



Gatehouse News

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Developments of the Gatehouse Website. The comprehensive bibliography and gazetteer of the castles, fortifications and palaces of medieval England and Wales.

The *Castle Studies Group Journal* for 2015-16 arrived on my doorstep last week with a number of interesting articles. With regard to English and Welsh sites James Petre's has a paper on the siege of [Kenilworth Castle](#) in



Conisbrough Castle Chapel Turret. Were the row of holes above the fine chapel window places where symbolic and beautiful doves appeared or the site of a hoarding and/or crane for lifting goods to the roof top?



1266, Charles Hollwey a paper on polygonal towers, Neil Guy a masterful survey of portcullises, and I had a paper on the tower of [Conisbrough Castle](#). The conference report of the spring meeting held at Wrexham has some detailed reports of a number of sites in North-East Wales, notably [Hawarden Castle](#), [Flint Castle](#), [Denbigh Castle](#) and [town defences](#), [Holt Castle](#) and [Ruthin Castle](#).

Neil Guy kindly sent me reference to a couple of papers published in *Archaeologica Cambrensis* David Stephenson's paper on [Ewloe Castle](#) and Hugh Brodie's paper on 'Apsidal and D-shaped towers of the Princes of Gwynedd' (see [the listing of the castle of Welsh Princes](#))

All the relevant references have been added to the various site pages.

Design Changes

I've made a few slight changes to the design of the county listing. Visually I've replaced the small country flag at the top of the list with a county flag or crest. It should be noted this is entirely a decorative feature, many of these flags are a very modern invention although some, such as three Saxon seaxes of the flag of Essex, are based on traditional designs. See the [Flag Institute website](#) for more information. Of more practical use I've added previous and next buttons in the left menu which should ease the navigation through these county lists.

Festive greetings to everyone.

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