

Medieval English Theatre Society

Saturday 28 March 2026

Theatre in the Archives:

A *REED* Retrospective

University of Durham
Elvet Riverside 1, New Elvet, Durham DH1 3AQ.



1. TRAVEL:

- **Train.** For most, the easiest way to get to Durham. Durham Station is on the East Coast Mainline (London - Edinburgh/Glasgow) and is well served by train companies (LNER, TransPennine, Crosscountry; Newcastle-upon-Tyne's station is about 10 minutes north of Durham)

Durham Station is about a 15-20 minute walk from the meeting venue at Elvet Riverside. There are also taxis and a regular bus service. *Keep in mind that the Station is on highest hill in the area. The views are spectacular, but there are a few steps!*

- **Bus.** There are regular [National Express](#) coach services as well as local bus services. Durham Bus Station is located on North Road.
- **Car.** Durham is located near the A1(M) and A690 just south of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Parking in the city centre can be challenging, but there are Park-and-Ride services (see the link [here](#)) and public car parks (such as Prince Bishops and Walkergate).

2. ACCOMMODATION:

Somewhat pricey, but highly recommended (hyperlinked):

- [Hotel Indigo, Durham](#). A quality hotel just around the corner from the meeting venue at Elvet Riverside. In the Victorian Old Shire Hall.
- [Durham Royal County Hotel](#) (Marriot). It's been around for a while, but a decent hotel virtually across the street from the venue.
- [Raddison Blu Durham](#). A bit further away (near the train station / 10-15 minute walk), but very nice.

Less expensive and budget:

- [Premier Inn, City Centre](#). On Walkergate, about 10 minutes walk (halfway between venue and train station).
- [The Victorian Inn](#). Rooms above arguably the finest pub in Durham. 5 minutes walk from venue. Well reviewed.
- Castle View Guesthouse. Well regarded B&B. About 12 minutes' walk away (near the train station).
- [Kingslodge Inn](#). B&B about 15 minutes walk from the venue.

- [Travelodge, Durham](#). Slightly further afield (12 minutes walk along a busy A road), but very affordable.
- [Premier Inn, Durham East](#). 2.5 miles away, but there are regular buses, etc. Very affordable.

Stay in one of Durham's Colleges:

- Most of Durham's colleges offer affordable B&B accommodation during the holidays. For example, singles in Durham Castle start at £55 (linked [here](#)). Other recommended options include St John's College (linked [here](#)) or St Chad's College ([here](#)).

3. SOME THINGS TO DO THAT WEEKEND:

Shakespeare First Folio:

- '**Shakespeare Recovered: Durham's First Folio**'. This temporary exhibition is running until 6 April and is not to be missed. Entrance is free, but you need to book in advance. You can do so here: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/04/shakespeare-recovered/>

Palm Sunday in Durham Cathedral:

- You might also consider attending **Durham Cathedral's Palm Sunday service** on 29 March (the morning after the meeting. The procession begins outside the Cathedral at 10:30am. You can find out more here: <https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/sung-eucharist-with-procession-of-palms-and-reading-of-passion>

Tour Durham Castle and Cathedral:

- All of Palace Green and its environs are a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#). Make sure you visit the Cathedral at some point. Tours of Durham Castle can usually be booked in nearby Palace Green Library (or booked in advance). More information here: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/durham-castle/visit/tickets-and-times/#d.en.1227468>

Walk around Durham Peninsula:

For some of the best views of Durham, I suggest a circular walk starting at either the Market Place or the Cathedral. Walk south past the east end of the Cathedral along South Bailey till you get to Prebends Bridge

- (pedestrian). You'll see some of the 'hill' colleges as you go. Cross over Prebends Bridge, then turn right. Following the path that heads north along the river. From here you get some of the best views of Durham Cathedral, Castle and the (originally 15th-century) Fulling Mill. Leave the path by taking the steps up to Framwellgate Bridge, and cross back over onto the Peninsula. (Total distance less than a mile).

Remember to register by 13 March:

<https://pay.durham.ac.uk/event-durham/medieval-english-theatre-society-meeting-2026>

We look forward to welcoming you in Durham.