

The Conference and Festival will be based at the United Church, South Street in the heart of Dorchester. Registration will take place there from 12 noon onwards on Saturday 24th July. Although Conference members will book and pay for accommodation themselves, the Society can provide details of suitable places (see booking form).

Conference & Festival fees:

Members of the Thomas Hardy Society £210
 Full-time student members of the Society £50
 Non-members and guests of members £230

Deposit per person on booking £70
 Deposit per student member £10
 Balance due by 1st July 2010

N.B. Deposit refunded only if cancellation is received by 1st May 2010

Conference and Festival membership fee includes attendance at all lectures, talks, seminars, poetry readings and evening entertainments as well as dinner on the first night and the farewell party. There will be small additional charges for the excursions and walks and for the Max Gate teas; a booking form with these details and prices will be sent out with the Spring *Hardy Society Journal*. As demand for places is likely to be high, an early reservation for the 2010 Conference and Festival is recommended.

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKING FORM TO:
 The Conference & Festival Secretary
 The Thomas Hardy Society
 c/o Dorset County Museum
 High West Street, Dorchester
 Dorset DT1 1XA, U.K.**

**FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SOCIETY'S OFFICE
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THE THOMAS HARDY SOCIETY

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THE THOMAS HARDY SOCIETY
 The Nineteenth International
Thomas Hardy Festival & Conference
 Dorchester, Dorset, England



Dramatisation of *The Mayor of Casterbridge*
 Music with the Iuventus String Quartet
 & Sarah Deere-Jones & Phil Williams
 Barn dance with Climax Ceilidh Band
 Film of *Far from the Madding Crowd*
 Readings of Hardy's poetry

POETRY READINGS
 by
 SIR ANDREW MOTION
 BRIAN PATTEN
 CHRISTOPHER REID

All day coach trip to St Juliot, Cornwall
 Tours to Lyme, Purbeck & Sherborne
 Visit the 'Mellstock' heartland
 Tour of 'Hardy's Churches'
 Explore 'Casterbridge'
 Tea at Max Gate

INVITED SPEAKERS

Dr Tim Armstrong (Royal Holloway, University of London)
 Professor Penny Boumelha (University of Adelaide)
 Professor Barrie Bullen (University of Reading)
 Professor Philip Davis (University of Liverpool)
 Dr Sophie Gilmartin (Royal Holloway, University of London)
 Professor Pamela Gossin (University of Texas-Dallas)
 Professor William Greenslade (University of the West of England)
 Claire Tomalin



SATURDAY 24TH JULY—SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2010

Conference & Festival Booking Form

Name	1
Name	2
Address	
Post/Zip code	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Member(s) of the Thomas Hardy Society	YES/NO

Accommodation

Please tick/delete as necessary

Please send accommodation information about: (I understand that I must book and pay for this and be responsible for transport where necessary):

Dorchester

Surrounding Area

Hotels	Inns/Pubs	Guest/Farm houses/Bed & Breakfast	Self-catering
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Conference & Festival Fees

Details of fees are on the back page of this leaflet

***Please delete as necessary:**

I/We enclose a cheque/bank draft payable to **The Thomas Hardy Society** for £70 per person as a deposit and will pay the balance not later than 1 July 2010.

I/We wish to pay the deposit/in full by credit card (VISA/MasterCard/EuroCard)*

Card No:																			
Expiry Date:																			
Name of card holder:																			
Please also debit the balance of my/our fees on 1 July 2010.	YES/NO																		

Signed.....Date.....

Please detach and return this form, together with your deposit of £70 to:
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The Nineteenth International

Thomas Hardy Festival & Conference

Dorchester, Dorset, England

Saturday 24th July – Sunday 1st August 2010

We are eagerly looking forward to the 2010 International Thomas Hardy Conference and Festival; a packed programme of events has been arranged to commemorate the 170th anniversary of Hardy's birth. The Conference, which opens with a dinner and poetry reading by Sir Andrew Motion, former Poet Laureate, offers a diverse and exciting mix of lectures, musical and dramatic entertainments, poetry readings, excursions and walks, talks and seminars. The strong academic agenda of invited speakers includes Tim Armstrong, Penny Boumelha, Barrie Bullen, Philip Davis, Sophie Gilmartin, Pamela Gossin, William Greenslade and Claire Tomalin. Many other Hardy Scholars from Great Britain and across the world will appear in response to our Call for Papers and there will again be special postgraduate sessions. Invited poets include Brian Patten, Christopher Reid and Michael Thorpe. The Thomas Hardy Association will be hosting a forum.

On the Sunday Helen Gibson will lead a trip to St Juliot (2010 being the 140th anniversary of Hardy's first meeting with Emma) and Rebecca Welshman will lead a tour to Stonehenge and other Hardyan archaeological sites; there will be a service at Stinsford Church, followed by Bockhampton and then Dorchester walks. That evening there will be a dramatic production of *The Mayor of Casterbridge* and on Tuesday a new film of *Far from the Madding Crowd*. During the week we will be entertained by the Iuventus String Quartet, Sarah Deere-Jones and Phil Williams, Alan Chedzoy, Bernard Palmer with Margaret Howard; on the closing evening there will be a barn dance led by the Climax Ceilidh Band. Colin Thompson and Tim Laycock will provide the music on a *Three Strangers* walk; other outings include a tour of Hardy's Churches by JoAnna Mink, more 'Noble Houses', with visits to Lyme Regis, Purbeck, Sherborne and East Egdon, a *Trumpet Major* walk and a local coach tour led by Furse Swann. There will be teas at Max Gate, a Hardy Quiz by Chris Rowe, informal poetry readings every evening at The Royal Oak and the Festival will close with a service at the United Church with John Travell preaching.

In all, it should prove to be a wonderful week in Wessex. Book early to avoid disappointment!