

Gatehouse News

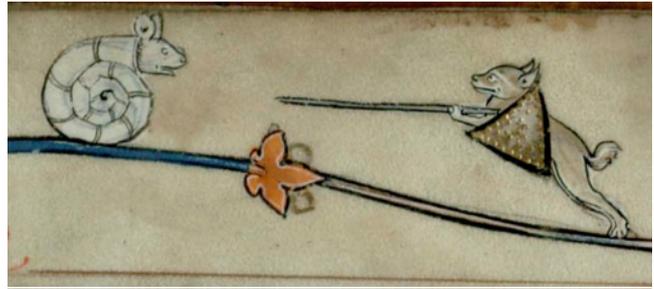
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Developments of the Gatehouse Website. The comprehensive bibliography and gazetteer of the castles, fortifications and palaces of medieval England and Wales.

Little to report this month.

Citations for articles in latest *Medieval Archaeology* (Volumn 59) have been added to the relevant site pages.

- Duncan Wright, Oliver Creighton, Steven Trick and Michael Fradley, 'Fieldwork in conflict landscapes: Surveying the archaeology of 'The Anarchy' pp. 313-319
- Eric D. Johnson, 'Moated Sites and the Production of Authority in the Eastern Weald of England' pp. 233-254
- Elaine Jamieson and Rebecca Lane, 'Monuments, Mobility and Medieval Perceptions of Designed Landscapes: The Pleasance, Kenilworth' pp. 255-271.



Hunting for snails

Doing the background reading for Eric Johnson's paper on moats lead me to find Natasha Coveney's PhD thesis [Moated Sites in Medieval England: A Reassessment](#). (2015 University of Leicester) which, like all theses, is a challenge but is certainly a worthwhile read. In particular it provides some new evidence which should help inform the recent discussion of moated sites of which the late [Dr Colin Platt](#)'s 2010 paper 'The Homestead Moat: Security or Status?' *Archaeological Journal* **167** pp. 115-133 has been a focus. Coveney raises the count for moated sites in England to 8452. However most of these are 'homestead moats' of the sort that are generally excluded from castle studies so I don't intend to add all these sites to Gatehouse. The larger 'defensive' moats are already in Gatehouse

A few other citations have been added (Thanks Neil) and I've updated the [download files](#) and the web pages.

I'm still experimenting with Twitter ([@castellddu](#)) although, at the moment I'm using it for a 'tweet' of the day, uploading a picture each morning occasionally moving into a little discussion.

The interminable work on peel-houses and bastle-houses continues with my current count for these buildings being some 775 reasonably certain sites and a further 126 more questionable sites, although these are still very provisional numbers.

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The glorious moated [Markenfield Hall](#), Yorkshire