change]

*On changes in the quantity of money in medieval England and their effects:*

\*Allen, M., 'The volume of the English currency, 1158-1470', *EcHR*, 54 (2001) [e-journals]; for a slightly updated version see: M. Allen, *Mints and Money in Medieval England* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), chapter 10. – e-book]

Mate, M., 'The role of the gold coinage in the English economy, 1338-1400', *Numismatic Chronicle*, 18 (1978) [e-journals]

Mayhew, N.J., 'Numismatic evidence and falling prices in the fourteenth century', *EcHR*, 2nd ser. 27 (1974) [e-journals]

\*Nightingale, Pamela, 'Gold, credit and mortality: distinguishing deflationary pressures on the late medieval English economy', *EcHR*, 63 (2010) [e-journals]

*On credit:*

- Bolton, J.L., 'Was there a "crisis of credit" in fifteenth-century England?', *British Numismatic Journal* 81 (2011) [Moodle]
- Briggs, C., 'The availability of credit in the English countryside, 1400-1480', *AgHR* 56 (2008) [e-journals]
- Briggs, C., *Credit and Village Society in Fourteenth-Century England* (2009)
- Goddard, R., *Credit and Trade in Later Medieval England, 1353-1532* (2016)
- Jenkinson, H., 'William Cade, a financier of the twelfth century', *EHR*, 28 (1913) [e-journals]
- Nightingale, P., 'Monetary contraction and mercantile credit in later medieval England', *EcHR*, 2nd ser. 43 (1990), 560-75. [e-journals]
- Nightingale, P., 'The impact of crises on credit in the late medieval English economy', in A.T. Brown, A. Burn and R. Doherty (eds.), *Crises in economic and social history* (2015)
- Postan, M.M., 'Credit in medieval trade', in Postan, *Medieval Trade and Finance* (1973) [e-book]

*On Jewish lending, 1066-1290:*

- Mundill, R.R., *England's Jewish Solution. Experiment and Expulsion, 1262-1290* (1998), [e-book], esp. Chs. 5 and 7.
- Stacey, R.C., 'Jewish lending and the medieval economy', in *A Commercialising economy. England 1086 to c. 1300*, ed. R.H. Britnell and B.M.S. Campbell (1995)

*On coinage and money in Scotland*

- Gemmill, E., and Mayhew, N.J., *Changing values in medieval Scotland: A study of prices, money, and weights and measures* (1995), [e-book], ch. 4
- Mayhew, N.J., 'Scotland: economy and society', in S.H. Rigby, ed., *A companion to Britain in the later middle ages* (2009 ed.) [e-book] esp. pp. 111-15, and see also further reading suggestions therein.

## SOCIAL HISTORY

### 1. The structure of medieval society: contemporary theories

Medieval ideas about society in their wider European context; the scriptural and philosophical bases for these ideas; views about society as a hierarchy, especially the concept of the three orders; contemporary vocabulary used to describe social groups; the relationship between elite and clerical theories of social hierarchy and order, and social reality.

*Medieval social thought in the wider European context:*

Constable, G., 'The orders of society', in his *Three studies in medieval religious and social thought* (1995) [[e-book via UL catalogue](#)], esp. Introduction (pp. 251-66)

Duby, G., *The three orders: feudal society imagined* (1978)

Freedman, P., *Images of the medieval peasant* (1999), esp. Ch. 1.

*England, especially the later middle ages:*

Dyer, C., *Standards of living in the later middle ages* (rev. ed., 1998), [[e-book](#)] chapter 1

\*Keen, M., *English society in the later middle ages, 1348-1500* (1990) [[e-book via UL catalogue](#)], esp. ch. 1

\*\*Rigby, S.H., 'Introduction: social structure and economic change in late medieval England', in R. Horrox and W.M. Ormrod, eds., *A Social History of England 1200-1500* (2006) [[e-book](#)]

### 2. The structure of medieval society: modern theories

Theories about the sources of social inequality, especially those of Marx and Weber; classes and status groups; functionalist social theory and medieval history.

*Introductory:*

\*\*Rigby, S.H., 'Introduction: social structure and economic change in late medieval England', in R. Horrox and W.M. Ormrod, eds., *A Social History of England 1200-1500* (2006) [[e-book](#)]

Rigby, S.H., *English Society in the Later Middle Ages* (1995)

Rigby, S. H., 'Approaches to pre-industrial social structure', in J. H. Denton, ed., *Orders and Hierarchies in Late Medieval and Renaissance Europe* (1999) [summarizes some key ideas from Rigby's 1995 book, above]

*General introductions to the relevant social theories:*

Burke, P., *History and Social Theory* (1992)

Crone, P., *Pre-industrial Societies* (1989) [e-book]

Giddens, A., *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory* (1979) [e-book]

*For Marxist and Weberian views of social structure, see:*

Rigby, S.H., *Marxism and History* (1987)

Gerth, H.H., and C. Wright Mills (eds.), *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology* (1991) [e-book], esp. pp. 180-94

Parsons, T., *Essays in Sociological Theory* (1958)

*On peasantry:*

Hilton, R.H., *The English Peasantry in the Later Middle Ages* (1975), [e-book] esp. chs. 1 & 2

Homans, G.C., *English Villagers of the Thirteenth Century* (1941). [e-book] George Caspar Homans (1910-1989) was a US sociologist and medieval historian.

Schofield, P.R., *Peasants and historians: debating the medieval English peasantry* (2016)

### 3. Trends: a chronological overview

The Norman conquest and English society; the growth of urban and mercantile society and the professions; English society in 1379; social mobility and the later middle ages.

*Introductory and general:*

\*Crick, J., and Van Houts, E. (eds.), *A Social History of England 900-1200* (2011). [e-book]

\*Bailey, M., 'Rural society', in *Fifteenth Century Attitudes* ed. R Horrox (1994)

Coss, P., 'An age of deference', in Horrox, R., and Ormrod, W.M., eds., *A Social History of England, 1200-1500* (2006) [e-book]

*Social mobility and the later middle ages:*

\*Carocci, S., 'Social mobility and the middle ages', *Continuity & Change*, 26 (2011) [e-journals]

Du Boulay, F.R.H., *An Age of Ambition: English Society in the Later Middle Ages* (1970).

Bennett, M.J., 'Careerism in late medieval England', in J. Rosenthal and C. Richmond, eds., *People, politics and community in the later middle ages* (1987)

Hilton, R.H., 'Ideology and social order in late medieval England', in Hilton, *Class conflict and the crisis of feudalism* (revised 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1990) [commentary on Du Boulay]

\*Maddern, P., 'Social mobility', in Horrox, R., and Ormrod, W.M., eds., *A Social History of England, 1200-1500* (2006) [e-book]

\*Payling, S., 'Social Mobility, Demographic Change and Landed Society in Late Medieval England', *Economic History Rev.*, 1992 [e-journals]

Rigby, S.H., 'English society in the later middle ages: deference, ambition and conflict', in P. Brown, ed., *A companion to medieval English literature and culture* (2007) [e-book via UL catalogue]

#### 4. Debates, sources and methods

Primary sources for social history; the development of medieval social history as a field of study; some debates: the individual and community; kin and family.

*For an introduction, try:*

Goldberg, P.J.P., *Medieval England: A Social History 1250-1550* (2004) esp. Part I

*A controversial yet influential book that has informed many debates in medieval social history is:*

\*Macfarlane, A., *The Origins of English Individualism* (1978)

*On community, family and kinship:*

Dyer, C., 'Power and conflict in the medieval English village', in Dyer, *Everyday Life in Medieval England* (1994) [e-book]

Dyer, C., 'The English medieval village community and its decline', *Journal of British Studies* 33 (1994) [e-journals]

\*Fleming, P., *Family and Household in Medieval England* (2001)

Razi, Z., 'The myth of the immutable English family', *P&P*, 140 (1993) [e-journals]

\*Schofield, P.R., 'England: the family and the village community', in S. Rigby, ed., *A Companion to Britain in the later middle Ages* (2009 ed.) [e-book]

Smith, R.M. "Modernization" and the corporate medieval village community in England: some sceptical reflections', in A.R.H. Baker and D. Gregory (eds.), *Explorations in Historical Geography* (1984) [[Moodle](#)]

## 5. The monasteries and religious orders in English society c.1066-1215

Themes and debates:

-Why were so many religious houses founded in the twelfth century and why did the rate of foundation decline towards the end of that century?

-How is the popularity of the friars in the thirteenth century to be explained?

### *European Context*

Chibnall, M., 'Monastic foundations in England and Normandy, 1066-1189', in D. Bate and A. Curry eds., *England and Normandy in the Middle Ages* (1994) [e-book]

Lawrence, C.H., *Medieval Monasticism* (2nd ed., 1989)

Lyon, J.R., 'Nobility and Monastic Patronage: The View from Outside the Monastery,' in *The Cambridge History of Medieval Monasticism in the Latin West*, ed. A. Beach and I. Cochelin (2020). [e-book] This essay helps to put insular trends into European perspective.

### *Monks, Canons and Hermits in the British Isles*

Burton, J., *Monastic and Religious Orders in Britain 1000-1300* (1994) [e-book]. You might want to focus here esp on Benedictines/Cluniacs, Augustinian Canons and Cistercians.

Burton, J., *The Monastic Order in Yorkshire, 1069-1215* (1999) [e-book]. As above, in terms of orders on which to focus, and note also the chapter treating lay patronage

Burton, J., and Kerr, J., *The Cistercians in the Middle Ages* (2011). For the development of the order in European context.

Burton J., and Stöber, K., (eds), *The Regular Canons in the British Isles*, (2011).

Burton, J., and Stöber, K. eds., *Monastic Wales: new approaches*, ed. J (2013) [e-book]

Cownie, E., *Religious Patronage in Anglo-Norman England 1066-1135* (1998)

Golding, B., 'Burials and Benefactions: an aspect of monastic patronage in thirteenth-century England', in W.M. Ormrod (ed), *England in the Thirteenth Century* (1985)

Harper-Bill, C., 'The Piety of the Anglo-Norman Knightly Class, in R.A. Brown (ed), *Proceedings of the Battle Conference* (1979)

Hill, B.D., *English Cistercian Monasteries and their Patrons in the Twelfth Century* (1968)

Licence, T., *Hermits and Recluses in English Society, 950-1200* (2011). [e-book]

Matthew, D.J.A., *The Norman Monasteries and their English Possessions* (1962)

Thompson, S., *Women Religious: the Foundation of English Nunneries after the Norman Conquest* (1991)

Wood, S., *English Monasteries and their Patrons in the Thirteenth Century* (1955)

### *Friars*

Brooke, R., *The Image of St Francis*, 2006.



Burton, J., *The Monastic and Religious Orders in Britain 1000-1300* (1994), [e-book]  
ch. 6.  
D'Avray, D., *The Preaching of the Friars* (1985) [e-book]  
Hinnebusch, W.A., *The Early English Friars Preachers* (1951)  
Lawrence, C.H., *The Friars: the impact of the early mendicant movement on  
Western society* (1994)  
Little, L.K., *Religious Poverty and the Profit Economy in Medieval Europe* (1978)  
Mayr-Harting, H., *Religion, Politics and Society in Britain 1066-1272*, 2011.  
Moorman, J.R.H., *A History of the Franciscan Order from its Origins to 1517* (1968),  
Parts I and II.

#### *Primary Sources*

Brooke, R., *The Coming of the Friars* (1975)  
Jones, D., (transl), *Friars' tales: thirteenth-century exempla from the British Isles*  
(2011) [e-book]

## 6. Church, parish and people 1050-1300

### Themes and debates:

- How much can be known about the religion of 'ordinary believers' in the period c.1050 to c.1215?
- What was the role of the saints in twelfth- and thirteenth-century religious culture?
- When, and why, did the parish emerge as the focus of lay religious practice?

### *Introductory*

- Brown, A., *Church and Society in England, 1000-1500* (2003) [e-book].
- Mayr-Harting, H., *Religion, Politics and Society in Medieval Britain 1066-1272* (2011)
- Tanner, N. and S. Watson, 'Least of the laity: the minimum requirements for a medieval Christian', *Journal of Medieval History* 32 (2006) [e-journals]
- Watkins, C.S., 'Religion and Belief' in *A Social History of England, 900-1200*, ed. E.M.C. Van Houts and J. Crick (2011). [e-book].

### *Parishes and Pastoral Care*

- Blair, J. (ed), *Minsters and parish churches: the local church in transition, 950-1200* (1988).
- Blair, J., and Sharpe, R., *Pastoral Care Before the Parish* (1992).
- Blair, J., *The Church in Anglo-Saxon Society* (2005) [e-book], chapters 6-9.
- Brentano, R., *The Two Churches: England and Italy in the thirteenth century* (1968). [e-book]
- Brett, M., *The English Church under Henry I* (1971).
- Hamilton, S., *Church and People in the Medieval West* (2013)
- Murray, A., 'Confession before 1215', *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* Sixth Series, Vol. 3 (1993) [e-journals]
- Mason, E., 'The Role of the English Parishioner, 1100-1500', *Jnl. of Ecclesiastical History* 27 (1976) [e-journals]
- Lawrence, C.H., 'The English Parish and its Clergy in the Thirteenth Century', in *The Medieval World*, ed. P. Linehan and J. Nelson (2000) [e-book]
- Thomas, H.M., 'Lay Piety in England from 1066 to 1215', *Anglo-Norman Studies*, 29 (2006).
- Warner, P., 'Shared Churchyards: freemen church-builders and the development of parishes in medieval East Anglia', *Landscape History*, 8 (1986), 39-52. [e-journals]

### *Saints and Relics*

- Crook, J., *English Medieval Shrines* (2011), chapters 5-8.
- Finucane, R.C., *Miracles and Pilgrims: popular beliefs in medieval England* (1977)
- Vincent, N., *The Holy Blood: Henry III and the Westminster Blood Relic* (2001)
- Ward, B., *Miracles and the Medieval Mind: theory, record and event* (1982)
- Webb, D., *Pilgrimage in Medieval England* (2000)
- Yarrow, S., *Saints and their Communities: miracle stories in twelfth-century England* (2005) [e-book]

## 7. Church, parish and people 1300-1500

Themes and debates:

-Was the adaptability of the late medieval church to the needs of the laity its chief source of strength?

-Was provision for the souls of the dead the defining characteristic of late medieval lay piety?

### *Introductory*

Brown, A., *Church and Society in England, 1000-1500* (2003) [e-book].

Duffy, E., 'Religious Belief', in R. Horrox and W.M. Ormrod, eds., *A Social History of England 1200-1500* (2006) [e-book]

Harper-Bill, C., *The Church in Pre-Reformation England* (rev edn, 1996).

### *General Studies*

Bernard, G.W., *The Late Medieval English Church: vitality and vulnerability before the break with Rome* (2012). [e-book]

Brown, A.D., *Popular Piety in Late Medieval England: the diocese of Salisbury, 1250-1550* (1995) [e-book]

Duffy, E., *The Stripping of the Altars: traditional religion in England 1400-1580*, 1993, introduction and part I. [e-book]

Duffy, E., *The Voices of Morebath: religion and rebellion in an English village* (2002), chapters 1-4. [e-book]

Hughes, J., *Pastors and Visionaries: religion and secular life in late medieval Yorkshire* (1988)

### *Aspects of Religious Culture*

Kümin, B., *The Shaping of a Community: the rise and reformation of the English Parish c.1400-1560* (1996)

Burgess, C., "A Fond Thing Vainly Invented": an essay on Purgatory and pious motive in late medieval England', in *Parish, Church and People*, ed. S. Wright (1988) [Moodle]

Gibson, G.M., *The Theater of Devotion: East Anglian drama and society in the late middle ages* (1983)

Peters, C., *Patterns of Piety: women, gender and religion in late medieval and early modern England*.

Rosser, G., 'Communities of Parish and Guild in the Late Middle Ages' in *Parish, Church and People*, ed. S. Wright (1988)

Rosser, G., 'Parochial Conformity and Popular Religion in Late Medieval England', *TRHS* (1991). [e-journals]

Rubin, M., *Charity and Community in Medieval Cambridge* (1987) [e-book].

Sumption, J., *Pilgrimage: an image of medieval religion* (1975)

Webb, D., *Pilgrims and Pilgrimage in the Medieval West* (2001), Part 3 [e-book].

Carpenter, C., 'Religion', in *Gentry Culture in Late Medieval England*, ed. R. Radulescu and A. Truelove (2005) [Moodle]

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## 8. Heresy and heterodoxy 1300-1500

Themes and debates:

- Was Lollardy ever a serious threat to the late medieval Church?
- How sharp was the dividing line between 'Lollards' and 'orthodox' believers?
- Does the term 'heterodoxy' rather than 'orthodoxy' or 'heresy' best describe the beliefs of late medieval parishioners?

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- what distinguished town life from its rural counterpart?
- is the term 'oligarchy' a useful one for understanding medieval British towns?
- to what extent did the structure of urban society change between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries?

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- to what extent did the law constrain women's social role?
- were the social experiences of urban women different from those of rural women?

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## 12. Education, language and literacy

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- Evolution of levels of and types of literacy; their impact on society (social structures, political culture, religion).
- 'School revolution' and the development of universities; their social impact; education of the laity vs. education of the clergy; education of women.
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- What social role did art and architecture play in this period?
- how significant were the effects of artistic patronage?

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## 14. Popular rebellion and resistance, c.1250-c.1450

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- How far is it possible to distinguish political and economic causes of popular rebellion and resistance?
- To what extent was the 1381 rising a wholly exceptional instance of English social revolt in this period?

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