

**The Folklore Society, AGM Conference 2010**

**"The Supernatural"**

**Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March, Leeds Trinity University College, Horsforth**

**Programme**

**Friday March 26**

2:00 Registration and tea

3:00 Folklore Society AGM (members only)

4:00 President's Lecture: Eddie Cass, "Alex Helm and his Collection of Folk Performance Material." (Everyone is welcome to attend)

5:00 Wine reception

6:00 Evening meal

**Saturday March 27**

Session 1 Chair: Andrew Bennett

9:00 Jacqueline Simpson (Folklore Society) "The Ambiguity of Elves."

9:45 Ariella Feldman (University of Birmingham), "Jane Eyre: Fairy and Witch Power--A Study of Gender."

10:30 Mikel J. Koven (University of Worcester) and Gunnella Thorgeirsdottir (University of Sheffield), "Televisual Folklore: Rescuing *Supernatural* from the Fakelore Realms."

11:15 Coffee

Session 2 Chair Jeremy Harte

11:45 Nickianne Moody (Liverpool John Moores University), "Contemporary Urban Fantasy and the Lessons of Folklore."

12:15 Maureen James (University of Glamorgan), "'Tatterfoals, Will-o-the-wykes, and the Old Lad:' Exploring the Supernatural Beliefs in Lincolnshire."

1:00 Lunch

Session 3 Chair Mikel Koven

2:30 Peter Robson (University of Sheffield), "Thomas Hardy's Ghosts."

3:15 Paul Cowdell (University of Hertfordshire), "'I have believed in spirits, from that day unto this...': Oral Narratives, Belief, Literary Adaptation and Transmission.'

4:00 Tea and biscuits

Session 4 Chair: Eddie Cass

4:45 David Clarke (Sheffield Hallam University), "'I know what I saw:' The Supernatural Content of the MoD 'UFO files'."

5:30 Evening free

**Sunday March 28**

Session 5 Chair: Paul Cowdell

9:30 David Hunt (Folklore Society), "Perception of Time in Folklore: Transitions between Mortality and Immortality."

10:15 Gideon Thomas (Folklore Society), "'Lady Margaret was standing in her own room door...': The Roles and Meanings of Revenants in a Selection of Traditional Ballads."

11:00 Coffee

Session 6 Chair: Jonathan Roper

11:30 Irene Petratou (Panteion University of Athens, and Kapodistrian University of Athens), "Supernatural References in Advertising : The Case of 'Supernatural Women'."

12:15 Lunch

Session 7 Chair: Eddie Cass

13.30 Jeremy Harte (Bourne Hall Museum), "An Echo Arose from a Suicide's Grave: The Crossroads Ghost in Fiction, Folklore and Fact."

14.00 Jonathan Roper (University of Tartu), "Charming in the Mareti Gorge."

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