

4TH ANNUAL UK CLUNIAC FORUM CONFERENCE
Held on 5 October 2017 in Lewes East Sussex

Brief notes of meeting

- 1.0 Attendance
Delegates and guests recorded on the attached list together with a note of apologies.
- 2.0 Opening
The conference was opened by the Mayor of Lewes, Councillor Michael Chartier at 9.45 am.
- 3.0 Guided tours
Dr Anthony Freeman gave an introductory talk on the origins and influence of Lewes Priory. He and Dr Helen Poole took delegates in two parties on a tour of Priory Park and Marcus Taylor explained the significance of the Gundrada Chapel.
- 4.0 Lewes Priory Stones Project
After lunch Dr Paul Benjamin gave a talk illustrated by a Powerpoint presentation on the identification and cataloguing of Lewes carved masonry with particular emphasis on the lavatorium and the cloisters.
- 5.0 Lewes Breviary Project
Kate Hickmott introduced the project and Andrew Robinson described the breviary and how it was transcribed. The BREMF choir performed two extracts from the music.
- 6.0 European Federation
Christophe Voros, Director of the European Federation of Cluniac Sites, reported on developments with FESC and showed the latest version of Clunypedia with pages in English on each of the UK member sites. Seven UK sites are members and all were encouraged to join.
- 7.0 English Heritage
Mark Douglas, Properties Curator (North), described his role in English Heritage and his responsibilities towards EH sites. He confirmed that English Heritage would be happy to offer technical and other advice to UK Cluniac sites in other ownership.
- 8.0 Reading Abbey
Jessica Freeland, Community Engagement Officer, described with a Powerpoint presentation the scope and progress of the major Lottery funded Abbey Quarter project including fabric conservation techniques.
- 9.0 Paisley Abbey
Rev Alan Birss, Minister of Paisley Abbey, gave an illustrated talk on Paisley Abbey, its history and development.
- 10.0 Group discussion
Kate Hickmott gave a report on progress with funding the UK Cluniac Group. Time limited detailed consideration of the topic list she had prepared and which had been previously circulated. It was agreed to issue it again to allow delegates to respond with aims and objectives. Email addresses to be shared (attached).
- 11.0 Next meeting
Jessica Freeland agreed to ask Reading Borough Council and the Friends of Reading Abbey whether they would hold the 2018 conference. Janet McNaught hoped that the 2019 conference could be held in Pontefract.
- 12.0 Conclusion
After informal discussion over refreshments, the conference closed at 5 pm.

UK CLUNIAC GROUP CONFERENCE 2017 ATTENDANCE

Site	Contact	Description	Organisation
Present			
Cluny	Christophe Voros	Director	Fédération Européenne des Sites Clunisiens
Crossraguel	Adrian Cox	Cultural Resources Advisor	Historic Scotland
Dudley	John Hemingway	Archaeologist	Friends of Priory park
Lewes	Sy Morse-Brown	Chairman	Lewes Priory Trust
	Andrew Norris	Trustee	Lewes Priory Trust
	Arthur Franklin	Trustee	Lewes Priory Trust
	Graham Willsher	Trustee	Lewes Priory Trust
	Paul Benjamin	Trustee	Lewes Priory Trust
	Dr Anthony Freeman	Liaison with FESC	Lewes Priory Trust
	Helen Chiasson	Education Officer	Lewes Priory Trust
	Kate Hickmott	Education Officer	Lewes Priory Trust
Monk Bretton	Fred Thompson	Member	Friends of Monk Bretton Priory
Paisley	Rev Alan Birss	Minister	Paisley Abbey
	Carol Birss		Paisley Abbey
Pontefract	Dr Janet McNaught	Secretary	Friends of Pontefract Castle
	Robert McNaught	Member	Friends of Pontefract Castle
Reading	John Painter	Secretary	Friends of Reading Abbey
	Jessica Freeland	Community Engagement Officer	Reading Borough Council
Apologies			
Castle Acre	Jo-Ann Murfitt	Site Manager, Castle Acre	English Heritage
Delapré	Vikki Pearson	Community Engagement Officer	Delapre Abbey Preservation Trust
Prittlewell	Claire Reed	Curator	Southend Museum Service
Thetford	David Osborne	Member	Thetford Society
Wenlock	Michael Carter	Senior Properties Historian	English Heritage
	Naomi Speakman	Curator of Late Medieval Europe Dept	British Museum

2017 Conference guests

Kay	Andrews	Friends of Lewes president
Richard	Andrews	Carden & Godfrey Architects
Mary	Benjamin	Lewes Priory Trust member
Michael	Chartier	Mayor of Lewes
Lucinda	Fouch	Lewes Priory Trust member
Andy	Gammon	Graphic Designer
Kate	Hickmott	Lewes Priory Education & Access
Arabella	Hobson	Lewes Priory Trust member
Fiona	Marsden	Lewes Priory Research Group
Susan	Murray	Lewes Town Council
Ruth	O'Keeffe	Lewes Town Council
Martin	Pett	Sussex Past
Helen	Poole	Lewes Priory Trust member
Christine	Roach	Geologist
Marcus	Taylor	Trinity Church Southover
Micheal	Turner	Past Mayor of Lewes