

## Salisbury Cathedral Close Preservation Society Autumn Lecture

### “The history of Salisbury’s Bishop’s Palace”

#### Lecture & Tour of The Palace

By Andrew Stewart MEd, BA (Hons), PGCE

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 pm in The Bishop’s Palace

**Andrew Stewart was the Bishop’s Chorister in 1977 and remains a Lay Vicar. He is IT Manager and Geography teacher at The Cathedral School and has over a quarter of a century’s experience of living, learning and teaching in The Bishop’s Palace. He was taught history by Mr Peter L. Smith who set up the Palace archive and wrote the major work on Salisbury’s Bishop’s Palace. His father, was the Canon Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral from 1990 to 1995.**

By kind permission of the Cathedral School’s Headmaster, Mr Clive Marriott, the lecture will be given in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Great Hall, now often called the Big School Room.

The Bishop’s Palace has been greatly altered through the centuries to cater for the differing needs and egos of the Bishops. In the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop Beauchamp added a tower and a ninety foot great hall – the latter has been demolished. Our lecture will be in Bishop Poore’s more modest, sixty foot, 13<sup>th</sup> Century great hall, the oldest part of the palace. Medieval Bishops spent most of their time travelling their Dioceses and on the King’s affairs, spending little time in their Palaces. In 1384 our lecture room hosted an historic and vitriolic parliament attended by King Richard II and his Barons during which a friar tried to accuse John of Gaunt of masterminding a plot to kill the king. After the reformation, accommodation was needed for Bishops’ families. Bishop Moberly’s wife presented him with fifteen children and in 1884 they celebrated their Golden Wedding in the palace. Their 41 grandchildren would surely have been invited !

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**The Great Hall is on the first floor and there is no lift.** The tour will also entail climbing one flight of stairs. The tours will have to be phased so do please hold onto your tickets that indicate your tour group. EG Green 1a –1h ; Yellow 6a –6h. We anticipate heavy demand for this unique opportunity and will be opening reservations to non members from 1<sup>st</sup> October, so do please book early.

**Tickets may be obtained in person from Sarum College reception – cash only.**

**Tickets may also be obtained by post from: ‘Bishop’s Palace Lecture’ 26 The Close Salisbury SP1 2EJ or from any Trustee that you may know. Cheques may be made payable to “SCCPS”.**

**£10 to include a glass of wine afterwards in the undercroft.**

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