



# Cambridge Antiquarian Society Spring Conference 2026

## Standing Cambridge: Understanding Buildings in a Historic City

Saturday 14 March 2026

Cripps Auditorium, Cripps Court, Magdalene College, 1–3 Chesterton Road CB3 4AD

0930–0945 **Introduction** CAS president Simon Stoddart

*Cyril Fox & the relationship between archaeology and architectural history*

0945–1125 **Origins and Landmarks** Chair: Jeremy Musson

John Goodall: *Locating Cambridge Castle* (20)

Craig Cessford: *Jesus College and the earlier nunnery* (20)

Christopher Evans: *Institutional Façades and Public Front Spaces: The University's Old Schools* (20)

Elizabeth Deans: *Wren's Chapel at Emmanuel Revisited* (15)

William Aslet: *Perspectives on Gibbs's Senate House* (15)

*Q&A* 10 minutes

1125–1145 **Refreshments**

1145–1300 **Materials and Meanings** Chair: Holly Smith

Nigel Woodcock: *The use of Barnack Stone in Cambridge buildings* (20)

James Campbell: *Three Cambridge roofs by Wren* (20)

Matt Cooper: *Cambridge's Medieval Inns* (20)

Kieran Gleave: *Echoes of Industry: Industrial Architecture and Senses of Place in Petersfield and Romsey* (15)

Frank Salmon: *The merest hint of demolition: bricks at St John's in the twentieth century* (15)

*Q&A* 10 minutes

1300–1400 **Lunch.** A meal is provided only for speakers; other conference attendees are welcome to bring their own or will be directed to nearby cafes and shops.

1400–1535 **Historical Narratives/Narrators of Cambridge** Chair: John Goodall

Alexandrina Buchanan: *Seeing Cambridge the Willis Way* (20)

Holly Smith: *Powell & Moya and architectural history* (20)

Oliver Caroe: *Archaeology informing new design: "School of Pythagoras"* (15)

Polly Hudson: *Colouring Cambridge: archives, building data & machine learning* (15)

Jeremy Musson: *Re-writing Trinity: new perspectives on being an old college* (15)

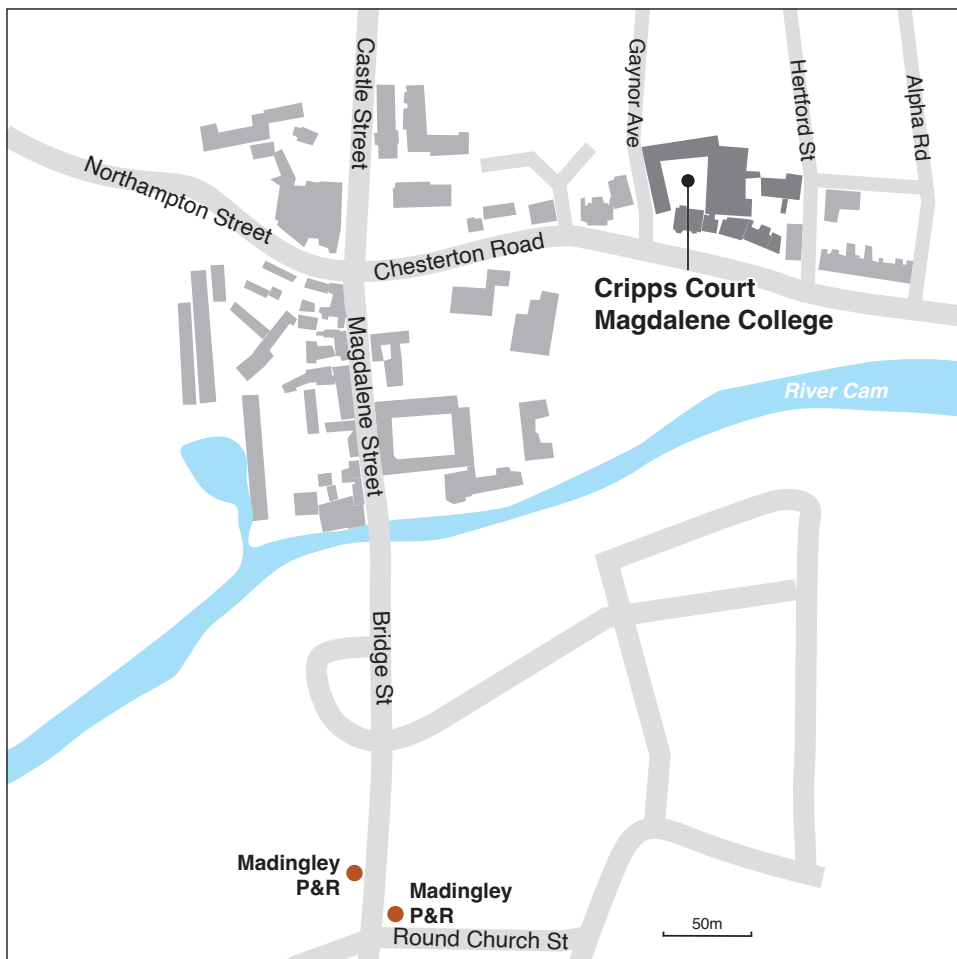
*Q&A* 10 minutes

1545–1630 **Endpiece** Chair: Simon Stoddart

Simon Bradley: *How Pevsner saw Cambridge* (15)

*Q&A* 10 minutes

**Conference Summary** (30)



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