

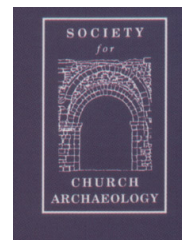
# The Archaeology of Post-Medieval Religion

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2008

*The Maids Head Hotel, Tombland, Norwich*



SOCIETY FOR POST-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY



SOCIETY FOR CHURCH ARCHAEOLOGY

The Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology and the Society for Church Archaeology are pleased to announce a forthcoming joint conference on the archaeology of religion in Britain and Europe from 1580 to 1900.

The joint SPMA/SMA (2001) conference *The Archaeology of Reformation, 1480-1580* demonstrated the huge potential for the study of archaeological evidence for understanding complex religious change. The 2008 joint conference, which will be held from the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September in Norwich, seeks to extend these insights to explore the development of religious ideologies and practices in the post-medieval world. The seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were a period of profound religious and cultural change; of sustained theological debate and violent religious conflict. The conference brings together archaeologists and historians from a wide range of fields, all of whom share an interest in the changing spatial and material context of religious belief and identity in this period.

Themes covered include the ongoing impact of religious and political conflict in post-Reformation Britain and Europe, the archaeology of immigrant groups in the early modern world, nonconformist buildings and landscapes in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and post-medieval funerary practices.

The conference venue is located in the heart of Norwich, a city with a long history of religious diversity, and many fine survivals of post-medieval religious architecture. The conference is timed to coincide with the **Heritage Open Day weekend (11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September)**, providing an unparalleled opportunity to explore many aspects of this unique heritage, including many churches, chapels and other religious buildings not usually open to the general public.



*The Octagon Chapel, Colegate, Norwich*

For further information and booking forms, please visit [www.spma.org.uk](http://www.spma.org.uk) or [www.britarch.ac.uk/socchurcharchaeol/](http://www.britarch.ac.uk/socchurcharchaeol/)

Alternatively, contact the conference organiser: **Dr Chris King**, School of Archaeology and Ancient History, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH Tel: 0116 252 2175 [cnk4@le.ac.uk](mailto:cnk4@le.ac.uk)

## Further information

### Conference fees

The conference fee of £42.00 includes tea and coffee breaks and a two-course lunch on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and a tea and coffee break on the morning of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> (but not lunch, which can be booked separately at the hotel for £12.95 per person).

A one-day rate of £36.00 is available for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> only (for instance, if delegates wish to use the Sunday as an opportunity for extended visits to Norwich churches and chapels).

Non-members are welcome to attend the conference, but will be charged a slightly higher conference fee. Please visit [www.spma.org.uk](http://www.spma.org.uk) or [www.britarch.ac.uk/socchurcharchaeol/](http://www.britarch.ac.uk/socchurcharchaeol/) for details of how to join either society.

The opening wine reception and the conference dinner on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> must be booked separately.

### Church visits

The precise itineraries of the planned visits to churches and chapels in and around Norfolk are still being finalised, and will be posted on the internet as soon as they are confirmed. Please contact the conference organiser for further details.

The coach visit to churches in north-west Norfolk on the afternoon of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September will depart the Maids Head hotel at 11.30am, and return there by 5.30pm. The coach visit costs £10.00 and must be booked separately. Delegates are advised to bring their own packed lunch, and a break for refreshments is planned half-way through the coach tour at Reepham.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the conference fee and must be booked separately.

The Maids Head Hotel has approximately 80 en-suite rooms available, at a rate of £63.00 per person per night based on two people sharing; £81.00 pppn including evening meals. Please contact the hotel directly to arrange your accommodation: [www.foliohotels.com/maidshead/index](http://www.foliohotels.com/maidshead/index)  
Tel: 0870 609 6110  
Please quote *University of Leicester 120908* when making your reservation.

Alternatively, there are many hotels and bed and breakfasts in central Norwich: the website [www.visitnorwich.co.uk](http://www.visitnorwich.co.uk) has a full range of accommodation.

### Travel

The Maids Head Hotel is located on Tombland in central Norwich, opposite the main entrance to the Cathedral.

**By car:** Follow signs to City Centre, take inner ring round and turn left onto A147 to north of the city. At roundabout for A1151, signposted Wroxham, follow signs for Cathedral and Law Courts along Whitefriars. Hotel is approx 400 metres on the right along Palace Street.

The hotel car-park can accommodate approximately 80 cars.

**By rail:** The hotel is located approximately 10 minutes walk from Norwich Station. On leaving the station, cross the river Wensum directly ahead and walk up Prince of Wales Road. Turn right at the top of the road into Upper King Street, which leads directly into Tombland; the hotel is at the opposite end of this open space.

**By air:** Norwich International Airport is located approximately 3.5 miles north of the city on the A140, and there is a regular bus service to the City Centre.

# *Conference Programme*

## **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00-5.00 Registration desk open

**11.30-5.30 Coach trip to churches and chapels in north-west Norfolk**

(itinerary to be confirmed, but likely to include St Mary and St Michael, Reepham; St Michael and All Angels, Booton; St Mary, Bylaugh; Oulton chapel)

*Alternative:*

**2.00-5.00 Visits to churches and chapels in Norwich** (itinerary to be confirmed)

**6.00-7.30 Evening welcome wine reception** (*The Maids Head Hotel*)

**7.30 Conference dinner** (*The Maids Head Hotel*; open to members of both societies)

## **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

9.00: Welcome and introduction to the conference

**Session 1: Church and society in post-medieval Britain and Europe**

**Chair and discussant: David Gaimster**

9.10: John Mabbitt: A tale of two churches: Holy Trinity, Berwick upon Tweed, and Holy Trinity, Staunton Harold

9.35: Magrit Thofner: Mistress of ceremonies? Anne of Denmark and the 'Anglican Counter-Reformation'

10.00: Philippa Woodcock: Was original best? Re-fitting the churches of the diocese of Le Mans, 1562-1598

10.25: Matthias Range: Characteristics of Lutheran church interiors: Schleswig

*10.50-11.20 Break*

11.20: Paul Belford: The non-Protestant work ethic: a dynasty of Catholic industrial entrepreneurs in post-Reformation Shropshire

11.45: Simon Roffey: A romantic anachronism? 'Chantry' chapels of the nineteenth century

12.10-12.35: Discussion

*12.35-1.00 Society AGM's; 1.00-2.00 Lunch*

**Session 2: Immigrant communities in early modern Britain and the New World**

**Chair and discussant: Richard Gem**

2.00: Chris King: 'Strangers in a strange land': immigrant communities and civic culture in early modern Norwich

2.25: Greig Parker: Expressions of conformity: identifying Huguenot religious beliefs through material culture

2.50: Peter Benes: Meetinghouses of Puritan New England: the transatlantic passage, 1630-1800

3.15-3.40: Discussion

*3.40- 4.10 Break*

**Session 3: Nonconformist landscapes of nineteenth century Britain**

**Chair and discussant: Margaret Faul**

4.10: Harold Mytum: Church and chapel: focal points in Welsh and Manx landscapes

4.35: Jeremy Lake: Chapels and landscape in Cornwall

5.00: Matthew Butler: Landscapes of dissent: Nonconformist chapels in Orkney and Wiltshire

5.25: Claire Strachan: 'But deliver us from evil': popular protest in identities of dissent in the South West woollen industry 1760-1860

5.50-6.15: Discussion

*6.15-6.40 Break*

6.40-7.30: **Evening keynote lecture:** Andrew Spicer: Re-drawing the religious landscape in post-Reformation Scotland

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Session 4: Burial and commemoration**

**Chair and discussant: Harold Mytum**

9.20: Natasha Powers and Adrian Miles: Nonconformist identities in nineteenth century

London: archaeological and osteological evidence

9.45: Annia Cherryson: Nonconformism and the geography of burial, 1689-1886

10.10: Rachel Clarke and Anwen Caffell: The excavation of the burial ground of the General Baptists, Priory Yard, Norwich

10.35-11.00: Barney Sloane: Of friars, felons and funerals: the material culture of an 18<sup>th</sup>-century burial ground in London

*11.00-11.30: Break*

11.30: Hugh Willmott: All dressed up and nowhere to go? Evaluating the research potential of coffins, coffin furniture and other grave goods in post-medieval Britain

11.55: Diana Swales and Richard O'Neill: The iconography of death in the grave: late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Sheffield

12.20-12.45: Discussion

12.45-1.10: **Closing remarks** by David Gaimster

*1.10 Finish*

**2.00-5.00: Visits to churches and chapels in Norwich** (itinerary to be confirmed)