

## Information for Delegates

### Venue - **St. Chad's College, 18 North Bailey, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3RH**

(Telephone Number 0191 334 3358)

The main building is situated on the North Bailey, directly opposite the rose-window at the south end of the magnificent Cathedral. The college comprises adjacent listed terraced buildings, Georgian in character, with elements dating from the Jacobean 1600s. St Chad's, therefore, exudes a comforting atmosphere of old-world charm not found at the more recent colleges. The facilities offered are wholly modern, however, and compare favourably with the other colleges around Durham.

Reception, Dining Hall and Toilets are in the Main Building, all on the same level, although a few stairs need to be negotiated to get to and from Street level (3 steps down), the Lecture Room (6 steps up), and the Bar area and Garden (4 steps down). There is also ramp access to the quad, bar and garden if required.

Single, double and twin en-suite rooms occupy three floors of the adjacent buildings. As no lifts are available, those with mobility problems may wish to consider ground floor accommodation. Please report to Reception on arrival, where you will be directed to your room.

### Schedule of Events

The Society's Reunion Weekend is aimed mainly at Society members but is open to all comers, including attendance at our Annual General Meeting. Non-members, of course would not be permitted to vote, but it may provide an interesting insight into the how the Society is run, and its activities. The Roman Army School is aimed at anyone with an interest in the Roman World.

The Reunion Weekend starts on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 with tea and coffee provided from 5pm in the Senior Common Room, just off the Entrance Hall. This is followed by dinner in the Dining Hall at 7pm and then the AGM in one of the College's Libraries. After the AGM, the delegates adjourn to the Bar or their **bed**, depending on the rigours of their journey.

On Saturday there is full day excursion by coach. This year the theme will be "Roman Frontiers" and we will visit Housesteads Fort and Cawfields Milecastle. The course fee includes coach hire, admittance fees and a packed lunch. Stout footwear and weatherproof clothing are recommended. After the excursion, we will return to Durham for about 6pm, in time to prepare for the Reunion Dinner at 7pm. After dinner, a lecture will be presented (at 8:15pm), when the remaining Roman Army School delegates will join us.

On Sunday morning, lectures will be presented for all of our delegates (both Reunion and Roman Army School) followed by a buffet lunch. At this point, those delegates attending just the Reunion weekend will leave for home. A packed lunch can be provided for those who need to leave before the buffet lunch – please indicate on the booking form if a packed lunch is needed. Please also remember that there is no Cathedral Bus on Sunday and make alternative arrangements for leaving St. Chad's.

The Roman Army School then continues with more lectures from invited experts on Sunday afternoon and evening, all day Monday and Tuesday morning.

The Roman Army School ends after lunch on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, when delegates leave to travel home or travel further afield. Again, a packed lunch will be provided for those who request it.

If you have any special dietary requirements, need a ground floor room due to mobility problems, or would like to stay extra/fewer nights, please let Helen Gawthrop know when you send in the booking form.

The primary object of both the Weekend and the Roman Army School, is to stimulate your interest in the Roman World. Equally important, however, is that you *enjoy your stay to the full.*

### **Getting to Durham by Car**

County Durham is served by excellent trunk roads. The A1/A1M motorway provides easy access from the South. From the North, choose from the A1 or the A68 cross-country through Northumberland and Border Country. The A66 from the West provides a cross-Pennine route from the Lake District and the M6 Motorway.

Parking is not possible at St. Chad's, but they provide a car-park at Trinity Hall, a short walk away across the river via Prebends Bridge and the South Bailey. Please see enclosed map. The Parking permit can be reserved in advance, and costs £7.00 (payable at reception on arrival)

In Durham City Centre, a congestion charge of £2 is payable and runs between 10am and 4pm Monday to Saturday. See <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3437/Durham-Road-User-Charge-Zone-congestion-charge#contacts> for full details. This charge can be waived by letting St Chad's Reception have your Car Registration number on arrival.

Please deposit your luggage in the Senior Common Room after giving your car registration to reception and then immediately return to your car for parking at Trinity Hall. The Traffic Wardens are very keen hereabouts, so do not try to locate your room before parking the car. If the weather is inclement or you have mobility problems, it may be more practical to hire a taxi to St Chad's after parking at Trinity Hall.

### **Getting to Durham by Rail**

The Rail Station is in North Road, Durham (post code DH1 4RB) and is about one mile from St. Chad's. It is possible to walk from the rail station to St Chad's, but it is uphill all the way and a taxi (or the Cathedral Bus – see below) is recommended for the less mobile, and for those coming with heavy luggage.

Anyone with mobility problems may wish to refer to <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/dhm/details.html> for information on arranging assistance.

### **Getting to Durham by Coach or Bus**

Durham's Bus Station is served by National Express and by plentiful bus services operated by Arriva North East and Go North East. The Coach Park is at "The Sands" and the Bus Station is in North Road.

As above, the mile walk to St Chad's is all uphill, so a taxi or the Cathedral Bus is recommended.

### **The Cathedral Bus**

The Cathedral Bus (0300 026 8667) will take you from the Rail, Bus and Coach stations to Palace Green, which is just round the corner from St Chad's. The fare is £1.00 per day, and Concessions travel FREE off peak. However, please note that it only runs from Monday to Saturday. Those travelling on Sunday will need to make other arrangements.

Further information and a timetable can be found at

[http://content.durham.gov.uk/PDFRepository/Cathedral\\_Bus\\_Timetable\\_130610.pdf](http://content.durham.gov.uk/PDFRepository/Cathedral_Bus_Timetable_130610.pdf)

### **Taxis**

Taxis park outside the above stations and they will drop you at the main door. The fare should not be more than a few pounds but check with the driver to ensure that the City Road User Charge is included. Some, but not all, taxis and private hire vehicles are automatically exempt from this charge and it would be prudent to ask first.

### **The following is a list of some of the taxi firms serving Durham City:**

			Sherburn Taxis	0191 372 3388	
Pratt's Taxis	0191 3860700	Mac's Taxis	0191 384 1329	Talbot's	0191 377 3503
Paddy's	0191 386 6662	Bill's Taxis	0191 386 7450	Polly's Taxis	0777 463 4764