

Society for Church Archaeology

The Archaeology of Church Interiors

A Conference to be held at Winchester
Friday 19th - Sunday 21st September 2003



This year's conference concentrates on the archaeology of church interiors from excavations beneath floors to studying the archaeological evidence for surviving visible fabric, fittings and wall paintings. Some of the work has only recently been undertaken and the meeting will provide an opportunity for new results and research to be outlined.

The weekend will commence with a tour of the cathedral close followed by Evensong, a reception courtesy of the Dean to be held in the Prior's Hall and a tour of the cathedral library and gallery.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.00am on the Saturday. The Saturday programme will include an opportunity for participants to visit St. Cross Hospital Chapel and attend a conference dinner in Winchester Guildhall. The Conference provides the chance to visit venues such as the Prior's Hall and the medieval Pilgrims' Hall in the cathedral close, which are not normally open to the public.

The Field Trip will include a visit to the church at Hursley, associated with John Keble, and will include internal access to the Heathcote family mausoleum within the churchyard. The afternoon tour of Romsey Abbey and the adjacent King John's House and garden will be led by Frank Green, archaeological advisor to the Abbey for over 20 years.

Friday 19th September

16.15 Tour of Cathedral Close (£3.50).

17.30 Evensong in Winchester Cathedral.

18.15 Reception and welcome by the Dean, the Very Revd. Michael Till, followed by a tour of the cathedral library and gallery.

Saturday 20th September**Pilgrims' Hall, Pilgrims' School, Winchester Cathedral Close**

09.30 Registration in Pilgrims' Hall (Tea and Coffee).

10.00 AGM -Society for Church Archaeology.

10.30 Martin Biddle, **The archaeology of church interiors: evidence from Winchester and Nubia.**

John Crook, **'Saints' cults, relics, shrines and pilgrimage in the early middle ages.**

12.00 Lunch.

13.30 Simon Roffey, **An archaeology of lay piety and intercession: chapels and chantries in the medieval parish churches of southern and western England.**

Jane Spooner, **Hidden images: discoveries of medieval wall paintings in English ecclesiastical buildings.**

15.00 Tea

15.30 Linda Hall, **Post-reformation fixtures and fittings: Hampshire and surrounding counties.**

Frank Green, **Romsey Abbey belfry and bell frame: the archaeological evidence.**
Discussion and close.

17.00 Tour of St. Cross Hospital Chapel Winchester, by kind permission of the Warden, the Revd. T. Outhwaite.

20.00 **Conference dinner:** The King Charles Suite, Winchester Guildhall

Sunday 21st September - leave Winchester at 10.30, return at 17.00.

11.00 -12.00 Hursley Church and Heathcote Mausoleum.

12.30-13.45 Lunch in Romsey (selection of public houses).

13.45 -15.30 Romsey Abbey.

15.30 -16.30 Tour of King John's House, Romsey (13th century ex-monastic property with wall paintings, medieval graffiti and re-created pre-AD1700 garden) where refreshments will be provided.

Conference fee:

Members of the Society	£20.00
Students	£10.00
Non-members	£25.00

Conference Dinner in the King Charles Suite, Winchester Guildhall. (Saturday evening)

An opportunity to socialise with other members and meet the speakers.

Three course dinner	£25.00
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Field Trip (Sunday)

Coach excursion, excluding pub lunch	£6.00
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Accommodation

Members requiring accommodation should contact Winchester Tourist Information on 01962 840500 or at www.visitwinchester.gov.uk

Please note that to be certain of finding accommodation in Winchester this needs to be booked well in advance.