

# **Dickens Fellowship**

## **109th International Conference**

### **Bristol, UK**

**Thursday 23rd to Tuesday 28th July 2015**



## **CHARLES DICKENS**

### **The Travelling Man**

**Hosted by Bristol & Clifton Dickens Society**  
at

**Wills Hall, Bristol University, Parrys Lane, Stoke Bishop**  
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# **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

## Thursday 23rd July 2015

- 1:00pm** **Conference Reception**  
*Meet and Greet (in Conference Foyer by Reception)*
- 6:00pm** **Welcome Reception with the Lord Mayor of Bristol** *(in Old Court Lounge)*  
*with Julie Weaver at the piano*
- 6:45pm** **Informal Dinner**
- 8:00pm** **BCDS presents: 'Railway Cuttings'**  
*by Eve Fitt, Liz Croucher & Pat Cemlyn-Jones*

## Friday 24th July 2015

- 8–9:00am** **Breakfast**
- 9:10am** **Introduction** by Jenny Hartley  
**Lecture 1: Tony Williams**  
*'Dickens's Travels 1858–70, Personal, Commercial and Uncommercial'*
- 10:05am** **Lecture 2: Tony Pointon**  
*'A Funny Thing Happened on my Way - Comedic Techniques in Dickens's Humour'*
- 11:00am** **Coffee & Biscuits**
- 11:25am** **Lecture 3: Lorna Hughes**  
*'Dickens and Summertime'*
- 12:15pm** **Lunch**
- 1:15pm** **Trip 1: A: Tyntesfield House B: SS Great Britain & Bristol Waterfront**
- 3:00pm** **Tea** *(own arrangements)*
- 4:15pm** **Depart trip venue**
- 6:45pm** **Informal Dinner**
- 8:00pm** **A Musical Evening with the Bristol Gilbert & Sullivan Operatic Society**

## Saturday 25th July 2015

- 8–9:00am** **Breakfast**
- 9:10am** **Dickens Fellowship Day Welcome**
- 9:30am** **Introduction** by Thelma Grove  
**Lecture 4: Keynote Lecture by Martin Crossley Evans**  
*'A Candidate for Mr Dick'*
- 10:25am** **Coffee & Biscuits**
- 10:45am** **Annual General Meeting of the Dickens Fellowship**
- 12:15pm** **Lunch**
- 1–2:20pm** **A Tour of Wills Hall** *(starting at 1pm in Dame Monica Wills Memorial Chapel)*  
*with Martin Crossley Evans*  
**Victorian Entertainment** *(in the garden at Wills Hall)*  
*with the Barley Rye Choir and Chalice Morris Men*
- 4:15pm** **BCDS presents: 'The Tuggses at Ramsgate'**  
*by Charmian Howard*
- 6:15pm** **Sherry Reception** *(in Conference Centre)*
- 6:45pm** **Gerald Dickens Entertains**
- 8:00pm** **Banquet at Wills Hall** *(dress: formal, semi-formal or Victorian)*

## Sunday 26th July 2015

**8–9:00am** Breakfast

**9:15am** Introduction by Alan Dilnot

**Lecture 5: Leonée Ormond**

'Dickens's Travels in Italy'

**10:05am** **Lecture 6: Michael Slater**

'Dickens and America: The Two Journeys'

**11:00am** Coffee & Biscuits

**11:30am** **Lecture 7: Malcolm Andrews**

'Dickens the Author: A Journey through Portraiture'

**12:15pm** Buffet Lunch

**1:15pm** *Depart Wills Hall for Bristol Cathedral tours*

**from 1:30pm** *Tours of Bristol Cathedral: 'Dickens's Friends in Bristol'*

*by Peter Michael & Frank Clarke*

**2:30pm** *Tea & Cakes in Cathedral Chapter House*

**3:30pm** *Dickens Fellowship Evensong Service in Bristol Cathedral*

**5:00pm** *Depart Cathedral*

**6:45pm** Informal Dinner

**8:00pm** **Fitzhardinge Consort** (*in Conference Room*)

*followed by*

**Dickens Quiz** *by Liz Croucher*

## Monday 27th July 2015

**8–9:00am** Breakfast

**9:15am** Introduction by Tony Williams

**Lecture 8: Paul Schlicke**

'Boz on the Bus'

**10:05am** **Lecture 9: Thelma Grove**

'Charles Dickens, Crime Writer'

**11:00am** Coffee & Biscuits

**11:30am** *Trip 2: A: Lacock Abbey & Fox Talbot Museum*

*B: SS Great Britain & Bristol Waterfront*

**12:15pm** *Packed Lunch*

**3:00pm** *Tea (own arrangements)*

**4:15pm** *Depart trip venue*

**6:45pm** Informal Dinner

**8:00pm** **BCDS presents: 'The Dark Forest'**

*directed by Sally Draper Fry*

**10:00pm** Conference closes

## Tuesday 28th July 2015

**8–9:00am** Breakfast

Conference Desk is closed; rooms must be cleared by 10:00am on day of departure



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### Note on Trips

National Trust members are requested to bring their NT cards and a £10 refund will be made.

Packed lunches will be provided on Monday. Requests for packed lunches on other days must be made *at breakfast on the previous day.*

### Conference Venue Notes

Wills Hall is part of Bristol University set on the edge of the 'Downs', Bristol's most famous open space, and is approximately two miles NW of the city centre.

Wills Hall is well served by buses, with main routes (Nos 1, 2, 41 and 8) from Bristol Temple Meads railway station via the city centre. Bus stops are about a 5-minute walk away. Nearest bus stops are on Blackboy Hill or Durdham Down. Wills Hall is easily accessible by car being 3 miles from Junction 17 on the M5 Motorway via the A4018. There is ample free car-parking space at Wills Hall.



Bristol Cathedral

**The bar** is open from 6pm to 11pm in the Junior Common Room and Old Court Lounge area. Please order your drinks before going into the Dining Hall or Conference Centre. A two-person lift is available for access to the Dining Hall. See the Conference Noticeboard for minor amendments. All rooms should be vacated by 10.00am on the morning of your departure.



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