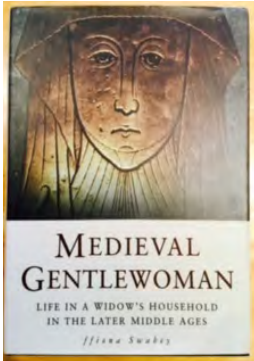




December 2017 Newsletter

Medieval Housekeeping



There is no meeting in December but on Tuesday January 23, 7 for 7 30pm at Manorfield, Church Enstone, Jfiona Perigrinor will be talking about her book *Medieval Gentlewoman* which describes the life of Alice de Bryene, a Suffolk noble lady at the court of Richard 11 whose household book of the year October 1412 - September 1413 details the amount of entertaining and food preparation that went on. Ale was brewed every six days and each person drank a gallon a day. Please let Anne Francis know if wish to attend.



Speed Awareness

Renault's F1 Sport HQ near Gagingwell again generously hosted the society to an evening reception and tour of the complex on November 14. After a presentation about the history of Renault in the F1 scene, members were guided around by Martin Cummings who organised the evening on our behalf.

A Jelly Was A High Thing

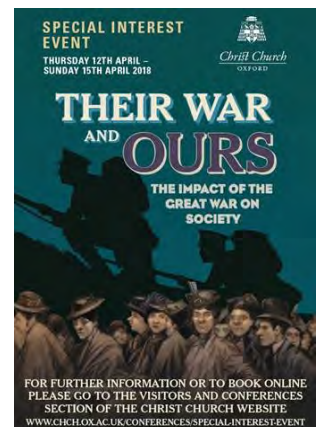


Sub titled 'food and eating in the Parish of Enstone, 1880-1950, Sally Coles has written an enchanting account of the eating habits and recipes cooked in Enstone during that period. She has interviewed families such as the Huckins, Sheffields, Reynolds and Watts and includes not only stories about what was eaten but recipes, tested for today's consumption. The booklet is delightfully illustrated with pictures of people and food. It would make a delightful stocking filler for Christmas. Copies costing £3 50 from Sally Coles, 01608677374/ sallycoles1985@hotmail.com

Christ Church Event

I have been sent details of next year's Christ Church Special Interest Event 'Their War and Ours; The Impact of the Great War on Society' to be held from 12 - 15th April 2018. Every Spring Christ Church, established by Henry V111 in 1546, holds a Special Interest Event open to the public. In 2018 it commemorates 100 years since the end of the First World War. Over the

course of the event, the programme will examine how the War affected not only the soldiers who fought it, but also the millions of civilians across the globe. The conference gathers a group of specialists on different countries and aspects of societies in wartime to give a fuller view of this global conflict. Tickets are still available for the residential packages: en-suite room package £574, Single standard room package £499, Twin Standard room package £998 [Twin/double en-suite rooms have sold out]. Full details on the college web site: www.chch.ox.ac.uk



The committee would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

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Diary Dates

Here is a brief over-view of events planned for 2018. More details and venues will be given in newsletters.

Tuesday January 23, ffiona Perigrinor on lifestyle of Alice de Bryene, a fifteenth century housewife and hostess.

Tuesday February 20, Anthony Lambert, author, on the Orient Express

Tuesday March 20, Harry Sidebottom, author of a fictional series on ancient warfare and tutor in ancient history at Oxford, on ancient warfare as the background to his books

Tuesday May 22, artist Kieran Stiles on aspects of the history of art and the influences on different artists.

Tuesday July 17, St Kenelm's feast; St Kenelm's Church.

Saturday August 25, marquee at village show

Tuesday September 25, Simon Batten, history master at Bloxham school on his book on how the British Army prepared for World War 1

Tuesday October 23, Martin Elson on early twentieth century owners of Chastleton House

Tuesday November 20, Rana Mitter, Oxford Professor of History and Politics of Modern China on the history of modern China