

Saturday Lectures

Venue: The Venue: Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London. 2pm.

4 November 2017

Details to be announced

Sponsored Event

6 November 2017

The Society of Antiquaries

Day Symposium

'Visible Identities: Symbolic Codes from Personal Heraldry to Corporate Logos'

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Wednesday Lectures

Venue: The Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London. 6.30pm

20 September 2017

The Scriveners' Company Lecture: The development of Livery Company heraldry since 1960.*

Richard Goddard.

Since the publication of the earlier definitive work on the Armorial Bearings of the Guilds of London (Bromley & Child 1960) no fewer than 55 Livery Companies have obtained Grants of Arms, Supporters or Badges and this lecture hopes to illuminate some of the more fascinating aspects of this remarkable growth in heraldic display.

Chairman : William Hunt (Windsor Herald)

18 October 2017

The John Brooke-Little Lecture: Heraldry in Old St. Pancras Church.*

Thomas Woodcock, Garter King of Arms

The An illustrated discussion of the heraldic monuments of Old St, Pancras Church.

Chairman : John Tunesi of Liongam

22 November 2017

The Constance-Egan Lecture: Chivalry and Courtly Love*

Dr Janina Ramirez (University of Oxford).

'Chivalry was less about damsels trapped in mystical gardens, and more concerned with framing the morality and behaviour of the knightly class. Through its coded messages and symbols, the art and literature of Courtly Love attempted to instil Christian virtues into a military elite, and curtail the violence of life within this section of society. Through close analysis of seminal texts like Edmund Spenser's 'The Faerie Queene', and artworks like the Devonshire Hunt Tapestries, this talk will unpick the messages at the heart of Medieval Courtly Love and Chivalry.'

Chairman : Arline Fisher

20 December 2017

A genius of a herald: Robert Glover (d 1588), Somerset Herald.

Dr Nigel Ramsay (Department of History, University College London).

Glover was a prodigy: an ambitious and hardworking perfectionist who died when only 44 – but his legacy, especially in terms of his MS armorial and historical collections, is outstanding.

Chairman : Steven Ashley

17 January 2018

The 'visitation' of London aldermen by Roger Leigh, Clarenceux King of Arms, 1447.

Matthew Payne (Keeper of Muniments, Westminster Abbey).

The circumstances of production and later history of a schematic series of heraldic paintings of the Court of Aldermen in the 15th century.

Chairman : Clive Alexander

21 February 2018

Abbots and Aristocrats: Heraldry at Fountains Abbey.

Dr Michael Carter FSA (Senior Properties Historian, English Heritage).

Fountains Abbey is among the best preserved Cistercian abbeys in Europe. This paper will explore extant and documentary evidence for use of heraldic ornament at the abbey, examining the insights this provides into patronage and the use of liturgical space within the monastery.

Chairman : Dr Richard Baker

21 March 2018

The Mark Elvins Memorial Lecture: The Birds and Beasts in Early Heraldry.*

Dr Adrian Ailes (FSA FHS, Honorary Visiting Fellow, Bristol University)

Why certain animals and birds entered the heraldic menagerie in the twelfth and thirteenth century and why in their familiar heraldic poses.

Chairman : Robert Harrison

18 April 2018

Family and Soul: Memorial, Commemoration and the English Parish Church

Dr John Hunt (Department of History, University of Birmingham).

'Cult of memory' and 'cult of family' form the basis of this lecture, within the perceived continuum of the temporal and spiritual worlds, mutually supportive of each other. It will be primarily concerned with elites in local society, mainly gentry and knightly families, and how they were remembered and commemorated within the context of English parish churches, particularly but not exclusively in the western midlands.

Chairman : Dr Andrew Gray

23 May 2018

Two early Staffordshire grants of arms; John Bruggford (1415) and Robert Whitgreave (1442).

John E Titterton FSA.

These two grants of arms by the Houses of York (just before Agincourt) and Stafford respectively in the early fifteenth century demonstrate a stage in the process of the granting of arms which lead to that controlled by the Kings of Arms.

Chair : Alan Fennely

*Fellowship decorations to be worn

Council Meeting Dates

(If you have anything to raise please contact the Hon. Secretary 2 weeks before the date to ensure inclusion)

4 September 2017

5 February 2018

7 May 2018

3 September 2018

5 November 2018

Society Events

Biennial Dinner*

Thursday 2 November 2017

Armoury House, the HQ of The Honourable Artillery Company, City Road, London

Guest of Honour: Hugo Vickers, DL

Application form in June mailing

Anniversary Lunch*

21 February 2018

Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London

Guest of Honour: TBA

Application form in December mailing

Biennial Congress*

August 2018

Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

'Heraldic Art'

Application form in December mailing

Summer Reception 2018

To be announced