

Bedtime Stories

Beds and Bedding in Britain 1650-1850.

Temple Newsam House, Leeds.

21-22 June 2012

This two-day conference is being held as part of a yearlong celebratory exhibition of beds at bedrooms at Temple Newsam House, following the restoration of the Queen Anne State Bed from Hinton House. The conference brings together both museum professionals and scholars to share insights on historic beds and bedrooms in order to further understanding and inform the interpretation of beds and bedroom interiors.

Keynote speakers:

Dr Olivia Fryman, Historic Royal Palaces

“Fit for His Majesties use”: Preserving, Cleaning and Repairing Royal State Beds 1689-1740

Dr Sebastian Edwards, Historic Royal Palaces

The Geography of the English Royal Bedchamber in the Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Century

Dr Angela M^cShane, Victoria and Albert Museum

Beds and the Making of the Domestic Landscape

Ticket Prices:

includes lunch, refreshments and
Private View of Bedtime Stories exhibition

£40 for both days

£20 per day

Student Discount:

£20 for both days

£10 per day

To book, call:

0113 264 7321

Or email:

temple.newsam.house@leeds.gov.uk

Please include any details of any dietary requirements with your booking



Day One: Chair, Annabel Westman

9:30 –
10:00

Registration and Coffee

Keynote Speakers:

10.15 –
11:30

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11:35 –
12:05

Shelley Tobin, National Trust

Full title tbc. Dressing for Bed. Nightcaps and Nightwear 1650-1850

12.10 –
12:40

Dr Sasha Handley, The University of Northumbria

Faithful Slumber in English Households c.1650 -1700

12:45 –
1:15

Matthew Grenby: Reader in Children's Literature, School of English, Newcastle University

Books and Beds and Boys and Girls: The Troublesome History of the Bedside Story

Lunch

2:15 –
2:45

Nicola Gentle

Astonishing Survivals –Two 1670s bed with Wool Hangings

2:45–
3:15

Charlotte Rostek, Dumfries House

Chippendale's Best Bed at Dumfries House

Tea Break

3:30 –
4:00

Polly Putnam, Temple Newsam House, Leeds Museums and Galleries

A Moving Tale: The History of the Queen Anne State bed

4:05 –
4:35

Ian Fraser

Being comfortable in the bed one has made: The Conservation of The Queen Anne State Bed

Refreshments and Discussion

6:00

Private View

Bedtime Stories Chapter Two: Beds and Bedding in Britain 1650-1850

Day Two: Chair, Dr Mark Westgarth

10.00 –
10:45

Keynote Speaker: **Dr Angela M^cShane, The Victoria and Albert Museum**

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10:50 –
11:20

Bridget Long, University of Hertfordshire

Rugs, Hillings, Coverlets, Quilts and Counterpanes: Bedcovers for the Non-Elite in the Long Eighteenth Century

11:25 –
11:55

James Lomax, Curator Emeritus, Temple Newsam House

Silver for the English Bedroom, 1660-1800

12:00 –
12:30

Jenny Murray Band

Gender, Power and Paradox: A Background to the Cultural significance of the bed in Early Modern Britain.

Lunch

1:45 –
2:15

Dr Sara Pennell, University of Roehampton

Making the bed in Early Eighteenth Century England

2:20–
2:50

Dorian Church:

Arabian Bedsteads: Commercial or Cultural

Tea Break

3:15 –
3:45

Cathy Terry, Norfolk Museums

Encounters with three Beds: Display Beds at Norfolk Museums.

3:50 –
4:20

Sue Prichard, Victoria & Albert Museum

Quilts 1700-2010: Hidden Histories and Untold Stories

Refreshments and Discussion

Directions and Access

By Car: 4 miles from Leeds City Centre off A63 and 2 miles from M1 junction 46

Buses: Limited services run directly to Temple Newsam in the summer. Please call Metro line for up to date travel information on 0113 245 7676 or see the Journey Planner on www.wymetro.com.

Trains: The nearest train station is Cross gates, located 1.5 miles away.

Please contact Metroline for up to date travel information on 0113 245 7676 or see the Journey Planner on www.wymetro.com

Hotels

Premier Inn, Whitkirk (nearest just at the end of the drive)
Selby Road, Whitkirk, Leeds LS15 7AY **T: 0871 527 8586 F: 0871 527 8587**

<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LEEBRO/leeds-east?cmp=GLBC>

Thorpe Park Hotel and Spa. 5 minutes away by car or taxi)

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