

Annual Conference 2018

Cambridge: College, Church and City

1-5 September 2018



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Call for Papers

In September 2018, for the first time in 105 years, the British Archaeological Association will be gathering in the city of Cambridge to celebrate, explore and debate its medieval artistic, architectural and archaeological wealth. We are delighted to welcome proposals from early career and established scholars for papers relating to the medieval history of Cambridge to be presented at the conference.

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In addition to its famous university, the city was an important civic centre with thriving guilds and internationally renowned fairs and markets. Kings, queens, bishops and fraternities founded colleges and attended its churches. Its many parish churches and prosperous monastic and mendicant centres stimulated advances not only in medieval architecture but in the visual arts too - sculpture, manuscript illumination and stained glass. It was also an early centre of antiquarianism and the conference takes place 140 years after Willis and Clark's magisterial architectural history of the university.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- College architecture: chapels, halls, courts and lodges
- The parish churches of the city and the surrounding region
- Civic architecture and city planning
- Manuscript illumination, sculpture, glass and material culture
- The archaeology of the city's hospitals, monasteries and friaries
- Cambridge castle and its Roman heritage

Proposals for papers of up to 30 minutes on any topic relating to the art, architecture and archaeology of medieval Cambridge are invited. Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words to Gabriel Byng and/or Helen Lunnon by 1 February 2018. For further information contact the conveners: Dr Gabriel Byng, gb332@cam.ac.uk | Dr Helen Lunnon, h.lunnon@uea.ac.uk

The conference will be based at Sidney Sussex College, and site visits will include a number of important medieval colleges and churches across the city as well as an excursion to historically significant churches and houses in the surrounding area. All enquiries about the conference should be sent to the Hon. Conference Secretary at conference@thebaa.org.