

Folklore: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

The Folklore Society's AGM Conference, 17-19 April 2015, Sheffield University, Halifax Hall, Endcliffe Vale Rd, Sheffield S10 3ER



CALL FOR PAPERS

In Britain, as elsewhere, folklore is currently in a peculiar position. Popular interest has rarely been greater. Scholarly research and publication continues. Given its foundation in comparative methodologies, folklore is ideally placed to be at the centre of the interdisciplinary research approaches being championed across academia.

However, declining academic funding has marginalised folklore in regard both to other disciplines and to our own colleagues internationally.

This conference, therefore, seeks to address key questions within our discipline in terms of its identity and self-definition, its practices and, by extension, its future. Placing British folklore scholarship in its broader international framework the conference seeks to identify and strengthen the reciprocal relationships that exist throughout our discipline. The conference welcomes contributions by scholars working outside the British Isles, and seeks to strengthen the links between British folklorists and the discipline more widely.

We welcome papers in the following (and related) areas:

- The history of Folklore
- Theoretical questions within Folklore
- Popular and scholarly understandings of Folklore
- Theoretical questions raised by fieldwork and other research
- The place of British folklore scholarship in the discipline internationally, and the impact of international scholarship on the development of folklore in Britain
- Applications of Folklore, including its place in interdisciplinary scholarship
- Reflections on the future development of Folklore and folklore research

Abstracts of maximum 150 words (for presentations of 20 minutes) should be sent to both thefolkloresociety@gmail.com and enquiries@folklore-society.com by 10 December 2014.

Conference registration will open from 1.00 Friday 17 April at Halifax Hall. Lunch is not provided on Friday but mid-afternoon refreshments will be served. The Folklore Society's AGM (FLS members only) will take place at 3.00 p.m. on Friday 17th, before the conference begins. There will be a wine reception on Friday, early evening (all welcome). This will be followed by an optional conference dinner (price £30).

Saturday's proceedings will begin around 9.00-9.30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. The afternoon sessions will end at around 5.30. Saturday evening, free to roam and enjoy Sheffield. There'll be a conference pub venue.

Sunday's proceedings will begin at 10.00. Lunch is provided, and a short afternoon session is anticipated.

Conference fees: Standard Rate: £150.00; Concessionary Rate (Conference speakers, FLS members, students, pensioners, unwaged): £110.00. Day rates will be available. Conference participants must book and pay for their own accommodation. Halifax Hall offers rooms at £75 per night single, £85 per night double.