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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE: ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE AND ART



*12.30 pm Monday 21st July to 1.00 pm Friday 25th July*

**TIMING UPDATE: COLLEGE COURT IS NOW CLOSED**

**This year the conference will start on a Monday and end on a Friday.** The conference opens for registration on the 21st July at 12.30pm at St Martin's House Conference Centre which is located at 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ ([0116 261 5200](tel:01162615200)). The President's Welcome and Introduction will be at 2.00pm followed by the first lecture at 2.15pm. The conference will conclude at 1.00pm on Friday 25th July.

The conference convenors are Stacy Boldrick (University of Leicester) and Julian Luxford (University of St Andrews).

### LOCATION:

The conference will be based at St Martin's House Conference Centre which is located at 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5PZ next to Leicester Cathedral. Taxis from the station take 10 minutes. Lectures will be held in the Grand Hall with meals and receptions taking place at St Martins and other locations in Leicester. There will be a walking tour around parts of the city, and two coach excursions exploring sites outside Leicester.

## **LECTURES**

Lectures will include papers on subjects ranging from Roman Leicester, Leicester's medieval buildings and topography, Anglo-Saxon sculpture, Romanesque and Gothic architecture and sculpture, Leicestershire monasteries and friaries (with a dip into south-east Derbyshire), late medieval civic and domestic buildings, wall paintings and stained glass.

Speakers will include Jennifer Alexander, Rachel Askew, Stacy Boldrick, Paul Everson and David Stocker, Neil Finn, Heather Gilderdale Scott, Miriam Gill and Ellie Pridgeon, Jane Hawkes, Martin Henig, Peter Liddle, Julian Luxford, John Maddison, Mathew Morris, Julian Munby, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Richard Plant, Teresa Porciani, Sarah Scott and Elizabeth Tingle.

## **SITE VISITS**

At present, site visits in Leicester are planned to include the Jewry Wall and adjacent Roman Baths, castle site with St Mary de Castro, the site of Leicester abbey, the churches of St Nicholas, and St Margaret and the 14th-century Guildhall.

There will be one full day and one half-day excursion outside Leicester. The full day excursion will visit Breedon-on-the-Hill, Melbourne (Derbys), Repton (Derbys) and Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The half-day trip will go to Leicester Abbey site, Lyddington (Rut) and Stoke Dry (Rut), all of which are the subject of conference lectures.

## **TRAVEL**

A frequent train service operates from London St Pancras International to Leicester taking approximately 1¼ hours. Services also run from Birmingham, York, Nottingham and Lincoln. The nearest airports to Leicester are East Midlands Airport (18 miles) and Birmingham (35 miles). London to Leicester by car takes approximately 2½ hours via the M1 or the M40. There is a regular and direct coach service to Leicester from Victoria Coach Station (approx. 2½ hours).

## **ACCOMMODATION:**

Attendees have to book their own accommodation. Leicester has plenty of hotels and B/Bs – most of these are listed on Booking.com and Trip Advisor. Please contact Kate Milburn for a short list of Hotels nearest St Martin's Conference Centre.

## **FOOD**

A buffet lunch will be provided on Tuesday and Thursday. On Monday evening there will be a with a drinks reception at De Montford University in Castle. This will be followed by a cold buffet in the Staff Common Room. On Tuesday evening there will be sit-down dinner at St Martin's Conference Centre. Wednesday will be a free evening with a reception in the Guildhall. A list of local restaurants will be provided in the conference pack.

On Thursday evening there will be a sit-down dinner at an Indian restaurant, Amrut Dining (<https://amrutdining.co.uk/>). Alternative dishes will be provided for those who are allergic to spicy foods.

## **DIETARY REQUESTS**

Please let us know any dietary requests you might have on the booking form.

## **ACCESS**

The Grand Hall is on the first floor of St Martin's with lift access. The sandwich lunches, tea and coffee intervals during the lectures will be served in the Grand Hall.

Leicester city is mostly on the flat and easy to walk round on foot. As some of the site visits might be on rough ground it would be a good idea to bring a good pair of walking shoes. An umbrella might also come in handy.

## **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

A limited number of scholarships will be available for students, covering the conference fee and accommodation. Please email [conferences@thebaa.org](mailto:conferences@thebaa.org) for further details if you wish to apply. The deadline for student scholarship applications is 20th April, 2025

**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 £380.00 which includes 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 2 receptions, tea & coffee refreshments during the lectures, coach travel, admissions, and site donations.

## **BOOKING AND NEXT STEPS**

Booking forms should be sent to Kate Milburn at 34 Latimer Road, London, SW19 1EP by 20th April, 2025. Attendees can pay by cheque, bank transfer or request a PayPal form if they are 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 end of June. [conferences@thebaa.org](mailto:conferences@thebaa.org)