

The Dickens Fellowship

114th Annual Conference

London

Wednesday 26th July to Saturday 29th July 2023

Dickens, Law, and Disorder

Message from Dickens Fellowship President, Emeritus Professor Catherine Waters:

As President of the Dickens Fellowship and an inhabitant of what I like to think of as my own bit of the Great Expectations country on the north Kent marshes, I am delighted that our 2023 international conference will take place in another setting from that novel: Barnard's Inn, Holborn. Formerly one of the Inns of Chancery, it is the perfect location for a conference on the theme of 'Dickens, Law and Disorder'.

Barnard's Inn was home to Pip, who took up lodgings there with Herbert Pocket upon his arrival in London in the second chapter of the second stage of his Great Expectations. He found it to be 'the dingiest collection of shabby buildings ever squeezed together in a rank corner as a club for tom-cats'. Pip's extended description of its 'dismal' aspect is a masterpiece of the comic grotesque. These days, however, Barnard's Inn is a much more salubrious spot as home to Gresham College, an institution of higher learning especially renowned for its programme of public lectures.

As we gather in person for the first time since 2019, I look forward to meeting and talking with members and exploring Dickens's rich and paradoxical engagement with the law, order and disorder.

Final Programme

N.B. There may be unexpected changes to the arrangements listed.

Wednesday 26th July



2023 CONFERENCE – DICKENS, LAW, AND DISORDER - SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

16.00 PM – Walking tour of area. Meet at Temple underground station (Circle and District Line)

17.30 Reception at the CDM

THURSDAY

Barnard's Inn

09.30 – Welcome and admin

09.45 – 10.15 1st lecture – Professor Cathy Waters: *“A Special Correspondent for Posterity”: Dickens, Journalism, and Public Executions*

10.15 – 10.45 2nd lecture –Dr Tony Williams: *"This ain't the Shop for Justice": Crime and Policing in Dickens's London*

10.45 – 11.00 Questions

11.00 – 11.30 Tea/coffee

11.30 – 12.00 3rd lecture – Donald Rumbelow: *Spy. Agent Provocateur. A Dickens Detective?*

12.00 - 12.30 4th lecture – Michael Eaton: *On Duty With the Conductor – Dickens Watches the Detectives*

12.30 – 12.45 Questions

12.45 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 14.30 5th lecture –Dr Franziska Quabeck: *Gentlemen of the Law*

14.30 – 15.00 6th lecture - Lucinda Hawksley: *'He Must Have Law and Lawyers' – Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, From a Family Perspective*

15.00 – 15.30 7th lecture – Melissa Rampelli: *The Woman Detective in Bleak House*

15.30 – 15.45 Questions

15.45 – 16.15 Tea/coffee

16.15 – 17.00 Entertainment – The Dickens Declaimers present *Bardell versus Pickwick*

17.30 onwards – conviviality at the Citte of Yorke public House, 22 High Holborn. A private room has been reserved for delegates from 17.30.

FRIDAY

Barnard's Inn

09.30 – 10.00 8th lecture - Angela Buckley: *'The Most Celebrated and Horrible of the Great Crimes': Dickens and the Mannings Murder*

10.00 – 10.30 9th lecture – Dr Emily Bell: *Thoughts on the Punishment of Death: Dickens and Basil Montagu*

10.30 – 10.45 Questions

10.45 – 11.15 Tea/coffee

11.15 – 11.45 10th lecture - Dr Christine Corton: *Divorce and the Dickenses*

11.45 – 12.15 11th lecture – Deborah Siddoway: *The Skeleton in the Cupboard: Our Mutual Friend and Dickens's Disillusionment with Divorce Law Reform*

12.15 – 12.30 Questions

12.30 – 13.45 LUNCH

13.45 – 14.15 12th lecture – Professor Jerry White: *The Marshalsea*

14.15 – 14.45 13th lecture - Dr Jeremy Parrott: *Dickens and censorship*

14.45 – 15.15 14th lecture – Professor Malcolm Andrews: *Dickens, Disorder, and the Imagination*

15.15 – 15.30 Questions

15.30 Tea/coffee

19.30 – Optional - CONFERENCE BANQUET AT THE GARRICK CLUB

<https://www.garrickclub.co.uk/>

19.00 for 19.30 – Conference Banquet at the Garrick Club (Coffee Room), Garrick Street WC2 9AY. There will be limited places available. Transport not provided, please see attached map. The nearest tube station is Leicester Square (Piccadilly line).

N.B The Garrick Club does have a dress code -
Male guests are required to wear jackets and collared shirts at all times and ties if they are lunching or dining in the Coffee Room.
Ladies may wear trousers but not jeans.
No denim, trainers or gym shoes are allowed.



Members who aren't attending the banquet to make their own dinner arrangements.

Saturday 29th July

SATURDAY

09.30 - Coach departs from the Embankment (Embankment underground station – (Circle/District/ Bakerloo/Northern lines) to Gad's Hill and Rochester where there will be free guided tours.



Some Suggested Accommodation Options

The conference is non-residential. Those attending will need to make their own accommodation arrangements. Some possible options are:

1) Student Accommodation in London

<https://www.universityrooms.com/en-GB/city/london/home>

<https://studentroomslondon.com/short-stays/>

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/residences/>

2) Celtic Hotel, Guildford Street, Russell Square

<http://www.stmargarethotel.co.uk/W e l c o m e.html>

3) The Royal National Hotel, Russell Square

https://www.imperialhotels.co.uk/en/royal-national?channel=ppc&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI_OrrydCF4wIVmM13Ch3WhAWdEAYASAAEgLxy_D_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Price

The price of the main conference is £220. This includes all of the lectures and lunch and tea/coffee at Barnard's Inn, but excludes both the Garrick Club banquet and the trip to Gad's Hill and Rochester

The price of the Garrick Club banquet is £100

The price of the Gad's Hill/Rochester trip is £35

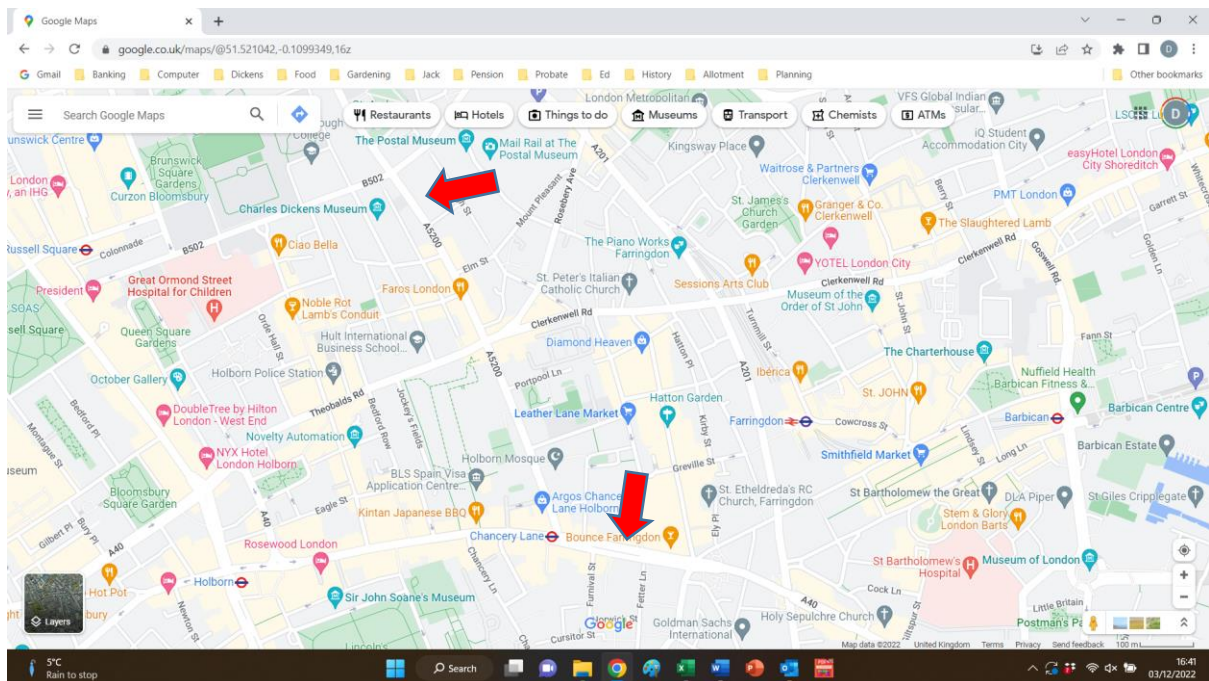
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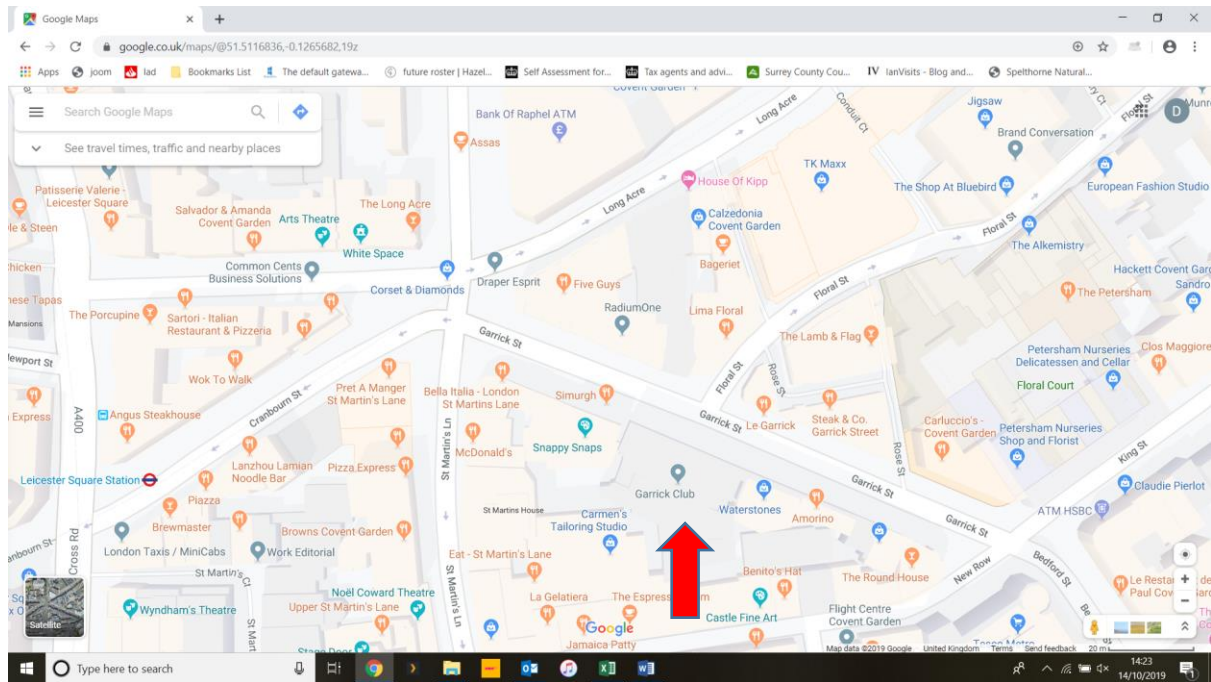
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Maps

Location of Barnard's Inn (Bottom Arrow) and Charles Dickens Museum (Top Arrow)



Location of The Garrick Club



Application Form

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Please complete this form and email to postbox@dickensfellowship.org

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Title: _____

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Additional Person Name: _____

Address: _____

Country of Residence: _____

Branch Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number (Mobile Numbers preferred): _____

Dietary Requirements: _____

Mobility Issues: _____

Emergency Contact Details: _____

Additional Notes: _____

Options	Price £	Number of people	Sum Due £
Conference	£220		
Garrick Club Banquet	£100		
Visit to Gad's Hill / Rochester	£35		
Total			

Payment

Please pay in £ Sterling

- 1) By card to our Paypal account – please pay to dftreasurerlondon@gmail.com
 - 2) Cheque made payable to “The Dickens Fellowship”
 - 3) Bank Transfer to “The Dickens Fellowship 2020 Conference”, Sort code – 20-41-41, Account number – 90872407, SWIFT code: BUKBGB22, IBAN GB73 BUKB 20414190872407
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