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Letter from the Chair

DESPITE THE EARLY frosts, 2012 turned out to be one of the wettest years on record in the UK. That was bad news for some churches in Lincoln diocese, which has been badly affected by lead-theft, meaning that many churches would have particular reasons for welcoming a dry summer. But in December, four people were sentenced at Lincoln Crown Court for their part in a widespread conspiracy to steal lead from 20 churches across Lincolnshire and parts of Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire; a conspiracy described by CPS East Midlands

Senior Crown Prosecutor Simon Rowe as the biggest of its kind ever prosecuted. It is estimated that they stole 70 tonnes of lead, which they sold for £70,000 but, in mere financial terms, the damage they caused to the churches was more than five times that amount, and that is before considering the irreparable damage to the material heritage and to the morale of the communities plundered. All the convicted felons received prison sentences, the longest being seven years. Afterwards Simon Rowe, commented:

“This is the biggest case of metal theft from churches or

heritage sites the CPS has ever prosecuted, and a real landmark in the fight against heritage crime. Criminals may think that because churches are not homes or businesses then stealing from them somehow does not leave a victim behind. Nothing could be further from the truth. These are places of cultural, historic, religious and, to many people, personal importance, cared for over centuries by dedicated members of their community. These individuals have shown a callous disregard for the communities they stole from and the damage they have done.”

Full credit has also been given to Lincolnshire Police, whose
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THE SOCIETY FOR Church Archaeology is governed by its Constitution, formally adopted by the Society on 23rd March 1996.

The Society was formed to achieve the advancement of public education by promoting the study, conservation and preservation of churches and

other places of worship and associated monuments in all their other aspects.

Membership at 31st Dec 2012 was 286, of which 17 were institutions. Subscriptions are available through the Society website, or through applications to Josh Schwieso, Membership Secretary.

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DI Keith Blakey noted that it marked the effectiveness of their operation ‘Brompton’, which was launched to tackle metal theft in the county. Police commentary on the case revealed the extent to which Brompton relied on a feeling that the entire community was under attack, and on the entire community responding by sharing information that eventually resulted in the convictions. Much has been made of the fact that the individuals involved were all outsiders to Lincolnshire, and whilst one does not know how many of the unsolved lead thefts might have been undertaken by the indigenous population, there is clearly a widespread feeling that Lincolnshire’s fine stock of historic churches are best protected by the local community, whether acting at diocese or PCC level. Vigilance by the local community, then is the critical factor in the apprehension of lead thieves; alarms and security devices are all well and good, but a number of plundered Lincolnshire churches had security systems installed.

The Trustees during 2012 were:	
President:	Dr Richard Gem (Jan – July) Dr Lawrence Butler (July – Dec)
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2012 has also been an exceptional one for the SCA also. Your committee has been working even harder than usual to produce one of our best years so far. You will see elsewhere in this report that membership is rising steadily, which in these times of financial constraints is very gratifying. Thanks to the sheer hard work of our editorial team, the Journal has virtually caught up with subscriptions. Our Vice-Chair Jackie Hall has stepped very effectively into the gap left by Evelyn Baker's recent ill-health, and our experiment with an editorial committee (comprising Jackie, Duncan Wright and Alex McClain) has worked extremely well. Evelyn is making a good recovery and continues to offer her wisdom and skill, for which we are enormously grateful, and we wish her the very best in 2013.

Thanks to the efforts of Aleks McClain and Michael Shapland, we held our first ever overseas conference in September (jointly with the University of Cork) – an event which was a great success and about which you can read more elsewhere in the report. Because the September conference was

held in Ireland, we thought it important to mount a second, smaller-scale, event in England this year. It was mounted jointly with ADCA in Thetford in July and was attended by a full-house of members and visitors. We are enormously grateful for the effort that Michael and Joe Elders put in to make it a success. Finally we have once again been able to make two awards from our research-grant budget in 2012; one to an early-career scholar and one to a more established academic. Again further details of the grants scheme are mentioned elsewhere in this report, but here I would like to thank Kristjan Ahronsén for his work in organising and administering this year's award.

The year's successes are all the more remarkable considering the changes that have occurred within the Committee during the year. We have said goodbye to our Treasurer, Allie Nickel, who left us at the AGM, and who we wish all the very best for the future. Her place has been taken by Andrew Marriott, who lives in Northallerton and works in Yorkshire and

Lincolnshire. Andrew has already settled into the role, reviewed our procedures and instituted a number of vital new ones that will mean that we have an accurate 'real-time' understanding of our financial position. It is already clear that Andrew will become a key member of the Society's management team. I mentioned in last year's report that our new membership secretary, Josh Schwieso, was already attending Committee meetings, and he too has installed a number of critical new procedures within our membership database, linking up with those recommended by Andrew. Between them, then, we now have a much clearer idea of the direction that the Society is taking. We have also welcomed to the Committee Joe Elders, who has taken up the new ex officio seat created last year for a member of the ADCA committee. As I have written in previous newsletters, it is important for SCA to build strong bridges with other bodies in adjacent areas, and Joe's contribution (and indeed the reciprocal arrangements we now have in place with ADCA) is an important aspect of this work.

Last, but certainly not least, our President for the past nine years, Dr Richard Gem, finally stepped down at the AGM. Richard was an influential voice in the establishment of the Society in 1996 and during his term as President he has always been behind us, offering wise advice always, and vital snippets of information at critical moments. He has promised that he will not desert us, however, and we look forward to seeing both him and Cory at SCA conferences for many years yet. Richard's place has been taken by Dr Lawrence Butler, a well-known church archaeologist, whose work in the 1950s and 1960s established the ground-rules for the modern study of early grave furniture, and who has subsequently excavated and published a number of church excavations up and down the country. His academic base was the University of Leeds and subsequently the University of York, but I hope he will not mind me commenting that his heart always spent much of its time in Wales.

As if all these changes were not enough, we have also welcomed three new (satisfyingly silent!)

additions to our Committee meetings during the year: we hope you all enjoyed what you saw of 2012: Matilda Shapland (born in May); William Ashby (son of Aleks, born in September); and David Ahronsen (born in October).

Our churches, then, are evidently protected by the strength of the communities that surround them, and the SCA – also on the move in 2012 – is in good shape to support them in 2013.

Subscriptions are now due

FOR THOSE MEMBERS who renew their subscription annually by cheque, these are now due for 2013.

Subscriptions prices remain the same as last year:

Individual	£25
Individual (retired, unwaged, student)	£12
Two people at same address	£35
Two people at the same address (retired etc...)	£20
Institution	£75

SCA apologises to members who have sent their subscriptions some time ago, tried to join the society or sought information from us. It seems that there was a problem with our post box arrangement from December 2012 through to March this year resulting in a substantial amount of correspondence not being dealt with. We are sorry if this has caused you any difficulties or frustration.

CONFERENCE 2013

The Romanesque Church in Gloucester

SCA/ADCA Annual Conference, 7–8 September 2013

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE will be held in the ancient cathedral city of Gloucester, where we will be joined once again by the Association of Diocesan and Cathedral Archaeologists. Formerly the Roman town of *Glevum*, there is some evidence for ecclesiastical continuity at Gloucester from the Romano-British period through to the Anglo-Saxon and beyond, making it one of the most ancient centres of Christianity in Britain.

The conference will be based at Gloucester cathedral itself, which traces its origins to the minster church of St Peter, founded within the old Roman fortress around 679 AD. It came under the Benedictine Rule in the early eleventh century, before being wholly rebuilt under its early Norman abbots. Much of this late eleventh century work survives



in the present church, which was made a cathedral in 1541. There will be a programme of lectures in one of the cathedral's 14th century timber-framed buildings, where Richard II summoned parliament in 1378:

- Malcolm Thurlby *Aachen, William of Malmesbury and Romanesque architecture in Gloucestershire*
- Steven Blake, *Saints and Serpents: Gloucestershire's Norman tympana*
- Maggie Kneen, *Anglo-Saxon churches and the aesthetics of worship*
- Richard Bryant, *Anglo-Saxon Sculpture in Gloucestershire*

This will be followed by the annual general meetings of both the SCA and ADCA,

and a guided tour around the cathedral.

The conference is timed to coincide with the annual Deerhurst Lecture: Paul Barnwell, *Locating Baptism in Anglo-Saxon and Norman Churches*. We will take an early dinner in a village pub near Deerhurst, before travelling on to attend the lecture in the remarkable setting of one of the most complete examples of Anglo-Saxon architecture to survive in England.

On the Sunday, we will be visiting Romanesque sites in Gloucestershire. The extremely picturesque church of St Mary, Kempley, is famous for its very early and very important cycle of early twelfth century wall paintings, and its mid-twelfth

century roof structure, thought to be the earliest in Britain. Tewkesbury Abbey, with its enormous crossing-tower, is considered to be one of the finest Norman buildings in England. Delegates will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful market town of Tewkesbury over lunch. We will travel on to Deerhurst for a tour of its famous Anglo-Saxon church in the daylight, and the adjacent chapel built by Earl Odda in 1056, before returning to Gloucester in time for onward journeys home.



Since many delegates will be staying in Gloucester on the Friday before the conference proper, we will take the opportunity to visit the 13th century Black Friars, one of the most complete surviving Dominican friaries in England. We will go on to an informal dinner at the New Inn, the fifteenth century galleried coaching inn where Lady Jane Grey was proclaimed queen in 1539.



Please see the program, details and booking form enclosed with the Newsletter.

2012 CONFERENCE REVIEW



2012 Conference review: Cork

THE SOCIETY HELD its 2012 Annual Conference in Cork in collaboration with University College Cork, where it was held, and we are really grateful to Tomás Ó Carragáin to organising such a great event. It was the culmination of Tomás's 'Making Christian Landscapes' project, which was also the title of the conference, looking at conversion and consolidation in early medieval Europe.

From Saturday morning to mid-afternoon Sunday, the papers

covered a wide range of subjects and ranged from detailed studies to wider views. There were eighteen papers in all, too many to mention each individually and impossible to do any of them justice. They were roughly grouped geographically, starting with France and moving round Ireland, Spain, Crete, Wales, Scotland, England, France (again), Germany and Scandinavia. The day-and-a-half was intellectually demanding and fully lived up to my high expectations.

Entirely randomly, I am going to mention just three papers,

the organiser's and the two plenary papers. The first plenary paper was given by Elisabeth Zadaró-Rio and looked at the fabric of parish boundaries in Touraine in relation to ecclesiastical ideas and social conceptions, and showing how parish boundaries related to earlier boundaries. Tomás Ó Carragáin's paper, in the Irish section, examined the process of Christianisation in the territory of Fir Maige, especially in relation to multivallate ring fort and other elite sites. The second plenary paper was given by our former president Richard Morris (see

interview in the latest *Church Archaeology*) on his recent work at Lastingham in the 7th and 8th centuries. He took the long view, however, positing a ritual tradition, visible in the landscape, that may have lasted from prehistory to the late Middle Ages.

Despite all this, for me the highlight of the conference was actually the day before, with the trip to the Ring of Kerry on the Friday. I can't help feeling that someone (all of us signed up for the trip, perhaps?) must have been praying hard, since the weather stayed fine all day. With three outdoor sites, up a hill, in a boggy field and on an island inaccessible in bad weather, this was a blessing indeed. The first site we visited was Leacanabuaile (see photo), a partially reconstructed round stone fort with interior stone buildings and a 'souterrain', an underground passage leading to a chamber within the wall. The second site was Cloghanecarhan, a site in a field perhaps typical of many less important early Christian sites. This one remains special because it still has a stone with an Ogham inscription there.

After lunch, we were ferried in groups across to Illaunloughan, a site excavated and conserved; an amazing site of two principal phases dating from 7th to 9th century, with an oratory, a gable shrine and several round huts. Discussion on the island was enthusiastic and ably led not just by the many experts in the party but also by our principal 'tour guide', Tomás's colleague John Sheehan, who was the excavator of the site. If you weren't there, and you ever have the chance to go, seize it.

Thetford Workshop 2012

THE SOCIETY COMPLEMENTED the Cork conference with a chance to gather for a one-day workshop in Thetford. This type of event was a departure for the Society, but one that proved hugely enjoyable, informative and successful. Taking the main conference abroad (Cork) left us with the need to fulfill our obligation to hold an AGM that was accessible to all members. Thetford did that and much more. With a tight focus on the archaeology of churches in the town and immediate area the series of five papers

and afternoon walking tour defined the town's Anglo-Saxon core, medieval height and post medieval decline, giving context to the buildings we would see around the town, and to the remains of the Dominican Friary where the event was held.

What felt special about the day was the overwhelming sense of relaxed appreciative contentment from all those attending. Michael Shapland had assembled a first rate list of speakers – strong in their subject area but also their delivery. The venue (now a grammar school) was small but intimate, far from an impersonal corporate facility. Delegates felt at ease to chat, to greet those they had not seen for however long, to mull over the content of papers or simply share their archeological observations.

Such events of course, simple and seamless as they can appear to those of us just turning up to be engrossed, still require a lot of preparation and the Society must thank Michael, Joe Elders and Thetford Grammar School. Your committee has discussed the value of such day workshops and there is an intention to stage

more in the future. As ever, we welcome suggestions from our membership as to where and what might stimulate.

Research Grant 2012–2013

WE ARE DELIGHTED to announce that two applicants have been awarded the Society's Research Grant for this year. Dr Christina Welch, Senior Lecturer in the University of Winchester's Department of Theology and Religious Studies, was awarded £563 for her Project *Exploring the Willoughby cadaver monuments at St Leonard's Church, Wollaton*. Dr Welch writes that these English carved cadaver monuments: 'date from between c1425 to around 1553 and ... image the deceased as an anorexic fresh corpse and are a form of Transi tomb; although none are believed to contain bones and as such are memorials rather than tombs per se'.

Matilde Grimaldi, PhD student at The Courtauld Institute of Art, has been awarded £500 towards her Project *Sculptural evidence of the lost cathedral of Santa Maria of Tortosa: 1148–1347*. Our grant will enable

Matilde Grimaldi to focus 'on a crucial aspect of the lost Cathedral of Tortosa, namely the on-site study of three capitals found in the present cathedral grounds'. Matilde Grimaldi writes that 'Among the few surviving elements of the lost Romanesque cathedral, these three pieces are the only ones that give some insight on the cathedral sculptural program, and by doing so they also provide an excellent basis for the dating of the cathedral itself, on which doubts exist'.

Updates on Dr Christina Welch's and Matilde Grimaldi's Projects, as well as a follow-up on last year's grant-funded Project by Emma Chapman, will be included in next year's newsletter. For further information on our Research Grant Scheme or to apply, please look to our webpages or contact the Chair of the Research Grant Committee, Dr Kristján Ahronson (k.ahronson@bangor.ac.uk).

SOCIETY & COMMITTEE NEWS

Review of the Society's work in 2012

THE COMMITTEE MET three times during 2012 (10th January, 8th May and 16th October). Meetings were attended by the Officers and Trustees of the Society, and by Joe Elders representing the Association of Diocesan and Cathedral Archaeologists.

The business of running the Society was discussed with a particular focus on financial issues. Andrew Marriott was co-opted onto committee in March 2012 in place of Allie Nickell and presented a clear picture of our financial position at the May meeting. This allowed for a full and frank discussion over the gap between income and outgoings, and the options for ensuring the Society could continue to carry out its three main expenditure commitments: the Journal, conference and research grant. The matter of subscription fees was tabled, but set aside until the 2013 AGM at the earliest. Committee agreed instead to work to increase membership of the Society, to look carefully at administration costs, to ensure

that conference breaks even and to target grant opportunities for Journal papers. It was further agreed that, with a substantial sum held in our reserves, it was important to continue funding the research grant at up to £1000 per year.

Also at the May meeting our Membership Secretary Josh Schwieso presented his first full report. In breaking down our subscriptions by type, analysing trends within our membership and looking at chasing late payments Josh was able to demonstrate how a steady increase in subscription numbers could make a significant impact on the balance of our annual accounts. Committee discussed the possibility of moving to subscription by direct debit, but felt the upheaval this can cause and amount of officer time required, meant this action was best delayed for the time being.

As always progress on the Journal was reviewed at each meeting. Committee thanked the Editorial team for the magnificent work they do on behalf of the Society and recognised the continuing difficulty in identifying and

gathering papers of sufficient quality to uphold the reputation of the publication.

The other point of note was in the decision to move the AGM from its usual September due to the Conference being held outside of the UK. The AGM (28th July 2012) was held at the Thetford day school and was attended by 25 members of the Society. The 2013 AGM will be held on the 7th September in Gloucester.

Committee News

DURING 2012 ALLIE Nickell formally stood down from her role as Treasurer, being replaced by Andrew Marriott. Both Andrew and Josh Schwieso (Membership) were elected onto committee at the AGM. Dr Richard Gem stood down as President at the AGM, being replaced by Lawrence Butler.

ANDREW MARRIOTT – TREASURER
Andrew served in the British Army for 30 years before reading archaeology at York. Retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, he served in every continent (except Antarctica!). He has always had a deep interest in people, places and



artefacts and the interplay between them. Seeing many iconic, and also much humbler, religious sites in some very troubled parts of the world helped to stimulate an interest in churches. As an undergraduate he explored the origins of a medieval church in South Nottinghamshire and its place in the landscape.

Now a Masters student, he is keen to explore issues such as the Viking/Anglo-Saxon interface, the re-establishment of English authority in the churches of the old Danelaw, and the role of religious buildings in the processes of Normanisation and seigneurialisation in the 70 years after the Conquest. He is also drawn to the archaeology of conflict. He still takes an

interest in international affairs, enjoys hill walking, fly fishing and travel. He also indulges a fascination with Royal Mail letter boxes!

DR LAWRENCE BUTLER –
PRESIDENT

I started church recording while at junior school and published a survey of medieval gravestones in Nottinghamshire 60 years ago. During undergraduate study at Cambridge I



published a similar survey for Cambridgeshire, and later, after postgraduate work at Oxford, published a wider study of gravestones in the East Midlands.

Employment with the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Wales included

preparing architectural surveys of churches and chapels and conducting some excavations. Moving to Leeds to lecture on medieval archaeology provided more challenging excavations, both within 3 Yorkshire churches and at Deerhurst for the Society of Antiquaries with Dr. Harold Taylor and Professor Philip Rahtz.

Parallel to this was service on two diocesan advisory committees and on four cathedral fabric councils, including Lincoln and York. The establishment of the Council for British Archaeology's Churches Committee provided greater opportunities to promote the specialism of church archaeology and the employment of its committed archaeologists. While I was secretary and then chairman of the Committee its work was extended into every diocese in England and Wales with parallel advances in Scotland.

Whilst at Leeds I acted as head of the Department of Archaeology, Director of the Centre for Archaeology and Director of the Centre for Medieval Studies (1978–91) before moving to York to concentrate on post-graduate teaching in medi-

eval archaeology and advanced architectural studies (1991–2001). I have always supported voluntary societies, serving as Vice-President of the Society for Medieval Archaeology and as President of the Society for Post-Medieval Archaeology, of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and of the Cambrian Archaeological Association. I hope that my experience can contribute to the work of this Society.

In search of a Secretary...

AT THE END of 2012 Kevin Booth announced his intention to stand down as Secretary at the 2013 AGM. Kevin will continue as Publications Officer, taking on the role from Kristjan Ahronson who takes a new title Chair of the Research Grant Committee.

The Society is therefore seeking a new Secretary and would welcome nominations from the membership, or recommendations as to who might be suitable. A role description is available from the current Secretary, but the following attributes have been identified:

- An ability to attend 3 committee meetings and one AGM per year.
- Good organizational skills, IT literate and, preferably, experienced in taking minutes.
- Enthusiasm for the post and a demonstrable interest in Church Archaeology.
- There is no specific geographic criteria, though most meetings will be held in York or Peterborough.

Please contact the Society through the postal address if you think you may be interested.

Report on the Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

THE SOCIETY FOR Church Archaeology had no assets and/or liabilities, other than those listed in the accounts, during the financial year beginning on 1st January 2012 and ending on 31st December 2012.

We began 2012 with £5,295.60 in the current account and had a closing balance of £9,176.86. However, this balance was

achieved by drawing on investments in order to cover costs in this financial year and to place the Society on a sounder basis for management in 2013.

Although this report represents considerable over-expenditure against our income, this year was a period of reconsolidation for the Society during which significant liabilities for previous years had to be covered. This was anticipated in the Report for 2011. Losses are slightly mitigated by our income from interest on deposit accounts. As at 31 Dec 2012 our deposit accounts totalled £16,439.39. Our expenditure exceeded income by £3,967.66.

This statement represents the Society's accounts for its sixteenth year of operation. The finances are set as a record of overall income and expenditure under a series of sub-headings, and as a balance sheet to 31 December 2012. The accounts for 2011 are included for comparative purposes.

Financial Information

OPENING BALANCE (Carried forward from 2011)	Current Account	£5,295.60
	Investments	£24,288.31
TOTAL		£29,583.91

INCOME	2012	2011
Membership subscriptions	£5794.50	£4413.00
Swets and Zeitlinger	£600.00	£385.00
Donations, sales and misc income	£266.65	£557.20
Conference Income	£1417.50	£4595.40
Coif Account Interest	£151.08	£171.99
Publication Grants	--	--
TOTAL	£8,229.73	£10,122.59

EXPENDITURE	2012	2011
Stationery, Postage, Photocopying Executive Meetings & Travel	£2067.63	-- £187.50
Journal/Newsletter/Publications	£6413.34	£5,625.10
Venue Hire (Meetings)	£172.00	
Sec Services (CBA)	£250.00	
Grants	£1000.00	£700.25
Conference Expenditure	£1881.86	£3809.31
Presentations	£37.90	
Insurance	£164.66	£164.66
CBA/Heritage Alliance Membership & Misc	£190	£250.00
Bank Adjustments	--	£46.00
Overpaid subscriptions	£20	£425.00
TOTAL	£12,197.39	£11,207.82

BALANCE OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-£3,967.66
CLOSING BALANCE TAKEN FORWARD	£25,616.25
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012	£25,616.25
Bank Balance on 31 December 2012	

REPRESENTED BY:	Current Account	£9,176.86
	Investments	£16,439.39
	TOTAL	£25,616.25

Notes on the financial information and balance sheet

1. £8,000 was transferred from Reserve CCLA No 2 Account to our current account on 1 Aug 12, mainly to cover anticipated costs of producing of an additional journal.
2. Swets is a Dutch library and publishing organisation based in Leiden, with UK offices in Abingdon.
3. Conference expenditure again spans a previous year. A significant cost of £704.00 from the 2011 Conference fell to this financial year. Across the two 2012 conferences (Thetford and Cork) we made a profit of £236.00.

EVENTS IN 2013

'Commemoration and the Development of the Parish Church'

British Archaeological Association Lecture • 3rd April 2013 • Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House 5:00 PM • <http://www.archaeologyuk.org/baa/lectures.html>

THE SPEAKER WILL be Professor Nigel Saul of Royal Holloway, University of London.

Chapels Society Excursion: Stowmarket

13th April 2013 • Starts at Stowmarket Baptist Church, 10:00 AM • <http://www.chapelsociety.org.uk/events/stowmarket/>

THE SPRING EXCURSION will explore the history of religious dissent in East Anglia, by visiting a number of Stowmarket's non-conformist churches. The tour starts at Stowmarket's Baptist Church, proceeding afterwards to a number of Roman Catholic, Baptist, and Congregational churches in the area. The day ends at Stowmarket United Reform Church, and will finish at 5:45. Lunch and morning and afternoon tea are included. The cost is £26, and booking forms are available on the website.

'Town and Gown'

Monumental Brass Society Conference • 12th-14th April,

2013 • Trinity Hall College, Cambridge • http://www.mbs-brasses.co.uk/mbs_conference.html

THE CONFERENCE WILL include visits to many of the churches and chapels in Cambridge, alongside a series of lectures on commemoration of both scholars and townspeople in the Middle Ages. Conference programme and booking rates and forms are available on the website.

St Aelfheah from Deerhurst to martyrdom: some millennial reflections on religious ideals

Deerhurst Lecture (postponed from 2012) • 20th April 2013, 7:30 PM • Deerhurst Church • <http://deerhurstfriends.co.uk/lectures-events/>

THE SPEAKER WILL be Professor (emeritus) Nicholas Brooks, of the University of Birmingham. Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for students, and can be purchased in advance or on the door. Please see the website for further information.

Church Monuments Society Study Day

11th May 2013 • Puddletown Dorset • http://www.churchmonumentsociety.org/CMS_Events.html

THIS STUDY DAY will take in the results of the monument conservation programme at Puddletown. Attendees will see the restored alabaster and reconstructed altar tomb at Athelhampton Chapel, and the excavated Ham Hill stone knight. Speakers include conservator Sue Kelland, Brian and Moira Gittos, and Professor Kenneth Fincham and Dr Toby Capwell. The booking deadline is April 30th, 2013, and booking details can be found on the website.

Inscribed in Stone: tracing the community of the Gospels

From 25th May 2013 • Lindisfarne Priory, Lindisfarne • www.english-heritage.org.uk

CELEBRATING THE RETURN of the famous Lindisfarne Gospels to the North East, Lindisfarne Priory on Holy Island is introducing a new display delving into the lives of those who lived and worshipped at the Anglo-Saxon monastery during the time the Gospels were created.

Displaying intricately carved original and colourful replica 'Name stones' some dating back to the 7th Century the new display explores named people who may have known Cuthbert and Eadfrith, their names otherwise lost from the historical record.

EVENTS IN 2013

For visitors making the journey to the original and spiritual home of the sacred text, the display will seek to answer questions of who were the people of the Anglo-Saxon monastery and who they knew. Visitors can also discover the craft and skills of the time using the evidence of the delicate memorials.

In conjunction with this new museum display, a special family trail around the priory grounds and a series of events and activities from June- Sep mark a gospels revival at the priory this summer.

Church Monuments Society
Tour: Northern (High)Lights
30th June-6th July 2013 • Park Head Hotel, Bishop Auckland • http://www.churchmonumentsociety.org/CMS_Events.html

THE CHURCH MONUMENTS Society offers a 6-night break in the heart of the North, staying at the Park Head Hotel near Bishop Auckland and making journeys to see various churches, cathedrals, houses, gardens, historic sites, set in some of Europe's finest scenery and on stunning coastline. The tour will not only include visits to a number of interesting monuments, but will also visit a diverse range of historic sites from the Roman Empire to the Industrial Age. There will



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be guided tours of Durham Cathedral/Castle, and visits to Hexham Abbey and Staindrop along with St Nicholas, Newcastle, and a trip to Holy Island. Further information is available on the website or from robin.millerchip@durham.ac.uk

Moors and Wolds Historic Churches, North Yorkshire Churches Conservation Trust Tour

18th August 2013 • Starts at Scarborough Train Station, 10:00 AM • <http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/Whatson/Fulleventslist/2013-07-18/Historic-Church-Tours-2013-Moors-Wolds-North-Yorkshire/>

THE BEAUTIFUL CHURCH OF St Peter, Wintringham will be the first stop for this tour, with its

Jacobean bench pews and medieval carvings. The tour then moves on to the striking Victorian interior of St Andrew, East Heslerton, and finally St Stephen Fylingdales, which dramatically overlooks Robin Hood's Bay. The tour includes a light lunch and travel to and from Scarborough train station, and will finish at 4:30 PM. The cost is £30/£40 for members/non-members, and booking details are available on the website.

Locating Baptism in Anglo-Saxon and Norman Churches

Deerhurst Lecture • 7th September 2013, 7:30 PM • Deerhurst Church

THE SPEAKER WILL be Dr Paul Barnwell, of the University of Oxford. Tickets are £5 for adults, £3 for students, and can be purchased in advance or on the door. Please see the website for further information.

Ecclesiological Society Annual Conference

5th October 2013 • Venue TBC • <http://www.ecclsoc.org/conferencesmaster.html>

THE 2013 CONFERENCE will be on the subject of graveyards. Further details will be posted on the website when they are available. Bookings and further information are available online or by contacting conference@ecclsoc.org