

## **Staplehurst Publications**

The definitive history of Staplehurst has yet to be published. There are many books on the history of Kent and a few specifically about the Weald of Kent. In all these you will find short references to Staplehurst but it does take a lot of digging. At the bottom of this page I include a list of books which is not exhaustive, there are many more.

The Kent Archaeological Society has publications which include some articles and mention of Staplehurst. The index to their coverage is available on their web site and good reference libraries will have their annual books. It is worth while me making a plug on their behalf, as membership also includes their annual publication.

There are various smaller publications available that may be of interest to those with families from the area.

The place to start is the Staplehurst Society publications. Members of the Society have access to a range of photographs and documents. There is also an annual publication which includes articles of great interest from the Roman Road to World War II events impacting on the village.

There is a small book published which includes some 80 odd pages of photographs of Staplehurst historically with good explanations: 'Staplehurst, A pictorial history in old postcards and photographs' by Anita Thompson with Cherry Fann and Dave Wellar. ISBN 0 9516674 0 8.

Another booklet, small but packed with historical detail, is 'Brattle Farm in Staplehurst, The History of a Kentish Yeoman's House' by Anita Thompson. ISBN 0-9516368-0-4. The book covers the history of the farm which is now Brattle Museum. This booklet can be purchased from Brattle Farm. Please contact Anita Thompson by post at Brattle Farm, Five Oak Lane, Staplehurst, Kent TN12 OHE.

My own booklet, 'Fuller House, A 16<sup>th</sup> Century Wealden Timber Framed House in Staplehurst' by Catharine Goodwin, can be purchased from me for £2.50 plus postage. Use the 'Contact' button from the 'Home' page.

As always, I would be interested to here of any other publications about Staplehurst. Please email me here.

### **Recommended Reading**

Brandon, Peter, *The Kent & Sussex Weald*, 2003.

Chalkin, C.W., *Seventeenth Century Kent*, 1965.

Everitt, Alan, *The Community of Kent and the Great Rebellion 1640-60*, 1966.

Everitt, Alan, *Continuity and Colonisation the evolution of Kentish settlement*, 1986.

Furley, Robert, *A History of the Weald of Kent*, 1871.

Igglesden, Charles, *A Saunter Through Kent with Pen and Pencil*, 1942.

Jessup, Frank W, *Kent History Illustrated*, 1973.

Witney, K. P., *The Jutish Forest, A Study of the Weald of Kent from 450 to 1380 AD*, 1976.

Wright, Christopher, *Kent through the years*, 1975.

Zell, Michael, *Early Modern Kent 1540 – 1640*, 2000.

Some of the above books are readily available in book shops while others are long out of print but still available at good reference libraries

If anyone would like to add to this list, please email me.