

Departmental Archives of Seine-Maritime present their new exhibition

“ Crossing the Channel : a millennium of Anglo-Norman relations ”

As part of a European project, the exhibition "Crossing the Channel : 1000 years of Anglo -Norman relations" is to be visited from 18 October 2013 to 25 January 2014, at Grammont cultural center in Rouen.

This exhibition tells the story of the relationships between the territories of the Seine-Maritime and East Sussex and more broadly between Normandy and England. Connected by a maritime corridor, the two territories were repeatedly brought together by history. The name of William the Conqueror of course comes to mind, as he landed in East Sussex, near Hastings, not far from where he won a decisive victory, giving its name to the abbey and the town of Battle. But confluences go far beyond political or military events, from trade to tourism through cultural exchanges.

The exhibition is organized into three parts :

- The territories linked by history ;
- The maritime and commercial relations;
- The development of tourism and cultural influences .

We will discover documents or objects rarely or never presented to the public, and one of the very few original seals of William the Conqueror.

A parallel exhibition in East Sussex, visible at Hastings Museum - " The French Connection " - offers focus on topics where great events have their place, from the Battle of Hastings to the First World War, but also a great part in the everyday history, such as referring to smuggling and piracy. Both exhibitions are accompanied by a bilingual 128 page-catalogue, richly illustrated, available to the visitor upon request.

These exhibitions are part of the CBC project "Arch' Expo", funded under the Interreg IVA France (Channel)-England 2007-2013, involving the Department of Seine-Maritime (the community being lead partner) and the county of East Sussex.



Arch' Expo project is also:

- A bilingual internet portal : www.archexpo.net

Besides practical information, we can access to the resources available on both websites and discover documents of both exhibitions, among with other documents concerning the Channel relationships with several search modes (thematic , map and chronological)

- **The new online digital resources on the Internet:** the charters and seals of the Anglo-Norman period (before 1204), former cartularies, tabellionage of Rouen and notaries based in Seine-Maritime registers, for the French side.

- **A discovery proposed to schools,** with workshops on the theme of "English influence in Seine-Maritime from 18th to 20th century", based on documents in English and French, primarily to European classes, with learning booklets to accompany classroom visits.

- **A cycle of conferences** in the auditorium of Grammont cultural center :

October 30, 2013 - 16:30

"The Scandinavian foundations on both sides of the Channel: some comparisons "
by Pierre Bauduin, Professor at the University of Caen.

November 13, 2013 - 16:30

"The Channel, hyphen or border between Normandy and England in 12th and 13th centuries"
by Laurence Jean-Marie, Professor at the University of Caen.

December 4, 2013 - 14:00 & 15:00

"One hundred years of conservation of seals in the archives"
by Agnes Prevost, Head of Seals restoration service at National Archives.
"Peasants seals in Normandy"
by Christophe Maneuvrier, Senior lecturer at the University of Caen.

December 11, 2013 - 16:30

"Pictorial and satirical Relations between France and England in 17th and 18th centuries "
by Pascal Dupuy, Professor at the University of Rouen

January 8, 2014 - 16:30

"The English influence on the Normandy seaside resorts"
by Viviane Manase, Heritage Curator Region Haute-Normandie.

Practical Information:

Exhibition at the **Historical Archives of the Seine-Maritime Department, Grammont cultural center**
October 18, 2013 to January 25, 2014

42, rue Henri II Plantagenet
76100 Rouen
Bus line # 10 - stop Simone de Beauvoir

Tuesday to Friday 8:45 -18h
the first three Saturdays of the month 8:45 -12h , 13h-18h
other Saturdays 13h- 18h

Free admission

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