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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

WINCHESTER AND HAMPSHIRE:

ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL ART, ARCHITECTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY



*12.30 pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to 1.00 pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July*

**This year the conference will start on a Monday and end on a Friday.** The conference opens for registration on the 20<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm at the University of Winchester Business School. The President's Welcome and Introduction will be at 1.45pm followed by the first lecture at 2.00pm. The conference will conclude at 1.00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

The conference convenors are Sophie Kelly (University of Bristol) and John Munns (University of Cambridge).

### LOCATION:

The conference will be based at the University of Winchester Business School, West Downs Campus, Romsey Rd, Winchester SO22 5HT ([01962 841515](tel:01962841515)). From the station the West Downs Campus is a 10 minute bus ride (Nos 5 & 66), a 20 minute walk up a steep hill or 5 minutes in a taxi. Lectures will be in the Business School lecture theatre. There will be site visits exploring Winchester Cathedral, and other important medieval buildings within the city and two coach excursions exploring sites in the surrounding area.

## LECTURES:

Lectures will cover aspects of the city and county's architecture, art and archaeology from late Antiquity through the early, high and late Middle Ages.

Speakers will include: Ron Baxter, Alixe Bovey, Alexandrina Buchanan, Veronika Decker, Kathleen Doyle, Ute Engel, Heather Gilderdale Scott, Anya Heilpern, Martin Henig, Sandy Heslop, Tony King, Molly Pye, Simon Roffey, Grahame Soffe, Markus Späth, Zachary Stewart, Christopher Wilson, Lucy Wrapson, and Barbara Yorke.

## SITE VISITS

Site visits in Winchester are planned to include the Cathedral and Close, the Great Hall, Wolvesey Palace, Winchester College, and the Hospital of St Cross. There will be one full day and one half-day excursion outside Winchester encompassing Portchester Castle, East Meon Church and Court, Bishop's Waltham Palace and Romsey Abbey.

## TRAVEL

A frequent train service operates from London Waterloo to Winchester taking approximately 1 hour. Services also run from Birmingham, York, and Oxford. The nearest airports to Winchester are Southampton and Heathrow. National Express is the primary coach provider to Winchester, offering direct services from London, Heathrow Airport (from 1h 5m), and various UK locations. National Express buses generally arrive at St Catherine's Park & Ride, which is a short 8-minute bus ride or 20-25 minute walk to the city centre.

## ACCOMMODATION:

A number of very reasonably priced rooms have been booked at the University of Winchester with two choices available and both sites have pros and cons. The two sites are featured on the Campus map as Nos 29 and 04.

**1). Burma Road:** The Burma Road en-suite rooms are newer, smarter, more comfortable and nicely furnished, the accommodation blocks all have lifts and each floor has its own kitchenette equipped with all mod cons – not that anybody will be doing any self-catering..... However the walk from the Business School is down a steep incline (8 mins walk max) and the rooms could be noisy as the accommodation blocks are at the back of the hospital.

All the rooms are single, en-suite and **£58.00** per night including breakfast.

**Burma Accommodation** - <https://www.thinglink.com/view/scene/2043754888222999396>

**2). West Downs:** The West Down rooms are much nearer the Business School, on the flat and will be much quieter. However the rooms are older and shabbier and the floors are separated by three steep flights of stairs. Not suitable for attendees with back or knee problems carrying a heavy suitcase.

All the rooms are single, en-suite and **£51.00** per night including breakfast.

The rooms in both locations can be viewed on the University virtual tour.

**WD Standard 360** - <https://www.thinglink.com/view/scene/2020517855170134693>

If you don't wish stay at the University, Winchester has several hotels and B&Bs, all of which can be found on Booking.com or TripAdvisor. Rooms in July are, however, expensive.

## FOOD

A buffet lunch will be provided on Tuesday and a picnic lunch on Thursday. On Monday evening there will be a drinks reception at the University followed by a buffet in the dining hall. On Tuesday evening there will be either a hot or cold buffet at the Winchester Royal Hotel. Wednesday will be a free evening with an early reception in the Master's Garden at St Cross. On Thursday evening there will be drinks in the cloister at Winchester College followed by a two-course dinner in 'School', the College's 17<sup>th</sup>-century hall.

## DIETARY REQUESTS

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

## ACCESS

The historic centre of Winchester is low lying but surrounded by hills which can be quite steep. As some of the site visits are on rough ground it would be a good idea to bring a good pair of walking shoes. There is a frequent bus service to The Hospital of St Cross but it can also be reached by a lovely 25-30 minute walk along the river where walking shoes might come in handy. An umbrella might also be useful.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships will be available for students, covering the conference fee and accommodation. There is also an additional Prize, '**The Routledge John McNeill Conference Scholarship**', sponsored by Routledge, the publishers of the BAA Conference Transactions.

Please email [conferences@thebaa.org](mailto:conferences@thebaa.org) for further details if you wish to apply. The deadline for student scholarship applications is 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

**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 £390.00 which includes 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 3 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 April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 or emailed to [conferences@thebaa.org](mailto:conferences@thebaa.org). 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. If you have any questions regarding the conference please email [conferences@thebaa.org](mailto:conferences@thebaa.org).