

**GASKELL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2017**  
**Royal Beach Hotel, Portsmouth**  
**21<sup>st</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Our Conference this year will be held at the Royal Beach Hotel, Portsmouth. Built in 1866 with a sea front aspect and on-site parking, this venue is a delightful location to experience a little of what Gaskell would have enjoyed on her visit to Portsmouth in 1861.

The Conference theme is *North and South*, considering both the novel and the geographical locations. Responding to feedback from last time, we have decided to hold 2 talks on Saturday morning and 3 talks on Sunday morning plus talks on Friday, before and after dinner. The talks will include the history of the area, frustrations of Gaskell and Dickens publishing at the same time, the reception of *North and South* in regional newspapers, the Industrial North and Gilpin and the picturesque. Afternoon trips round Portsmouth and the New Forest will be run and we hope to offer, as an alternative, a *North and South* study session on Saturday afternoon. Professors James Drife and Walter Nimmo are returning by popular demand to entertain us on Saturday evening.

The full cost of the conference is: £350 single      £330 double/twin      Non-conference  
participating members    £305                      Non-members £375

Day rate for non-residents: Mornings : talks plus lunch = £30

Sat and Sun afternoons: outings , dinner and entertainment = £50

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Name(s):

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I would like to book a SINGLE ROOM	£350	YES/NO*
I/we would like to book a TWIN ROOM, TWO SHARING	£330 each	YES/NO*
I/we would like to book a DOUBLE ROOM	£330 each	YES/NO*

Any special access and/or dietary requirements:

I/we would like to book the coach YES/NO\*. Price to be decided according to demand. Please give your preferred pick up point:

a) Manchester 9am\*    b) Macclesfield 9.45am\*    c) Knutsford 10.30am\*

To confirm a place, please enclose a non-refundable £75 deposit by cheque, payable to THE GASKELL SOCIETY by the Mon 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The balance will be required by 1st June.

Overseas members - deposit and balance to be paid by the dates above or full payment by 10<sup>th</sup> April. Please pay via Paypal or by internet transfer - email Jackie Tucker for details.

Personal travel insurance is advised for all delegates. John Greenwood will organise this and the more who subscribe, the cheaper the premium. Tel: 0161 494 8326 for details.

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