



ÆTHELFÆD 1100

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

13-15 July 2018

FRIDAY 13 July

Registration, tea and coffee is available at Marmion House (B79 7BZ) from 2.00p.m. Entrance will be marked at the staff entrance in Orchard Street (the left hand side of the building as one faces it from Lichfield Street).

During the conference, the foundation charter of Burton abbey by Wulfric Spot (1002) will be on view, on loan from Staffordshire Archives.

In meeting room 1 there will be a photographic display by Carl Phelpstead - *Visions of Mercia: An Anglo-Saxon Kingdom in the Modern Imagination*.

3.15 Welcome: Dr Philip Morgan

Sessions

3.30-4.30

- 1. Æthelflæd and Queenship: Chair: Dr Charles Insley**
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Sarah Greer (St Andrews), 'Beyond Queenship? Mathilda of Quedlinburg and the possibilities of rule by royal daughters'

Ryan Goodman (Manchester), 'Æthelflæd, 'Lord of the Mercians?': Lordship, Gender, and Representations of Tenth-Century Warrior Women'

5.00-6.00

Plenary: Chair: Dr Morn Capper

Barbara Yorke (Winchester), 'Æthelflæd and Anglo-Saxon Traditions of Female Royal Power'

Dinner (for registered delegates) 6.30 for 7.00p.m. at the Globe Inn, Lower Gungate, Tamworth, B79 7AT. The pub is 0.3 miles and a seven minute walk from the council office.

SATURDAY 14 July

Tea/Coffee from 8.45

9.30-10.30

3. Female authority in Mercia: Chair Dr Philip Morgan

Vanessa King (Goldsmiths), 'Mercian Royal Women'

Morn Capper, 'Aethelred, Aethelflaed and the re-making of Mercian rulership.'

Coffee: 10.30-11.00

11.00- 12.15

4. Wessex and Mercia and the Alfredian Legacy: Chair: Dr Andrew Sargent

Courtney Konshuh (Saskatchewan), 'The Interplay between Edwardian and Æthelflædian Annals'

Robert Gallagher (Oxford), 'Bishop Wærferth and the Kingdom of the Anglo Saxons'

Lunch 12.30 – 1.30. A buffet lunch is provided

1.30 – 2.30

5. Aethelflaed's March: Chair – Dr Morn Capper

Ben Guy (Cambridge), 'What was Æthelflæd's Wales?'

Lindy Brady, (University of Mississippi), 'Æthelflæd and Wales: women and political power in early medieval Britain'

Tea: 2.30-3.00

3.00-4.30

6. Tamworth and the Mercian landscape: Chair – Dr Charles Insley

Bob Meeson (Tamworth), 'The origins and early development of St Editha's Church, Tamworth'

Matthew Blake (Stafford), 'The rickety arched frames of Staffordshire: The Stone Sculpture of Staffordshire'

Andrew Sargent (Keele), 'Aethelflaed's Imperial Landscapes'

Dinner (for registered delegates) 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at Tamworth Castle, Tamworth, B79 7NA. All delegates will enjoy a four-course medieval Banquet (period costume dress optional) within the beautiful surroundings of the Main Hall of Tamworth Castle and waited on by local 'serving wenches'. You will experience music and entertainment of the period

and there will of course be a selection of meads, ales and gins to purchase from the specialist bar.

SUNDAY 15 July

Tea/Coffee from 9.15

10.00-11.00

7. The view from the West : Chair – Dr Andrew Sargent

Melanie Maddox (Military College of South Carolina), 'Fact or Fiction: Ireland's Designation of Æthelflæd as Queen of the Saxons'
Charles Insley (Manchester), 'Æthelflæd Domina Merciorum: an Irish Sea Queen?'

Coffee: 11.00-11.30

11.30-1.00

8. Echoes: Chair – Dr Philip Morgan

Carl Phelpstead (Cardiff University), 'Mercian Landscapes: Past and Present'
David Roffe (Congleton), 'Domesday Tamworth: a Ghost in the Book'
Victoria Thompson Whitworth, 'Æthelflæd Between Fact and Fiction'

Conference end