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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MSRGM AGM 2012 and Winter Seminar

The Winter Seminar will take place on Saturday 1st December 2012, 12 noon–4.30pm, at St Edmund Hall, Queen's Lane, Oxford. The seminar will be preceded by the AGM from 11.30 am. Five papers will be presented on the theme of 'Oxfordshire in the First Millennium'. For details of how to register see <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/msrg/>

WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce that the new MSRGM website is online at <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/msrg/>. Please send items for the website to the MSRGM web manager, Tara-Jane Sutcliffe: tara-janesutcliffe@britarch.ac.uk

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 *Medieval Settlement Research*. 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 2011–12 to the Secretary of the MSRGM by 31st December 2012. A panel will judge the entries and an award will be made at the end of March 2013. A summary of the winning entry may also be published in *Medieval Settlement Research*.

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 once again include refereed research articles and reports on fieldwork, excavation and other work undertaken during 2012. 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 **31st May 2013**. Please note:

- a. Short items for **News and Reports** summarising fieldwork or projects should be kept concise, generally no more than 1,000–2,000 words plus one or two illustrations (unless the work is of a scale that necessitates a longer article – for example reports on major projects).
- b. Research **Articles** should be 3,000–6,000 words in length. All submissions to this section are fully peer-reviewed by *at least* one external reviewer and one member of the MSRGM committee.
 1. It is the responsibility of contributors to ensure that they have copyright of all material submitted.
 2. 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). Please also give the local government area/county name (with the pre-1974 county name if different in the UK).
 3. 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 (hatching, stipple and lettering) are capable of such small reproduction.
 4. Measurements should be in metric units.
 5. 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.
 6. Please do not hesitate to contact the editor at an early stage for advice on your submission (sam.turner@ncl.ac.uk).

EDITORIAL NOTE

Readers will notice that this volume of *Medieval Settlement Research* (27, for 2012) is the second they have received this year. Vol. 26 was an 'extra' issue. Future volumes will be published during the calendar year they bear on their covers.

Vol. 28 (for 2013) will therefore be published in autumn 2013. As usual it will contain peer-reviewed research articles, fieldwork reports, news and reviews alongside the MSRG Bibliography and the Group's Annual Report. Please contact the Editor to discuss any matters relating to submissions: sam.turner@ncl.ac.uk

***Medieval Settlement Research*: back issues now available online**

The MSRG is delighted to announce that back volumes of *Medieval Settlement Research* and the *Annual Report of the Medieval Settlement Research Group* are now available to consult online via the Archaeology Data Service. In future, back issues will appear on the ADS site one year after members receive their hard-copy version.

Readers will find the MSRG's publications using the link from our webpage, or direct from the ADS at this address:

http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/msrg_2012/