

## Christopher Dyer

Professor of Regional and Local History in the Centre for English Local History at the University of Leicester since 2001. Formerly, Professor of Medieval Social History at the University of Birmingham (1990-2001).

### Offices, activities and honours

Ford's lecturer in the University of Oxford, 2001. Fellow of the British Academy, 1994. Academy of Social Sciences, 2006. President of the British Agricultural History Society, 2004-7. Chair of the British Academy's Records of Social and Economic History, 2004-. Council of the British Academy, 2005-. Chair of the Victoria County History Committee, 1997-2005. President of the Society for Medieval Archaeology, 1998-2001. Editor of *Midland History*, 1978-88. Editor of *Economic History Review*, 1990-5. Visiting fellow at St John's College, Oxford (2000-1) and All Souls College (2008). Commander of the British Empire, 2008

### Research projects:

English medieval mills, Leverhulme Trust, 1984-7. Wage earners and wage earning, 1300-1600, ESRC, 1984-6. English settlements and landscapes, Leverhulme Trust, 1992-4. Urban hierarchy and functions, ESRC, 1995-7. Medieval settlements and landscapes, AHRB, 2000-5.

### Publications:

#### Authored books:

*Lords and Peasants in a Changing Society: the Estates of the Bishopric of Worcester, 680-1540* (Cambridge, 1980)

*Standards of Living in the Later Middle Ages* (Cambridge, 1989; revised edn. 1998)  
[translated into Spanish as *Niveles de Vida en la baja edad media* (Barcelona, 1991)]

*Everyday Life in Medieval England* (London, 1994; new edn. 2000)

(with C. Lewis and P. Mitchell-Fox), *Village, Hamlet and Field: Changing Medieval Settlements in Central England* (Manchester, 1997; revised edn. Macclesfield, 2001)

*Making a Living in the Middle Ages: the People of Britain, 850-1520* (New Haven and London, 2002; pbk. London, 2003)

*An Age of Transition? Economy and Society in Late Medieval England* (Oxford, 2005).

### **Edited books:**

(with T. Aston, P. Coss and J. Thirsk), *Social Relations and Ideas: Essays in Honour of R.H. Hilton* (Cambridge, 1983)

(with Kate Giles), *Town and Country in the Middle Ages. Contrasts, Contacts and Communications* (Leeds, 2005)

*The Self-Contained Village? The Social History of Rural Communities 1250-1900* (Hatfield, 2007)

(with Peter Coss and Chris Wickham) *Rodney Hilton's Middle Ages : an Exploration of Historical Themes* (Past and Present Supplement 2, Oxford, 2007)

(with C. Richardson), *William Dugdale, Historian, 1605-1686* (Woodbridge, 2009).

### **Booklets:**

*Warwickshire Farming 1349-1520: Preparations for Agricultural Revolution* (Stratford-upon-Avon, 1981)

*Hanbury: Settlement and Society in a Woodland Landscape* (Leicester, 1991)

*Bromsgrove. A Small Town in Worcestershire in the Middle Ages* (Worcester, 2000)

### **Some Recent Articles and Essays**

'Small places with large consequences: the importance of small towns in England, 1000-1540', *Historical Research*, 75 (2002)

(with Jane Laughton), 'Seasonal patterns of trade in the later middle ages: buying and selling at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, 1400-1520', *Nottingham Medieval Studies*, 46 (2002)

'Bishop Wulfstan and his estates;' in *St Wulfstan and his World*. ed. J. Barrow and N. Brooks (Aldershot, 2005)

'The peasant land market in medieval England'; and 'Seigniorial profits on the land market in late medieval England', in *Le Marche de la Terre au moyen age*, ed. L. Feller and C. Wickham (Rome, 2005)

'Gardens and garden produce in the later middle ages', and 'Seasonal patterns in food consumption in the later middle ages', in ed. C. M. Woolgar, D. Serjeantson and T Waldron (eds), *Food in Medieval England. Diet and Nutrition* (Oxford, 2006).

'Conflict in the landscape: the enclosure movement in England, 1220-1349', *Landscape History*, 29 (2007)

'A Suffolk farmer of the fifteenth century', *Ag. Hist. Rev.*, 55 (2007).

'The ineffectiveness of lordship in England, in C. Dyer et al. (eds), *Rodney Hilton's Middle Ages* (Past and Present monograph, 2, Oxford, 2007.

'Costs and benefits of English direct taxation, 1275-1525', in S. Cavaciocchi (ed.), *La fiscalità nell'economia europea. Secc. XIII-XVIII* (Istituto Internazionale di Storia Economica 'F.Datini', XXXIX Settimana di Studi, Prato, 2008).

'Building in earth in late-medieval England', *Vernacular Architecture*, 39 (2008)