

# Guild of Taxidermists

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## Conference

1984



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THE 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 1984

THURSDAY 12TH FRIDAY 13TH SATURDAY 14TH

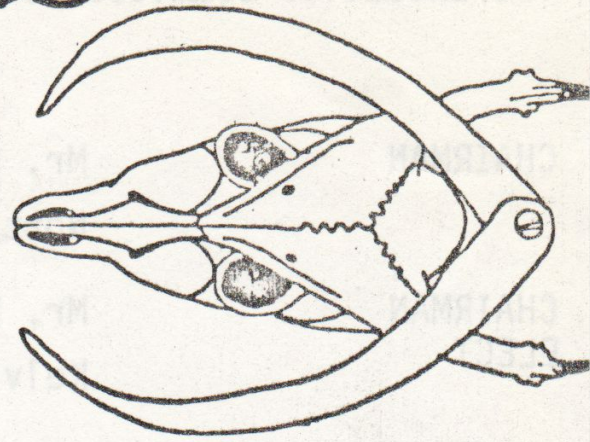
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

UNIVERSITY PARK

NOTTINGHAM

FLORENCE BOOT HALL OF RESIDENCE

Please book early as accommodation is limited to 75 rooms.



D.P. SHARP - CONFERENCE ORGANISER

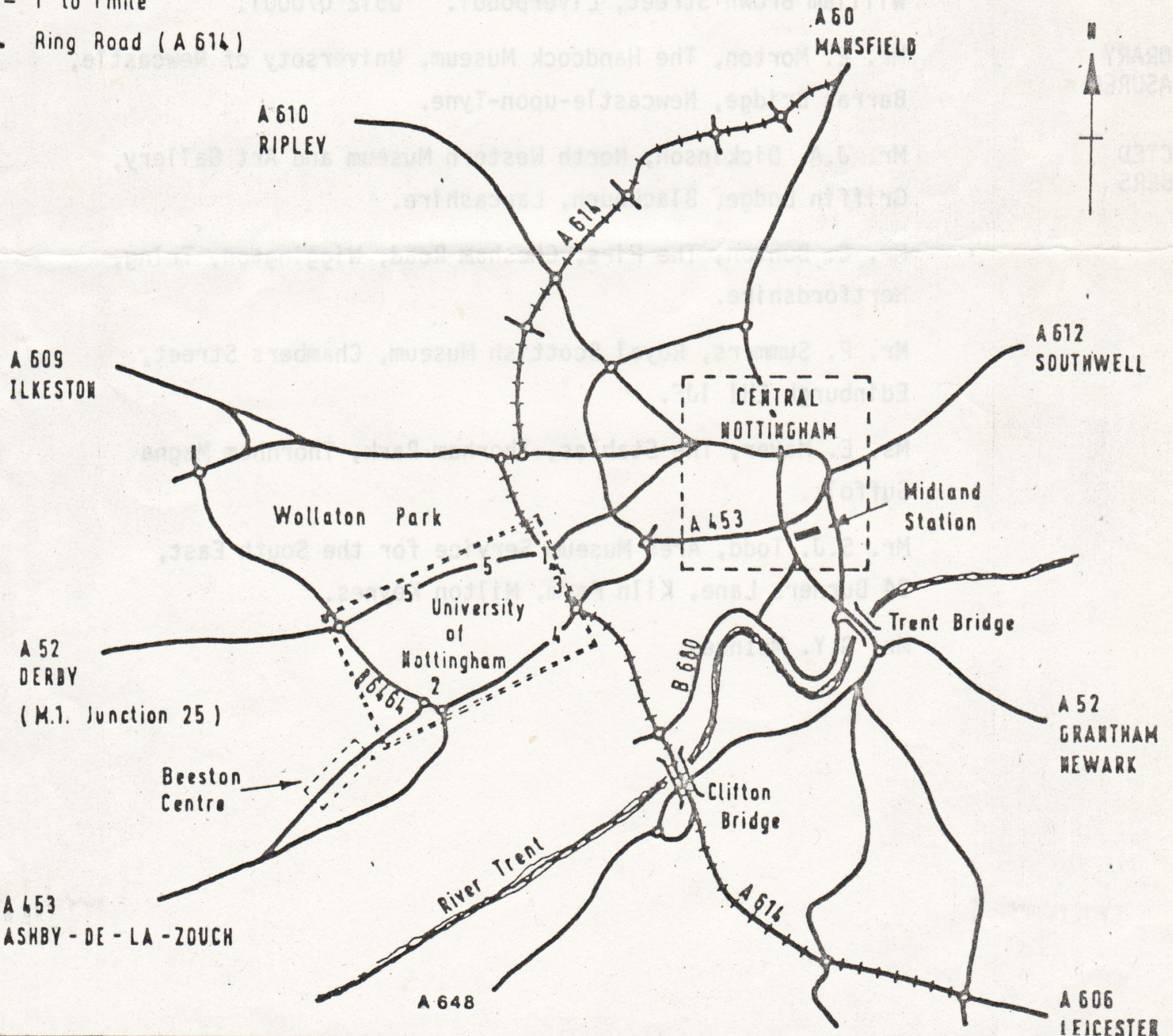
WOLLATON HALL

NOTTINGHAM NG8 2AE.

0602-281333

Scale :- 1" to 1 mile

Ring Road (A 614)



## COVER PICTURE

Pen and ink drawing of Rowland Ward from his book 'Sportsman's Handbook', 1906, drawing by C. Orgill.

1983/84 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GUILD OF TAXIDERMISTS

The Executive Committee of the Guild shall consist of the officers and six selected members.

OFFICERS OF THE GUILD

CHAIRMAN Mr. D.P. Sharp, The Natural History Museum, Wollaton Hall,  
Nottingham. Nottingham 0602 281333.

CHAIRMAN ELECT Mr. D. Ferguson, Art Gallery and Museum  
Kelvingrove, Glasgow. 0413 34114.

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN Mr. I. Hutchison, British Museum (Natural History)  
401, Edgware Road, Cricklewood, London NW2. 01 4504634.

HONORARY SECRETARY Mr. C. Stoate, Hampshire County Museum Service,  
Chilcomb House, Winchester. 66242.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR Mr. G.Y. McInnes, Merseyside County Museums,  
William Brown Street, Liverpool. 0512 070001.

HONORARY TREASURER Mr. E. Morton, The Handcock Museum, University of Newcastle,  
Barras Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ELECTED MEMBERS Mr. J.A. Dickinson, North Western Museum and Art Gallery,  
Griffin Lodge, Blackburn, Lancashire.

Mr. C. Dunton, The Firs, Chesham Road, Wiggington, Tring,  
Hertfordshire.

Mr. P. Summers, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street,  
Edinburgh EH1 1JF.

Ms. E. Mayer, The Stables, Thorham Park, Thornham Magna  
Suffolk.

Mr. S.J. Todd, Area Museum Service for the South East,  
34 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes.

Mr. G.Y. McInnes.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 1984

16.00 Arrival and Registration at the Florence Boot Hall of Residence, Nottingham University.

Specimens for Judging and Display may be set up in the Junior Common Room, during Thursday or Friday morning, up to 11.00.

18.30 DINNER (Florence Boot Dining Room)

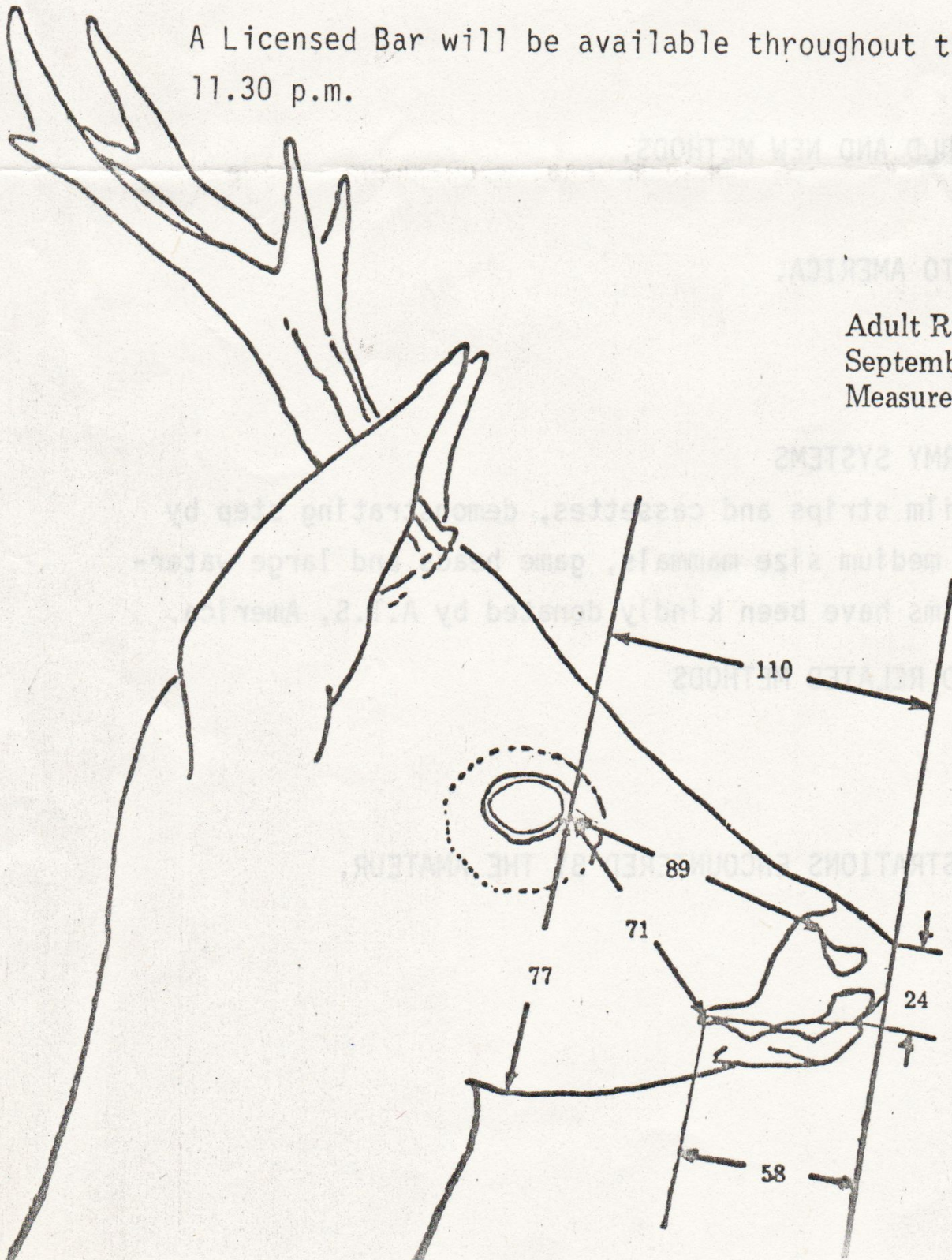
19.30 INFORMAL SLIDE SHOW lasting approximately 2 hours.

Persons attending the Conference are invited to submit colour slides; these must be concerned with Taxidermy or a subject connected with the art. Please label the slides clearly with your name and enclose them in an envelope.

Slides must be submitted to Don Sharp before the evening event.

A Licensed Bar will be available throughout the evening until 11.30 p.m.

Adult Roebuck c. 5 years.  
September, 1980  
Measurements in mm.



FRIDAY 13TH APRIL

- 8.15 - 8.45 BREAKFAST.
- 8.15 - 9.10 Receipt of Mounted Specimens offered for Display and Judging. Please note all specimens for judging must be registered by 11.00.

COMMENCEMENT OF CONFERENCE (MUSIC STUDIO)

- 9.15 INTRODUCTION and WELCOME TO CONFERENCE 84, by CHAIRMAN DON SHARP.  
WELCOME TO NOTTINGHAM by MR. B. PLAYLE (Director of Nottingham Museums).

SLIDE LECTURES

- 9.30 - 10.15 TAXIDERMY AND MUSEUMS ON THE CONTINENT.  
Mr. C. Owen F.L.S., A.M.A.,
- 10.20 - 11.15 ROWLAND WARD AND THE BUSINESS HE FOUNDED.  
Dr. P. Morris.
- 11.20 - 11.35 COFFEE
- 11.45 - 12.20 FISH TAXIDERMY, OLD AND NEW METHODS.  
Mr. D. Sharp.
- 12.25 - 13.00 A WORKING VISIT TO AMERICA.  
Mr. P. Summers.
- 13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH
- 14.05 - 15.00 AUTHENTIC TAXIDERMY SYSTEMS  
Illustrated by film strips and cassettes, demonstrating step by step mounting of medium size mammals, game heads and large water-fowl. These films have been kindly donated by A.T.S. America.
- 15.05 - 15.50 FREEZE DRYING AND RELATED METHODS  
Mr. J. Sage.
- 16.00 TEA
- 16.20 - 16.45 PROBLEMS AND FRUSTRATIONS ENCOUNTERED BY THE AMATEUR.  
Mr. C. Lakin.

16.45

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Note: Nominations for officers and elected members for 1984/85 must be received by the Secretary by March 1st 1984.

This meeting is open only to fully paid up members.

17.30

SELECTION OF RABBIT AND MAGPIE ENTRIES AND CREDIT RESULTS.

18.30 - 19.30

DINNER.

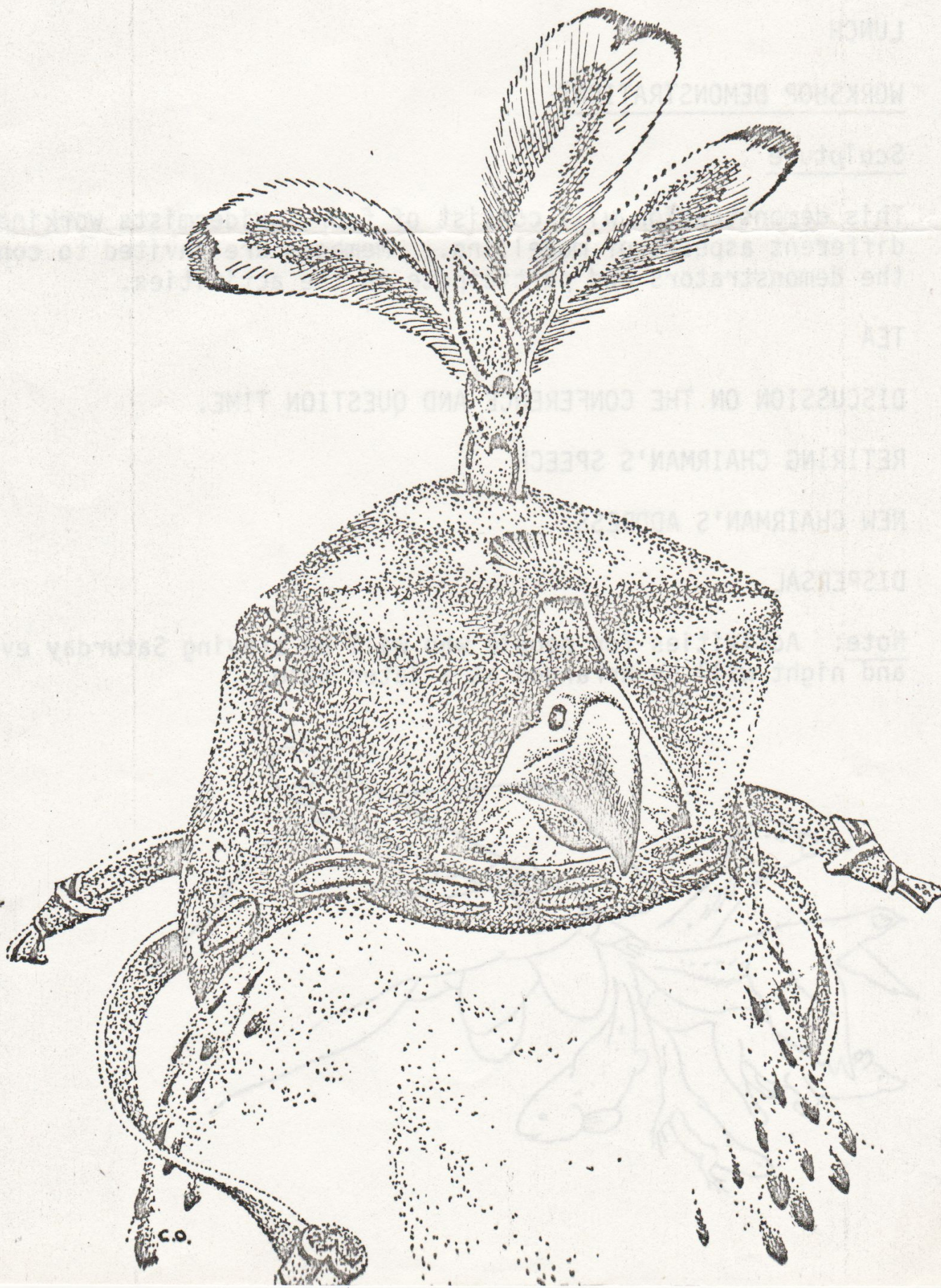
19.35 - 20.30

A CLOSE LOOK AT FALCONS AND HAWKS.

Mr. D. Fox (Live specimens on show).

20.35

INFORMAL TAXIDERMISTRY SLIDES AND DISCUSSION.



SATURDAY 14TH APRIL

8.15 - 8.45

BREAKFAST

WORKSHOP DEMONSTRATIONS

Polyurethane Foam Mannikins.

9.30 - 10.30

FIBRE GLASS MOULD CONSTRUCTION.

Mr. I. Hutchison.

Mr. P. Summers.

10.35 - 11.20

MAKING A FOAM MANNIKIN

Ms. E. Mayer.

11.20

COFFEE

11.35 - 13.00

FITTING A SKIN OVER A FOAM MANNIKIN

Three Taxidermists will be fitting skins over prepared foam mannikins.

Ms. E. Mayer.

Mr. P. Summers.

Mr. D. Sharp.

13.00 - 14.00

LUNCH

WORKSHOP DEMONSTRATIONS

Sculpture

14.05 - 15.30

This demonstration will consist of four Taxidermists working on different aspects of modelling. Members are invited to consult the demonstrators and participate in the activities.

15.30

TEA

15.50

DISCUSSION ON THE CONFERENCE AND QUESTION TIME.

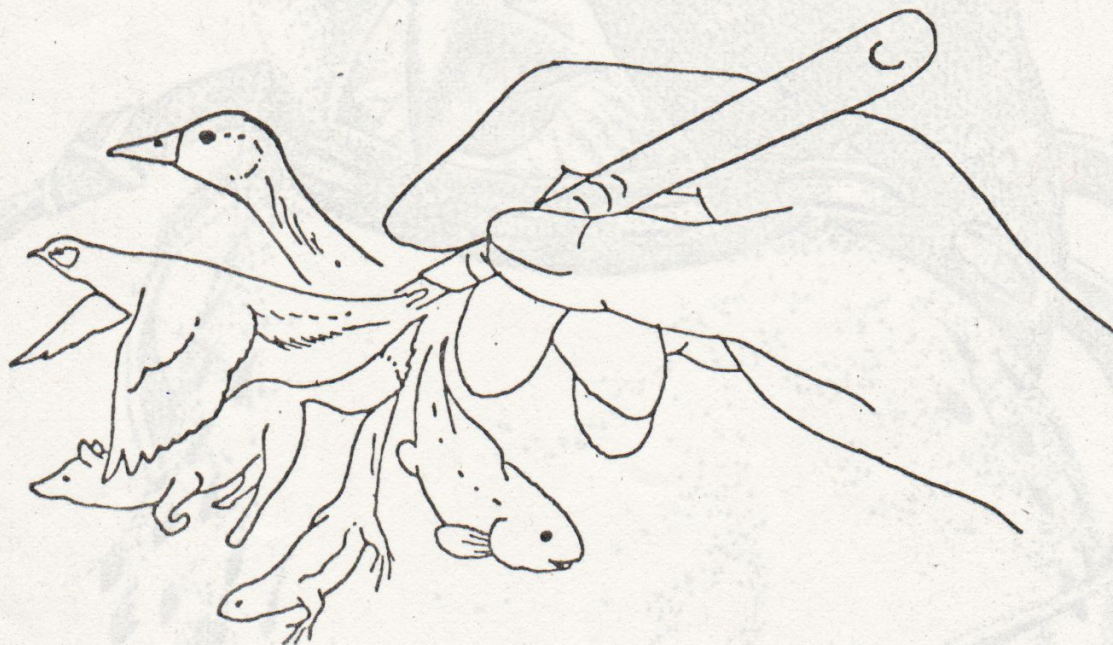
16.30

RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

NEW CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

DISPERSAL

Note: Activities for people who will be staying Saturday evening and night will be arranged at a later date.



## CONFERENCE 1984 RULES

Please note that the Conference is limited to a maximum attendance of 100 persons. Obviously, priority will be given to Guild Members in the initial applications. However, those members intending to attend the Conference must not delay in submitting their application forms to the Conference Organiser or they may find that all the places have been taken.

### FINAL CLOSING DATE

For all applications to attend the Conference the final closing date is 31st JANUARY 1984 with full remittance for accommodation at Nottingham University. (Latest date for cancellation is 1st MARCH 1984).

For those not requiring accommodation or meals at the University, but are making their own alternative arrangements, the closing date is 12th MARCH 1984, with full remittance for registration fees.

All bookings forms must be returned as soon as possible to Mr. D.P. Sharp, Conference Organiser, The Natural History Museum, Wollaton Hall, Nottingham NG8 2AE.

Sorry - No dogs allowed in Lecture Rooms or Bedrooms.





## TAXIDERMY ACTIVITIES

### ANNUAL COMPETITION

Members are invited to submit a rabbit or magpie, or both, for collective judging. Entries must be single and mounted on a base.

The Wagstaff Trophy in 1984 will be awarded for the best cast.

Rosettes will be awarded for best exhibit and for first, second and third place; also for the amateur.

Please make an extra effort this year as the success of the Conference is based on the number of exhibits. You are part of the annual event, please support it.

### EXTRA ACTIVITIES

**TRADE STANDS:** Various firms have been invited to exhibit materials, catalogues, price lists and tools.

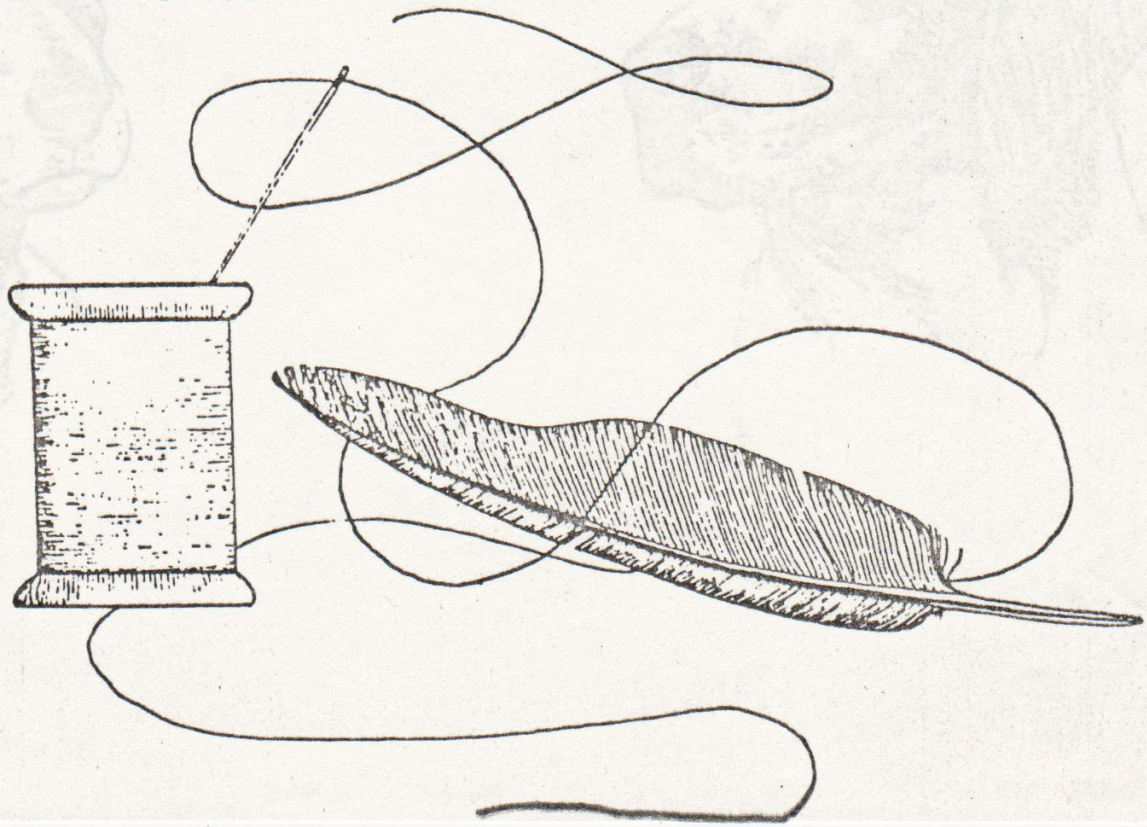
**GLASS EYES:** There will be glass eye firms showing their range of eyes and selling their products.

**DISPLAYS:** There will be photographic displays connected with taxidermy.

**BOOKS:** Books on tanning and taxidermy subjects will be on sale.

**RAFFLES:** At each Conference we run a successful raffle with worthwhile prizes.

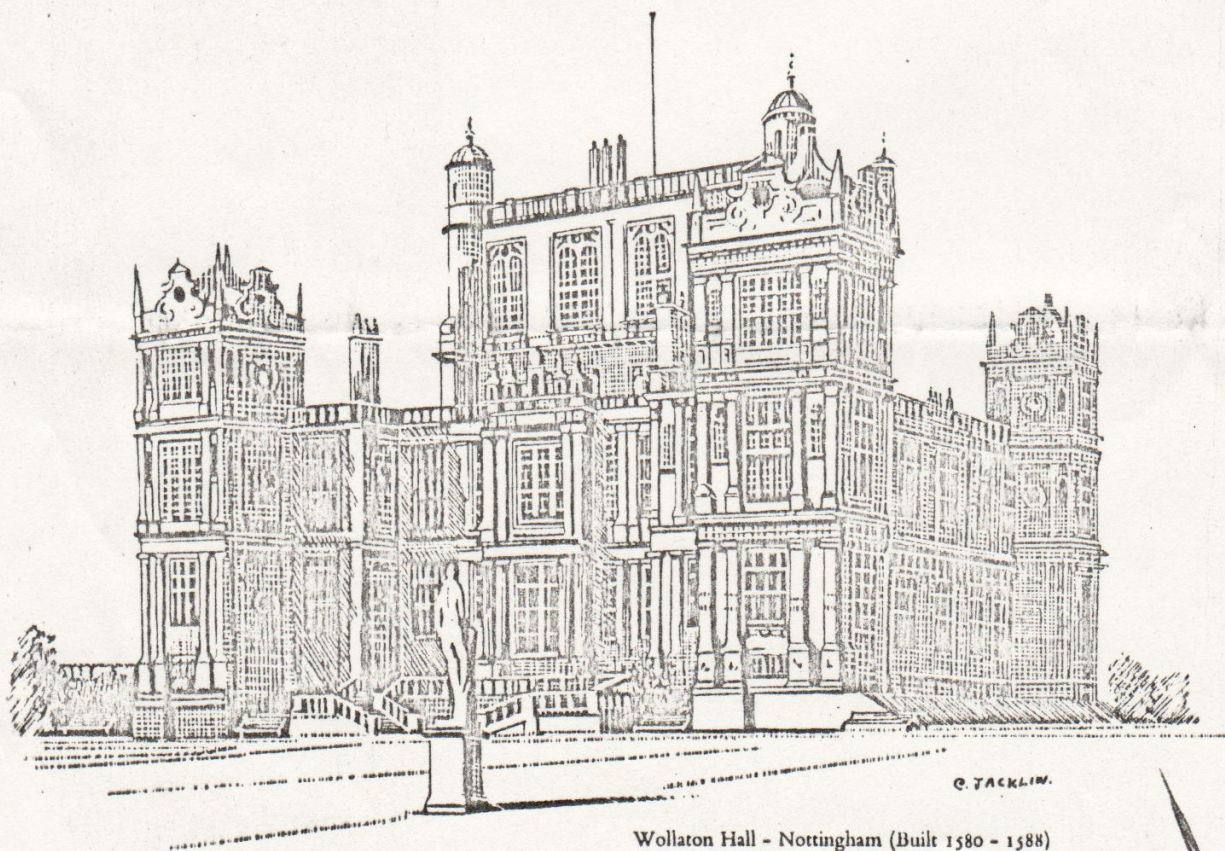
MEMBERS are also invited to bring along taxidermy artefacts, books, casts and surplus material for sale.



## WOLLATON HALL - NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Near to the University is a Natural History Museum that specialises in natural habitat groups; this museum is well worth a visit.

WOLLATON HALL was built by Sir Francis Willoughby in 1580 and converted into a Natural History Museum in 1926. It stands in extensive parkland where there are large herds of Red and Fallow Deer to be seen. The park has a lake attracting waterfowl of many types. Woodland areas provide ideal habitat for foxes, badgers, grey squirrels and a large number of birds.



### OPENING TIMES

10am - 7pm weekdays

2pm - 5pm Sundays



BOOKING FORM

Please return as soon as possible to Don Sharp, The Natural History Museum, Wollaton Hall, Nottingham

Please arrange for me the following facilities. I am/am not a fully paid up member of the Guild of Taxidermists.

Please clearly place a circle around the number of each facility required and place total amounts due in the right hand column.

		£	p
<u>THURSDAY EVENING</u>			
1.	DINNER	£4.25	
<u>THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY</u>			
2A.	BED AND BREAKFAST	£8.75	
2B.	MORNING COFFEE AND BISCUITS	.40	
2C.	LUNCH	£3.50	
2D.	AFTERNOON TEA AND BISCUITS	.40	
2E.	DINNER	£4.25	
<u>FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY</u>			
3A.	BED AND BREAKFAST	£8.75	
3B.	MORNING COFFEE AND BISCUITS	.40	
3C.	LUNCH	£3.50	
3D.	AFTERNOON TEA AND BISCUITS	.40	
3E.	DINNER	£4.25	
<u>SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY</u>			
4.	BED AND BREAKFAST	£8.75	
		SUB TOTAL	
		VAT @ 15%	
		TOTAL	
<u>REGISTRATION FEE FOR CONFERENCE</u>			
Fully paid up members of the Guild and their Spouse			
£6. (VAT exempt)			
Non-members of the Guild £10 (VAT exempt)			
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	

Full Name: .....

Professional Address: .....

Position Held: .....

I enclose cheque/postal order to the value of £..... made payable to The Guild of Taxidermists - Conference 84.

Signed ..... Date.....