ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

MEDIEVAL CHICHESTER: CATHEDRAL, CITY AND SURROUNDINGS
4TH - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2023

12.30 pm Monday 4th September to 4.30 pm Friday 8th September

TIMING
This year the conference will start on a Monday and end on a Friday. The conference opens for registration on the Monday 4th September at 12.30pm in the Mitre lecture theatre, Chichester University. The President’s Welcome and Introduction will be at 2.00pm followed by the first lecture at 2.15pm. The conference ends at 4.30pm on Friday 8th September at Fishbourne Palace with coaches dropping back at Chichester by approximately 5.30pm.

LOCATION
The conference is based at University of Chichester, Bishop Otter campus, College Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 6PE. Lectures will be held in the Mitre lecture theatre. It is within 20-25 mins walking distance from the railway station and 10-15mins from the city centre. Bus No. 50 runs from the Cathedral to the University and Bus No. 55 runs from the bus station to the St Richard’s Hospital approximately 8 mins walking distance from the University. Meals and receptions will take place in and around Chichester. There will be site visits exploring Chichester Cathedral, the Bishop’s Palace and other important medieval buildings within the city, and two coach excursions outside Chichester.
LECTURES

The conference convenors are Richard Plant (BAA Honorary Publicity Officer) and Kate Davey.

Lectures will include papers on subjects covering many aspects of the architecture of the Cathedral, Romanesque and Gothic, wall paintings, the architecture of Medieval West Sussex and its Roman past. Speakers include David Bone, Alexandrina Buchanan, John Crook, Kate Davey, Ute Engel, Agata Gomolka, Martin Henig, Catherine Hundley, Claudia Marx, Michael Michael, Lesley Milner, Julian Munby, Tom Nickson, David Parsons, Richard Plant, Michael Shapland, Tim Tatton-Brown, Malcolm Thurlby, Nick Webb, Frank Woodman, Andrea Worm and Lucy Wrapson.

SITE VISITS

In Chichester there will be an extensive visit to Chichester Cathedral including the roof, the triforium and the library, a walk round medieval Chichester and its walls and visits to the Bishop’s Palace, St Mary’s Hospital, and House of the Greyfriars (now the Guildhall). There will be one full day and one half day coach excursion outside Chichester encompassing St Mary’s Sompting, St Nicolas Old Shoreham, St Mary’s New Shoreham, Coombes, Bramber Castle, St Andrew & St Cuthman Steyning, Boxgrove Priory, Holy Trinity Church Bosham, and Fishbourne Roman Palace.

TRAVEL

Frequent train services operate from London Victoria to Chichester, taking approximately 1 hour 32 minutes. Services also run from Gatwick Airport, Brighton and Portsmouth. The closest airports to Chichester are Southampton (35miles) and Gatwick (38miles). By car Chichester is easily reached via the M27 and A27 coast road which links Hampshire, Sussex and Kent. The A29 and A24 connect London and mid-Sussex to Chichester, and the A3 also connects Chichester and the local area with London, the M25 and other main arterial routes from the West. There is a regular coach service to Chichester from Victoria Coach Station.

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been booked at the University of Chichester (Bishop Otter Campus). These are single, ensuite and very reasonably priced - £55.00 per night including breakfast. The rooms can be viewed on the University virtual tour https://www.pan3sixty.co.uk/virtual_tours/university-of-chichester/30-accommodation-office-chichester. Double rooms are not available. For those not wishing to stay on campus there are a number of hotels & B/Bs in Chichester. Some of these are listed below - all within walking distance of the Cathedral. Due to the Goodwood revival festival (vintage motor cars) 8th -10th very few rooms in Chichester are available on the 7th September and should be booked quickly.

Cherry End Bed & Breakfast 3 Clydesdale Avenue PO19 1ES 01243 779495
Trents by Greene King Inns 50 South Street, Chichester, PO19 1DS 01243 773714
Travelodge 28 Chapel Street, Chichester PO19 1DL
4 Canon Lane, Chichester PO19 1PX 01243 813585
Chichester Harbour Hotel, North Street, PO19 1NH 01243 77800
PARKING
If you are staying at the University parking is free otherwise there is a £3.00 daily charge. For parking in Chichester please see https://www.chichester.gov.uk/parking

FOOD
Sandwich lunches will be provided on Tuesday and Thursday with a packed lunch on Wednesday and Friday. On Monday evening there is a sit down dinner at the University with a drinks reception beforehand. On Tuesday evening a buffet dinner will be held in the Assembly Room in the Town Hall. On Wednesday there will be a drinks reception with canapes at Boxgrove Priory followed by a free evening - a list of local restaurants will be provided in the conference pack.

By kind invitation of the Bishop of Chichester there will be a drinks reception at the Bishop’s Palace on Thursday evening before the conference dinner in the 14th century Vicar’s Hall.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
Please let us know any dietary requirements you might have on the booking form.

ACCESS
The Mitre lecture theatre is on the first floor in the University House Building with lift access. The sandwich lunches, teas and coffees on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday will be served in the room adjacent to the lecture theatre. The site visits and walking tours are mainly on the flat although the steps (204) up to the Cathedral roof space are steep and narrow and there are 40 spiral steps leading up to the library. The ascent to Bramber Castle is also quite steep and on a rough track. Good walking shoes are advised. Please let the conference organisers know if you have mobility problems.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
A limited number of scholarships will be available for students, covering the conference fee and accommodation. Please email catherinemilburn@madasafish.com for further details if you wish to apply. The deadline for student scholarship applications is 26th, May 2023.

We continue to be very grateful indeed to attendees who add donations for the student scholarships. The booking form shows you how this can be done.

COST
The conference fee is £350.00 which includes entry fees, 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 2 packed lunches, 3 receptions and tea/coffee refreshments during the conference lectures at the University, and Coombes Church on Wednesday.

BOOKING AND NEXT STEPS
Booking forms should be sent to Kate Milburn at 34 Latimer Road, London, SW19 1EP by 26th May 2023. Attendees can pay by cheque, bank transfer or request a PayPal form if an overseas member. Full details regarding payment are on the booking form. We will use email for further contact. If you do not have email, please send two SAEs with your Booking Form.

Booking for the Conference is on a first come, first served basis and is open to BAA members only.

We will email or post confirmation of your booking. Joining instructions, with a provisional programme, will be sent out at the beginning of August. If you have any questions regarding the conference please email Kate Milburn - catherinemilburn@madasafish.com