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£3,000 prize for best thesis on Kent archaeology or history

Authors of doctoral theses on the archaeology or history of Kent are invited to compete for a £3,000 prize to be awarded in 2019 by the Kent Archaeological Society. The Hasted Prize, named in honour of celebrated historian Edward Hasted, author of *The History and*



Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, published in 1797, provides £1,000 to the author of the best thesis and £2,000 towards the cost of publishing it in book format.

Professor David Killingray, of the KAS's publications committee, said: 'The prize aims to reward students working on the history and archaeology of the County, and to promote the publication of books that advance scholarly knowledge of the county's past. ... The judges are seeking original, eye-catching works that will shed new light on any aspect of the history of the ancient county of Kent, which includes areas of London that were once part of the county'.

Doctoral theses successfully examined by any academic institution between 1 June 2017 and 30 April 2019 may be submitted, no later than 31 May 2019.

For more details and submission guidelines visit

<http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Hasted-Prize-2019.pdf>

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Above: Edward Hasted. ©Maidstone Museum

The Hasted Prize is awarded every two years and was launched during the society's 150th anniversary celebrations in 2005.

The first winner, in 2007, was Dr Celia Cordle for a thesis on hop-growing and marketing in the Weald of Kent. Subsequent winners were Dr Toby Huitson (*Hidden spaces, obscure purposes: The medieval ecclesiastical staircase, gallery and upper chamber in East Kent*); Dr Alison Klevnäs (*Whodunnit? Grave robbery in early medieval northern and western Europe*); Dr Maureen Patricia Green (*Hayle Mill. How a small papermaking company thrived in the nineteenth century using traditional techniques*); and Dr Elizabeth Blanning (*Landscape, settlement and materiality: aspects of rural life in Kent during the Roman period*).