



British Archaeological Association

St Albans Abbey Study Day

Saturday 7 January 2023

Programme:

10.25 Meet in the nave of the cathedral

10:30 Historical introduction to the 11th-century abbey by Richard Gem

10.45 Introduction to Jill Franklin's new interpretation and observations of the fabric at ground level; with RG and others commenting on points of detail (lead by Jill Franklin)

11.00 Divide into two groups: Group A goes upstairs to south aisle roof space.

JF leads off on her observations of the fabric at upper level; RG and others comment on points of detail

11.30 Group B goes upstairs to south aisle roof space. Repeat of previous stage as for Group A

12.00 Lunch Break

13:15 Group A to North aisle roof space

13:45 Group B to North aisle roof space

NOTE: Access to the North aisle roof space is via the high, open-arcaded and very narrow wall passage (with a single hand rail) running along the top of the North transept west wall. Narrow spiral staircases. Surfaces underfoot in the upper parts are unpaved/uneven or are raised wooden platforms

14.15 All participants together: John McNeill leads a general discussion

15.30 End

The study day fee is £25 for members (please bring this with you; cheque or cash) and free for students. The students do not have to pay the fee and they will be reimbursed their travel expenses up to £50. The Study Day is limited to a maximum of 20 people – 10 students and 10 members.

Email studydays@thebaa.org by December 11th to register. We will notify you of the outcome by December 12th.