

Dr Keith Foord

A native of Hastings, Keith and his family have lived in Battle since 1984, when they moved back to East Sussex from Yorkshire. He has degrees in both metallurgical science and medicine 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 interest in history is mainly focused on early European and English studies. In 2015 he co-authored with Neil Clephane-Cameron '*1066 and the Battle of Hastings – Preludes, Events and Postscripts*' and in 2019 wrote '*Conquest to Dissolution 1067-1538*', both published by BDHS with all profits from these books going to the society to fund further projects.

He has also written; a chronological history of all the churches of Battle established after 1066 including the Abbey Church of St. Martin, St Marys parish church and Battle's non-conformist history; a historical detective story of how Methodism came into East Sussex; and a small history of Winchelsea Historic Methodist Chapel.

He is at present thinking about a book to cover the history of Eastern Sussex before 1066 and has written and co-authored a number of papers for the BDHS Collectanea series which can be found on this website.