



**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**May 29 – 31, 2014**

**Chancellors Hotel and Conference  
Centre, Manchester, England**

### **Joining instructions**

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Chancellors is located about 3 miles south of Manchester city centre and about 6 miles from Manchester Airport. It is situated between Owens Park and the Armitage Centre (University of Manchester student residences and sports centre respectively), very close to the southern end of the Wilmslow Road/Oxford Road corridor (marked in **yellow** on the map below). This is one of the main routes into the city centre, along much of which is ranged the University of Manchester and other educational establishments. The section of Wilmslow Road between Dickenson Road and Oxford Place is the famous 'Curry Mile', within walking distance of Chancellors, and said to have the largest concentration of South Asian restaurants outside the Indian subcontinent.

### **Travel**

If you arrive at either Manchester Airport or Manchester Piccadilly rail station, our advice, particularly if you have luggage, is to take a taxi to Chancellors, as there is no direct bus route. There are very frequent trains between the airport and Piccadilly stations, but because Chancellors lies between the two, there is no time advantage in taking a train into the city and then a bus or taxi out again.

There is a very regular bus service along Wilmslow Road/Oxford Road to and from the city centre.

If you want to take the bus from Chancellors into the city centre, walk from Chancellors to the Wilmslow Road/Moseley Road junction, cross the road, turn right and walk to the first bus stop.

If you take the bus from the city centre back to Chancellors, the best place to pick it up is on Oxford Street outside the imposing Palace Hotel (number 54 in black on the attached city

centre map) and opposite the Cornerhouse Cinema (number 18 in blue on the map). You should get off at Owens Park, just before the Wilmslow Road/Moseley Road junction.

Numerous bus services (including numbers 41, 42, 43, 44, 142, 143, X41 and X57) ply this route. If in doubt whether a particular service stops at Owens Park, ask the driver.

If you are in a group you will probably find it cost-effective and quicker to travel by taxi between Chancellors and the city centre. Chancellors Reception will order a taxi on request. Black cabs can be picked up at one of the taxi ranks marked with a 'T' on the city centre map or hailed on the street (the yellow 'Taxi' sign shows they are available).

If you drive to Chancellors, there is free parking in the grounds.

### **Check-in/check-out**

Check-in time at Chancellors is 2 pm, check-out time is 11 am. If you arrive before 2 pm, Reception will give you access to your room as soon as possible. If you know you will arrive before 2 pm, please advise Program Chair Mark Billings ([m.billings@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:m.billings@exeter.ac.uk)), who will request that you are allocated a room that is unoccupied the night before your arrival or is serviced in good time for your arrival. We cannot, however, guarantee that rooms will be available before the usual check-in time. You must vacate your room by the check-out time or you will be subject to an additional charge. There are storage facilities at Reception and we will have additional storage on Saturday 31 May for all those checking out on that day.

### **Meal arrangements**

For those staying at Chancellors breakfast is included in the nightly rate. Lunches on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 May and our dinner on Thursday 29 May are available to registered delegates. Vegetarian options will be available at these meals and do **not** need to be pre-ordered.

### **Internet access**

There is no charge for internet access at Chancellors. WIFI access is available in the public areas. You may be able to gain WIFI access in your bedroom, but internet access is available in all bedrooms via ethernet cable (provided).

### **Weather**

The weather forecast for next week suggests some sun and some rain, with maximum temperatures around 22C, so pleasantly warm but not hot. However, Manchester enjoys an exaggerated but not wholly-undeserved reputation as a rainy city, so you might want to bring a rain jacket and/or umbrella.

### **Book stall**

Bob Jones of Northern Herald Books will have a book stall on Thursday 29 May. He deals in books, pamphlets and periodicals on economic, social, business, labour, and women's history, economics, politics, industrial relations, trade unionism etc. He will have a wide

selection of publications available for sale, but if you have any special interests/requirements you can contact him in advance by email ([bobjones\\_nhb@talk21.com](mailto:bobjones_nhb@talk21.com)) or phone (+44 (0)1484 721845).

### **Things to do**

The city offers many historical and contemporary attractions. The Museum of Science and Industry is in the Castlefield area of the city centre. The Imperial War Museum North and the Lowry Centre are located in Salford Quays, easily accessible by Metrolink tram from the city centre. There are numerous other museums, galleries and opportunities for sightseeing, shopping, dining and nightlife.

Architectural gems include the victorian Town Hall on Albert Square, the Midland Hotel on St. Peter's Square (number 33 in black on the city centre map), St. Ann's Square and the Royal Exchange Theatre, and the Cathedral and Chetham's School of Music.

### **T20 cricket match, Friday 30 May 2014**

Subject to the weather, some of us plan to attend the T20 cricket match between Lancashire Lightning and Birmingham Bears at Old Trafford cricket ground on the evening of Friday 30 May (<http://www.lccc.co.uk/index.php>). The match will start at 6.30 pm and end around 9.30 – 10 pm. Admission costs £15 and we will travel to and from the match from Manchester city centre by Metrolink tram. We will make an announcement at the conference dinner to confirm whether we plan to proceed with this trip.

### **Paper abstracts**

Abstracts of conference papers are available on the conference section of the EBHS website ([www.ebhsoc.org](http://www.ebhsoc.org)) under the heading 'presentations'.

### **Some useful web addresses**

Manchester Airport: <http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/>

Visit Manchester: <http://www.visitmanchester.com/what-to-do/what's-on/>

Rail travel information: <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/manchester-piccadilly-station/departures-arrivals/>

Public transport information: <http://www.tfgm.com/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact our Program Chair and native Mancunian Mark Billings ([m.billings@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:m.billings@exeter.ac.uk)).

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