

## PRELIMINARY CALL FOR PAPERS

# SHA 2013: 46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON HISTORICAL AND UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER, LEICESTER, UNITED KINGDOM  
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## LEICESTER 2013

Call for Papers Opens: May 1, 2012  
Final Submission Deadline: July 10, 2012

For only the second time in the history of the Society for Historical Archaeology, the annual SHA Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology will be crossing the Atlantic to take place in Europe.

Leicester is a vibrant, modern city in the English Midlands. Founded in Roman times (and with the remains of its Roman baths still evident in the city center), Leicester was an important medieval market town and became, in the modern period, a thriving industrial center specializing in textile production. What makes Leicester the ideal location for a conference focusing on “globalization, immigration, and transformation” is its ethnic mix. The turmoil of the mid- to late 20th century saw the city welcoming first refugees from the conflicts in Europe, and then, during the postwar period, large-scale immigration from Ireland, the Indian subcontinent, Uganda, and Kenya, as well as the Caribbean. Leicester is now the most ethnically diverse city in England.

Leicester offers the visitor fantastic shopping, sightseeing, and dining opportunities (you should certainly try one of its many Indian restaurants). Leicester’s rich heritage of excellent food and drink is a product of its diverse population. Local foods include Stilton cheese, Melton Mowbray pork pies, and the best samosas this side of India.

Conference visitors will be treated to a reception at the wonderful Snibston Discovery Centre, where you can explore 500 years of technological innovation, see a working beam engine, and use magnets to pick up a mini. Trip and tour destinations will include Stratford and a performance by the Royal Shakespeare Company;

Ironbridge, the cradle of the Industrial Revolution, great Elizabethan mansions, and many others.

Leicester makes an ideal base for an independent holiday before or after the conference. It is centrally located – only 75 minutes by train from central London – and yet within easy reach of the natural beauty of the Charnwood Hills, the Peak District, and a host of charming market towns. Leicester is a ‘human-scale’ city that can easily be explored on foot or using its excellent public transportation. From the conference venue you can stroll down New Walk, admiring its 18th-century squares and gardens, past the 19th-century New Walk Museum to the lively heart of the town. Visit the busy pubs, bars, and restaurants; see some exciting drama or dance at the new Curve theater in the cultural quarter. Whether you’d rather visit one of the city’s six museums or watch the Leicester Tigers rugby team or Leicester City soccer team playing at home, Leicester 2013 will be a memorable conference and an enjoyable visit. We look forward to having a pie and a pint with you next year!

## The Venue

The 2013 SHA conference will feature a more European approach to the conference venue. In a departure from usual society practice, sessions will not take place at a hotel, but will rather be based at the University of Leicester. Leicester is a top-ranking university, consistently featuring in lists of the top 20 UK universities and in the top 2% of the world’s universities. The School of Archaeology and Ancient History is one of the UK’s largest and most highly rated, and incorporates the Centre for Historical Archaeology, the UK’s only dedicated center for the study of the archaeology of the post-1500 world. Some conference events will also be held at the Leicester Mercure Hotel. While the luxurious Leicester Mercure is the ‘official’ conference hotel, delegates will be offered a range of hotel accommodation in the city center. More details on accommodations are provided later in this Call for Papers.

## Conference Theme

### **Globalization, immigration, and transformation**

Leicester is a multicultural city that has been transformed since the middle of the 20th century through its interaction with global networks, particularly immigration from South Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean – a pattern of immigration that reflects the once-global nature of the former British Empire.

These issues of globalization, immigration, and the transformations brought about by those processes are central to historical and postmedieval archaeology, whether they entail the global spread of European capitalism alongside the expansion of European colonialism, the willing or forced migration of millions of individuals from their original continents to new homelands, and the local, regional, and national transformations (both within Europe and across the world) brought about

by all of these processes. The 2013 Conference Committee particularly welcomes submissions that relate to these themes.

### **Plenary Session**

In keeping with the conference theme, the 2013 plenary session will involve speakers from each of the six permanently inhabited continents, who will present short case studies from their work, followed by a panel discussion relating these case studies to the conference theme. As of this writing, confirmed plenary session participants include Daniel Schávelzon (Patrimonio e Instituto Histórico de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires & University of Buenos Aires), Innocent Pikirayi (University of Pretoria), Jon Prangnell (University of Queensland), Natascha Mehler (University of Vienna), Lt. Cmdr. Somasiri Devendra (Sri Lankan Navy, retired), and Giovanna Vitelli (St. Mary's College of Maryland); the session will be cochaired by Alasdair Brooks (University of Leicester) and Eleanor Casella (University of Manchester).

## **Conference Committee**

**Conference Chairs:** Audrey Horning (Queens University Belfast); Sarah Tarlow, (University of Leicester)

**Program Chair:** Alasdair Brooks (University of Leicester)

**Terrestrial Chairs:** Audrey Horning (Queens University Belfast); Craig Cipolla (University of Leicester)

**Underwater Chair:** Colin Breen (University of Ulster)

**Underwater Program Committee:** Joe Flatman (Institute of Archaeology, UCL)

**Local Arrangements Chair:** Ruth Young (University of Leicester)

**Trips, Tours, and Visits Chairs:** Marilyn Palmer (University of Leicester); Chris King (University of Nottingham)

**Public Event Chairs:** Debbie Miles-Williams; Richard Thomas (both University of Leicester)

**Social Media:** Emma Dwyer (University of Leicester)

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Sarah Newstead (University of Leicester)

**Publicity:** Ralph Mills

**Roundtables:** Deirdre O'Sullivan (University of Leicester)

**Workshops:** Carl Carlson-Drexler

## **Session Formats**

*Please read this section carefully to see changes from last year. The most significant change is a return to 20-minute papers.*

### **General Information**

The SHA 2013 Conference Committee hopes to encourage flexibility in the types of sessions offered. Sessions can take the form of formal symposia, electronic symposia,

panel discussions, or three-minute forums, *and each session organizer may organize the time within each session as s/he wishes*. Sessions may contain any combination of papers, discussants, and/or group discussion. More than one “discussion” segment is permitted within a symposium, and a formal discussant is encouraged, but not required. **All formal symposium papers will be 20 minutes long.**

During the conference period, participants will be allowed to serve as:

*Primary Symposium Organizer* – one time during the conference.

*Primary Author of paper or poster* – one time during the conference.

*Discussant* – one time during the conference.

*Participant in a panel/forum* – one time during the conference.

*Panel/forum moderator* – one time during the conference.

*Secondary Author or Secondary Organizer* – as many times as desired. No guarantee can be offered regarding “double booking,” although every effort will be made to avoid this.

## **Types of Submissions and Submission Requirements**

### Individual Papers and Poster/Media Displays

*Papers* are presentations including theoretical, methodological, or data information that synthesize broad regional or topical subjects based upon completed research; focus on research currently in progress; or discuss the findings of completed small-scale studies.

Using the information and keywords provided, the Conference Program Chair will assign individually submitted papers to sessions organized by topic, region, or time period, and will assign a chair to each session.

**Please note: If you are presenting a paper as part of a symposium, your submission is *not* considered an individual contribution. You should submit as a Symposium Presenter.**

*Posters/Media Displays* are free-standing, mounted exhibits with text and graphics, videotapes, etc. that illustrate ongoing or completed research projects. Bulletin boards will be provided; electronic equipment may be available at an additional charge. Authors are expected to set up their own displays and to be present at their displays during their designated poster sessions.

### Formal Symposia

These consist of four or more papers organized around a central theme, region, or project.

Symposium Organizers should submit the session abstract online *before* individuals participating in their symposia submit their own abstracts. Symposium Organizers should also provide the formal title of the symposium to all participants *before* the latter submit their individual abstracts, so that all submissions are made to the correct session. Symposium Organizers are responsible for ensuring that all

presenters in their sessions have submitted their completed abstracts and payment prior to the close of the Call for Papers.

Organizers will be the primary point of contact for session participants on such issues as changes to titles and/or abstracts, audiovisual requirements for a session, order of presentation, and cancellations. Organizers must direct any changes in authors, presenters, or affiliations to the Program Chair, Alasdair Brooks, <[amb72@le.ac.uk](mailto:amb72@le.ac.uk)>.

Organizers should submit a 150-word abstract of the proposed session online, along with a list of participants (who must then submit a 150-word abstract for each paper proposed), plus 3 keywords.

### Electronic Symposia

An electronic symposium has the same basic structure as a traditional formal symposium; however, completed papers are posted on the SHA website well before the annual meeting. Individuals who plan to attend the symposium can then read the papers in advance. As a result, there will be no need for a participant to read his/her paper during the actual symposium, though a very brief summary of the paper is recommended (no more than five minutes). Instead, the bulk of the symposium will consist of a discussion among the presenters and audience. The conference program will list all of the participants, but will not assign specific time blocks for each presenter.

Anyone interested in utilizing the Electronic Symposium format must contact the Program Chair, Alasdair Brooks, <[amb72@le.ac.uk](mailto:amb72@le.ac.uk)>, by July 1, 2012, for details and suggestions.

### Forums/Panel Discussions

These are less-structured gatherings, typically between one-and-a-half and three hours in length, organized around a discussion topic to be addressed by an invited panel and seeking to engage the audience. Forum proposals must identify the moderator and all panelists, the number of which should be appropriate to the time allotted (typically up to 6 participants for a 1.5-hour panel discussion).

### Three-Minute Forums

These are informal – but still academic – discussion groups consisting of a number of rapid three-minute presentations followed by discussion. Typically these sessions last for at least an hour and consist of blocks of four or five presentations that are only 3 minutes in length followed by 10–15 minutes of question-and-answer discussion on the papers that have just been presented. This format, which was successfully used in Austin and Baltimore, therefore permits at least four blocks of rapid presentation and discussion. Three-minute forum proposals must identify the overall moderator and all forum presenters. For more information on the three-minute forum format, see Rebecca Allen's article elsewhere in the Spring 2012 SHA Newsletter.

## Student Presenters

Student presenters (either individual presenters or those participating in larger sessions) are encouraged to submit their papers for the annual Student Paper Prize Competition (for details see <[http://www.sha.org/stu\\_priz.htm](http://www.sha.org/stu_priz.htm)>). Entrants must be student members of SHA prior to submission of their papers. There may be a maximum of three authors on the paper; however, all of the authors must be students and members of SHA. Questions regarding the Student Paper Prize Competition should be directed to Jamie Brandon at <[jbrando@uark.edu](mailto:jbrando@uark.edu)> or 479.879.6229.

## How to Submit

Individuals responding to the Society for Historical Archaeology's 2013 Call for Papers are strongly encouraged to use the online abstract submission and conference registration system at <[www.sha.org](http://www.sha.org)> beginning on May 1. The regular abstract submission period is from May 1 to July 10, 2012.

If you are unable to use the SHA online conference registration system due to a lack of computer access, and need to submit a paper or session by mail, please contact Program Chair Alasdair Brooks, <[amb72@le.ac.uk](mailto:amb72@le.ac.uk)>, for further information. Dr. Brooks can also be contact by mail at:

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## Deadline

The deadline for online abstract submission is July 10, 2012. Mailed submissions must be postmarked on or before July 10, 2012. No abstracts will be accepted after July 10, 2012.

## Roundtable Luncheons

If you have a suggestion about a roundtable luncheon topic, or wish to lead a luncheon, please contact Deirdre O'Sullivan, <[dmo@le.ac.uk](mailto:dmo@le.ac.uk)>, with a short description and abstract for your proposed roundtable.

## Audiovisual Equipment

Sessions will take place in University of Leicester lecture rooms. A computer, a digital projector for PowerPoint presentations, and a lectern will be provided in each meeting room. **SESSION CHAIRS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SUPPLY A LAPTOP IN 2013, though they may choose to do so if they feel it would facilitate session organization.** Facilities for connecting individual laptops to the digital projector exist

in each room. If a session chair does not bring his/her own laptop, we strongly recommend session chairs instead bring a USB flash drive with sufficient memory to store all the PowerPoint presentations for a session. All university computers are PCs, not Macs.

All PowerPoint presentations should be loaded onto the designated laptop or USB flash drive by the Session Organizer *prior to the beginning of the session* for a seamless transition between papers. Presenters are discouraged from using a computer other than the one designated by the Session Organizer to prevent delays arising from disconnecting/reconnecting the digital projector.

35mm-carousel slide projectors will NOT be provided by SHA. Overhead projectors can be made available by notifying Program Chair Alasdair Brooks in advance of the conference.

## ACUA Information

### Underwater Archaeology Proceedings 2013

Individuals presenting underwater archaeology papers are eligible to submit written versions of their papers to be considered for publication in the ACUA *Underwater Archaeology Proceedings 2013*. To be considered for inclusion in the proceedings, presenters must register through the link on the ACUA website, <[www.acuaonline.org](http://www.acuaonline.org)>, by February 1, 2013. Final papers must be received by the editors no later than March 1, 2013. Submitters are required to follow carefully the formatting and submission guidelines for the proceedings posted on the ACUA website.

### ACUA Student Travel Award

Students who are interested in applying for this award should go to <[www.acuaonline.org](http://www.acuaonline.org)> for more information. Information will be available by May 1, 2012.

## Eligibility

Membership in the Society for Historical Archaeology is not required in order to give a presentation at the 2013 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology. It is necessary, however, for all participants and their presentations to conform to the ethical standards upheld by the society. Participants submitting abstracts must acknowledge their agreement with the SHA Ethics Statement, provided here.

### **SHA Ethics Statement**

*Adopted 21 June 2003*

Historical archaeologists study, interpret and preserve archaeological sites, artifacts and documents from or related to literate societies over the past 600 years for the

benefit of present and future peoples. In conducting archaeology, individuals incur certain obligations to the archaeological record, colleagues, employers and the public. These obligations are integral to professionalism. This document presents ethical principles for the practice of historical archaeology. All members of The Society for Historical Archaeology, and others who actively participate in society-sponsored activities, shall support and follow the ethical principles of the society. All historical archaeologists and those in allied fields are encouraged to adhere to these principles.

### **Principle 1**

Members of the Society for Historical Archaeology have a duty to adhere to professional standards of ethics and practices in their research, teaching, reporting, and interactions with the public.

### **Principle 2**

Members of the Society for Historical Archaeology have a duty to encourage and support the long-term preservation and effective management of archaeological sites and collections, from both terrestrial and underwater contexts, for the benefit of humanity.

### **Principle 3**

Members of the Society for Historical Archaeology have a duty to disseminate research results to scholars in an accessible, honest and timely manner.

### **Principle 4**

Members of the Society for Historical Archaeology have a duty to collect data accurately during investigations so that reliable data sets and site documentation are produced, and to see that these materials are appropriately curated for future generations.

### **Principle 5**

Members of the Society for Historical Archaeology have a duty in their professional activities to respect the dignity and human rights of others.

### **Principle 6**

Items from archaeological contexts shall not be traded, sold, bought or bartered as commercial goods, and it is unethical to take actions for the purpose of establishing the commercial value of objects from archaeological sites or property that may lead to their destruction, dispersal, or exploitation.

### **Principle 7**

Members of the Society for Historical Archaeology encourage education about archaeology, strive to engage citizens in the research process and publicly disseminate the major findings of their research, to the extent compatible with resource protection and legal obligations.

# Getting to Leicester

If you are travelling to Leicester, and you are not from the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland, you will of course need a valid passport. Most United States, European Union, and many Commonwealth citizens do not require a visa to enter the United Kingdom. If you are unsure as to whether you need a visa, additional information is available here:

<<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/>>.

There is a section of the above link dealing with supporting documents that conference delegates should check, regardless of whether or not they need a visa.

## Travelling to Leicester by air

**IMPORTANT:** The closest airport to Leicester, East Midlands Airport, is not a major international airport. While some European colleagues may find East Midlands Airport convenient, most transatlantic and long-distance flights are likely to be landing at either London Heathrow or London Gatwick – although some long-haul airlines do now fly into Birmingham Airport, which may prove to be an attractive alternative (particularly for Australians and New Zealanders travelling on Emirates; it also has direct transatlantic flights from Newark, New Jersey).

### *London Airports*

The two main London Airports are **London Heathrow** and **London Gatwick**. From Heathrow, the most convenient way to travel to St. Pancras station (the only London train station with departures to Leicester) is to take the Underground's regular Piccadilly Line service directly from the airport to St. Pancras (ca. 1 hour). While slower than the Heathrow Express train, it is substantially cheaper, and offers a direct connection; the Heathrow Express requires a further Underground or taxi journey from Paddington station to St. Pancras. From Gatwick, the Thameslink train service runs directly to St. Pancras station in just under an hour. While slower than the Gatwick Express train, it is substantially cheaper, and offers a direct connection.

The train between St. Pancras and Leicester takes between 70 and 90 minutes. For more information on trains between St. Pancras and Leicester, please see the 'Leicester by Rail' section below.

There is also a direct bus service connecting Leicester with the two main London airports, run by National Express (ca. 2.5 hours to Heathrow; ca. 3.5 hours to Gatwick). While a potentially affordable option, the direct buses only run every two and a half hours.

### *East Midlands Airport*

The nearest airport to Leicester is **East Midlands Airport**, which has direct flights to more than 90 destinations in 28 countries, as well as many internal flights within the UK. The Leicester Skylink bus service connects East Midlands Airport with [St Margaret's Bus Station](#) in Leicester's city center, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Skylink buses run every 30 minutes during the day and hourly at night.

If you want to travel by train from East Midlands Airport to Leicester, you will need to take a taxi from the airport to the nearest train station, which is East Midlands Parkway.

#### *Other Airports*

**Birmingham International Airport** may prove an attractive option for some delegates. There is a convenient rail link requiring just one change of train; take the train from Birmingham International to Birmingham New Street station, and then transfer to a train to Leicester (ca. 1.5 hours total).

**Manchester Airport** is not particularly close to Leicester, but has transatlantic and other long-distance options, and may offer an alternative to colleagues planning to visit the north of England and/or Scotland as part of their travel plans. A train from Manchester Airport to Leicester, with one change of train at Sheffield, takes approximately 2.5 hours.

**London Luton Airport** (ca. 1 hour) and **London Stansted Airport** (ca. 2.5 hours) both have direct train links to Leicester. However, these are primarily bases for budget airlines offering cheap flights to Europe and within the UK. They may prove attractive for European colleagues, but they currently have very few long-distance flight options, and no flights across the Atlantic. Their primary use for North American colleagues will be as options for potential European trips before and after the conference!

#### Useful links

- Birmingham Airport <http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk>
- East Midlands Airport <http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com>
- London Heathrow Airport <http://www.heathrowairport.com>
- London Gatwick Airport <http://www.gatwickairport.com>
- Luton Airport <http://www.london-luton.co.uk>
- Manchester Airport <http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/>
- Stansted Airport <http://www.stanstedairport.com>
- National Express coach <http://www.nationalexpress.com/coach/airport/index.aspx>
- Leicester Skylink Bus <http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/emaweb.nsf/Content/SkyLinkLeicester>

NB: There *is* a local airport called Leicester Airport, but this is a small airfield only suitable for light aircraft and should only be considered if you are flying your own plane!

#### **Leicester by Rail**

If you plan on travelling by train to Leicester, even if just between your airport and Leicester, we **STRONGLY RECOMMEND BUYING TICKETS IN ADVANCE**. Same-day tickets are often outrageously expensive, as are tickets during rush hour. Tickets

are usually available online up to two months in advance of travel. Details on discounts for conference delegates travelling on East Midlands Trains between London and Leicester (and other East Midlands Trains routes) will be published in the preliminary program later this year.

Leicester is between 70 and 90 minutes from London via a frequent and comfortable express train service. There are also regular direct rail links to Birmingham, Sheffield, Nottingham, Derby, East Midlands Parkway (for East Midlands Airport), Peterborough, Cambridge, Lincoln, Luton Airport Parkway (for Luton Airport) and Stansted Airport.

Leicester is on a direct line to London's [St Pancras International](#) train station, the home of [Eurostar](#); with just one change of train, you could be in Paris or Brussels within four hours! North-south train services from London through Leicester are run by East Midlands Trains, who also manage Leicester Railway Station; east-west services (between Birmingham and Stansted Airport via Cambridge) are run by Cross-Country Trains.

If you are staying in the UK for a holiday before or after the conference, and plan to undertake a lot of train travel, you might find that a BritRail pass could save you time and money, although significant savings can also be made by booking train tickets online in advance and collecting them at a designated railway station. And if you are thinking of extending your travel into Europe, then a Eurail pass might be worth investigating.

#### Useful links

- East Midlands Trains <http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk>
- Cross-Country Trains <http://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk>
- National Rail Enquiries - for train timetables, travel information and tickets <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>
- Eurostar - for train travel between the UK and continental Europe <http://www.eurostar.com/dynamic/index.jsp>
- Leicester Railway Station <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/LEI.html>
- BritRail pass <http://www.britrail.com>
- Eurail pass <http://www.eurail.com>

#### Useful contact numbers

- National Rail Enquiries from the UK: **084.5748.4950**
- National Rail Enquiries from overseas: **+44 (0)20.7278.5240**  
(Please note: international rates apply)
- National Rail Enquiries Textphone from the UK: **084.5605.0600**  
(for customers with hearing impairments)

#### **Leicester by Taxi**

If two or more conference goers are travelling to Leicester together, it might be worth thinking about booking an airport taxi. There are several good local Leicester

firms who will come to the airport and collect you, and if you require it, will also take you from Leicester to the airport for your return journey.

Prices in January 2012 are indicative:

- Leicester – Heathrow (one way) £92
- Leicester – East Midlands (one way) £31
- Leicester – Stansted (one way) £129

Oadby Express Taxis will accept bookings via email

(<[oadbyexpress@hotmail.com](mailto:oadbyexpress@hotmail.com)>); you will need to give them your arrival date, time, flight number, airport, airport terminal, and your name. A cell phone/mobile phone number would also be useful; their phone number is +44 (0)11.6271.0088 (if calling from abroad or using a foreign cell phone/mobile in the UK).

Other local Leicester taxi companies will also do airport services; further details will be provided both on the SHA blog and the preliminary program later this year.

Hailing a taxi at the airport itself (i.e., not prebooking) will be *extremely* expensive, and is not recommended.

### **Leicester by Car**

Leicester is conveniently located next to the M1 motorway, one of the two main routes between London and the north of England. It is also a relatively short drive from Birmingham on the M6 and M69 motorways. Delegates who plan on renting a car and driving should remember that they may find British road conditions unfamiliar. British traffic drives on the left, and makes frequent use of roundabouts (traffic circles). British roads are often very busy. Driving conditions in January may be impacted by winter weather. If you plan on renting a car, please familiarize yourself with British driving rules in advance; the 2013 Conference Committee cannot be held responsible for accidents in the UK.

Maps of the University of Leicester and surrounding area, as well as further information about travelling to the city by road, rail or air, can be found here:

<<http://www2.le.ac.uk/maps>>.

## **Accommodations**

Block bookings with negotiated rates have been made at the following four hotels. Additional hotel room taxes are not charged in the UK, so the price you see will be the price you pay (apart from any extras you might add on to your bill). The negotiated rates will only apply to bookings made via email, quoting the relevant booking code.

Do check the relevant hotel websites for any other special offers before you book; the larger chain hotels in particular often have deals for nonflexible room bookings, or weekend packages, for example.

### **The Mercure Leicester City Hotel**

The main conference hotel, the Victorian-era Mercure Leicester City Hotel on Granby Street, in the city center, is only a five-minute walk from the railway station,

and will also be the venue for the Conference Dinner and Awards, the roundtable lunches, and many of the SHA committee meetings. The Mercure opened in 1898 as the Grand Hotel, and is a grade-II-listed building.

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-8324-mercure-leicester-city-hotel/index.shtml>

Rates: £80 double per night; £70 single per night, including breakfast.

Email: <[csales.mercureleicestercity@jupiterhotels.co.uk](mailto:csales.mercureleicestercity@jupiterhotels.co.uk)>; booking code: 2730325.

### **The Belmont Hotel**

The Belmont Hotel on De Montfort Street is a boutique-style hotel located on a grand Victorian terrace adjacent to historic New Walk, and is only a few minutes' walk from the university.

<http://www.belmonthotel.co.uk>

Rates: £85 single occupancy room per night, £95 with breakfast; £95 double occupancy room per night, £105 with breakfast.

Email: <[info@belmonthotel.co.uk](mailto:info@belmonthotel.co.uk)>; booking code: SH0513.

### **Holiday Inn Leicester**

The Holiday Inn at St Nicholas Circle in the historic city center is close to the River Soar and the Newarke Houses and (Roman) Jewry Wall Museums. It is slightly further from the university than the other block-booked hotels.

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/gb/en/leicester/lctuk/hoteldetail>

Rates: £70 per room, single or twin occupancy, including breakfast.

Email: <[leicestercity.reservations@ihg.com](mailto:leicestercity.reservations@ihg.com)>; booking code: SHA.

### **The Premier Inn**

The Premier Inn at St Georges Way in the city center is a two-minute walk from the railway station.

<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LEIBAR/leicester-city-centre>

Rates: £65 per room, including breakfast; £60 room only.

To book: email <[leicestercitycentre.pi@premierinn.com](mailto:leicestercitycentre.pi@premierinn.com)> and request number of nights, number of rooms, etc., and say this is a booking for the Society for Historical Archaeology with the University of Leicester. HOWEVER, Premier Inn regularly has special deals for cheap rooms booked via its website, so please check there before making your email booking to see whether a better rate might be available.

### **Other Hotels**

There are a number of other hotels in Leicester, and a selection is presented below. Please note that no block bookings have been made with these establishments.

### **Holiday Inn Express - Walkers Stadium**

<http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/leicester/lctws/hoteldetail>

ca. £70 per night (twin room).

Booking and rates at this hotel may be affected by matches held at the Walkers Stadium (soccer) and at the Leicester Tigers Stadium (rugby).

### **Hotel Maiyango**

<http://www.maiyango.com/>

ca. £99-£140 per night

### **Travelodge (Leicester Central)**

<http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/info?hotelId=261>

ca. £47 per night

### **Campanile Leicester**

<http://www.campanile-leicester.co.uk/en/index.aspx>

ca. £35–£56 per night

A map of the above accommodation options may be found here:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?msid=207525648168279740902.0004b241228c5116d554e&msa=0&ll=52.622174,-1.113396&spn=0.031471,0.077162>

There are many other hotels and budget 'Bed & Breakfast' options in Leicester, and the Go! Leicestershire website gives a great introduction to the city and the surrounding countryside. Addresses with postcodes beginning "LE1" are in the city center, whereas those beginning "LE2" are located within a large area covering the southern side of the city, to the south of the university, and including the neighborhoods of Clarendon Park, Stoneygate, and Oadby.

### **Student Accommodation**

Some limited floor space will be available for students; further information about this will be made available later in the year.

### **Useful Links**

Places to stay in Leicester and Leicestershire:

<http://www.goleicestershire.com/where-to-stay>

Bed & Breakfasts in Leicester:

<http://www.bedandbreakfasts.co.uk/propertysearch.asp?townCity=Leicester>

Go! Leicestershire tourist site:

<http://www.goleicestershire.com>

## **Further Details**

Further details will also be presented on the conference website as the year progresses: <<http://www.sha.org/about/conferences/2013.cfm>>.

Conference information will also be presented on the SHA blog:

<<http://www.sha.org/blog/>>.

For more information about the conference, please contact the SHA 2013 Conference Committee Co-Chairs: Audrey Horning, Queens University Belfast, <[a.horning@qub.ac.uk](mailto:a.horning@qub.ac.uk)>, and Sarah Tarlow, University of Leicester,

<[sat12@le.ac.uk](mailto:sat12@le.ac.uk)>. Questions about the conference program can also be directed to Program Chair Alasdair Brooks, University of Leicester, <[amb72@le.ac.uk](mailto:amb72@le.ac.uk)>.