

WINCHESTER AND THE NORMAN CONQUEST

Saturday 19 October 2019, 9:00am – 5:30pm
followed by a drinks reception, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

The King Alfred Conference Chamber, Guildhall, Winchester, SO23 9GH

Programme

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| 9:00am – 9:30am | Registration |
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| 9:30am – 9:45am | Alan Lovell , Chairman of Hampshire Cultural Trust <i>Welcome</i> |
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| 9:45am – 10:15am | Professor Ryan Lavelle , Reader in Early Medieval History, University of Winchester <i>Address from the Chair of the Symposium</i> |
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| 10:15am – 11:00am | Professor Eric Fernie , Formerly Director, Courtauld Institute of Art <i>“The Norman cathedral of Winchester: its local, national and international contexts”</i> The talk will examine such topics as the axis of the new cathedral, its record breaking length and marked lack of decoration, and how William’s international interests and standing could have affected its design. |
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| 11:00am | Refreshment break |
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| 11:30am – 12:15pm | Dr Charles Insley , Senior Lecturer in Medieval History and Head of Department of History, University of Manchester <i>“The breaking of England, 1016-42”</i> While we might regard Cnut's reign as successful, it created political and ideological tensions within the English political establishment that left it unable to adequately respond to the crises of 1066. This talk explores those tensions, arguing that there could have been no '1066' without '1016'. |
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| 12:15pm – 1:00pm | Dr Matthew Bennett , Historian, Formerly of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst |
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“The military aspects of the Norman Conquest: short, medium and long-term”

One battle does not a conquest make. For several years, King William campaigned from Exeter to York and built castles all over his new realm before his reign was assured.

1:00pm Lunch break

2:15pm – **Dr Katherine Weikert**, Senior Lecturer in Early Medieval European History,
3:00pm University of Winchester

“The people of Winchester, 1065-1148”

The Winton Domesday, a snapshot of the city’s occupants, provides a window into Winchester in the Norman Conquest period. Eschewing grand narratives, this lecture will illuminate the everyday life of the city and its people in a time of change.

3:00pm – **Dr Leonie Hicks**, Senior Lecturer in Medieval History, Canterbury Christ Church
3:45pm University

“Saints, sinners and cultural change in Hampshire”

This paper will consider some of the religious and cultural changes that developed over the post-conquest years. Examples will include events in Winchester, such as the execution of Waltheof, the experiences of religious women and evidence from Domesday.

3:45pm – Refreshment break
4:15pm

4:15pm – **Dr Marc Morris**, Historian and Broadcaster
5:00pm

“The Norman Conquest: why did it matter?”

1066 is the most famous date in English history. Everyone remembers the story, depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry, of William the Conqueror's successful invasion and poor King Harold being felled by an arrow in the eye. But why do we remember 1066 above all other dates and why do the events of that year matter so much?

5:00pm – **Closing panel**
5:30pm

Chair: Professor Ryan Lavelle

Dr Matthew Bennett, Professor Eric Fernie, Dr Leonie Hicks, Dr Charles Insley, Dr Marc Morris, Dr Katherine Weikert

5:30pm – **Drinks reception**
7:00pm
