

A native of Hastings, **Keith Foord** and his family have lived in Battle since 1984, when they moved back to East Sussex from Yorkshire. He has degrees in both materials science and medicine from the University of Sheffield and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists.

His own family history is deeply rooted in Sussex mainly around Rye, Battle and Hastings. Some of his forebears lived in or near Battle during the 1600 - 1800s. His paternal grandfather was born in Hastings and his maternal grandmother in Brede.

His interests are mainly focused on pre-Tudor European and English history, including pre-history. His first history book after his retirement was *'Battle Abbey and Battle Churches since 1066'* in 2011. Soon afterwards he joined BDHS and in 2015 (with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition in 2021) co-authored with Neil Clephane-Cameron *'1066 and the Battle of Hastings – Preludes, Events and Postscripts'* followed by authoring *'Conquest to Dissolution 1067-1538'* (2019), *'BC to 1066'* (2020) and most recently *'Harold Godwinson'* (2021), all published by BDHS. Profits from these books all go to the society to fund further projects. He has additionally written and co-authored numbers of papers for the BDHS Collectanea series which can be found on this website.

Vice-Chair of the Society from 2016-21 he also chaired the Research Group until 2021, and now chairs a Publications Group which oversees the production of new and some reprints of BDHS books by Print on Demand, which is more efficient for the Society.