

Kings Lynn Spring Conference

23rd and 30th April 2022

The Norfolk Historic Buildings Group (NHBG) have kindly suggested a hybrid event as an alternative to the postponed Norfolk Spring Conference. This will be split into two components; an online day of talks and lectures, and a day visit to Kings Lynn. These two events can be booked separately and details are below.

Online event Saturday 23rd April 2022

This will take the form of presentations on various aspects of Norfolk's vernacular buildings that would have been part of the original planned full conference. These will cover the Norfolk landscape context, domestic wall paintings, merchant houses of Norwich, buildings in Diss, a tour of three timber-framed houses that would have been visited, some of the smaller houses in Norwich and Cathedral Close, and a tour of two of the churches that would have been visited.

Booking can be found on [Eventbrite](#) and is free of charge. An email will be circulated shortly with information on how to book. Please ensure you have provided the Membership Secretary with your email address if you wish to receive this information in future.

Day visit to Kings Lynn Saturday 30th April 2022

A new town, planted by the Bishop of Norwich in the late eleventh century, Lynn was an important medieval port and was the fourth highest-taxed town in the country in 1204, later to become part of the Hanseatic League. Prosperity meant that many fine buildings were erected in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Many of them survive, including two churches, two Guildhalls, several merchants' houses and several large warehouses. Parts of some of the surviving buildings will be open to VAG members. After the League unravelled, Lynn continued to trade, particularly in wine and coal and for several decades was part of the whaling trade.

In order to limit the risk to members you will be required to make your own travel and/or accommodation arrangements. You will also be asked to provide your own refreshments, or purchase these yourself in Kings Lynn; however, a place to eat/meet will be designated.

A booking slip can be found in this newsletter – please return this to the Spring Conference Secretary no later than the **18th March 2022**.

Student bursary

A bursary for the full cost of the conference is available for students or professionals at the start of their career. Please apply to the VAG secretary, Ms Claire Jeffery (secretary@vag.org.uk). **Closing date for bursary applications is 25th March 2022.** Those awarded a bursary should return their booking form directly to the Conference Secretary as soon as they have been notified of their award.

Restrictions

Please be aware that we are limiting the numbers of attending delegates in order to allow for social-distancing in buildings. Applications are not considered on a first-come-first-served basis.

In the event that the conference is oversubscribed, attending delegates will be chosen at random and those not selected will be notified immediately but will be kept on a waiting list (see below).

The Group strongly suggests members follow current government advice on mask-wearing to limit the risk to yourself and fellow members. We strongly suggest you also consider taking a Lateral Flow Test within 24 hours of attending to further help reduce the risk.

Cancellations

Should you wish to cancel due to a positive test result you will be offered a refund. Proof of that test will be required. Your place will then be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Cheques must be made out to ‘The Vernacular Architecture Group’. They may be post-dated to **18th March 2022**. Cheques will not be cashed until your place on the conference is confirmed. No later than one week after the deadline a confirmation of your place on the conference will also be emailed. If you do not receive this, please check your spam/junk folder in your email inbox before contacting the Spring Conference Secretary.

All bookings and cancellations enquiries should be directed to the Spring Conference Secretary (spring-conference@vag.org.uk / 07964 882225)

NO BOOKING WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A CHEQUE AND AN EMAIL ADDRESS

The closing date for applications is 18th March 2022.

Please return your application form and cheque to:
Lauren Wilson (Spring Conference Secretary), 5 Scotney Way,
Thrapston, Northamptonshire NN14 4SA

Receipts will only be issued on request. To receive a receipt, please enclose an SAE with your application form.

Notes on health and safety

The VAG hopes that you will have a safe, comfortable and enjoyable visit. You are responsible for your own safety but please read the following notes to help you in that regard:

Bring appropriate footwear for the weather.

For your own safety you should be aware of potential hazards such as low doorways and beams, steps and other changes of floor levels, slippery floor surfaces and coverings.

**VAG SPRING CONFERENCE 2022, April 30th
APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE FILL OUT THE BELOW IN BLOCK CAPITALS, THANK YOU.

NAME.....

TEL. NO.

EMAIL (to only be used for information regarding the conference)
All further information will be sent by email, there will be no exceptions.

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I / We would like to book:place/s @ £8 each

I enclose cheque(s) for £

I would like to receive a receipt **and enclose a stamped,
addressed envelope with my application**

I would like my cheque to be held until alternative payment
is received from a third party

Third Party Details.....

I have read and accept the notes that accompany this booking form.

SIGNED**DATE**

**Please return this form to the Spring Conference Secretary no
later than 18th March 2022**