



CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY

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THE 66th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Helen Kilburn, Conference Secretary

Monday 22nd July - Wednesday 24th July 2024
Hinsley Hall in Headingley, Leeds (UK)
Also available via webinar

Keynote speakers:

Professor Stephen Parker, Director, Centre for Catholic Education Research and Religious Literacy (CERRL), St. Mary's University, Twickenham

Professor Henrietta Harrison - Wolfson History Prize Nominee, Pembroke College at University of Oxford

Abbot Geoffrey Scott PhD FSA FRHistS, The English Benedictine Congregation of Douai Abbey

Call for papers

The Catholic Record Society is delighted to issue a call for papers to be delivered online at the 66th Annual Conference which will take place Monday 22nd July to Wednesday 24th July at Hinsley Hall in Headingley, Leeds. The conference will also be available via webinar, but speakers are expected to attend in person.

The conference attracts leaders in the discipline of British and Irish Catholic Studies broadly defined, including the field of British and Irish Catholic diaspora. We regularly welcome art and music historians, literary scholars, theologians, and genealogists to the conference. The Society and its conference has a long-standing reputation as a friendly and supportive platform for graduate students and early career researchers, clergy and members of religious institutes, and independent scholars, and we actively encourage proposals from these groups.

We invite proposals for papers in the following formats:

- Panels of three papers.
- Individual 20-minute papers.
- Work-in-progress 10-minute papers.

Proposals should be submitted to conferences@crs.org.uk and include the following information:

- 250-word abstract, including your accessibility needs if applicable.
- 250-word biography.
- 250-word bursary request, if applicable.

Deadline for submission: Sunday 31st March

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We are committed to running an accessible conference. Speakers should note that they may be requested to share slide decks with delegates who require the use of alternative text captioning (AltText) or other accessibility software features. If a request is made, full support will be provided to speakers by the Conference Director to make slide decks accessible.

Bursaries

The Council is pleased to offer bursaries of up to a maximum value of £300 to help defray the cost of attendance for speakers who are doctoral students, early career researchers, clergy and/or members of religious orders.

All members of the Catholic Record Society are entitled to a 10% discount at registration.

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

Scholastica Jacob, Secretary

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are in the process of a full review of the CRS Constitution; this is our governing document which sets out our charitable objects and the administrative provisions by which the Society operates. Our current Constitution was drawn up in 1964 and, apart from very minor changes, has not been amended since then. The Constitution as presently set out, requires review. It no longer reflects, or allows, for the way we work today. The Council is therefore preparing a clause-by-clause review of the Constitution to ensure it is fit for today's management purposes. This will NOT alter the Charitable Objects which will remain the same, viz: The Advancement of Education in Connection with the History of Roman Catholicism in England and Wales since the Reformation.

It is intended that an amended draft will be circulated to members for comment prior to presentation at the AGM for adoption next year. If any members wish to know more about the review or have any comments on the administrative clauses, please contact me at Secretary@crs.org.uk. I can provide copies of the present Constitution for those members who are interested.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS - DUE 1 APRIL 2024

Carmen M. Mangion, Membership Secretary

Despite rising paper, print and postage costs, our annual print membership will remain unchanged at £43 for UK members and £68 for international members.

The Catholic Record Society are pleased to announce two new membership categories. We have added a student and early career researchers* online membership at £20 per annum and an International online membership of £43 per annum.

Payment can be made via:

- Cheque sent to CRS Membership Secretary at 54 Highgate Hill London N19 5NQ
- Standing order or Direct transfer to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. (see below)
- Paypal (for international members only): Contact Membership Secretary (membership@crs.org.uk) to request a Paypal invoice

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at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Account No. 11471579
24 Grosvenor Place Sort code 16-00-16
London SW1X 7HP

International: IBAN: GB43RBOS16001611471579 SWIFT/BIC: OSGB2L

Please include your SURNAME FIRSTNAME as the bank reference.

*Students and scholars who are at the undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate level and early career researchers (as defined by the [AHRC](#)).

RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

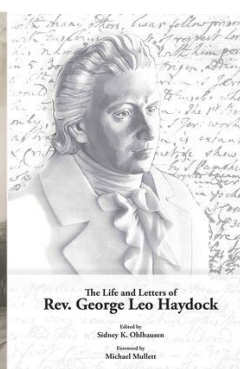
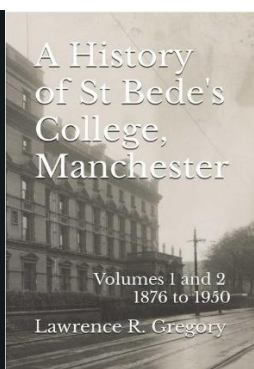
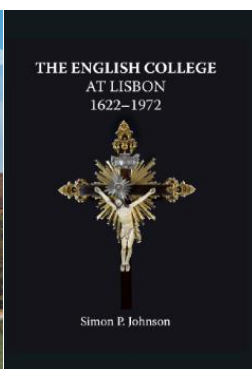
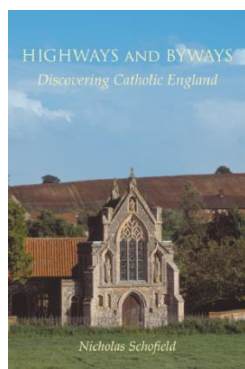
Bill Sheils, Chair of the Awards Subcommittee

Thanks to the generosity of the late Dr David Rogers and the late Mgr Michael E. Williams, both members of the Society, we are able to offer small annual grants. These are to support specific research projects or, occasionally, to assist with the publication of research in British and Irish Catholic History. The amounts awarded do not usually exceed £1000. There is no application form; applicants are asked instead to give a brief account of the proposed research project, stressing its significance, and indicating likely plans for publication. This should be accompanied by detailed costings, and a short CV with the names of two referees. Applications should be addressed to the Chair of the Awards Subcommittee, Professor Bill Sheils, at bill.sheils@york.ac.uk.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Publications

We are pleased to announce the following publications authored by CRS members: Simon P. Johnson, *The English College at Lisbon: 1622-1972* (2023); Nicholas Schofield, *Highways and Byways: Discovering Catholic England* (2023); Sydney K. Ohlhausen, *Life & Letters of Rev. George Leo Haydock* (2024) and Laurence R. Gregory, *A History of St Bede's College, Manchester: Volumes 1 and 2 - 1876 to 1950* (2024).



Michael Hodgetts, *Secret Hiding Places* (2nd Edition 2024)

The late Michael Hodgetts was the recognised expert on priest-holes, and his family are delighted to honour his memory by republishing his 1989 book, now fully illustrated in colour. Paul Hodgetts and Phil Downing (Manager of Harvington Hall) went on photographic safari around England in 2023 and the result is **242 colour photographs** showing the hides in unprecedented detail. As well as the Famous Five houses in the Midlands (Boscobel, Moseley, Harvington, Coughton and Baddesley) the book details fascinating and superb hides at Huddington Court, (home of Gunpowder plotters Thomas and Robert Wintour), Braddocks (where Fr John Gerard spent four days in a hide), Sawston Hall (usually considered to be the finest hide in existence) and Burghwallis Hall, where an astonishing hide in plain sight went undiscovered for over 250 years. These four houses – and many others – are private residences where the hides cannot be seen by the public.

The book also contains reprints of two of Michael's more recent papers: 'The Layout of Elizabethan Recusant Houses' describes how the risks and practicalities of priest-harbours were managed alongside the many other functions of a country house and 'The Elizabethan Catholic Underground' explains how the priests were smuggled into England and transported to their places of work.

Secret Hiding Places will be officially published on 1st March, but CRS members can get a **15% discount for pre-orders** at <http://tinyurl.com/shpcrs> and this link is live now.

Events

CRS member Professor Judith Champ was one of the speakers at the Symposium entitled 'Consalvi and the United Kingdom' co-sponsored by the British Embassy to the Holy See and by the Venerable English College whose Director of Heritage Collections is CRS Member Professor Maurice Whitehead.



With permission from the Venerable English College: Those in the photo in the Venerable English College Library, constructed during Cardinal Consalvi's time as cardinal protector of the College (1819–23) are (L-R), Maurice Whitehead, John Martin Robinson, Tim Knox, Richard Smith, Judith Champ, and Alice Martin.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2024-01/cardinal-ercole-consalvi-english-college-gallagher.html>

Obituaries

If you are aware of news concerning individual CRS members, such as awards and publications, or of any members who have died in the recent past, please inform the Membership Secretary (membership@crs.org.uk) so that items may be included in future issues of the newsletter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

The [Franciscan Tradition: Retrieval and Innovation](#), 12–14 March 2024, at Durham University, UK.

[English Benedictine History Commission 45th History Symposium](#), 11 April 2024 at Douai Abbey, Reading.

[Women religious, Materiality and Technology](#), H-WRBI, 31 May – 1 June 2024 at St Andrews, Scotland UK.

[Harvington Hall History Festival](#), 24-28 July 2024. On 28 July Phil Downing & CRS Member Paul Hodgetts discuss 'Chambers of Faith – The intriguing world of Priest Hides'.

The English Catholic History Association organises visits to places associated with the Catholic faith and arranges lectures on subjects relating to Catholic history. Their list of future events can be found [here](#).

Members are welcome to publicise any forthcoming public events related to the work of CRS. Please contact the Membership Secretary at membership@crs.org.uk.

CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY COUNCIL (2024)

*Dr Paul Arblaster, *Volumes Editor*

Professor Judith Champ (2021)

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Conference Secretary

Dr Carmen M. Mangion,
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Dr Maria Power (2021)

+Professor Bill Sheils, Awards
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§Mrs Judith Smeaton

Dr Liam Temple (2022)

*Honorary Officer of the Society
+ Co-opted
§ Custodial Trustee

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