

LEICESTER RESEARCH GRANTS & BOOKS

Press Coverage of Research Grants

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ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY

Professor C Ruggles

RA11067

Spatial Perception in a Desert Environment: A Contextual Study of Geoglyphs in South Coastal Peru

£146,300 *Asociacion Cultural Peruano Britanica*

This project aims to address a variety of questions relating to the purpose and meaning of the ground markings (geoglyphs) found famously on the Nasca desert (pampa) in southern Peru but also on nearby pampas and extensively in the wider surrounding area. The geoglyphs at Nasca itself, in the form of stylised animal and bird figures visible only from the air, have attracted popular speculation for many decades. The only broad-based scholarly appraisal was undertaken between 1981 and 1984 by an American team, in which Professor Ruggles himself participated as a foreign specialist. This new project will add considerably to the available information on the nature and extent of the different geoglyphs, using state-of-the-art mapping techniques such as sub-metre GPS. It will involve field survey aiming to establish a more secure archaeological and chronological context. The geoglyphs were created and used by people who dwelt in this arid landscape, and interpretative work will focus on perceived relationships between the geoglyphs and the surrounding landscape and sky. Finally, the project will also address issues relating to the management of the World Heritage Site. There will be preliminary field trips between January 2005 and September 2006, but the full-scale project will commence in the summer of 2007. This will involve a team of specialists from both Britain and Peru and will be supported by funded student exchanges at postgraduate level.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY

Dr N Christie

RA11066

The Wallingford Burg to Borough Research Project (See www.le.ac.uk/ar/njc10/wallingford_project)

£3,500 *Marc Fitch Fund*

Dr R Young

RA11068

The Archaeology of Dir, North West Frontier Province, Pakistan

£6,470 *British Academy*

BIOCHEMISTRY

Professor I Eperon

Co-Investigator Dr H Rahman

RM31135

World Programme Fellowship - Dr M H Rahman

£5,050 *EMBO*

Professor I Eperon

RM31137

CNBP - a novel splicing modulator?

£3,982 *Royal Society*

Professor I Eperon

RM31138

Correcting splicing: development of therapies based on targeted oligonucleotide enhancers of splicing

£304,903 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr A Fry

RM31128

Supplement - Identification and validation of Nek2 kinase inhibitors

£10,000 *Cancer Research UK*

Dr D Leys

RM31142

Molecules at metabolic cross-roads: structural biology of promiscuous molecules

£30,000 *European Molecular Biology Organization*

Dr O Makarova

RM31141

Study of alternative splicing by purification of early spliceosomal complexes and comparative proteomic analysis

£257,988 *BBSRC*

Dr S Monkley

RM31136

Value in People Award

£33,019 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor AW Munro

Co-Investigator Dr D Leys,

Biochemistry

RM31146

Construction of a biotechnologically versatile and stable oxygenase biocatalyst

£209,305 *BBSRC*

Dr J Norman

RM31094

Supplement: Endosomal recycling pathways and the control of angiogenesis

£41,086 *Cancer Research UK*

Dr M Pfuhl

RM31139

NMR solution structural studies of the interaction between domains C5 and C8 of cardiac Myosin Binding Protein C

£65,992 *British Heart Foundation*

Professor N Scrutton

RM31099

Industrial CASE Studentship - towards robust and specific alkane and hydrocarbon hydroxylase catalysts

£6,000 *Belle Technology*

Professor N Scrutton

Co-Investigator Professor A Munro,

Biochemistry

RM31140

Mechanistic and structural basis of uphill electron transfer and reductive methylation in the human MS-MSR electron transfer complex

£237,482 *BBSRC*

BIOLOGY

Dr RP Jarvis

RM48081

Elucidating the function of the chloroplast protein import apparatus component, Tic40

£243,713 *BBSRC*

Dr T Matheson

RM48077

Neuronal integration underlying the computation of limb trajectory

£29,082 *BBSRC*

Dr T Matheson

RM48080

Plasticity in neuronal circuits driving aimed limb movements

£307,977 *BBSRC*

Dr S Moller

RM48082

Dissecting SUF-protein mediated Fe-S cluster biogenesis and repair in Arabidopsis plastids

£242,967 *BBSRC*

Professor D Twell

RM48083

Functional analysis of two cell cycle regulators required for male-germ line development in Arabidopsis

£254,523 *BBSRC*

Professor G Whitelam

RM48078

Milk Clearance

£5,000 *ADAS*

CANCER STUDIES AND MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Dr JH Pringle

RM60049

Investigation of Vitamin D Receptor Polymorphisms on the response of T-cells to Vitamin D Therapy in Psoriasis

£59,856 *Psoriasis Association*

Dr J Shaw

Co-Investigator Professor RA Walker, CSMM

RM60053

Novel gene expression changes in breast cancers in young women

£5,000 *University Hospitals of Leicester*

Dr J Shaw

RM60054

Characterisation of tumour specific plasma DNA from breast cancer patients

£4,000 *University Hospitals of Leicester*

Professor R Walker

RM60051

Use of novel tumour markers in predicting response to endocrine therapy in the elderly with breast cancer

£4,000 *University Hospitals of Leicester*



**Professor R Walker**
RM60052

Functional significance of altered tenascin isoform expression in breast cancer
£5,000 *University Hospitals of Leicester*

Professor R Walker
RM60055

Tumour suppressor role of myoepithelial cells
£4,000 *University Hospitals of Leicester*

Cardiovascular Science**Dr N Chong**
RM61036

Conference Grant - American Heart Association 2004
£640 *Royal Society*

Professor D Evans
RM61039

Identification of emboli in middle cerebral artery ultrasonic blood flow signals
£1,000 *British Council*

Professor M Galinanes
RM61043

Research Fellow
£7,500 *East Midlands Cardiac Research Fund*

Professor A Goodall
RM61040

Laboratory Assays in Haemostasis (why do some people clot more than others?)
£3,000 *University Hospitals of Leicester*

Dr K Herbert**Co-Investigator Mr A Yousuf,**
Cardiovascular Science
RM61042

Mitochondrial damage as a mechanism for high glucose induced vascular endothelial cell ageing
£4,000 *National Heart Research Fund*

Dr K Ramnarine
RM61041

Development and application of range Doppler ultrasound systems for assessment of wall motion and emboli
£4,000 *British Council*

Professor N Samani
RM61035

Pharmacogenetics of hypertension (The POPULAR) Study
£12,500 *Heartsearch*

Professor N Samani
RM61037

The Popular Study
£5,000 *Take Heart Leicester*

Dr JP Thompson**Co-Investigator Dr D Lambert**
RM61038

Investigation into changes in endogenous opiates and receptors, on peripheral blood mononuclear cells, during the course of a septic episode
£9,196 *British Journal of Anaesthesia*

CELL PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY**Professor I Forsythe**
RM36075

Factors influencing the functional properties of the primary afferent neurones of the auditory system and principal cells of the cochlear nucleus
£59,650 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr J Mitcheson
RM36076

CASE Studentship - structural basis for drug binding to HERG potassium channels
£20,295 *Pfizer Ltd*

Dr L Sampson
RM36077

Conference Grant - 49th Annual Biophysical Meeting
£1,000 *Royal Society*

CHEMISTRY**Dr A Abbott**
RP10117

Bi-Ionic
£4,500 *DTI via C-Tech*

Dr A Abbott
RP10118

KTP Project with Grosvenor Chemicals
£103,744 *Grosvenor Chemicals/DTI*

Dr E Raven**Co-Investigator P Moody,**
Biochemistry
RP10119

Mechanism of proton delivery in ascorbate peroxidases
£225,200 *BBSRC*

Child Health**Dr C Beardsmore**
RM12AGD

Supplement: Respiratory function in infants following ECMO
£5,692 *UHL NHS Trust*

Computer Science**Dr A Kurz**
RP202006

Coalgebras and modal logic
£5,000 *Nuffield Foundation*

ECONOMICS**Dr M Caglayan**
RS10035

The Effects of Exchange Rate Movements on International Trade Flows: A Bivariate GARCH Approach
£2,723 *British Academy*

EDUCATION**Dr H Cremin**
RE10068

Investigating how Schools Manage Primary-Secondary Transfer for Pupils who have regular Contact with Tas
£6,610 *Essex LEA*

R Griffiths
RE10064

Grief and Young Children
£13,800 *Laura Centre*

R Griffiths
RE10065

Grief and Young Children
£8,900 *Parenting Fund*

R Griffiths
RE10066

Evaluation of Bookshare Neighbourhood Regeneration Project
£10,000 *Leicester City Council*

Dr P Warwick
RE10067

Building a Bridge to Inclusion for the Young People of North East Manchester
£15,639 *The Message Trust*

ENGLISH**Professor E Treharne**
Co-Investigator Dr Mary Swan
RA12023

The Production and Use of English Manuscripts 1060-1220
£383,854 *AHRB*

This project will identify, analyse and evaluate all manuscripts containing English written in England between 1060 and 1220. The team will produce an analytical corpus of the texts in order to address fundamental questions about this crucial period in the evolution of English literary culture, from late Anglo-Saxon England, through the Norman Conquest and into the high Middle Ages. The project's key research questions include the status of written English relative to French and Latin; the identity of the producers and users of the texts; and the agenda informing the production of so many texts in English during this critical period.2

To date, scholarship has maintained that little of interest is produced in English from 1050 or so up until 1200. This project aims to demonstrate how this predominant view is utterly erroneous, and that not only does a great deal of literature survive, but it also contributes significantly to a proper understanding of the period as a whole.

ENGINEERING**Professor J Fothergill**
RP12108

The development of nanocomposite dielectric structures
£8,824 *Schneider Electric*

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH**Dr S Katbamna**
RM13063

A study of perspectives on ageing, dependency, financial planning and paying for care in British South Asian communities
£10,599 *Nuffield Foundation*

GENETICS**Dr R Badge**
Co-Investigator Professor Sir A

Jeffreys
RM33092
The rate and spectrum of L1 retrotransposon insertions in the human germline
£321,276 *The Wellcome Trust*

Professor Sir A Jeffreys
RM33K29

Supplement: Human Molecular Genetics
£68,900 *Royal Society*

Dr M Jobling
RM33031

Supplement: Infertility and Sex Reversal: Direct Molecular analysis of Sex-Chromosomal Deletions and Translocations in sperm
£1,753 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr M Jobling
RM33GZA

Supplement: Y chromosome as a marker for the history & structure of

ENGLISH**Dr J Coleman**
RA12024

HEL-LEX: New Approaches in English Historical Lexis
£300 *British Academy*

human populations
£5,351 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr M Plumb
RM33088

Genomic DNA hypomethylation in the radiation leukaemogenic process
£75,000 *Hope Foundation for Cancer Research*

Dr M Plumb
RM33090

Hemopoietic stem cell numbers and risk of radiation-induced acute myeloid leukaemia
£13,250 *Leukaemia Research Fund*

Dr S Shackleton
RM33091

Investigating the role of SUN1 in nuclear positioning
£366,215 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr C Tufarelli
RM33087

Mechanisms of antisense-RNA mediated DNA methylation in mammals
£53,153 *Cancer Research UK*

Professor R Trembath
Co-Investigator Dr S Shackleton
RM33086

The role of the nuclear envelope in health and disease
£169,243 *British Heart Foundation*

GEOGRAPHY**Professor A Millington**
RP13024

Conference Grant - 26th Indian Geography Congress
£450 *Royal Society*



GEOGRAPHY

Dr M Bradshaw
RP13025

Learning from Sakhalin: geographies of knowledge in the oil exploration and production industry
£7,254 *The British Academy*

This project builds on previous research on Sakhalin in the Russian Far East, and, through cooperation with US colleagues, provides the basis for comparative research on the nature of oil and gas exploration and development in an era of increased global competition, where knowledge accumulation and risk management are essential to reducing uncertainty and securing commercial success. The contemporary oil and gas industry is both a major producer and consumer of so-called 'knowledge-intensive' activities. Thus, there is much to be gained from an enumeration of the different types of knowledge involved in oil and gas exploration and development. It might be that the Russia's resource economy can itself become the basis for a more knowledge-intensive economy; this project can shed light on such a possibility.

Dr J Pickerill
RP13026

Autonomous Geographies: Activism and everyday life in the city
£700 *British Academy*

Dr J Pickerill
RP13027

Autonomous Geographies: Activism and everyday life in the city
£20,821 *ESRC via University of Leeds*

Dr J Round

Co-Investigator Professor C Williams
RP13023
Surviving Post-Socialism: Evaluating the Role of the Informal Sector in Belarus
£24,481 *ESRC*

GEOLOGY

Dr G Jenkin
RP14070

Understanding active and fossil magmatic-hydrothermal mineralising processes within an emergent volcano - PhD Studentship Daniel J Smith
£4,500 *British Geological Survey*

Dr G Jenkin
RP14071

The geometry and evolution of paleo-fluid-flow and the formation of volcanic-hosted massive sulphide (VHMS) deposits, the Troodos ophiolite, Cyprus - PhD Studentship Simon M Jowitt
£24,000 *British Geological Survey*

HEALTH SCIENCES

Professor R Baker
RM62051

Racial disparities in diabetes in the USA
£1,000 *National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases*

Professor T Brugha

Co-Investigator Dr S Wheatley
RM21028

Supplement: Improving the recognition and treatment of postnatal depression; a surer start for mothers and families of Leicester
£34,000 *NHS Sure Start via Leicester City West PCT*

Professor T Brugha
RM21030

Supplement - Operation and individual predictors of outcome of mental health assertive outreach services in England
£75,512 *Department of Health*

Professor P Burton
Co-Investigator Dr R Hsu
RM62049

UK Biobank: The Fosse Way Cohort - Pre-pilot Pre-Contract Phase II
£47,490 *Wellcome Trust via UK Biobank Ltd*

Dr M Dixon-Woods
Co-Investigator Joelle Kivits, Health Sciences
RM62053

Two cases for researching health information needs: every day health and medical research
£28,743 *ESRC*

Professor D Field
RM62055

Randomised trial to assess the neuro protective effect of mild cooling in neonates receiving extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
£383,321 *British Heart Foundation*

Dr K Khunti
RM62056

ADDITION Study
£2,185 *UHL NHS Trust*

Dr M Stone
Co-Investigator Dr K Khunti
RM62050

Development of an educational module for use in ethnic minority patients with type 2 diabetes: a project building on the Diabetes Educational and Self Management Ongoing and Newly Diagnosed (DESMOND) programme
£79,988 *Diabetes UK*

Dr M Stone
Co-Investigator Dr Tim Stokes & Dr K Khunti
RM62054

Discussing obesity in the primary care consultation: an exploration of attitudes and consultation patterns in general practitioners, practice nurses and patients
£3,100 *Leicestershire Primary Care Research Alliance*

Dr M Wailoo
RM62052

Supplement: Heart rate and blood pressure variability in seven year olds including some who were intra-uterine growth retarded (IUGR) infants
£6,100 *Leicestershire Primary Care Research Alliance*

HISTORY

Professor R Colls
RA15042

Sport and the English Hero
£68,656 *Leverhulme Trust*

Professor C Dyer

RA15040
WG Hoskins and the Making of the British Landscape
£1,500 *English Heritage*

Dr I Harris

RA15043
Grant in aid of research
£6,000 *Cambridge University Press*

Dr I Harris

RA15044
George III's illness of 1788-9 in its clinical and public aspects
£7,935 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor R Rodger

RA15041
Leicestershire Rural Partnership
£5,950 *Leicestershire Rural Partnership*

Infection, Immunity, Inflammation (Clinical)

Dr J Barratt

RM63044
Study of isolated single human glomeruli using proteinchip technology and mass spectrometric analysis
£2,500 *Peel Medical Research Trust*

Dr A Bevington

Co-Investigator Dr T Herbert, CPP
RM63047
The role of L-Glutamine depletion in protein wasting during metabolic acidosis - a targeted metabolomic approach
£48,832 *National Kidney Research Fund*

Dr B Burke

RM63043
Use of proteomics to determine the effects of infection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis on gene expression in primary human macrophages
£6,000 *MediSearch*

Professor R Camp

Co-Investigator Dr P Freestone
RM63042
Clinical relevance of novel epidermal autoantigens and streptococcus progenes infections in Psoriasis
£6,759 *MediSearch*

Professor R Camp

Co-Investigator Dr P Freestone, III
RM63046
Clinical relevance of novel epidermal autoantigens and streptococcus pro genes infections in Psoriasis
£43,353 *British Skin Foundation*

Dr N Garton

RM63039
Value in People Award - Fatty acid supply and demand for the tubercle bacillus: is fadD6 the gatekeeper and TAG the strategic reserve?
£38,913 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr R Hirst

RM63040
Value in People Award - Neural stem cell activity and transplantation in pneumococcal meningitis
£36,945 *Wellcome Trust*

Dr N Lynch

RM63043
Value in People Award
£20,826 *Wellcome Trust*

Professor C O'Callaghan

RM63041
Use of Heliox in nebuliser drug delivery
£28,000 *BOC*

Dr C Ockelford

RM63019
Supplement - FFT and dynamic imaging of cavaleolar complex array in active striated muscle
£7,500 *The Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland*

Dr C Stover

RM63038
The role of properdin in infection and inflammation
£251,220 *MRC*

LABOUR MARKET STUDIES

Dr J Sung

RS141020
Training and Development in Britain 2005
£14,465 *Chartered Institute for Personnel Development*

LAW

Professor C Clarkson

RL10030
Aggravated Risk-Taking
£3,030 *British Academy*



LAW

Mr T Buck
RL10029

Administrative Justice and Alternative Dispute Resolution: The Australian Experience

£7,930 *Department for Constitutional Affairs*

The focus of this project is to examine the rationale and development of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) techniques in court, tribunal and ombudsman organisations within Australia's administrative justice system at both the federal and state levels. The research report will provide the Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA) with a detailed and critical account of the recent developments in the Australian jurisdiction that may better inform the delivery of the reforms envisaged in the British Government's recent White Paper, *Transforming Public Services: Complaints, Redress and Tribunals* (July 2004). This award builds on Trevor's research grant from the Department last year which resulted in a research report reviewing three European jurisdictions: see Buck T (2004) *European methods of administrative law redress: Netherlands, Norway and Germany*, Department for Constitutional Affairs, Research Series 2/04 reproduced in full on the DCA's website.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Professor M Barstow
Co-Investigator **Dr J Pye, Physics & Astronomy**
RP16166
VEGA/GAIA
£119,897 *PPARC*

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Professor M Barstow
Co-Investigator **Mr D Pullan**
RP16164

SpaceROX: A planetary analogue sample collection for hands-on science
£9,332 *PPARC*

This award from PPARC was made under the Public Understanding of Science scheme and has given the go ahead for a Leicester lead project called SpaceROX. The project is aimed at establishing a collection of terrestrial geological specimens representing close analogues to planetary materials. These samples will be used in a series of educational hands-on workshops to explain topics in planetary geology and exobiology to the public. To reach the widest audience possible SpaceROX workshops will be located at the National Space Centre in Leicester and be incorporated into both the education and communication programmes currently operated at the centre. As an added bonus, workshop participants will be kept abreast of the UK's involvement in planetary exploration via the research activities of the Space Research Centre here at Leicester. Early trials will commence in the summer of 2005 and the main pilot will run for approximately 2 years.

MATHEMATICS

Dr N Snashall
RP201022

Bristol Leicester Oxford Colloquium (BLOC)
£1,200 *London Mathematical Society*

Medicine and Therapeutics

Professor B Williams
Co-Investigator **Professor H Thurston**
RM141AZE
Supplement: Ascot Study
£557,642 *Pfizer Ltd via Imperial College*

MODERN LANGUAGES

Dr N Fayard
RA14006
French and Francophone Studies
International Colloquium
£400 *British Academy*

Dr A Miller
RA14007

Verbal, Visual, Virtual: New Canon for the Twenty-First Century
£400 *British Academy*

Museum Studies

J Dodd
Co-Investigator **Professor E Hooper-Greenhill**
RA17029
Developing Learning Advocates in Museums, Libraries and Archives
£30,838 *Museum, Library Archive Council, North West*

Dr V Golding
RA17030
Intangible Culture and the Forging of Citizenship: Memory Reminiscence and Oral History
£1,500 *Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation*

MUSEUM STUDIES

Professor E Hooper-Greenhill
RA17031
Madonna of the Pinks
£52,497 *National Gallery*

RCMG (Research Centre for Museums and Galleries) at the University of Leicester have been commissioned by the National Gallery to carry out a three-year evaluation investigating the impact of Raphael's *Madonna of the Pinks* on young people. The evaluation will focus on the perceptions, feelings and attitudes of young people who, although unfamiliar with art galleries, have the opportunity for sustained engagement with the painting during a series of workshops at the National Gallery, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales in Cardiff and the Bowes Museum in County Durham. It will concentrate on the educational and community-focused work and investigate the short-term and long-term impact of engagement with the *Madonna of the Pinks*. The research, to some extent, will be collaborative and involve museum staff and community participants in self-evaluation. Quantitative and qualitative methodologies will be used, and the evaluation will be planned to act as an example for other museums and galleries.

Professor G Fraser
RP16163
KT Capability Development - Space Research Centre
£75,000 *HEFCE*

Professor AR King
Co-Investigator **Dr D Raine, Dr M Davies, Dr G Wynn, Dr P Wheatley, Dr S Rosswog**
RP16099
Supplement - Research in Theoretical Astrophysics
£109,862 *PPARC*

Professor K Pounds
RP16165
Conference Grant - Ringberg Castle Workshop
£560 *Royal Society*

Professor M Watson
Co-Investigator **Dr T Linde**
RP16161
Astrogrid 2 - Support and research posts
£1,179,804 *PPARC*

POLITICS
Dr K Henderson
RS30011
EU Influence on Party Politics in Slovakia
£500 *British Academy*

Dr K Henderson
RS30012
New Member States and the European Parliament: Research Agendas in the Enlarged EU
£1,000 *University Association for Contemporary European Studies*

PSYCHOLOGY
Dr P Moran
RM43015
Supplement: The effect of ecstasy on impulsivity
£650 *AstraZeneca*

SOCIOLOGY
Mr J Williams
RS14025
Sports Equity Strategies and Local Football in England
£12,000 *The Football Association*

Surgery
Professor M Galinanes
RM22035
Supplement: Sulphonylureas, KATP Channel openers, and Ishaemic protection in the human normal and diabetic myocardium
£2,090 *Diabetes UK*

Grant announced August 2004 but not previously published:

GEOLOGY
Dr T Brewer
Co-Investigator **Dr S Page, Geography**
RP14064
The JOI Alliance: Systems Integration and a Riserless Vessel for IODP
£105,094 *Columbia University*



Charlemagne: Empire and Society

Edited by Joanna Story

Manchester University Press, February 2005

ISBN 0 7190 7089 9 (Paperback £16.99) / ISBN 0 7190 7088 0 (Hardback £60)

► The age of Charlemagne was a crucible for change in the history of Europe, bridging the divide between the medieval and the classical worlds and setting the political and cultural tone for centuries to come. This book focuses directly on the reign of Charlemagne, bringing together a wide range of approaches and sources from the diverse voices of fifteen of the top scholars of early medieval Europe. The contributors have taken a number of original approaches to the subject, from the fields of archaeology and numismatics to thoroughly-researched essays on key historical texts. The essays are embedded in the scholarship of recent decades but also offer insights into new areas and new directions for research.

A full bibliography of works in English as well as key reading in European languages is provided, making the volume essential reading for experienced scholars as well as students new to the history of the early middle ages.

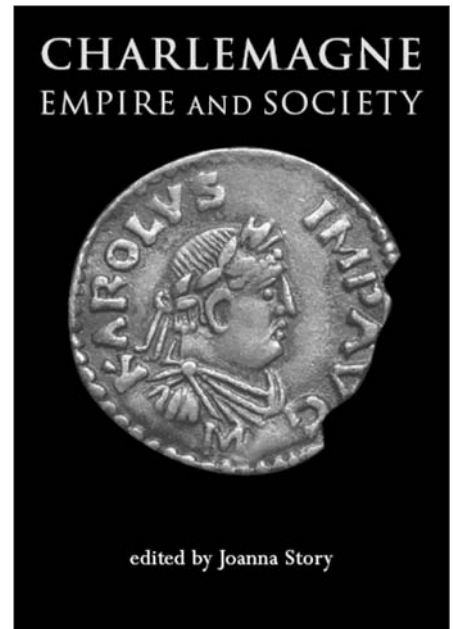
Joanna Story is Lecturer in Early Medieval History at the University of Leicester.

“There is not a weak essay in this volume – the standard of scholarship is high and current.

Teachers and students will profit from this book, to be sure, but they will also enjoy it” –

*Professor Thomas Noble,
University of Notre Dame*

“It will rapidly find a place on reading lists – it is a volume I shall certainly want to prescribe for my own students, introductory and advanced” – Julia M. H. Smith, University of St Andrews



Portrait of Charlemagne, from the obverse of one of his imperial coins, 812–14 (Reproduced courtesy of the Bibliothèque nationale de France).

The Early History of Lincoln Castle

Edited by Phillip Lindley

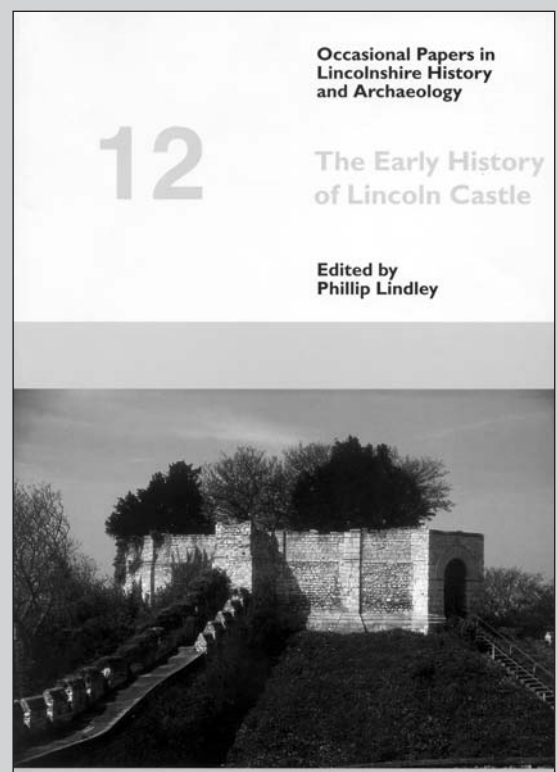
Occasional Papers in Lincolnshire History and Archaeology, Nottingham, 2004

ISBN 0 9035 8221 X (Paperback £12.95)

► This volume, edited by Dr Lindley of the History of Art & Film department, is the first modern account of the early history of Lincoln Castle, famous for its two keeps and dominating position in Lincoln. Originating in a conference held in the castle, the book offers a variety of often-conflicting views of the history and architectural development of the castle. Dr David Stocker's introductory essay provides a critical commentary and introduction to the other essays. He espouses a radical new view of the nature and extent of the castle founded by William the Conqueror in 1068, viewing it as a reoccupation of the entire Roman upper city, with a rebuilding of the Roman gateways and the construction of a large motte below what is now known as the Lucy Tower. Dr Michael Thompson – whose own view of the early castle is no less remarkable – and others disagree profoundly.

Controversy focuses on the extent of the castle founded in 1068; the function and chronological sequence of the two mottes for which this castle is so famous, and the dates and functions of the Lucy and Observatory towers that stand on the mottes. The contextualising essays by David Parsons of this University and by Dr Pamela Marshall provide penetrating new analyses and recent architectural excavations are summarised by Lisa Donel and Michael Jones. Dr Paul Dalton admirably establishes an historical context and Dr Derek Renn writes with remarkable clarity about Cobb Hall Tower, a strengthening of the castle's defences in the early thirteenth century. The book will provide stimulating reading for anyone interested in Norman military architecture, medieval history, or the city of Lincoln.

Phillip Lindley is a reader in the Department of the History of Art and Film at the University of Leicester.





RMS Olympic: Titanic's Sister

Mark Chirnside

Tempus Publishing, 1 November 2004

ISBN 0 7524 3148 X (Paperback £25.00)

▶ A second-year student of History and Politics at the University of Leicester has recently published his second book, a study of the Titanic's sister ship, the Olympic.

Acclaimed in the January edition of the *Maritime Journal*, "RMS Olympic: Titanic's Sister" by Mark Chirnside is described as a 'substantial new volume' which very effectively fills a gap in maritime history.

Twenty-year-old Mark commented: "I started off more interested in the Titanic, a topic so many people seem to enjoy, then turned to the Olympic - which seems to have been 'airbrushed' out of history. She was Titanic's identical sister.

"Hardly anything has been written on Olympic over the years, even in comparison with contemporary ocean liners, so I had a go myself. There is an awful lot of material - captains' memoirs, ship's logs, plenty of voyage papers and a ton of newspaper stories from 1910-35, and my research soon got going."

This book was Mark Chirnside's second maritime book, and his third book overall. He published a short poetry book in May 2004, a 351-page *Olympic Class Ships* book in October 2004, and this 318-page *RMS Olympic* book in November 2004. The latest book was mostly

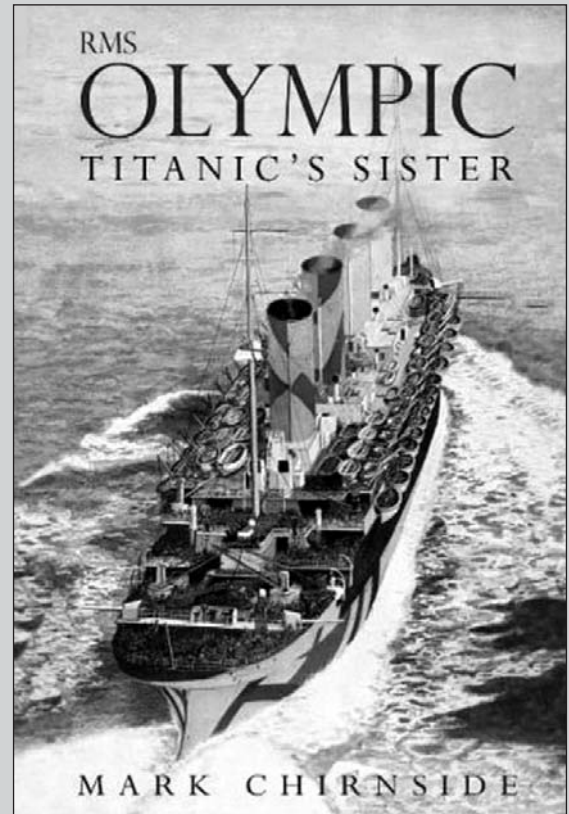
written when he was at Sixth Form, and during his first term at the University of Leicester. He said: "It was just my 'summer job'. It really took up no more time than working at Tesco might have done."

The Olympic was known as the White Star Line's 'Old Reliable' and was 50% bigger than the next largest ship in existence when she was built. In peace time she was the first to offer the luxury of Turkish baths and a swimming pool, while in the First World War she carried more troops than any other steamship of her type. The Olympic was also the only liner to sink a submarine, which she did by ramming it.

Olympic had some adventures in her time, as Mark Chirnside's book recounts.

Among them, Mark says: "There was an interesting story of a stewardess on the Olympic smuggling liquor in her underwear to 'dry' America, and even in the 1920s the customs

official was unwilling to do anything about it! "I do think that the Olympic hasn't received sufficient recognition by maritime historians -- she was the only ship of the three sisters that didn't sink."



An Age of Transition? Economy and Society in England in the Later Middle Ages

Christopher Dyer

Oxford University Press, 28 February 2005

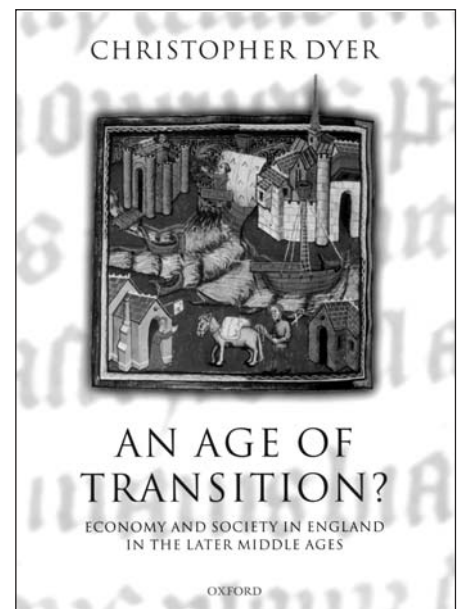
ISBN 0 19 822166 5 (Hardback £35)

▶ This significant new work by a prominent medievalist focuses on the period of transition between 1250 and 1550, when the wealth and power of the great lords was threatened and weakened, and when new social groups emerged and new methods of production were adopted. Professor Dyer examines both the commercial growth of the thirteenth century, and the restructuring of farming, trade, and industry in the fifteenth. The subjects investigated include the balance between individuals and the collective interests of families and villages. The role of the aristocracy and in particular the gentry are scrutinized, and emphasis placed on the initiatives taken by peasants, traders, and craftsmen. The growth in consumption moved the economy in new directions after 1350, and this encouraged investment in productive enterprises.

A commercial mentality persisted and grew, and producers, such as farmers, profited from the market. Many people lived on wages, but not enough of them to justify describing the sixteenth century economy as capitalist. The conclusions are supported by research in sources not much used before, such as wills, and non-written evidence, including buildings.

Christopher Dyer, who has already published on many aspects of this period, has produced the first full-length study by a single author of the 'transition'. He argues for a reassessment of the whole period, and shows that many features of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries can be found before 1500.

Christopher Dyer is Professor of Regional and Local History at the University of Leicester.





A complete list of events can be viewed in Events Diary at <http://ebulletin.le.ac.uk>

INAUGURAL LECTURES

The following Professorial Inaugural Lectures will be held in Lecture Theatre 1 of the Ken Edwards Building at 5.30pm on the dates shown. These Lectures are open to the public and free.

26 April

Professor Harold Fox (School of Historical Studies) – Separate from the Rest of the World: Landscape and Society in Medieval Devon.

3 May

Professor John Dumbrell - Department of Politics – President Bill Clinton as a Foreign Policy Leader.

24 May

Professor Anthony Brookes - Department of Genetics – Human Genome Variation.

31 May

Professor Timothy Coates - Department of Cardiovascular Science – Details TBA

7 June

Professor Gilly Salmon, E-Learning – "Beyond Distance" An Exploration of E-Learning in the 21st Century.

12 April

Invitation Lecture in Aid of The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research: 19:00

Tom Duncan - 'Deadly Rivals: Lord Arundel, The Duke of Buckingham and Art and Power in Early Stuart England'. Tom Duncan was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he studied History of Art and Classical Archaeology. For many years he taught at university level and now lectures widely to heritage and artistic organisations.

Venue: Lecture Theatre 1 in the Ken Edwards Building. A buffet supper will follow at 8pm in the Senior Common Room, City Side, 5th Floor, Charles Wilson Building.

Tickets are Limited: Lecture only - £5, Lecture and buffet supper including wine - £20. All proceeds to The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research.

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Cheques should be made payable to The Hope Foundation for Cancer Research. Please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope with your ticket request

16 April

Study Day 1 - Centre for the Study of the Country House: 11am-4:30pm
Lampport Hall, Northamptonshire: 'Rembrandt's Vision - Dutch History Painting in the Seventeenth Century' - Dr Sophie Oosterwijk.

To celebrate the launch of the Centre for the Study of the Country House this summer, the Director of the Centre, Dr Phillip Lindley, and Mr George Drye, Executive Director of the Lampport Hall Preservation Trust, are delighted to announce two days of lectures open to the general public. The lectures will take place in the Print Room, Lampport Hall, Northamptonshire.

Price £30, inclusive of lunch and coffee in the Dining Room at Lampport Hall. Places are limited. Contact: Mrs Carol Charles, History of Art & Film, University of Leicester LE1 7RH 0116 252 2866 cec7@leicester.ac.uk

22 April

The Vaughan Historical and Archaeological Society
The W G Hoskins Lecture: Local History and Antiquarianism in 18c England by Dr Rosemary Sweet, School of Historical Studies, University of Leicester.

For further information about the VAHS or the talk, please contact Ted Humphreys on 0116 247898, or Gerry Stacey on 01455 636686

27 April

*Department of Criminology,
Scarman Lecture Series 2005*

Dr Martin Innes (University of Surrey) – Why 'soft' policing is hard: reassurance, neighbourhood policing and developments in social control. One in a public lecture series dedicated to the examination of current issues in crime and justice. All lectures commence at 5pm at the Department of Criminology.

For more information: Dr Mike Rowe or Dr Jackie Schneider, The Friars, 154 Upper New Walk, Leicester. Tel: 0116 252 3946 or criminology@le.ac.uk

28 April

The 8th Sir Sigmund Sternberg Lecture in Inter-Faith Dialogue: 18:30

Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, will deliver a lecture on 'Christianity and Other World Religions: Forty Years after Nostra Aetate'. This is a public lecture and open to all. Email: gh23@le.ac.uk

3 May

Department of History of Art and Film Public Lecture Series: 17:30

Stuart Taylor, temporary con artist - 'Survival Guide to the Contemporary Art World'. Presented by Dr Thomas Frangenberg, lectures are free and open to all, in Attenborough SBO.01. Drinks will be served throughout and after the lecture.

12 May

The Elkhanan and Miriam Elkes Memorial Lecture: 17:30

The thirteenth annual Elkhanan and Miriam Elkes Memorial Lecture, entitled 'Late Memories' will be delivered by Professor Shlomo Breznitz from Haifa University. Further details from the Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust Studies, School of Historical Studies, 0116 116 252 2802. The lecture is open to the public and free.

14 May

Study Day 2 - Centre for the Study of the Country House: 11am – 4:30pm

Lampport Hall, Northamptonshire: 'The Grand Tour' - Dr Rosemary Sweet (Reader, School of Historical Studies).

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19 May

2005 Sluckin Lecture: 16:30

Dr Rufus Johnstone (University of Cambridge) - "The evolution of personality: an adaptive view of individual differences in behaviour".

Ken Edwards Building, Lecture Theatre 1. Contact: Raphael Gillett, School of Psychology, 0116 2522171 rtg@le.ac.uk

7 July

Conference: WG Hoskins and The Making of the British Landscape

Sponsored by English Heritage, the conference commences at 2.00pm on Thursday, July 7 and ends early afternoon on Sunday, July 10. This conference marks the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of W G Hoskins' book, The Making of the English Landscape, and is designed to honour Hoskins by celebrating the achievements of the discipline of landscape history which he inspired.

Themes which Hoskins included in his book - rural settlements, towns and buildings - and others - perceptions, ritual and spiritual dimensions, scientific analysis of the environment - will be examined at the conference, which runs from Thursday, July 7 to Sunday, July 10, 2005. Not only will attention focus on the twentieth century, but also on the period before 500AD, and the scope of the conference will include Britain and a comparison made with the continent.

Leicester is an appropriate choice for the conference - Hoskins taught in Leicester in three episodes in his life. The University of Leicester's Gilbert Murray Conference Centre, set in its own landscaped gardens and with superb facilities, is the central venue. The conference is sponsored by the Historical Geography Research Group, the Royal Historical Society and the Society for Landscape Studies. Participants will include both established and younger scholars. Two keynote speakers, Christopher Taylor and Elisabeth Zadora-Rio, will open the event.

It is expected that the conference will be over-subscribed and early booking (i.e. Before May 1, 2005) is advised, for which there is a £5 reduction in the attendance fee. For further information and a booking form visit www.le.ac.uk/elh/news/events.html



Obituaries

► MISS PAULINE (PAULA) WHEATLEY

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Paula Wheatley on Wednesday 2 March. Miss Wheatley joined the History Department in 1967 as Departmental Secretary (Senior Clerk). She was promoted to Principal Clerk in 1971 and remained with the History Department until her retirement in 1985.

► DON ALLEN

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on 12 February of Don Allen, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Education. Don Allen was awarded a Post Graduate Certificate in Education by the University of Leicester.

► SIR JEAN-PIERRE WARNER, QC

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on 1 February of The Hon.

Sir Jean-Pierre Warner, QC. Sir Jean-Pierre was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Leicester in 1984.

► MRS S BUTLER

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Mrs Sylvia Butler on 20 January. Mrs Butler started work at College Hall in November 1976 and continued to work there as a Domestic Assistant until 1992. The funeral service was held on 4 February at Gilroes Crematorium.

► MARK BUZEC

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Mark Buzec. Graduating in 1990 with a BA in Business Studies from Nene College Northampton, Mark became a teacher in London and loved travelling. His body was flown home at Christmas after a six-year search; he disappeared on a back packing trip in Sicily in 1998. His cremation was at Bretby on the 1 February.

► DON HALL

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Don Hall in December 2004. Trisha Norman and friends send this message.

We all first met Don in the 1980s as students at Elms Road houses where Don was Porter/Custodian. It is a testament of Don's character and personality that we all wanted to keep in touch with Don after we left University and did so through meeting up, regular telephone calls, cards and letters.

Don was a one-off; a true gentleman of the old school who had a wicked sense of humour and fun; a man of immense kindness, gentleness and integrity who understood that in his role at the University he was often called upon to be a father figure to students and who proved to be caring, wise and totally unshockable. During our time as students and in the

intervening years we have all turned to Don for advice, shared with him our successes, disappointments and hopes and have always known that we had in Don a true friend.

As well as often meeting up informally, Don and his wife Betty were much treasured guests at the weddings and christenings within our group and we were delighted to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with them.

We will all miss Don dreadfully; however, we hope that it is some comfort to Don's family to know that our lives at University and since have been enriched through knowing Don.

*Fay Brownsword,
Janet Feather-Moore,
Denise Herrington,
Tricia Norman,
Sally Robinson.*



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