

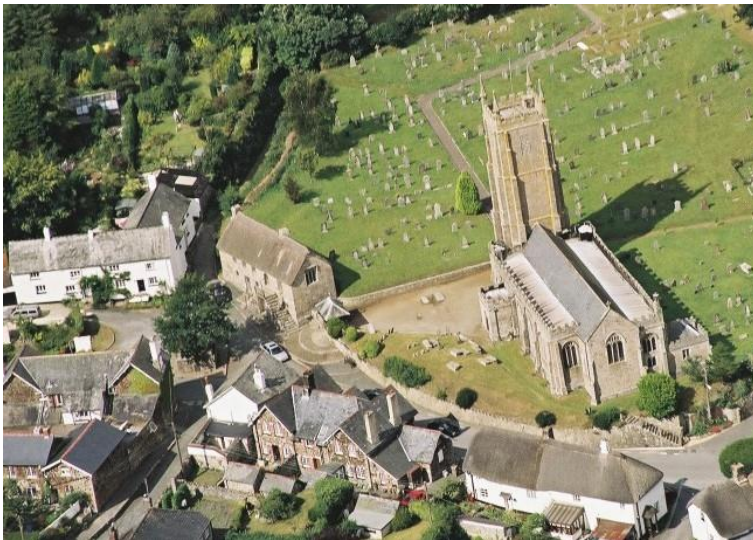
Lyddington Manor History Society
Friday 8th December 2017 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall, Lyddington

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His research focuses on social centres in towns and villages, especially parish churches and public houses.

The English Parish



St Andrew, South Tawton (Devon), with adjacent church house from the 15th century. Pic: Robin Tilley.

The parish is a universal unit of local organization whose records allow privileged insights into religious, economic and political life right across Europe.

This presentation focuses on a comparison of English ecclesiastical communities from medieval to modern times, and across regions, through glances at a Continental case study.

Well-documented in a range of sources, the parish emerges as a social hub at the intersection of the secular and sacred spheres, where priorities and changes were negotiated between laity, clergy and, increasingly from around 1500, state authorities.



The 16thC chest in the parish church of St Peter, Winchcombe (Gloucestershire), used for the safe storage of communal documents and valuables. Pic: Beat Kümin.

Everyone welcome
Members £1
Non-members £2