



# **The Fifteenth Biennial Conference of the Early Book Society and the IVth International Congress of the John Gower Society**



**9th to 14th July 2017**

**Durham University**

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

# Conference Information

## **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The conference will take place in Elvet Riverside 1, New Elvet, Durham DH1 3PF.

## **REGISTRATION DESK**

Registration will take place at the drinks reception in Durham Cathedral Cloisters on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm to 7.30pm; and will continue in the foyer of Elvet Riverside 1 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 8.00am. This is where you can collect your conference packs and name badges, and the team will be available to answer any queries.

**Please note that most of Durham is on a slope. Let us know at registration if you have mobility difficulties, and we will try to assist with these.**

## **FOOD AND DRINK**

The welcome reception on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July will be in The Cloisters at Durham Cathedral from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Refreshment breaks and buffet lunches will be served in the Riverside Café in the Durham Student Union building, a short stroll from Elvet Riverside 1, from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

A drinks reception will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at St Cuthbert's Society from 6pm to 7.30pm. Croquet will also be available.

The conference dinner will be held in the Great Hall at Durham Castle on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July with drinks from 7pm, followed by the meal at 7.30pm. Please note the bar in Durham Castle is cash only.

We can cater for any cultural / special dietary requirements, such as vegetarian, gluten-free or low fat, but require prior notification. Please inform us of any special meal requirements as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

## **WI-FI**

To access the wi-fi use this link - <https://www.dur.ac.uk/cis/wireless/thecloud/>

## **TOURS – PALACE GREEN LIBRARY – WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**

We are not sure at this stage whether the tours will be able to include Cosin's Library, as there is work being carried out in the adjoining Exchequer Building which affects access. However, if we are able to take visitors into Cosin's Library, then we do not allow stiletto-type heels or other small heels.

## **ACCOMMODATION – RADISSON BLU HOTEL**

If you have reserved this hotel as part of your registration process, accommodation and breakfast are paid for. You will need to pay for any extras prior to departure.

### **Radisson Blu Hotel**

**Frankland Lane, Durham DH1 5TA, 0191 372 7200**

Rooms available to check in from 2pm on the day of arrival.

Check out is by 12noon on the day of departure.

On-site parking is subject to availability and costs £8.00 per day.

The hotel offers a Health Club with a gym, indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, free of charge to residents.

Access to the Radisson Blu Hotel is not affected by the Miners Gala and Brass Festival events which are mentioned on the next page for Durham Castle and Hatfield College.

## **ACCOMMODATION – DURHAM CASTLE**

If you have reserved accommodation at Durham Castle, accommodation and breakfast are paid for.

### **Durham Castle**

**Palace Green, Durham DH1 3RW, 0191 334 4108**

Rooms available to check in from 2pm on the day of arrival.

Check out is by 10am on the day of departure.

Breakfast is served in the Great Hall from 8am to 10am Monday to Friday, and from 8am to 10.30am Saturday and Sunday.

The Castle is a 15 to 20 minute walk, most of which is uphill, from both the train and bus station. The Cathedral Bus Service 40/40A (approximately every 10 minutes) is available for transport between the train and bus stations and the Cathedral (directly opposite the Castle). The buses are easy access and the fare is currently £1.00 or free to Senior Citizens and covers travel all day on the day of purchase. The train station is 5 minutes away by vehicle and accessible taxis are usually available, cost around £5.00.

Due to the Miners Gala taking place in Durham on Saturday 8th July there will be extensive road closures throughout the City from 6.30am to 8pm, however pedestrian access will not be affected. There will be no vehicular access to the Castle for guests from 6.30am to 8pm. Please note there will be no parking on Palace Green on either 8th or 9th July due to the Miners Gala events taking place in the City. The Cathedral Bus will also not run on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

In light of the recent terrorist attacks in London, Durham Constabulary have informed us that during the period of the Durham Brass Festival, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, a full road closure will be in place each day from 10am to 7pm. Routes to Palace Green will be blocked and any vehicle must depart the area before 10am on both of these days. Any vehicle not moved will be held within the closure period. This will apply to those departing that weekend.

Parking is severely restricted on Palace Green, however, if a space is available bed and breakfast guests can obtain a permit from Durham Castle Reception which will allow them to park free overnight. Vehicles must be moved off Palace Green by 9am each day. To drive to the Castle you have to enter the city's congestion charge zone for which a £2 charge is levied when you leave between 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday. Bed and breakfast guests are welcome to drive in to drop off luggage and guests and then move their vehicle to one of the local parking areas at Prince Bishop's Shopping Centre, or the Sands.

Please note that Durham Cathedral is located next to Durham Castle and as a result guests should be aware the Cathedral bells ring prior to services on a Sunday and between 6.30pm and 8.30pm each Thursday evening.

The nature and layout of the Castle means that the majority of the building is inaccessible to wheelchair users. The tour route and access to bedrooms involves many steps and staircases, some of which are uneven.

### **ACCOMMODATION – HATFIELD COLLEGE**

If you have reserved accommodation at Hatfield College, accommodation and breakfast are paid for.

#### **Hatfield College**

**North Bailey, Durham DH1 3RQ, 0191 334 2633**

Rooms available to check in from 2pm on the day of arrival.

Check out is by 10am on the day of departure.

Breakfast is served in the Georgian Dining Hall from 8am to 10am Monday to Friday, and from 8am to 10.30am Saturday and Sunday.

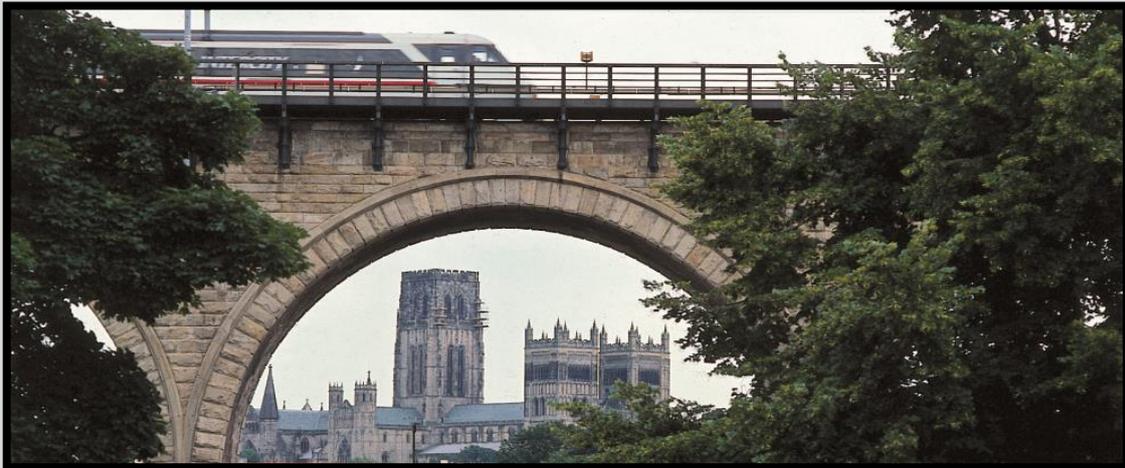
Hatfield College is a 5 minute taxi ride from Durham Station and the journey will cost around £5.00. Alternatively, if you're carrying light luggage, the walk from the station through town is picturesque and will take about 20 minutes. There is a tourist map on the platform. Please note that the walk is mostly uphill. As the College is in the historic centre of the city, parking is limited. 20 spaces are available to guests of the College but these are subject to availability and cannot be reserved. To drive to the College you have to enter the city's congestion charge zone for which a £2 charge is levied when you leave between 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday.

The Cathedral Bus Service 40/40A (approximately every 10 minutes) is available for transport between the train and bus stations and the Cathedral (very close to Hatfield College). The buses are easy access and the fare is currently £1.00 or free to Senior Citizens and covers travel all day on the day of purchase. The train station is 10 minutes away by car and accessible taxis are usually available.

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# Travel Information: How to get to Durham



## BY AIR

### NEWCASTLE AIRPORT

Newcastle airport is approximately 20 miles north of Durham. There are connecting flights from a number of European hubs including London Heathrow & Gatwick, Amsterdam, Paris and Brussels, and the airport is also served by a number of budget airlines. See [www.newcastleairport.com](http://www.newcastleairport.com) for full details.

The Metro is available from the airport to Newcastle Central Station. The journey takes approximately 20 minutes, and Metro trains run every 7 minutes.

**If you are arriving in the evening we recommend taking a taxi from the airport to avoid the risk of missing the last trains south (see taxi section).**

### DURHAM TEES VALLEY

Durham Tees Valley is approximately 25 miles south of Durham. Although it has fewer flights than Newcastle, there are connecting flights with Amsterdam and other cities, and it is served by budget airlines. See [www.durhamteesvalleyairport.com](http://www.durhamteesvalleyairport.com) for further details.



## BY TRAIN

60 InterCity trains from most major centres in the country call at Durham daily including 14 trains from London. The National Express high speed service takes under 3 hours from London King's Cross on the main East Coast line. First Transpennine Express offers frequent links to Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds, while Cross Country links Durham with Scotland, the Midlands and the South West. For train times and fare information call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or +44(0)20 7278 5240 from overseas (note international rates apply), or visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk). The following website is also useful for checking train times [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com). The cost from railway station to accommodation venues will be around £5.00.



## BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. Durham is well served by both regional express services and the local bus network.

From the city bus station - a short walk from the railway station – take the Arriva No 6 Bishop Auckland service, which runs every 15 minutes past the Colleges on South Road. For more information visit:

<http://www.traveline.info/>

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/busmap>



## BY CAR

Durham city centre is only two miles from the A1 (M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham - Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham City Centre.

Durham City is served by three Park and Ride sites on the key routes into the city. These are situated at Belmont, Sniperley and Howlands. A direct bus service runs every 10 minutes to the city centre from each site. The sites offer free parking for users of the Park and Ride bus service and unlimited daily travel into the city centre and back for just £2.00 per person. Park and Ride users can also use the Cathedral Bus for free.



## BY TAXI

Taxis are available from Newcastle and Durham Tees valley airports.

Airport Taxis is the official taxi service for Newcastle International Airport. To make a booking, or for further information, contact:

Tel: +44 (0) 191 214 6969

Web: [www.airport-taxis.co.uk](http://www.airport-taxis.co.uk)

In Durham, taxis are available from the train station, on the opposite northbound side, accessible by a subway. The taxi journey to the Colleges takes 5–10 minutes.

Useful Durham Taxi Numbers: We strongly recommend you book taxis in advance as Durham taxis are very busy at peak times.

Paddy's Taxis	0191 3866662
Pratts Taxis	0191 3864040
Durham Taxis	07961 818464
Polly's Taxis	07774634765
Dunelm Taxis	0191 3831122
Mac's Taxis	0191 3841329

## Tourist Information

Few venues in the world can rival the splendour, prestige and heritage of the City of Durham. Located on a dramatic peninsula overlooking the River Wear, Durham's unique Norman Cathedral and Castle not only dominate the skyline, they are also a designated World Heritage Site.

Durham is a small and compact city, and everything is within easy walking distance. Just minutes from the bustling centre, you can enjoy the tranquillity of leafy riverside footpaths along the banks of the River Wear, or the changing seasonal displays at the Botanic Garden. Palace Green Library, the Oriental Museum and World Heritage Site Visitor Centre hold fascinating collections of international significance, as well as offering key insights into local history.

Within a short distance of Durham, visitors can experience dynamic cities, an unforgettable stretch of coastline, and a wealth of historic and natural wonders. Moreover, the sights and sounds of Newcastle and Gateshead are only 15 minutes' train journey north of Durham.

For more information on how to make your visit unforgettable, please visit:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/attractions/>  
<http://www.thisisdurham.com/>



# Durham Map

Radisson Blu Hotel

Elvet Riverside 1

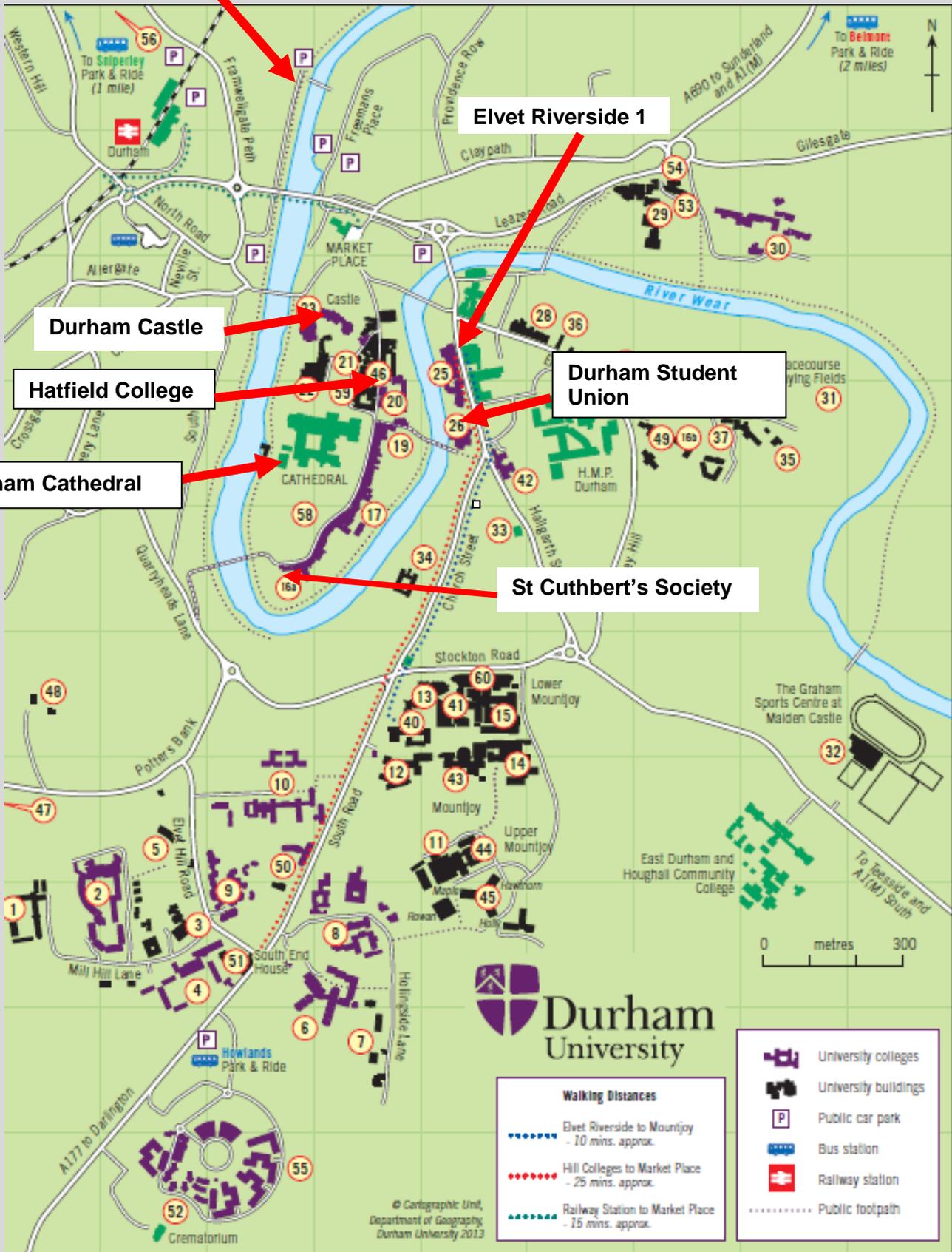
Durham Castle

Hatfield College

Durham Student Union

Durham Cathedral

St Cuthbert's Society





## **Conference Programme and Speaker Enquiries**

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### **Online Registration**

### **Payment, Accommodation and Travel Enquiries**

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