



Anthony Powell Society

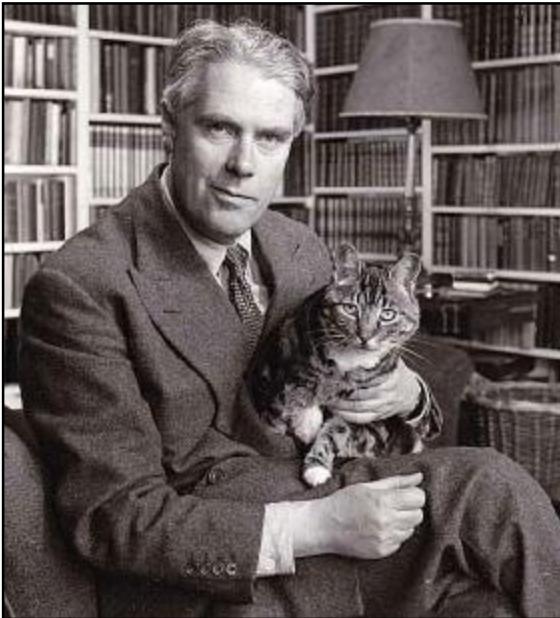
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Anthony Powell Conference 2018

Anthony Powell and the Visual Arts

Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September 2018

Merton College, Oxford, UK



Conference Information & Booking Form

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The Conference

The Anthony Powell Society is pleased to announce a conference, dedicated to **Anthony Powell and the Visual Arts** is to be held at Merton College, Oxford on Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September 2018..

The conference plenary sessions on Friday & Saturday provide a forum for discussion with leading academics and enthusiasts of the Powell's interest in, and influence of, artists and works of art.

Delegates will be issued with synopses of the presentations on registration at the conference and all delegates will automatically receive a copy of the proceedings when published. Buffet lunch is included on both Friday & Saturday. There will also be tours of Merton College and a conference dinner.

On the Sunday we have an opportunity to visit Broughton Castle, the moated and fortified manor house of Lord and Lady Saye & Sele. The core of the house dates from 1306, but most of what you see today is Elizabethan. It was a centre of opposition to Charles I and was besieged after the Battle of Edgehill in 1642. We will have a private tour of the house, a light lunch, and time to enjoy the formal gardens.

Anthony Powell Society

The Anthony Powell Society was founded in June 2000 by a group of scholars and enthusiasts following Powell's death at the age of 94. The Society's aim is *to advance for the public benefit, education and interest in the life and works of the English author Anthony Dymoke Powell.*

The Society's first project was a conference in April 2001 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of *A Question of Upbringing*, the first volume of *A Dance to the Music of Time*. Conferences, held roughly every two years, have been in Eton (twice), Oxford, London (twice), Bath, York, Venice and Washington, DC.

The Society organises events for members, including an annual lecture, publishes a quarterly *Newsletter*, an occasional journal, *Secret Harmonies*, and Powell-related monographs. Reflecting Powell's international reputation, the Society has members worldwide. The Society assisted in the conception of The Wallace Collection's 2005 Powell Centenary Exhibition.

The Society is actively supported by the Powell family and was granted charitable status in 2003.

Anthony Powell (1905-2000)

English novelist Anthony Powell is best known for his 12-volume series *A Dance to the Music of Time* published between 1951 and 1975, which many consider one of the great literary works of the 20th century. In addition to *Dance* Powell wrote another seven novels, a biography of John Aubrey, four volumes of memoirs and three volumes of journals. He was interested in, and very knowledgeable about, art and art history; he had many friends from the art world. Powell also authored almost 40 papers on Radnorshire genealogy.

He was a regular reviewer, most notably for *TLS*, and for almost 50 years the *Daily Telegraph*; for several years in 1950s he was Literary Editor of *Punch*. His reviewing led to three volumes of selected criticism.

Powell was internationally regarded not just as an influential novelist but also as a literary critic, man of letters and genealogist.

Conference Venue – Merton College

Merton College, the first fully self-governing college of Oxford University, was founded in 1264 by Walter de Merton, sometime Chancellor of England and Bishop of Rochester. Mob Quad, the oldest quad in the University, was built in three phases between c.1288 and 1378. Mob Library is the oldest continuously functioning library for university academics and students in the world. The Gatehouse dates from the early 15th century, when Henry V granted a 'license to crenellate', allowing for the construction of the battlement tower above the present-day entrance.

What is now the quire of Merton Chapel was begun in the late 1280s, as part of the church of St Mary and St John, replacing the church of St John the Baptist. The transepts were added in the 14th and early 15th centuries; the tower was completed in 1450. Edward Blore, William Butterfield and Sir Gilbert Scott contributed to the chapel's restoration during the Gothic revival of the 19th century.

Over the centuries, many eminent scholars and cultural leaders have called Merton home. They include TS Eliot and three other Nobel Prize winners; JRR Tolkien; William Harvey who first described the circulation of the blood; and Thomas Bodley, founder of the Bodleian Library.

Among Powell's Oxford friends and contemporaries who attended Merton College are: author, historian and art critic Robert Byron; historian Richard Cobb; author Angus Wilson; and composer Lennox Berkeley.

Conference Programme

Friday 31 August [1,2]

- 0900 Registration & Coffee
1000 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Keynote: Dr Jeremy Warren,
Anthony Powell as Collector
Submitted Papers
1200 Lunch
Merton College Tours [4]
1400 **Submitted Papers**
Keynote: Prof. Peter Davidson,
John Aubrey's Drawings
Submitted Papers
1730 **Close**

Friday evening is kept free to allow delegates to eat, drink and network at their leisure

Saturday 1 September [1,3]

- 0900 Registration
0930 **Opening Remarks**
Keynote: Prof. Didier Girard,
Anthony Powell's Collages
Keynote: Prof. Nigel Wood, *Powell's Modernism*
Submitted Papers
1230 Lunch
Merton College Tours [4]
1430 **Submitted Papers**
Keynote: Hilary Spurling, *Powell and the London Art Scene*
1715 **Close**
1900 **Pre-Dinner Drinks & Conference Dinner** in Merton College Hall [5]

Sunday 2 September

- 0915 **Broughton Castle Visit** [6]
An opportunity to visit Broughton Castle, near Banbury (see opposite). Includes coffee on arrival and a light lunch. Coach leaves Oxford promptly at 0915 hrs arriving back in Oxford around 1630-1700 hrs.

Programme and timings subject to change. Coffee/tea breaks and buffet lunch will be included during Friday & Saturday plenary sessions. If booking for a Merton College Tour, as places are limited and to manage group sizes, we will allocate you a tour day/time.
[Numbers in brackets refer to booking options overleaf]

The Small Print

Bookings, payments and enquiries should be sent to the Conference Office (address overleaf). We regret we cannot accept credit card bookings by email. All bookings will be acknowledged and places confirmed on payment of the appropriate fees.

Delegates will be sent joining instructions approximately three weeks prior to the conference; if you have not received anything one week before the event please contact us urgently.

The Society reserves the right to change or cancel arrangements without notice.

Your booking information will be held on computer by the Anthony Powell Society. Your name will be given to Merton College for security purposes, but no other information will be released outside the Society.

Cancellations received in writing before Monday 6 August 2018 will be refunded less a £15 administration fee. No refunds will be made for cancellations after this date or for non-attendance; however alternative delegates will be welcome.

Special Needs and Dietary Requirements. The Merton College conference facility is fully accessible, however anyone needing a disabled parking space must contact us in advance so this can be booked. The main body of Merton College consists of old buildings and many may not be easily accessible by those with mobility difficulties.

Similarly, due to its age, only some parts of Broughton Castle are accessible to those with mobility difficulties.

Delegates with special needs, disability or special dietary requirements should contact the Conference Office as soon as possible.

Travel and Accommodation. Delegates are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation. Accommodation is not available in Merton College.

The Speakers

Dr Jeremy Warren is former Deputy Director of the Wallace Collection and was curator of their 2005 Anthony Powell centenary exhibition.

Prof. Peter Davidson is Archivist of Campion Hall, Oxford and teaches in the English Faculty. His research interests include the recusant community and the history of art.

Prof. Didier Girard is Professor of European Literature at the University François Rabelais in Tours, France. He has translated a selection of Powell's reviews into French as *Écrits sur les écrivains*.

Prof. Nigel Wood is Professor of English at Loughborough University. His research includes 18th century literature and the staging of dramatic texts, especially Shakespeare and contemporary work. He is one of the editors of the *Complete Works of Evelyn Waugh*.

Hilary Spurling is a renowned biographer. Her long awaited life of Anthony Powell was published in October 2017.

In addition there will be a wide range of papers given by both academics and Powell enthusiasts.

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Personal Details

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 Family Name: _____ Organisation (if appropriate): _____
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[1] Plenary Sessions – FRIDAY & SATURDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> £110 ^C	<input type="checkbox"/> £145	<input type="checkbox"/> £55 ^A	£
[2] Plenary Sessions – FRIDAY ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> £65 ^C	<input type="checkbox"/> £85	<input type="checkbox"/> £35 ^A	£
[3] Plenary Sessions – SATURDAY ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> £65 ^C	<input type="checkbox"/> £85	<input type="checkbox"/> £35 ^A	£
[4] Merton College Tour ^{B D}	<input type="checkbox"/> £5			£
[5] Conference Dinner ^B (Saturday)	<input type="checkbox"/> £67 ^C	<input type="checkbox"/> £85	<input type="checkbox"/> £55	£
[6] Broughton Castle Visit ^{B D} (Sunday)	<input type="checkbox"/> £31 ^C	<input type="checkbox"/> £35	<input type="checkbox"/> £31	£
^A Subject to availability. Please enclose a copy of your current student card. ^B Available only with a booking for options 1, 2 or 3. ^C Members and their partners. ^D Limited availability; please book early to avoid disappointment.			TOTAL	£

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