

Celebrating 50 years of EP Thompson's *The Making of the English Working Class*

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People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3ER

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Programme (rev. 17.1.13)

10.00	Welcome/fire escapes etc [5 mins]	Intro'd by/chaired by Craig Horner
10.05	Alex Hutton Darwin College, Cambridge University <i>EP Thompson and his readers</i> What is the book? What hiatus has it caused? How it endures. EPT's ability to engage the 'ordinary' reader [15 mins] Julian Harber Who was EP Thompson? The man, the historian, the teacher and comrade [15 mins]	Chair: Daryl Leeworthy
10.40	Stuart Maconie Broadcaster How the book informed his political beliefs; the working class and the north; how the working class has defied definition; how the working class has confounded (or reinforced) stereotype [30 mins]	Katy Archer
11.15	Special guest readers <i>Reading from the text</i>	
11.20	Coffee	
11.40	Class and gender John Halstead University of Sheffield (retired) <i>'Class' and EP Thompson's The Making</i> [20 mins] Sian Moore University of Western England <i>Gender and class consciousness in industrialisation</i> [20 mins]	Chair: Chris Godden
12.20	Special guest readers <i>Reading from the text</i>	
12.25	Rodney Bickerstaffe President of the National Pensioners' Convention (2001–06); leader of UNISON until 2001 How the book informed his political beliefs; the continuing struggle of ordinary working people today; The trades union movement and how it has (or has not) engaged working-class support	TBA
12.40	Lunch We suggest the Left Bank Café, inside the People's History Museum	

1.30	<p>Keynote Prof Adrian Randall University of Birmingham</p> <p>Evaluating <i>The Making</i>: academic scholarship and the public understanding of social history [30-40 min]</p>	Chair: Daniel Gordon
2.15	<p>Special guest readers <i>Reading from the text</i></p>	
2.20	<p>Plus ca change... – riots, moral economy, Luddism, corruption</p> <p>John Bohstedt University of Tennessee <i>Food riots, moral economy and provision politics on today's global stage</i></p> <p>Richard Sheldon University of Bristol <i>From Old Corruption to Crony Capitalism</i></p> <p>Matthew Roberts Sheffield Hallam University <i>EP Thompson, Luddism and the Making</i></p>	Chair: TBA
3.20	Coffee	
3.40	<p>Concluding address Kevin Morgan What are the lessons for the left today? Where does labour history go from here? Thinking about EP Thompson's practice [10-15 min]</p> <p>Keeping <i>the Making</i> from the enormous condescension of posterity – Where from here for <i>the Making</i>? Katrina Navickas University of Hertfordshire Matthew Worley University of Reading Peter Gurney University of Essex [30 mins]</p>	Chair: TBA
4.30	Closing remarks/thanks	Royston Futter, WCML trustee
4.45	Close	