



Professor Keith Wrightson (Yale University)

Also present and hearing: the common people in the age of Elizabeth I

A public lecture

Thursday 30th May at 5pm, followed by wine reception

Lancaster University
FASS Building MR 2-3

Keith Wrightson is an historian of early modern England (c.1450-1750), specializing in social, economic and cultural history. He was educated in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, and at the University of Cambridge, where he received his BA (1970), and PhD (1974). He has taught at the University of St Andrews, at Cambridge (where he was Professor of Social History), and since 1999 at Yale.

Prof. Wrightson's innovative survey *English Society, 1580-1680* has been in continuous print since 1982. His work on the Essex village of Terling, *Poverty and Piety in an English Village* (1979) introduced to English social history the 'microhistorical' approach which had previously been adopted mostly by historians of Continental Europe. His most recent book, *Ralph Taylor's Summer* (2011), which was shortlisted for the 2012 Portico Prize for Literature, charts the history of a plague outbreak in 1636 from the perspective of a young scrivener appointed to write the wills of plague victims. A volume of essays in his honour by former students, *Remaking English Society: Social Relations and Social Change in Early Modern England* has been published in May 2013.

