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Witchcraft in Tudor and Stuart Kent and Sussex

The witchcraft trials of the 16th and 17th centuries have attracted a lot of historical attention and a lot of misunderstanding. Claims that millions of people were executed as witches in Europe in the period are wide of the mark, as are arguments that only women were accused of this supernatural crime. In this talk **Professor Jackie Eales** considers many key issues such as why contemporaries believed in witchcraft, and why the numbers of trials increased dramatically in the 16th century and then declined. No toads will be harmed during the course of this talk, which will examine how witchcraft accusations in Tudor and Stuart Kent and Sussex can be interpreted in the light of recent research.



*Meeting in Scout and Guide Hall,
Friday, May 3rd, 7:30 for 8:00 pm.*