

## FESTIVAL and CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM 2022

All Conference fees, tours, walks and events may be booked via the events page  
website: [www.hardysociety.org](http://www.hardysociety.org)

Name 1:	
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Address:	
Post/zip code:	
Email:	Tel:
Member(s) of the Thomas Hardy Society: YES/NO	

### ACCOMMODATION (Please tick/delete as necessary)

Please send accommodation information about::

Dorchester ☐

Surrounding area ☐

Hotels ☐

Inns/Pubs ☐

Guest/Farmhouses/Bed & Breakfast ☐

Self catering ☐

I understand that I must book and pay for this and be responsible for transport where necessary

### Conference & Festival Fees

Members of the Thomas Hardy Society £200

Non-members & guests of members £220

Full-time student/early-career researcher+ members £50

Early-career researchers - those who have been awarded their PhD  
within the last 3 years but are not yet in a permanent academic post,

The 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 are additional charges for the excursions and walks. As demand for tickets is likely to be high, an early reservation for the 2022 Conference and Festival is recommended.

I/we\* enclose a cheque/bank draft\* payable to **The Thomas Hardy Society** for £70 per person (£10 student) / or make your payment through the THS Website: [www.hardysociety.org](http://www.hardysociety.org)

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Signed: ..... Date: .....

## THE THOMAS HARDY SOCIETY

Twenty-fifth International

# Thomas Hardy Festival and Conference

Dorchester, Dorset, UK



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July



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Conference Chair: Revd Canon Richard Franklin  
Academic Director: Mark Chutter  
Conference Secretary: Tracy Hayes

**This year's Conference will be held at the United Church, Dorchester**

**FULL CONFERENCE MEMBERS** are eligible to attend all lectures and entertainments on production of their Conference name tags, and have priority when booking excursions.

Tickets for individual events can be booked at [www.hardysociety.org](http://www.hardysociety.org) or on the door,

Tickets for each lecture & evening event are: £10 (£8 members);

## PROGRAMME

\*Asterisked events are for full Conference members & their guests only.

Tours and walks: see pages 5 & 6 for further details

Monday to Saturday: Conference announcements by Tracy Hayes at 9am

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July

From 12 noon

\*Registration at United Church, Dorchester. Refreshment facilities are available and delegates may purchase light lunches.

3.00pm

Lect 1

Keynote Lecture:  
**Prof Richard Nemesvari, Wilfred Laurer University, Canada**  
'Flawed Icons and Verbal Texts: Textual Criticism and the Cambridge Edition of the Novels and Stories of Thomas Hardy'

6.30pm

Welcome Dinner at the Town Hall

8.00pm

Lect 2

Opening Speaker:  
**Prof Tim Armstrong, Royal Holloway University, London**  
'Hardy's Subjunctive Mood'

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

9.15am

Lect 3

Keynote Lecture:  
**Professor Mike Irwin (Emeritus Professor University of Kent, UK):**  
'Hardy's Novels: Changing Times and Changing Readings'

11.00am

Call for papers panels: 1: Hardy and Animals  
2: Hardy's Realisms

## Festival & Conference Walks & Tours Booking Form

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS & make cheques payable to the Thomas Hardy Society

Full details of coach tours and walks will be found on pages 5 and 6

1.	Tues tour	Wessex Museums - Dorchester	.....Tickets @ £10.00	£.....
2.	Tues walk	Budmouth Walk	.....Tickets @ £10.00	£.....
3.	Weds tour	Wessex Museums - Poole	.....Tickets @ £20.00	£.....
4.	Weds Walk	Fiddling Folk	.....Tickets @ £16.00	£.....
5.	Thurs tour	Wessex Museums - Salisbury	.....Tickets @ £20.00	£.....
6.	Thurs walk	A Thomas Hardy Walk	.....Tickets @	tbc
7.	Fri Walk	A Woodlanders Walk	.....Tickets @ £20.00	£.....
8.	Fri Walk	A Bockhampton Walk	.....Tickets @ £5.00	£.....
9.	Sat tour	Wessex Museums - Wiltshire	.....Tickets @ £25.00	£.....
10.	Sun walk	Thomas Hardy's Dorchester	.....Tickets @ £5.00	£.....
TOTAL				£

All the above walks and tours can also be booked & paid for, individually, via the events page on the web site: [www.hardysociety.org](http://www.hardysociety.org)

### TO HELP WITH CATERING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Are you vegetarian/vegan/gluten intolerant? other..... (please indicate) YES / NO\*

A meal on the first and last evenings is included in the cost for **Full Conference Members only**, but is available for guests & members at a cost of £10.00 for the first evening and, again, for the last.

It is important that we know your wishes in advance, as admission will be by ticket only.

If Full Conference Members are unable to attend either meal, please let us know, as follows:

I am \*able/not able to attend the meal on the \*first/last evening.

I am not a FULL Conference Member, but wish to attend the "first/last evening meals

I enclose my cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\* please strike out unwanted option

**Please detach and return this form, together with your deposit of £70 (£10 student) or full payment to:**

**The Thomas Hardy Society, c/o Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, DT2 8PY**

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

**No. 4: Tour**      **Fiddling Folk: music and dance.** Led by Tony Fincham      1.30 pm

A walk from Wolfeton Eweleaze to the ruined cottage at Fiddler's Green (Higher Crowstairs), the home of Shepherd Fennel and the setting of *The Three Wayfarers* – after some musical rejoicing and a rendition of 'The Stranger's Song', we will cross Waterston Ridge to descend to the Manor (Weatherbury Upper Farm) for a musical recreation of the Shearing Supper (*Far from the Madding Crowd*) including 'The Banks of Allan Water', sung by Ruth Thompson, accompanied by Colin Thompson on the fiddle. Distance: 3.5 miles. **Price: £16**

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July

**No.5: Tour**      **Wessex Museums - Salisbury**      Led by Alban O'Brien      1.30pm

'Urban Wessex – Women and Religion'. Guided tour of the exhibition and a walk around Thomas Hardy's Salisbury. (Max. 40 participants). **Price: £20**

**No.6: Walk**      **A Thomas Hardy Walk**      led by Helen Ingham      Details to follow

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

**No.7: Walk**      **A Woodlanders Walk**      Led by Tony Fincham      1.30 pm

Visiting Bubb Down, Little and Great Hintock, King's Hintock Court plus the churches of Melbury Bubb, Melbury Sampford and Melbury Osmund, where Hardy's parents were married. Approx. 3.5 miles walking. **Price: £18**

**No.8: Tour**      **A Bockhampton Walk**      Led by Derek Pride      1.30 pm

**A Circular Walk from Dorchester to Lower Bockhampton and back** led by Derek Pride, whose mother taught at Bockhampton School in the 1920s. From Mill Street (Mixer Lane) across Fordington Fields (Durnover) to Bockhampton Bridge; then past the Old School and the Old Manor to Kingston Maurward Gardens (refreshment and toilet stop), returning via Stinsford Church across the meadows to Grey's Bridge. Meet at 1.30 pm at The United Church, South Street – 6 miles approx. **Price: £5**

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

**No.9: Tour**      **Wessex Museums - Wiltshire**      11.00am

'Ancient Wessex – Superstitions' & old beliefs'. Guided tour of the exhibition and a walk around Devizes where much of the Schlesinger *Far from The Madding Crowd* Film was shot. Led by Alban O'Brien. Lunch at the historic Bear Hotel, site of the hiring fair in the Schlesinger film. **Price £25.**

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

**No.10: Walk**      **Thomas Hardy's Dorchester**      Led by Tony Fincham      12.00noon

Meet at The Town Pump (Cornhill) for an exploration of Casterbridge, designed to tie in with the Dorset Museum exhibition.

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**1.30pm**      1.      **Wessex Museums - Dorchester - Rural Wessex - social tensions and animal welfare**

2.      **Budmouth Walk** led by Tracy Hayes

**3.00pm**      Post-graduate Welcome and Reception

**6.00pm**      **'Hardy's Regrets'**  
with Dorset Filmmaker **Rose Goldthorp and Actors**

**8.00pm**      Poet: Alison Brackenbury

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

**9.15am**      **Lect 4**      Keynote Lecture :  
**Professor Paul Niemeyer (Texas A&M International University, Laredo):**  
'Hardy the Novel Character: Recreations of the Author in Three Modern Works of Fiction'

**11.00am**      **Call for Papers:** 3: Idiosyncratic modes of regard  
4: Placing Hardy's Women

**1.30pm**      3.      **Wessex Museums - Poole - Coastal Wessex - Love and War**

**1.30pm**      4.      **'Fiddling Folk'** - Walk led by Tony Fincham with Ruth & Colin Thompson

**3.00pm**      **Common Reader Seminar**

**6.00pm**      **Dr Alan Chedzoy:**  
**Voices from Home:** A Poetry Performance in Dialect

**8.00pm**      **Musical Performance by Florence & Virginia Astley**

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July

**9.15am**      **Lect 5**      Keynote Lecture:  
**Dr Gregory Tate (University of St. Andrews, UK):**  
'Thomas Hardy's Pure English'

**11.00am**      **Call for Papers:** 5: Points of Conflict, Hardy & Belief Systems  
6: Hardy in Contemporary Contexts

**1.30pm**      5.      **Wessex Museums - Salisbury - Urban Wessex - Women's equality and religion**

**1.30pm**      6.      **A Hardy Walk**

**6.00pm**      **The Hardy Quiz**

**8.00pm**      **Poet: Penelope Shuttle**



## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

- 9.15am Lect 6 Keynote Lecture:  
**Dr Tracy Hayes (Independent Researcher, Thomas Hardy Society, UK)**  
 'Fallen Wessex: Hardy's Subversion of Milton's *Paradise Lost*'
- 11.00am **Call for Papers: 7: 'Traces and Uses of the Past in Hardy'**  
**8: Hardy, Medicine and Medical Discourse**
- 1.30pm 7. **Woodlanders Walk.** Led by Tony Fincham **Price: £20**  
 8. **Bockhampton Walk .** Led by Derek Pride **Price: £5**
- 3.00pm **Hardy's Costumes Workshop with Lucy Brown**
- 6.30pm **Farewell Dinner at The Corn Exchange\***
- 8.00pm **Barn Dance with the Thompsons**

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

- 10.00am **The Thomas Hardy Society Annual General Meeting\***
- 11.00am 9. **Wessex Museums - Wiltshire: Ancient Wessex - Superstition and old beliefs**  
**Price: £20 (all day trip)**
- 8.00pm **Music for a Summer Evening: Philip Lange** at St Mary's Church

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July

- 10.00am **Hardy Service at St Peter's Church**
- 12.00 noon 10. **Thomas Hardy's Dorchester.** Walk led by Tony Fincham **Price: £5**



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### The Wessex Museums (see opposite)

#### Participating Museums:

1. The Dorset Museum Dorchester
2. Poole Museum
3. Salisbury Museum
4. Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**\*These events are for full Conference & Festival members only\***

**CATERING:** to help with catering, please complete the form on **page 7**

**SAFETY:** Any outdoor activity can be hazardous. Participants are reminded to wear suitable footwear and clothing and to exercise appropriate care on all walks and tours

**WEBSITE:** For further information and updates about the Conference and Festival events, please see the THS website: [www.hardysociety.org](http://www.hardysociety.org)

## Festival and Conference Walks and Tours

All walks & Tours start from Top o' Town Car Park, unless otherwise indicated

### The Wessex Museums

#### Hardy's Wessex: Landscapes that Inspired a Writer

The **Wessex Museums project** is a collaboration between the four 'Wessex' Museums - the Dorset Museum, Dorchester, Poole Museum, Salisbury Museum and the Wiltshire Museum, Devizes.

The four separate exhibitions take a fresh look at the life and literature of the Victorian novelist and poet in the stunning Wessex landscapes that shaped his view of the world. His story is retold in exciting new ways through the museum collections, from period costumes to personal letters, art to archaeology. Each exhibition explores a different Hardy theme and uses a treasure trove of objects that give personal insights into Thomas Hardy the man; many of these objects have never been on public display before. These four tours give Conference members the unique chance to take in the totality of this ambitious project.

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**No1: Tour Wessex Museums - Dorchester** Led by Harriet Still 1.30pm

'Rural Wessex – Social Tensions and animal welfare'. 1.30 pm & 3.00 pm (Plus 4.30 pm, if needed). Introduction to the project from Harriet Still followed by a tour of the exhibition.  
 (Max. 20 each slot). **Price £10**

**No. 2: Walk Budmouth Walk** Led by Tracy Hayes 1.30pm

**Budmouth Walk:** An exploration of Thomas Hardy's Weymouth, led by Tracy Hayes.  
 Meet at Dorchester South Station at 1.30 pm. **Price: £10**

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

**No. 3: Tour Wessex Museums - Poole** Led by Alban O'Brien 1.30pm

The Coastal Landscape – Love and War'. Guided tour of the exhibition and a walk around Thomas Hardy's Poole.  
 (Max. 40 participants). **Price £20**