

# *The History, Ecology and Archaeology of Medieval Parks and Parklands*



**Sheffield Hallam University**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2007**

**The Biodiversity and Landscape History Research Group, IUFRO and Sheffield Hallam University**



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This major national event will feature key speakers from across Britain, on themes from parkland history, to veteran trees and their ecology and management, to the uses and economics of medieval parks, and the conservation of parks today. This will be a cross-disciplinary meeting that will appeal to historians, archaeologists, ecologists, and conservationists. Furthermore, it will be of great interest to anyone fascinated by ancient wooded landscapes and by veteran trees.

Although we feature key practitioners and authorities in the line-up of speakers, the conference will be accessible and interesting for all those in relevant areas of education, and the enthusiastic amateur too. There will be a sumptuous conference dinner hosted at Chatsworth in Derbyshire, and there will be pre-published proceedings from the event. This landmark conference will also be used to launch a major new book on medieval deer parks.

The conference will be a series of plenary lectures, with opportunities for poster papers, for displays, and a themed book fair. The conference excursion will be to the famous park landscape at Chatsworth, Derbyshire, and links to the Conference Dinner.

This promises to be a hugely informative and entertaining three days!

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Plenary Sessions - Historic Parklands in their setting</b>	
12.15 – 1.00pm:	Registration
1.00 – 1.15pm:	Welcome and Introduction – Dr Ian Rotherham
1.15 – 1.45pm:	Prof. Mel Jones – Deer Parks in South Yorkshire: The Documentary and Landscape Evidence
1.50 – 2.20pm:	Mr Peter Herring – An Historic and Archaeological survey of Cornish Deer and Ornamental Parks
2.25 – 2.55pm:	Mrs Sue Woore and Mrs Mary Wilshire – Medieval Parks in Duffield Frith and elsewhere in Derbyshire
3.00 – 3.15pm:	Afternoon tea
3.15 – 3.45pm:	Mr Christopher Dingwall – Deer Parks in Scotland: A Neglected Heritage
3.50 – 4.20pm:	Dr. John Fletcher – The Rise and Fall of British Deer Parks: their Raison D’etre in a Global and Historical Perspective
4.25 – 4.55pm:	Mr Peter Weatherhead and Dr Ian Rotherham – Recreation or Production?
5.00pm:	Close
Evening Keynotes:	
7.15 – 7.30 pm:	Welcome and Introduction
7.30 – 8.15pm:	Dr Rob Liddiard – The Disparkment of Medieval Parks
8.15 – 9.00pm:	Dr Ian Rotherham – Ecology and Economy in Park Landscapes
9.00 – 9.15pm:	Discussion and Close
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Plenary sessions followed by Launch of Windgather book; Chatsworth and Field Visit</b>	
9.00 – 9.30am:	Registration
9.35 – 9.50am:	Welcome and Introduction – Dr Rob Liddiard (Launch of Windgather Book)
9.55 – 10.25am:	Dr Stephen Mileson – The Social Impact of Park Making in the Middle Ages
10.30 – 11.00am:	Dr Naomi Sykes – Animal Bones and Animal Parks
11.05 – 11.20am:	Morning coffee
11.25 – 11.55am:	Dr Amanda Richardson – “The King’s Chief Delights”: Visits to Royal Deer Parks in the Later Middle Ages
12.00 – 12.30pm:	Dr Stephen Moorhouse – Medieval Parks in Yorkshire: Range and Context
12.35 – 1.20pm:	Lunch
1.25 – 2.05pm:	Dr Tom Williamson – Chatsworth: the Parkland History
2.10 – 2.50pm:	Dr John Barnatt – Chatsworth: the Parkland Archaeology
2.55 – 3.25pm:	Dr Roger Key – Chatsworth: Invertebrates and the Veteran Trees
3.30 – 3.50pm:	Afternoon tea
4.30 – 7.00pm:	Site Visit to Chatsworth Park with Tom Williamson, John Barnatt, Ted Green, Roger Key
7.00 – 9.45pm:	Evening Conference Dinner at Chatsworth Park
Return to Sheffield by 10.45pm	

<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Plenary sessions - The Ecology, Archaeology of Historic Parklands and the Conservation Management Issues</b>	
9.00 – 9.30am:	Registration
9.35 – 9.45am:	Welcome and Introduction – Dr Peter Glaves
9.50 – 10.25am:	Prof. Stephen Hall – Chillingham Wild Cattle Park, Northumberland
10.30 – 11.10am:	Dr David Thackray – The interdisciplinary work of the National Trust
11.15 – 11.30am:	Morning coffee
11.35 – 12.05pm:	Mr Colin Merrony – Case studies of the Archaeology of Parks: issues for management
12.10 – 12.40pm:	Mrs Jill Butler – The Veteran Trees Project
12.45 – 1.45pm:	Lunch
1.45 – 2.15pm:	Mr Julian Forbes-Laird – Trees Management: An Arboriculturalist's View
2.20 – 2.50pm:	Mr Lawrence Bee – Conservation of Arachnids in Veteran Trees
2.55 – 3.15pm:	Tea
3.15 – 3.45pm:	Dr Keith Alexander – Old Growth: Ageing and Decaying Processes in Trees
3.50 – 4.30pm:	Mr Ted Green – From Acorn to Ancient: the Biodiversity of an Open Grown Tree
4.30 – 4.45pm:	Discussion and close

## Contacts:

**Cancellation fees:** Full fee payable if cancellation is within 2 weeks of the event; 50% payable if within 3 weeks; 25% payable if cancellation within 4 weeks; over 4 weeks – full fee will be refunded minus a small administration charge.

**Send booking forms to:**

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**Cheques should be made payable to: *South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group*, or for businesses and other organisations an official order is acceptable.**

**All enquiries:**

*Telephone: Diane Harrison on 0114 272 4227*

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**We can provide information on locally available accommodation on request.**

**Posters and other displays, materials to hand out, advertising and inserts in delegate packs all welcomed by prior arrangement.**

**Further papers, posters, sponsorship or other support welcome!**

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## *Booking Form: 2007 Parklands Conference*

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Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick appropriate boxes to indicate when you will be attending*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Total Fee
	Conference Dinner			
			Total Fee	

Fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ or invoice number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill in a separate booking form for each person attending)

Special requirements (details please): \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements

(Non-vegetarian/Vegetarian/Vegan/Other): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Costs:**

Fees include proceedings, delegate packs, morning and afternoon tea/coffee, and lunch.

Fees *per day*:

1. Business/Academic delegates = £115 (discount rate of £295 for all 3 days)
2. Local Authority/Statutory Agency/NGO delegates = £95
3. Self-employed workers = £50
4. Limited number of volunteers, students, members of public = £27.50
5. Conference Dinner and Site Visit to Chatsworth (inc. coach travel) = £60
6. Those presenting posters will register at the discount rate of £45 per day

**Group discounts:** please enquire.

**PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

***Publishers' Book Fair and sale throughout the event***