

# Decoding Courtly Dress In Tudor and Restoration England

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'SUPERB LECTURE'- Cobham lady 'A WONDERFUL MORNING'- Richmond gentleman

## Lecture 1 'Pins and Poking Sticks' – Decoding dress in Shakespeare's time

Shakespeare writes 'pins and poking sticks of steel', seductive smocks, perfumed gloves, bugle beads and other irresistible items. What were these objects and what was their role in the 'art' of dress? Moral messages and secretive signals in emblematic jewellery and embroidery for men as well as women, are all explained in this lecture.



## Lecture 2 Big Wigs: Splendour At Court In The Age Of Samuel Pepys.

Samuel Pepys loved fine clothing as much as he loved 'wine, women and song'. His long-suffering wife had to play second fiddle in the fashion stakes [her clothing allowance was only increased once she found him in a compromising position with her maid]! Have times changed! We will look at the work of, among others, Sir Peter Lely and Van Dyke and look at what props and accessories can tell us about the sitter.

### Lecturer

Jacqui Ansell read History of Art and Theory at the University of Essex before gaining an MA in History of Dress from the Courtauld Institute. Formerly she was an Education Officer at The National Gallery, London, and tutor and writer for the Open University. She continues to lecture regularly on the public programmes of the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery, and to publish on Court Dress, Grand Tour Portraiture and Welsh Costume as well as dress as a cultural marker and indicator of class, gender, national and professional identity. Jacqui is a senior lecturer at Christie's Education, London.

**Venue:** The Clockhouse, Chapel lane, Milford surrey GU8 5EZ. A couple of minutes off the A3 just South of Guildford.

### Programme for the morning:

10.00: Registration and Welcome; coffee and tea available

10.30: Lecture 1

11.30: Break for coffee and tea and **Tudor sweetmeats**

12.00: Lecture 2

1.00: Finish

Cost: £18 inclusive

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