



West of England and South Wales

Women's History Network

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Forthcoming Events:

AUTUMN Study Day and AGM: Saturday 15 November 2014

10 am – 1 pm **S block, Room 2S609**

University of the West of England, Frenchay Campus Coldharbour Ln, Bristol BS16
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Writing women's lives: historians and autobiography

Wendy Cooper, 'Annie Kenney and her book *Memories of a Militant* – "simply an account of events that are engraved on my heart"'

Ruth Skrine, 'Fertility and sexuality in the 20th century ... snapshots from the life of a medical woman'.

Katherine Holden, 'Finding the nanny in autobiographical narratives and childhood memoirs'

There is no charge for this event, everyone welcome. Please come, and stay for the AGM to contribute to discussion on future activities of the Regional Network.

Your Committee needs your views!

**SPRING Study Day: Saturday 21 March 2015 10 am – 1 pm at
Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Chippenham**

Ally McConnell (project archivist Lacock Unlocked), 'Women in the Lacock project'
Claire Skinner (principal archivist, WSHC), 'Mary Petre Bruce, pioneer aviator, and her archives'

Virginia Bainbridge, 'Women in agricultural life through Wiltshire manorial documents'

REGIONAL NETWORK WEBSITE

<http://humanities.uwe.ac.uk/swhisnet/index.html>

**West of England and South Wales Women's History Network
Annual Conference,
Sat 20th June, 2015**

Time: 10am – 5pm

Venue: Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution,
18-16 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN

Gendering the Workplace

Key note speaker: Selina Todd, St Hilda's College, University of Oxford,
author of *The People. The Rise and Fall of the Working Class, 1910-2010*

The conference will explore all aspects of work, both paid and unpaid, and a variety of workplaces, from factories to the home.

Themes will include:

- Homework
- Impact of War
- Unpaid work e.g. housework; voluntary social action
- Campaigns for equal rights at the workplace
- Debates on women and work
- Organising at the workplace

Call for papers

You are invited to submit a proposal for a 20 minute paper (200 words max) by 27th March 2015.

Please send proposals to june.hannam@uwe.ac.uk and Katherine.Holden@uwe.ac.uk

Other News

Portrait of a lady?

No. 1 Royal Crescent are hosting a Symposium on 14 November at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution in Bath to accompany their current exhibition entitled; Portrait of a Lady? Ruin & Reputation in the Georgian era. www.no1royalcrescent.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/

Women of World War 1

A portrait of women's experiences of living through the dramatic events of World War 1, drawn from letters, diaries, poems and autobiographies, accompanied by music written by female composers of the era. Performances throughout the south-west during the rest of 2014 and into 2015. www.musicians southwest.com/#!women-of-ww1/cude

NEW BOOK

Women in Salisbury Cathedral Close by Jane Howells & Ruth Newman
2014 £8.95

Members who attended the Regional WHN Conference in Salisbury in 2010 might remember a leisurely walk in the sunshine looking at some of the lovely buildings in the Close, that concluded the conference programme. This project has now been expanded into a beautifully illustrated book, with concise biographies of more than 20 women who had interesting lives in some way associated with Salisbury Close. A few, such as Annie Moberly, Edith Olivier and Barbara Townsend are well known, others will be unfamiliar but well deserve more attention.

BURSARIES & SMALL GRANTS: FINANCE FROM THE REGIONAL NETWORK

The network offers a **bursary** of up to £500 to any **postgraduate student** writing a dissertation or thesis in women's or gender history. Research **grants** of up to £100 are available towards expenses that lead to a paper or publication on any aspect of women's history. Please note: **independent researchers** as well as **registered students** are eligible to apply. Applications will be considered through the year. There is no closing date but we advise you to apply as early as you can. For both schemes please contact June Hannam, june.hannam@uwe.ac.uk

NEWSLETTER: *Please send contributions and suggestions to Jane Howells, 7 St Marks Rd, Salisbury SP1 3AY jane@sarum-editorial.co.uk*

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