



The Freemasonic Mystery of Bacon's Gorhambury

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Led by Peter Dawkins

Clarion Collection Hotel St Albans, and Gorhambury

Gorhambury is an estate adjoining the town of St Albans in Hertfordshire, England. The estate covers the site of the Belgic capital of Verlamion and part of the Roman city of Verulamium. Watling Street, once the primary sacred route of Celtic Britain (from Holyhead and Snowdonia to London) passes through the estate. Verlamion was one of the 'Castles of the Most Holy Head of Bran' (i.e. a Grail Castle) on this sacred route. Verulamium was where St Alban, the primary saint of Britain, lived and died. St Albans Cathedral, containing the Shrine of St Alban, marks the spot where the saint was martyred and his body buried. In Freemasonic lore, St Alban is known as the founder and first Grand Master of Freemasonry in Britain/England, who died AD 303.



The later St Alban, who was given the same cryptic name, was the 16th/17th century philosopher, lawyer, secret poet and Lord Chancellor, Sir Francis Bacon, who was given the titles Baron Verulam of Verulam and Viscount St Alban. Strikingly and uniquely, the title 'Viscount St Alban' refers to the saint rather than the place (St Albans) as would have been normal practice, thus identifying Francis Bacon as a second St Alban—a second founder (i.e. refounder) of Freemasonry, in this case modern speculative Freemasonry. The duplication of names in the title 'Verulam of Verulam' refers to both person and place, having the meaning of 'Spear-shaker (or Shake-spear) of Verulamium'.

Gorhambury estate was purchased by Sir Nicholas Bacon, Queen Elizabeth's Lord Keeper of the Great Seal and father of Francis Bacon, and on this estate he built a Tudor mansion surrounded by walled gardens and orchards. The estate was eventually inherited by Sir Francis Bacon, who enhanced the Tudor mansion, built an additional house (Verulam House) for the summer months, and laid out the estate according to a geometric design of great Freemasonic significance, with the pyramidal 'Bacon's Mount' at its centre.

Evidence shows that this country home and estate was used by the Bacons for both Freemasonic and Rosicrucian purposes, and is of the utmost importance as a place of origin for both fraternities and their wisdom. The place also has a special geomantic and navigational connection with North America, believed by Francis Bacon (and others, such as John Dee) to be Atlantis, where a 'New Atlantis' might be instaurated that could help establish a Golden Age for the whole world. This dream or prophecy of a Golden Age has been that of many prophets and sages for millennia, with the hopeful knowledge that one day it will be achieved, step by step, with each main 'player' playing his or her part at the appropriate time and in the appropriate way.

During this day event Peter Dawkins will speak on these matters, introducing participants to the evidence and knowledge he has of these things via illustrated talks and guided visits to the ruins of Old Gorhambury (Bacon's mansion) and Bacon's Mount, both key places in this Mystery.

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Venue

Samuel Ryder Room, Clarion Collection Hotel St Albans,
Ryder House, Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HG, England.

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Gorhambury Estate – Old Gorhambury and Bacon's Mount

Travel to/from the Gorhambury sites will be by car, for which each person is responsible for arranging their own transport. We will help in arranging this if necessary. If you intend to bring your own car and are willing to provide lifts to others, please let us know. Some walking (c.20-30 mins each way) slightly uphill and through woods is required to visit Bacon's Mount.

Programme

10:30–11:00 coffee/refreshments

11:00–13:00 talks

13:00–14:00 light lunch

14:00–18:00 visit Bacon's Gorhambury*

** The timings for visiting Gorhambury are estimates and therefore 'best guess' approximations, with 18:00 (6:00pm) being the intended latest end-time.*

Cost

£55 per person (incl. coffee/refreshments and light lunch)

N.B. Transport to, from and during the event are not included in the cost and are the responsibility of each person.

Further Information & Booking

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