

## EDITOR'S NOTES

### **THOROTON SOCIETY SPECIAL LECTURE – PROFESSOR CARENZA LEWIS, UNIVERSITY LECTURER, ARCHAEOLOGIST AND BROADCASTER**

On 22nd June 2017 the Society held another in its series of special lectures and it was once again an excellent event. Our venue this year, the State Chamber of the Archbishop's Palace in Southwell, was full with an audience anticipating another most interesting lecture, this year from Professor Carenza Lewis of Lincoln University, and they were not disappointed. The title of Professor Lewis's lecture was "Disaster Recovery: Archaeological Evidence for the Impact of the Black Death in England" and proved to be a most stimulating exposition on the physical evidence of this plague on 14th century England.

Carenza has a Cambridge degree in archaeology and anthropology and began her career as an Investigator for the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments of England, researching monuments and landscapes spanning 6,000 years

from the Neolithic. In 1993 she became one of the original presenters for Channel 4's *Time Team*, remaining with the series until 2005. Other major TV work has included 'Sacred Sites' and two series on BBC2 with Michael Wood (a previous Thoroton special lecturer). Carenza joined the University of Lincoln as Professor for the Public Understanding of Research in the College of Arts in 2015 and she now combines research and teaching in archaeology, history and heritage with public engagement: she is committed to involving members of the public in the research process to the mutual benefit of individuals, communities, society, heritage and academia.

A further special lecture is being planned for 2019. Those invited to speak at these special events are well-known national figures in the world of history or archaeology – those fortunate enough to attend will remember the excellent lecture given by Jonathan Foyle in 2015: previous speakers in this series have been Lucinda Lambton, Julian Richards and Michael Wood.

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