

Homes, Food and Farms: WHN National Conference 2021

Thursday 2nd September

3:15-3:30 Introduction and Welcome from the Chair of WHN, Maggie Andrews

3:30-4:30 Keynote Lecture: Laurel Forster (University of Portsmouth) – Self-Sufficiency, Countercultures, and the Dissenting Cookbook.

4:30-6:15 Panel 1: Open Strand - Lightning Talks (Chaired by Anna Muggeridge)

Florence Smith (University of Oxford) - 'Learning and Living: Women's Experiences at Coeducational Oxford Colleges'.

Sue Bishop (University of Leicester) - What's Love got to do with it? Locating female agency and new cultural identities in Leicester, 1960-1991.

Diana Russell (University of Warwick) - Healing Hands: the business of the masseuse in Bath c. 1911-1926.

Johnathan Burton (University of Kent) - 'The Witchery of Legitimate Sport': Femininity, Gender and the Female Hunter, 1800-1914.

Matilde Gallardo (Kings College London) - Weaving the past: reminiscences of a weaver's daughter in Edwardian London.

Rose Debenham (University of Birmingham) - 'Those woolly-hatted Greenham women were at it again?': Dress and visual presentation at Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp.

Emily Rhodes (University of Cambridge) - Female Petitioning to Monarchs and the Criminal Process in England, 1660-1702.

Clarice Bland (University College Dublin) - Writing the Garden: Women Gardeners and Print Culture in Britain, 1850-1900.

Linda Henderson (University of Exeter) - 'To improve the moral habits of young women': Gender and Local Horticultural Shows in the Nineteenth Century.

6:15 AGM, Drinks Reception and Prize Giving

Friday 3rd September

10:00-11:00 Keynote Lecture: Jane Whittle (University of Exeter) – Women's work in English agriculture and food processing 1500-1750.

11:15-12:15 Panel 2: Food Preparation, Technology and Training (Chaired by Alexandra Hughes-Johnson)

Lynne Wainwright (Liverpool John Moores University) - Using Domestic Science Training: Teachers, Wives and Mothers.

Tamisan Latherow (University of Reading) - 'Yes, ma'am': Instructresses and the role of 'Rural Domestic Economy' courses in Berkshire, 1920-1950.

Katie Carpenter (University of Lincoln) - Women and Food Preparation Technology in the English Kitchen, 1870-1914.

Sue Bailey (London Metropolitan University) - The gendering of the blender or the secret life of your kitchen appliances? A review of the role of women in developing and promoting small domestic electric equipment in the UK from the post-war period.

Graeme Gooday and Helen Close (University of Leeds and Women's Engineering Society) - Rethinking the relationship between the Women's Engineering Society and the Electrical Association for Women.

12:30-1:30 Panel 3: Farmers, Landowners and Labourers (Chaired by Anna Muggeridge)

Iain Riddell - Grampian female farmers, role models, status and motivation: A sub-regional network analysis of kinswomen.

Cherish Watton (University of Cambridge) - Materialising memories of Home Front farming in Land Girls' scrapbooks.

Jo Willett - Lady Mary Wortley Montagu's Italian Smallholding Experiment.

Paul Merchant (National Life Stories, British Library) - Oral histories of women in British farming, 1950-2000.

2:00-3:15 Panel 4: Experiences, Hierarchies and Power Relations (Chaired by Helen Antrobus)

Isobel Goodman (Cambridge University Library) - Reading between the lines: using mistress/servant book use as a means to understand the relationship dynamics of late medieval households.

Ana Teresa (University of Lisbon) - The Female Domestic Daily Life in the 17th Century Goese Convent.

Eliska Bujokova (University of Glasgow) - Matrons, Housekeepers and Nurses: Food Provision and Power Relations in Glasgow's Early Nineteenth c. Hospitals.

Alice Krzanich (University of Edinburgh) - Female Domestic Servants and the Law in Early Nineteenth-Century Scotland.

3:30-4:45 Panel 5: Work, Politics and Professionalism in Post-war Britain (Chaired by Beth Jenkins)

Lyndsey Jenkins (Queen Mary University of London) - Housewives and the House: Women Labour MPs and 'the housewife' in the 1940s and 1950s.

Büşra Sati (Binghamton University) - Women Workers, Mothers & Labour Unions: Transnational Women's Labour History during the late 1970s.

Charlotte Sendall (University of Gloucestershire) - From Wartime Work to Domesticity: How Prefabricated Houses Persuaded Women Back Home in Post War Britain.

Lisa Cox-Davies (University of Worcester) - Beat work or housework? Female police officers of the West Midlands in the post-war decades.

Saturday 4th September

10:00-11:00 Panel 6: Housewives, Class and Organisational Capacities (Chaired by Lyndsey Jenkins)

Carrie de Silva (Harper Adams University) - Pollie Hirst Simpson (1871-1947), the first agricultural adviser to the Women's Institute: a life of public service.

Ruth Cohen - 'I was utterly at my husband's mercy': co-operative women, marriage, and divorce.

Anna Muggeridge (University of Worcester) - 'Work in the Housewives' Service, just like in the home, seems never to be done': the home, the neighbourhood, and the housewife in the Second World War.

11:00-12:00 Keynote Lecture: Samita Sen (University of Cambridge) - Women, Work and Domesticity: Eastern India in Historical Perspective

12:15-1:30 Panel 7: Identities, Biographies and Constructed Realities (Chaired by Anna Muggeridge)

Helen Antrobus (The National Trust) - Hill Top and Beyond: Beatrix Potter, her land, and her collection.

Ceryl Evans - Before Miss Jeanie Dicks flicked the switch – the 1930s domestic electrification project which helped a woman win the contract to electrify Winchester Cathedral against international competition.

Clare Wichbold and Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe - Suffrage, social reform and sheep's head broth: the life and work of Constance Radcliffe Cooke.

Ellen Sharman (University of Oxford) - "woman ... is bewitchingly lovely in the very act of eating": the beauty of greed in Elizabeth Robins Pennell's *The Feasts of Autolycus: The Diary of a Greedy Woman* (1896).

2:00-3:15 Panel 8: Authority, Domesticity and Politics in National and International Contexts (Chaired by Laurel Forster)

Francesca Baldwin (University of Reading) - Space, Power and Domesticity: Negotiating Agency and Womanhood in the Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony.

Amy Gower (University of Reading) - Feminist home-economics? The politics of domesticity in secondary school teaching, 1980s London.

Bethany Rebisz (University of Reading) - 'Oh, come and see the merry-go-round': Reconfiguring and Preserving Domestic Craft and Authority, 1950s Kenya.

Michelle Staff (The Australian National University) - Doing Feminist Internationalism at Home: Australia and Britain, 1919–1939.

3:30-4:45 Panel 9: Reform, Revolt and Resistance (Chaired by Alexandra Hughes-Johnson)

Victoria Phillips (London School of Economics) - Nourishing Revolt: Women and Food from the West for East Germany, June 1953.

Oithane Etayo (University of Warwick) - “Obstacles” leading change: women in food reform through network analysis.

Malgorzata Dajnowicz (University of Bialystock) - The Household Committee of the League of Women [Komitet Gospodarstwa Domowego Ligi Kobiet] – as an example of women’s movement activities for modernisation of households in the Polish People’s Republic.

Erin Shearer (University for Reading) - ‘She put arsenic in the bread for the family to eat.’ Enslaved women, poison and revenge in the US antebellum South.