

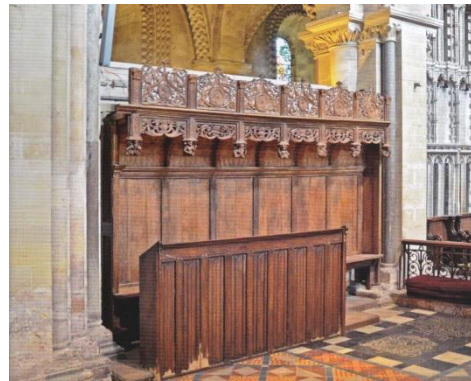
# **The Hospital of St Cross, Winchester**

## **Symposium on the Choir Stalls following their recent restoration**

**Tuesday 28 October 2014**

**9.45 am to 4.45 pm**

The Hospital of St Cross is an almshouse situated in the water meadows south of Winchester. The Hospital was founded c. 1135 by Henry of Blois but the only surviving architecture from his day are the eastern parts of the church, which did not attain its present appearance until the fifteenth century. In the 1440s Cardinal Beaufort founded on the same site an Almshouse of Noble Poverty, to run in parallel with the earlier institution, sharing the same church. This venture eventually foundered, and the brothers of the original hospital moved from their old quarters into Beaufort's quadrangle of Brothers' quarters; they also took over the use of the Hall, originally the Master's private hall, which Beaufort had updated. Also surviving from Beaufort's day are the Outer Court and his fine inner gate. The Hospital remains a living almshouse today



Within the Church there is a highly important set of Renaissance choir stalls. Dating from the early 16<sup>th</sup> century these once formed an enclosed space within the chancel. Modern research has shown that the carving of the choir stalls is of the highest importance and quality. It is now known that they were carved by French craftsmen and the carvings are amongst the earliest Renaissance style woodcarvings in England. However over the centuries they were moved on many occasions including a relocation during restoration work by William Butterfield in the 1860s. Since then they have been largely forgotten and were deteriorating.

The Trustees of the Hospital with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, commissioned an extensive conservation of the choir stalls. The work was carried out by a team led by the leading conservator Hugh Harrison and the Hospital's Architect Louise Bainbridge supported by Madeleine Katkov, John Crook and Nicholas Riall. Apart from restoring the remaining choir stalls to their former glory much new information has emerged during the conservation process and a seminar will be held at St Cross at which the stalls can be viewed and those involved in the work can talk about their discoveries and answer questions.

## **Programme (Subject to Change)**

For Directions see website [www.hospitalofstcross.co.uk](http://www.hospitalofstcross.co.uk)

9.45 - 10.30 am                      Arrival, registration and coffee in Hundred Mens Hall  
10.00                                      Daily Matins in Church

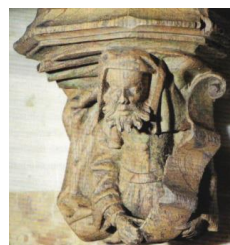
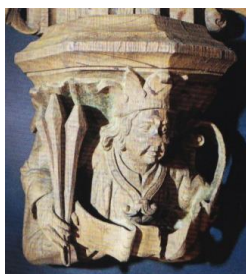
### **Morning Session    Chaired by William Corbett, (Chairman of Trustees of the Hospital)**

10.30 - 10.40 am                      William Corbett              Introduction  
10.40 - 11.00 am                      Louise Bainbridge            Project and Process  
11.00 - 11.30 am                      Dr John Crook                Context of St Cross and Bishop Fox  
11.30. - 12.10 pm                      Dr Nicholas Riall             History and Detail of Choir Stalls  
12.10 - 12.30 pm                      Discussion  
12.30 - 1.00 pm                        View Church and Choir Furniture

1.00 - 2.00 pm                        **Lunch in Brethrens Hall**

### **Afternoon Session    Chaired by Dr Charles Tracy**

2.00 - 2.20 pm                        Louise Bainbridge            Conservation decisions  
2.20 - 2.50 pm                        Hugh Harrison                Conservation of the Choir Stalls  
2.50 - 3.20 pm                        Madeleine Katkov            Polychromy: context and conservation  
3.20 - 3.45 pm                        Dr Charles Tracy             The Choirstalls in context  
3.45 - 4.15 pm                        Questions and Answers  
4.15 - 4.45 pm                        **Tea in Hundred Mens Hall and Close**



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**Booking Form**

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**Cost** - Complimentary (coffee, lunch and tea included)

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