

RECUSANT HISTORY

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The Society's next Annual Conference will be held from **28 to 31 July 2008** at Liverpool Hope University, Taggart Avenue, Childwall, Liverpool L16 9JD. The campus is easily reached from the airport and railway stations and it lies about one mile south of the M62 motorway. The conference will follow the customary format of lectures, members' contributions, and an excursion. The AGM of the CRS will also be held during the conference. The full programme and booking forms will be distributed as loose inserts with the May 2008 edition of this journal.

Offers of short communications (15 minutes) should be made to the **Conference Director**: Professor M. Whitehead, The Coach House, 656A Gower Road, Upper Killay, Swansea, SA2 7EX [Tel: 01792 204877]
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Administrative enquiries should be addressed to the **Conference Secretary**: Professor R. W. Taylor, Keld Head, Keld, Shap, Westmorland CA10 3QF [Tel: 01931 716553]

Catholic Record Society Awards

In pursuance of its charitable aims, the CRS offers the following awards. There are no requirements of eligibility on grounds of age, nationality, gender or religion, nor are applicants required to be members of the Society and there is no bar on applicants applying for support from other sources in respect of the same project. An application form can be downloaded from the web-site www.catholic-history.org.uk/crs. Four copies of the form, accompanied by two references in sealed envelopes from knowledgeable and appropriate persons, should be submitted to the Hon. Secretary by 1 July. Awards cannot be made retrospectively. Each application will be treated on its merits by the Awards Committee of the CRS whose decision is final. The result will be communicated as soon as possible. The assistance of the fund must be acknowledged in the published work and a copy of the publication must be presented to the Society.

The David Rogers Research Fund

This fund was established in 1997 from a bequest of Dr. David Rogers, a distinguished recusant historian and one-time Chairman of the Society. The Fund seeks to encourage new writing on Reformation and post-Reformation British Catholic history by helping to defray the cost of necessary travel to libraries and archives at home and/or abroad and the extra subsistence costs involved. The principal condition for an award is that the research should lead to written publication in a reputable historical forum, hence 'scholarly tourism' or personal genealogical research will not qualify.

The Michael Williams Research Fund

This fund was established in 2007 from a donation given by the Reverend Monsignor Michael E. Williams, DD. Its purpose is to encourage the study of the historical connections between Roman Catholicism in England and Wales with the situation in other countries in Europe in the post-Reformation era. The fund will help to defray the travel and basic subsistence costs of research on relevant material in English and European archives and libraries. The research should be intended to lead to publication as a book, a contribution to a book, an article in a learned journal, or as a full-length paper accepted for presentation at a national or international ecclesiastical history conference. The fund will consider applications for subsidies towards such publication.

Annual Conference Student Bursaries

Additionally, the Society offers up to five bursaries to postgraduate students researching the post-Reformation Catholic history of the British Isles to contribute to the cost of attending the CRS Annual Conference held in July. The value of a bursary will be equivalent to half the cost of attending the conference (*excluding* travel costs). Applications are invited from full- or part-time students registered for higher degrees in any recognised institution in Britain or overseas. Applicants do not have to be members of the CRS. Recipients of bursaries are expected to deliver a Short Communication on the subject under study. The purpose of a Short Communication is to place before the conference a piece of research which may not justify expansion to a full-scale paper. It is a form which lends itself to readjustments of earlier assessments, or the presentation of a new and significant piece of evidence. A Short Communication must be limited to 3,000 words and take no longer than 15 minutes to deliver. Applications in the form of a letter, giving a brief *resumé* of the topic and the name of the applicant's academic supervisor, should be sent to the Hon. Secretary by 1 March. The result will be communicated as soon as possible.

The Andrew C. Duncan Catholic History Trust

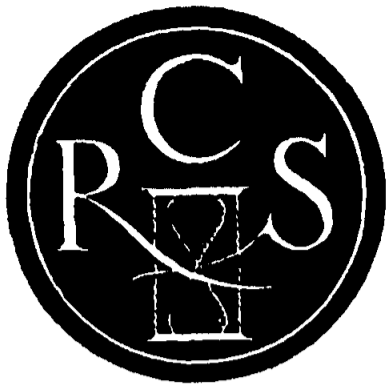
This is an independent charity which shares the objectives of the CRS and with which it has close administrative links. It provides bursaries for students, normally registered in foreign universities, wishing to come to England for a short time to study recusant history. Full details will be found on the CRS web-site.

Catalogue

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www.catholic-history.org.uk/crs

Space on this site has been taken up by other societies in the UK having an interest in the Roman Catholic History of Great Britain. Details appear on the home-page.



CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY

The Catholic Record Society was founded in 1904 to make available the material necessary for the study of the Roman Catholic history of England and Wales since the Reformation. The Records series comprises transcripts of a wide variety of original documents, e.g., diaries, letters and biographies; legal, court and official papers; and records of old Catholic missions, seminaries, colleges and convents. In the Monograph series, well-known scholars present original historical analyses of Catholic recusancy over a prolonged period in a particular place. The unique collection of primary source material contained in these publications is indispensable to those engaged in political, diplomatic and social history. There are now some *eighty-five* volumes of Records and Monographs. The Society holds an annual conference to which all members are invited. The Society's annual report accompanies the May edition of *Recusant History*.

Applications for membership, correspondence on subscription matters and changes of address should be sent to the *Honorary Secretary*

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Slender Thread

The Origins and Development of the English Benedictine Mission at Bungay, 1657-2007

by Edward Crouzet

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