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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MSRGM AGM 2009 and Winter Seminar

The Winter Seminar will take place on Saturday 12th December 2009, 12.00–4.00pm, in the Centre for Local History, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, Senate House, Russell Square, London, with the AGM at 11.30am. Four papers will be given on the theme of ‘Marshland Landscapes, Settlement and Economy’.

CONFERENCE

The MSRGM Spring Conference 2010

The MSRGM Spring Weekend Conference 2010 will take place at the University of Cambridge on Saturday 13th February, on ‘Medieval Parks: Recent Research’. The conference is jointly organised with Cambridge’s Institute of Continuing Education. A flier with further details and a registration form is enclosed with this issue.

RESEARCH GRANTS

The group can make grants up to a maximum of £500 annually for the support of research by members of the Group within its field of interest. Preference will normally be given to field survey, documentary research and preparation of graphics rather than to excavation and the preparation of reports for publication. A summary report of the work will be required within a year and, subject to editorial consideration, may be published in the MSRGM’s Annual Report. Applicants should apply by letter (4 copies) summarising the proposed research and the costs involved. Mention should be made of other applications for funding. The names of two referees should be included. Letters should be addressed to the Treasurer (Dr. R. E. Glasscock, St John’s College, Cambridge, CB2 1TP). To be received by 1st December in the year preceding that in which work will be carried out. Applicants will normally be notified of the outcome in the following March.

MEMORIAL PRIZES AND BURSARIES

John Hurst Memorial Prize

The Medieval Settlement Research Group is dedicated to enhancing our understanding of the rural landscape and its settlement in the period c. AD 400–1600. The late John Hurst was a major figure in the development of the Group and in his honour, and to encourage new and young scholars, an annual prize of £200 is offered for the best Masters dissertation on any theme in the field of medieval settlement and landscape exploitation in Britain and Ireland. MA directors in Archaeology, English Local History, Landscape Studies or related fields are encouraged to submit high quality, complete dissertations by students in the academic year 2008-9 to the Secretary of the MSRGM by 31st December 2009. A panel will judge the entries and an award will be made at the end of March 2010. A summary of the winning entry may also be published in the Group’s Annual Report.

Maurice Beresford Memorial Bursaries

In accordance with its aims and in memory of Maurice Beresford, pioneer in medieval settlement studies and a founder member, the Group has introduced the award of two bursaries annually up to the value of £100 to help to defray the expenses of attending a conference within the field of the Group’s interests. Applicants must be registered as full-time or part-time students. Applications, including full details of the venue, topic and costs of the conference and its relevance to the applicant’s interests, together with the name of a referee, should be submitted in writing to Dr N Christie, Hon. Sec. MSRGM, School of Archaeology & Ancient History, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH, by 1 June or 1 December. A panel appointed by the Committee of the Group will decide on the awards. Successful applicants should note that cheques will be sent only after attendance at the conference and after verification of the costs involved.

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Next year’s journal will include refereed research papers and reports on fieldwork, excavation and other work undertaken during 2009. All submissions should be focused on topics relevant to the core interests of the Group, which is rural medieval settlement in Britain, Ireland and Europe. Please submit all copy to the editor (sam.turner@ncl.ac.uk) by **1st May 2010**. Please note:

1. **Short reports** on fieldwork or projects should be kept concise, generally no more than 300–600 words plus one illustration (unless the work is of a scale that necessitates a longer article – for example reports on major projects or regional surveys).
2. **Research articles** should be 3,000–5,000 words in length. All submissions to this section will be peer-reviewed.
3. It is the responsibility of contributors to ensure that they have copyright of all material submitted.
4. References to principal sites should be accompanied by national grid references (in the UK Ordnance Survey NGR as 2 letters and 6 figures (min.)); for other countries use appropriate national grid systems or WGS84 format). Please also give the local government area/county name (with the pre-1974 county name if different in the UK).
5. Images should be supplied initially by email as low-resolution digital files. High-resolution digital images (preferably TIFFs) will be required for printing (usually for photos this means at least 300dpi, line drawings 1200dpi): submit these by email or on CD if over 15MB. We prefer to avoid handling hard copy illustrations but if submitted they should be clean, clear originals that are capable of reproduction at either column or page width. Please ensure that small details (hachuring, stipple and lettering) are capable of such small reproduction.
6. Measurements should be in metric units.
7. Use Harvard references not footnotes. In the reference list, bibliographical details should be quoted in full. For articles in journals the title, date, volume number and inclusive pages are required. In the case of books, date, place of publication and publisher should be cited in addition to the author and title.
8. Please do not hesitate to contact the editor at an early stage for advice on your submission (sam.turner@ncl.ac.uk).