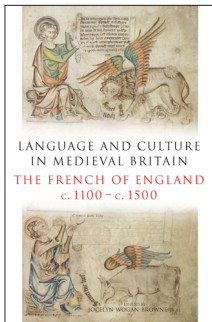


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## INTERVIEW

### YORK MEDIEVAL PRESS Jocelyn Wogan-Browne



The York Medieval Press, in association with the University of York Centre for Medieval Studies and published by Boydell & Brewer since 1997, has now reached a list of 39 titles. Jocelyn Wogan-Browne, the current general editor of the YMP, kindly answered our questions

about her academic life, her time at York Medieval Press and about her latest book, **Language and Culture in Medieval Britain**.

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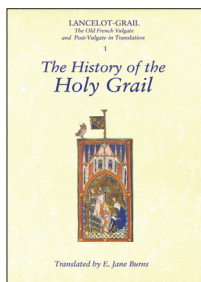
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**B & B:** If people ask you why nowadays medieval studies are relevant what would you reply and how would you encourage young people to study medieval language, history and culture?

**J W-B:** If any kind of interest in human culture is valid, medieval studies is among the most challenging and valuable. Anyone living in a post-9/11 world ought to have some awareness of the long history of exchange and conflict between Muslim and Christian empires, of course; people from Anglophone cultures ought ... [read more](#)

## ARTHURIAN STUDIES

### LANCELOT- GRAIL



Richard Barber – renowned Arthurian, medieval historian and co-founder of Boydell & Brewer – has written a short companion piece to the new ten-volume set of the **Lancelot-Grail**. This work of extraordinary scope is, he explains, the closest

thing we have to a “standard” version of the great Arthurian stories, making it a genuinely key text in Arthurian literature.

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There will be a major addition to our Arthurian list this spring, a nine-volume paperback edition of the greatest of the Arthurian romances. This is the **Lancelot-Grail** (or, to give it the old rather pedantic name, the *Vulgate Cycle*). It tells the whole story of the Arthurian world from the events of the Crucifixion, where the Grail originated, to the death of Lancelot after the destruction of the Round Table. It draws in many different strands, from ... [read more](#)

## Warfare News



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*Blame the parents again! I was introduced to Harlech and Beaumaris castles on a family holiday in north Wales in 1963, and a twelve year old boy with a predilection for things historical was hooked at once. I failed to divert the homeward route to include a visit to Conwy, but have become more devious ... [read more](#)*

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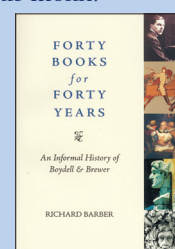
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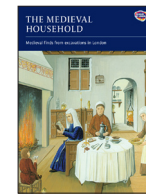
The Boydell Press published in October 2009 a book on a Benedictine monk and chronicler who is famous for his maps of the 13th century world; what was the name of this monk?

The first three people sending in the right answer to [medievalherald@boydell.co.uk](mailto:medievalherald@boydell.co.uk) will win a copy of Boydell & Brewer's anniversary book **Forty Books for Forty Years**, written by Richard Barber.



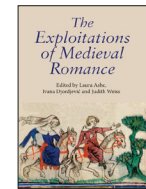
## NEW AND FORTHCOMING

### THE MEDIEVAL HOUSEHOLD



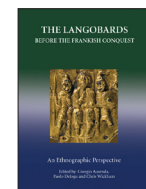
Catalogue of excavated household items from the middle ages provides an invaluable reference tool for experts and the general reader alike.

### THE EXPLOITATIONS OF MEDIEVAL ROMANCE



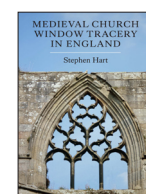
Important and wide-ranging studies of the ideological exploitations performed by and upon the medieval romance.

### THE LANGOBARDS BEFORE THE FRANKISH CONQUEST



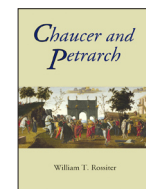
Essays examining the Langobards, with important conclusions for early medieval Italy.

### MEDIEVAL CHURCH WINDOW TRACERY IN ENGLAND



A comprehensive review of the wide and varied range of window tracery designs that emerged during the medieval period.

### CHAUCER AND PETRARCH



First full study of Chaucer's readings and translations of Petrarch suggests a far greater influence than has hitherto been accepted.

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