

# Guild of One Name Studies CIO

## 42nd Guild Conference and AGM - Northampton 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Dear Guild Conference Delegate,

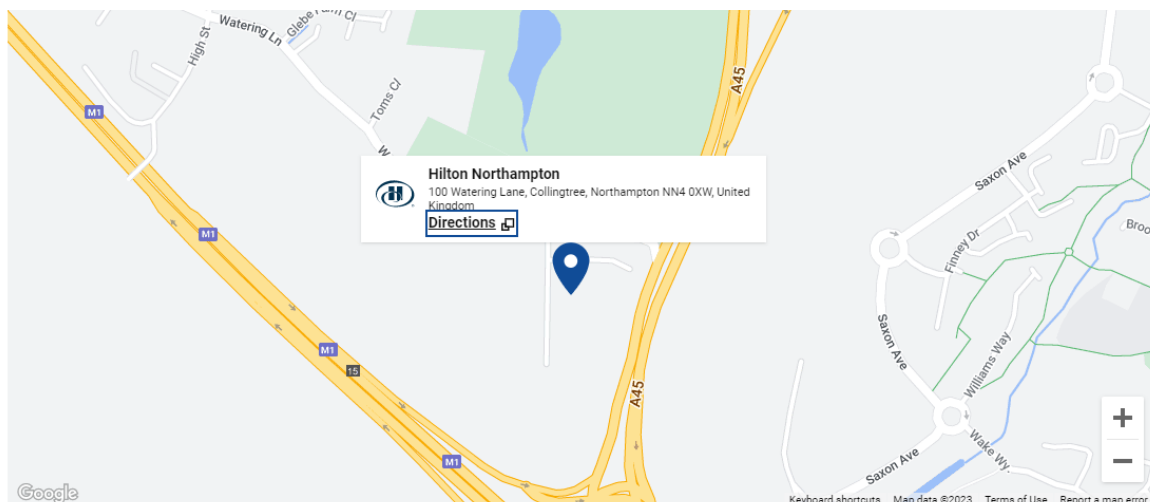
We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Guild's AGM and "Spires and Squires" Conference from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at the Hilton Northampton, 100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton NN4 0XW

< <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ormnohn-hilton-northampton/> >

Below are some additional details in advance of the conference that will help you get to the venue and enjoy your stay at the hotel.

### Map and directions

Hilton Northampton Hotel and Conference Centre is conveniently located four miles south of Northampton city centre with multiple transport links and is easily accessible by car from the M1, A45, A43 and M4. Northampton Railway Station is 5.7 miles away, with taxis available at the station. The nearest airports are Birmingham International (50 miles) and Luton (30 miles).



Details of how to get to Hilton Northampton are set out below for easy reference.

### By Road

The SatNav postcode is NN4 0XW

#### **From the M1 north or southbound:**

Leave the M1 at junction 15 (signed A45 Northampton, Wellinborough) onto the A45 northbound towards Northampton - be in the lefthand lane as you then soon need the slip road left (Watering Lane, Collingtree Park. The hotel will then be shortly on your left.

#### **From the A5 northbound from Milton Keynes:**

Stay on the A5 past the turning to Milton Keynes North and West, Bedford A422 and continue to the roundabout after Stony Stratford, approaching in either lane to turn right onto the A508 signed Northampton A4508 and (M1) North. From the roundabout with the M1 (junction 15) follow the A45 north and follow the directions above.

**From the A43 northbound from Towcester:**

Continue to the M1 junction 15A then join the M1 southbound, exiting at junction 15 as above.

**From Northampton town centre:**

Follow the A508 Market Harborough to the A45 southbound to j15 of the M1. There is no turn off the A45 onto Watering Lane so you will need to follow the roundabout all the way and onto the A45 northbound back towards Northampton, following the directions above “from the M1”.

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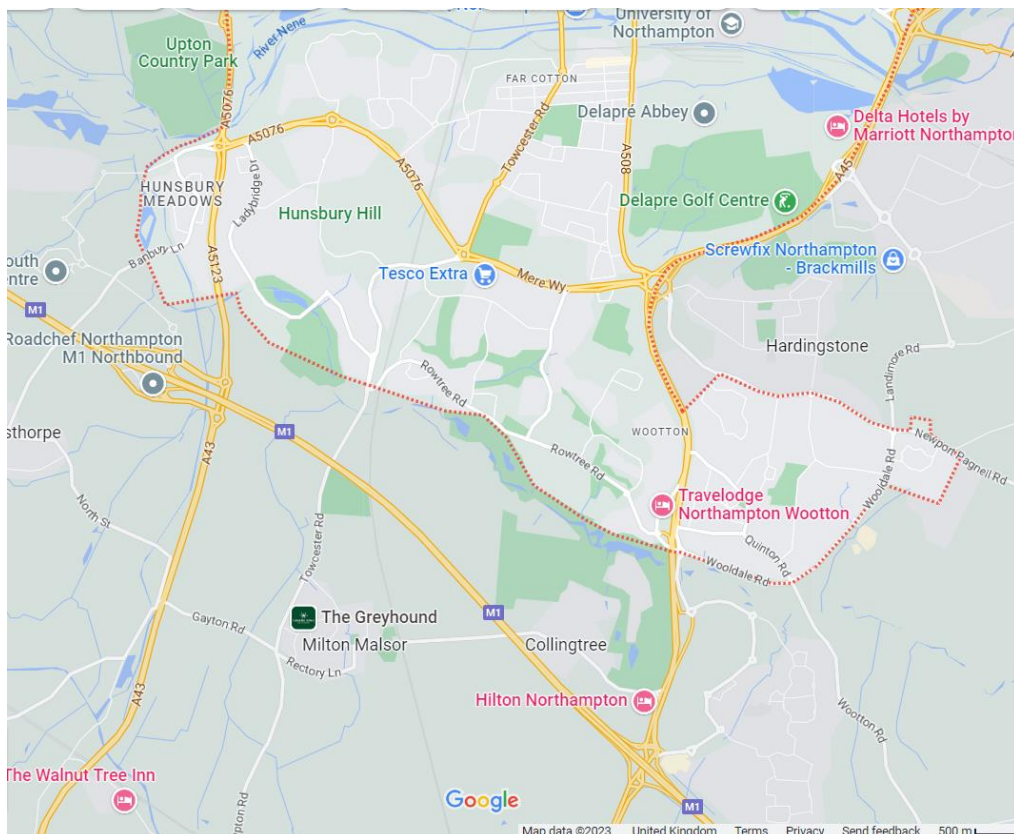
Take the A5123 Towcester south signed “M1 south Oxford (A43) Far Cotton” continuing to the (Tesco Extra Clannell Road) roundabout on the A5076 Northampton ring round (just after Northampton Cemetery on the left)

THEN EITHER

Approach the roundabout in the left hand lane to join the eastbound Mere Way, continuing past the fire station to the Queen Eleanor interchange, taking the A45 southbound to the M1 junction 15, following the instructions above to return back up the A45 northbound.

OR

At the Tesco Extra roundabout take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit (immediately after the entrance to Tesco’s) Towcester Road signed “Hunsbury Crematorium”. Continue south and over the M1 then soon after the 40mph sign and entering “Milton Malsor” take the left turn signed “Village Centre” onto Lower Road which becomes High Street. Turn left onto Green Street signed Collingtree, then left onto Collingtree Road. Continue past the very pretty church parish church, under the railway bridge and under the M1. Continue through the village of Collingtree onto Watering Lane and the Hilton will be on your left just before you reach the A45.



**Please note:** from the hotel you can only turn left onto the A45 and head north towards Northampton. If you then take the slip road signed “Wootton, East Hunsbury, Collingtree Park” then the first exit at the roundabout signed (M1) (A45) Milton Keynes and Wootton, Quinton to then re-join the A45 southbound to the M1 j15.

## Car Parking

There are plenty of parking spaces at Hilton Northampton and car parking is complimentary for delegates to the Guild Conference. You will need to scan the QR code in your welcome letter or obtain a ticket from the machine before you depart the hotel.

## Train Stations

Northampton Train Station (5.7 miles) is on the [Northampton Loop](#) of the [West Coast Main Line](#). The station is served by West Midlands Train services southbound to [London Euston](#) and northbound to [Birmingham New Street](#) and [Crewe](#). Information on bus and taxi services at the station is available at < <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/stations/northampton> >

## Station Pick-up

If you are travelling by train and would like to be picked up at the station on Friday or Saturday please email us < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) > as soon as possible stating your arrival (and departure) time, the station you have travelled from (or changed trains at) and your contact mobile number so that we can co-ordinate station pick-ups. Please also advise us the details of your return train if you will need a lift back to the station. For those arriving early or late, or on Thursday, there are taxis at the station.

## By Bus

Buses to Collingtree depart from Northampton Bus Station, which is approximately 11 minutes' walk from the train station. Bus journeys can be planned online using < <https://www.traveline.info/> >

## Arrivals

We will have a Guild Registration desk in the main hotel foyer by the Business Court doors. This will be staffed from 13.30 until 20.00 on Friday. It will open from 08.30 to 08.50 on Saturday morning and from 09.00 to 09.20 on Sunday morning. You will receive a welcome bag which will include your Conference Handbook giving full details of the programme for the weekend.

## Hotel Check-in

Hotel rooms will be available from **15.00** on the day of arrival and should be vacated by **12.00** on the day of departure. Facilities are available for storing luggage until you leave. If you wish to charge any additional purchases to your room (card purchases only throughout the hotel) you will need to provide the hotel with a debit/credit card on check-in. Please remember to settle your bill when you check out.

## Hotel Facilities

Hilton Northampton has a gym which is accessible 24 hours using your room key.

## Guests with mobility or other issues

Any reservations that have been marked with mobility issues or anything that may be of concern if there was an evacuation of the hotel have been noted by the hotel and the reception team will offer to complete a PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan) form with the guest, should they wish to do this, in order that they will know what to do in the case of an emergency evacuation.

## Volunteers

We would welcome any offers of help during the weekend

- erecting and dismantling equipment
- taking photographs of the event for the website
- staffing the registration desk on Sat and Sun
- station pick-ups on Friday afternoon or Saturday or Sunday mornings
- station returns on Saturday or Sunday afternoon
- writing an article on the Conference for JOONS
- other ad-hoc support tasks

## Programme

The full programme will be printed in the Conference Handbook you receive on arrival and is also available on the Guild website < <https://one-name.org/guild-conference-agm/> >. Please be aware that there has been a speaker change with the opening session on Saturday morning now being delivered by Sarah Bridges, Archivist at Northamptonshire Archives.

## Members Helping Members Session (Saturday 16.00)

A number of ‘helpers’, including several Master Craftspersons of the Guild, have offered to assist attendees with any problems or issues they have encountered with their studies. The “Help” categories that have been offer are listed below.

Those seeking assistance should sign up on Friday afternoon, or Saturday morning by 13.00, for help.

If you are not travelling with a laptop or tablet you may wish to bring some good old-fashioned paperwork to explain your ‘problem’.

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| • Archiving your study               | • Getting an online presence for your study | • Planning your research               |
| • Australian records                 | • Irish records                             | • Reading old documents                |
| • Cardinal points                    | • Marriage challenge                        | • Surname origins                      |
| • Chancery records                   | • Marriage locators                         | • USA                                  |
| • Compare and contrast your approach | • Media                                     | • Using computers for a one-name study |
| • Data management and analytics      | • Member’s websites                         | • Using datastore indexes              |
| • English records                    | • Name and Place                            | • Using Facebook                       |
| • General                            | • Organising research results               | • Where in London?                     |
|                                      |   | • Wills                                |
|                                      |   | • World records                        |

This session is being coordinated by Lesley Dove < [lesley.dove@one-name.org](mailto:lesley.dove@one-name.org) >.

## Optional Friday visits to Derngate and the Shoe Gallery, Northampton Museum

Due to numbers the two advertised at 1.00pm and 2.30pm have been amalgamated into one group visit to Derngate at 1.00pm and one group visit to Northampton Museum Shoe Gallery at 2.30pm. Separate joining instructions have already been sent out to all who have booked for either or both of the visits and can be found on the Guild website conference page

< <https://one-name.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Northampton-Friday-visits-joining-instructions.pdf> >

Please allow sufficient time to travel to and park at the visit location.

The visits are being coordinated by June Bird < [june.bird@one-name.org](mailto:june.bird@one-name.org) >

## Friday Events at Hilton Northampton

For those arriving by Friday afternoon we have arranged two sessions which will take place in the **Spencer Suite** on the ground floor.

14.00-15.00 - **Did you know? New items for the Guild** - Marie Byatt

15.15-16.15 - **The most beautiful car in the world - the Jaguar E-type**  
Cameron Slater and Graham Robson, Collections Centre, British Motor Museum, Gaydon

We always extend a special welcome to our “first timers” at a Guild Conference. To help you get to know you way around the weekend, we invite you to attend:

16.30-17.00 - **Introduction to Conference for First Timers** - Sue Thornton-Grimes

## Dinner on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Dinner on Friday evening will be an informal two-course hot and cold buffet in the **Seasons Restaurant** between 17.00 and 18.15. Please note, we have been asked to vacate the restaurant by 18.30 when it will then open to the public. Drinks may be purchased from Neil’s Bar and Lounge situated in the main hotel lobby.

## The AGM

The Guild AGM will take place at 19.00 in **Collingtree 2** (access from 18.15) for those attending the conference, with live streaming on ZOOM so that other members worldwide may participate. If you have not registered your proxy vote online for motions at the AGM, you will need to obtain a Voting Paper from the Returning Officer before entering the room.

## The Quiz

After the AGM Alan Moorhouse will be hosting the Annual Conference Quiz in **Collingtree 1** at 20.30. Please come along and demonstrate your expertise and knowledge over a number of varied rounds. Quiz teams will consist of a **maximum of six** people, so plan to make up a team of six or come along and join others to create one. Prizes will be awarded to the best teams.

## The Conference

Conference sessions will start at 09.20 on Saturday with a welcome by the President, and at 09.30 on Sunday.

## The 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Banquet on Saturday evening

This celebration event will be held in the **Collingtree Suite**. Delegates are invited to a drinks reception hosted by the President, new Vice-Presidents and Trustees in the **Conference Lobby** from 7.00pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. The Collingtree bar will remain open throughout and after dinner.

Please sign up to join a table for the dinner: lists for table seating plans will be available near the Collingtree Suite on Friday evening and until 09.30 on Saturday morning.

You have made your menu selections and your place card will indicate these, along with any variation to the menu reflecting any specific dietary requirements you have advised.

There will be one bottle each of red and white wine placed on each table and fruit juice is also available for anyone not drinking wine. If you wish to pre-order additional wine or purchase other drinks for your table, these are available from the bar.

Dress code for the Saturday evening dinner is formal or smart casual - we therefore suggest lounge suits rather than jeans and a sweatshirt!

After the meal **Chris Close** will talk on “**Finding Collyweston Palace**”.

## Act of Worship

There will be an Act of Worship on Sunday morning, led by Margaret Southgate, from 8.45am to 9.15am in the **Spencer Suite**.

## Stalls and Displays

To make the Conference weekend more interactive we encourage delegates to bring along details of their studies for display and sharing. Poster boards will be available for your use. Please email < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) > if you would like a poster board and/or table.

These and the following tables can be found in the **Collingtree Suite**:

- Guild Bookstall
- Global Marriages and Datastore Indexes - scan your own Birth, Marriage and Death certificates for uploading to the Global Marriages database and the Datastore Database
- DNA Kits table - open during coffee breaks on Saturday and Sunday
- Name and Place

## Guild Bookstall

If you have any genealogy books or old maps that you no longer use, please bring them along to Conference and donate them to the Guild. They will be added to the Guild Book Stall - other members may find them useful

## Scanning certificates for the Global Marriage Index and the Datastore Indexes

During the weekend Cliff Kemball will scan your BMD certificates to his hard drive so that they can be then transcribed and subsequently uploaded to the Global Marriage Index and to the Datastore Indexes.

Scanned certificates will also be copied to your own USB drive for you to take away; there will be a supply of USB sticks for those members who have not brought one to the Conference.

## DNA test kits

DNA kits (Y-37 and Family Finder) from FamilyTreeDNA will be available to purchase during the morning and afternoon coffee breaks on Saturday and Sunday.

We encourage you to buy your kits in advance for collection at Conference - go to the Guild DNA kits page < <https://one-name.org/dna-kits-available-from-the-guild> >, buy your kits (entering the coupon code DNACONF2023 for free shipping). This facility can be used up to and including Friday 21 April 2023..

On the day, we can accept cards (very much preferred if you haven't already bought in advance), cheque or cash. The prices will be the same as for the online shop during this 10th Anniversary Sale.

## Special Requests

If you have already advised us of any specific accessibility or room requirement, dietary requirement or that you have booked a room before or after the conference weekend we will have recently confirmed all this information with the hotel; if you have any concern about any of the above, please contact us < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) >

If you have any queries during the conference please speak directly to one of the conference organising team.

If you print out these instructions we recommend you double check the version number and date in the footer in case there have been any changes to these joining instructions.

We hope everyone has a most enjoyable conference weekend.

Kind regards from your Conference Organising Team,

*Lesley Dove, June Bird and Margaret Southgate*

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