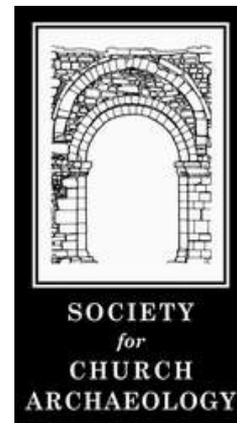


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THETFORD!



THE MEDIEVAL CHURCH IN CONTEXT

FEATURING: JACKIE HALL, DUNCAN WRIGHT, RICHARD HOGGETT, JOE ELDERS, STEPHEN HEYWOOD **AND**
COMPREHENSIVE TOURS OF THE

MEDIEVAL TOWN



AT THE SITE OF THE OLD CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 28TH JULY 2012

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Thetford: The Medieval Church in Context

The first of this year's conferences will be held rather closer to home than Cork, in Norfolk's ancient ecclesiastical centre of Thetford, where we will be joined by the Association of Diocesan and Cathedral Archaeologists. Now a rather neglected place, Thetford was an important Anglo-Saxon centre whose minster-church became the cathedral of the diocese of Norfolk from 1075 until 1094, when it moved to upstart Norwich. The cathedral was converted into a Cluniac priory, which itself moved shortly afterwards, and a Dominican friary was founded there in 1335 until the Dissolution ended a thousand years of ecclesiastical activity on the site in 1538.

Thetford Priory is presently the focus of an exciting research project involving our own Jackie Hall. The Priory was the burial place of the Howard family, the Dukes of Norfolk and one of the most important noble families of the Tudor period, until its Dissolution in 1539. Not even the might of the Howards, could save the Priory from destruction. Two of the Howard tombs were salvaged and in the 1550s reconstructed in St Mary's, Framlingham, where they remain to this day; however, many fragments of these tombs were left behind in the Priory, which is presently being revealed by research and excavation.

The Dominican friary was converted into a grammar school after the Dissolution, and this is where the conference will be held. Part of the west front, north aisle and central tower of the church remain, and we will be housed in the school's beautiful 16th century hall, which was built on the foundations of its monastic predecessor. There will be a morning of lectures on the churches and archaeology of Thetford, followed by lunch and the annual general meetings of both the SCA and ADCA. Confirmed to speak are:

- ❖ Joe Elders, *The Road to Ruin (and Redemption?). The Story of Thetford St Mary the Less*
- ❖ Jackie Hall, *Dissolution, Excavation and the Howard Tombs at Thetford Priory*
- ❖ Duncan Wright, *Minsters, Settlement and Society in Eastern England: The Middle Saxon Church in Context*
- ❖ Richard Hoggett, *The East Anglian Dioceses before the Conquest*
- ❖ Stephen Heywood, *Evidence for Romanesque Architecture and Architectural Sculpture in Thetford*

The afternoon will be spent exploring the Thetford itself, which boasts a spectacular concentration of sites whose preservation can be ascribed to the town's post-medieval decline. We will visit many of the sites discussed in the morning's lectures, including the cathedral and Cluniac priory, and the ruins of the Priory of the Canons of the Holy Sepulchre, the only standing remains in England of this small monastic order. Nearby, the 11th-century and later church of St Mary the Less, one of Thetford's many medieval parish churches, provides an evocative example of abandonment and neglect which we will have a rare opportunity to enter. We aim to finish on the impressive motte of the town's Norman castle, with plenty of time for onward travel home.

Timetable

Friday

For those needing to be in Thetford the day before the conference we will be having dinner at 7.30pm in the Bell Inn, a medieval coaching inn in the centre of town, on King St. Please indicate if you wish to join us so we can book a table.

Saturday

- 09.30-10.00 – Registration; tea and coffee
- 10.00-12.00 – Welcome; three speakers
- 12.00-2.00 – Lunch; AGM for SCA and ADCA
- 2.00-3.00 – Two speakers
- 3.00-6.00 – Guided tours of sites in Thetford

Venue

Thetford Grammar School, Bridge St, Thetford.

Accommodation

The Bell Inn, £65-75 (01842 754455)

The Old Rectory B&B, £30-50 (01842 765419)

The Wareham House Hotel, £55-75 (01842 761956)

The Thomas Paine Hotel, £80-100 (01842 750372)

Thetford Premier Inn, £40-50 (0871 527 9090). Note: this is located two miles from Thetford town centre



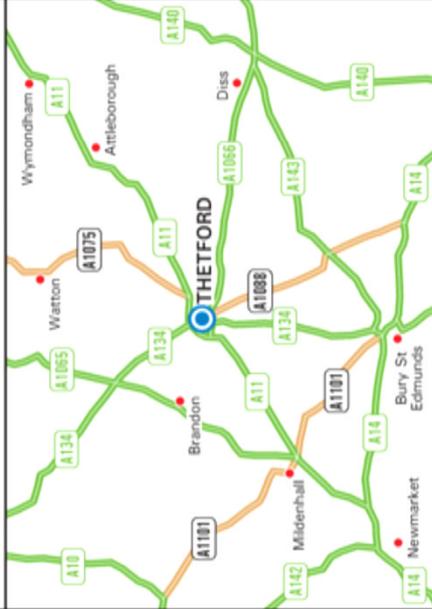
Registration

Students/SCA members	£15
Non-members	£20
ADCA members	- (included in ADCA membership subscription)

To book, please send a cheque payable to 'Society for Church Archaeology' to:
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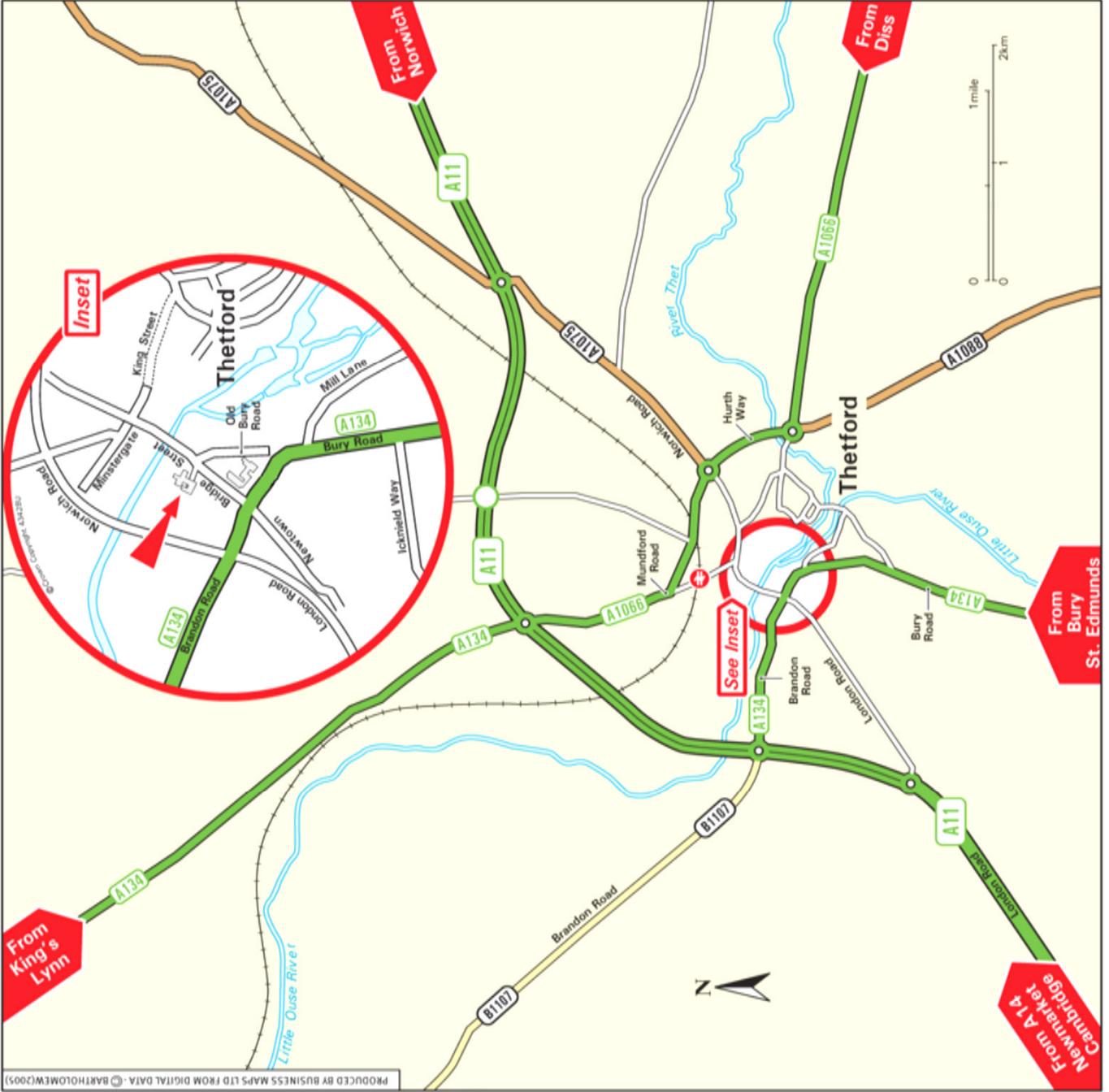
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- Leave the A11 at the roundabout junction with the A134/B1107.
 - Join the A134 (Brandon Road) towards Thetford Town Centre and Bury St Edmunds
 - At traffic lights continue towards Bury St Edmunds
 - Turn left onto Bridge Street.
 - Thetford Grammar School Visitors' Car Park is situated on the left hand side (see inset).

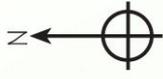
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- Thetford receives services from Grantham, Ely, Peterborough, Norwich, Cambridge, Lakenheath, Wyomondham, Harling, Sheffield, Manchester Piccadilly and Nottingham.



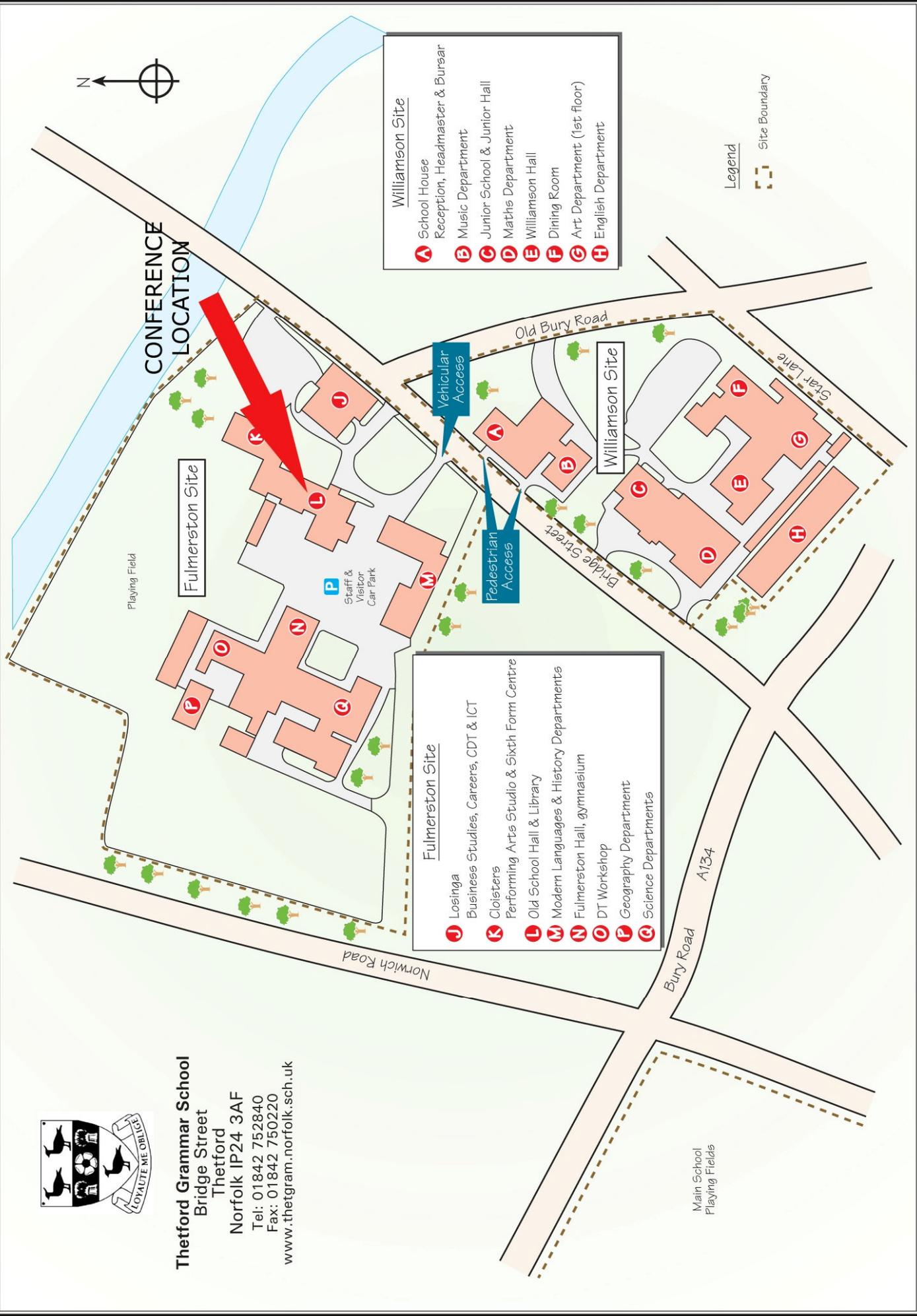
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CONFERENCE LOCATION



- Williamson Site**
- A** School House
 - Reception, Headmaster & Bursar
 - B** Music Department
 - C** Junior School & Junior Hall
 - D** Maths Department
 - E** Williamson Hall
 - F** Dining Room
 - G** Art Department (1st floor)
 - H** English Department

- Fulmerston Site**
- J** Losinga
 - Business Studies, Careers, CDT & ICT
 - K** Cloisters
 - Performing Arts Studio & Sixth Form Centre
 - L** Old School Hall & Library
 - M** Modern Languages & History Departments
 - N** Fulmerston Hall, gymnasium
 - O** DT Workshop
 - P** Geography Department
 - Q** Science Departments

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 Site Boundary

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Main School
 Playing Fields