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# Burgon Society Events in 2023

- 4 March**      **Virtual speaker event**  
Online via Zoom  
Peter Campbell — *Distinctive or Derivative: The Development of Doctoral Dress in Australia*
- 22 April**      **Spring Conference and AGM**  
Deloitte LLP, London, EC4A 3TR  
Programme included the AGM and the following talks:  
Bruce Christianson *The Original PhD Robes at the University of London (And What Happened Next)*  
Neil Dickson *Interlude: An Oxford DPhil Convocation Habit*  
Andrew Hogg *The Swedish Convention for Academic Ceremonies Visit to Trinity College Dublin, 21 March 2023*  
John Horton *Robing Rooms, Maces, Gowns and Bureaucracy ... 20 Years in the Life of a Nottingham University Marshal*  
Mike Ratcliffe *A Quickening in the Pace of Change in UK University Graduation Ceremonies in the Last 5 Years*  
Samuel Teague *Contemporary Usage of Academic Hoods in Oxford Collegiate Choirs*
- 4 June**      **Virtual speaker event**  
Online via Zoom  
Jonas Kågström *A Lutheran Peacock: The Development of Swedish Academic Dress*
- 12 August**      **Garden Party**  
Octagon Unitarian Chapel & Martineau Hall, 21a Colegate, Norwich NR3 1BN
- 3 September**      **Virtual speakers' event**  
Online via Zoom  
Two presentations on Ghanaian academic dress in association with the University of Education, Winneba, Ghana:  
Peggy Simpson *Investigation into the Design History of Academic Gowns of Selected Technical Universities in Ghana*  
Osuaryi Quaicoo Essel *Academic Gown Designs in Ghana: An Aesthetic Discourse of Patrick Osei-Poku's Decolonial Efforts*

**8 October**

**Congregation**

University of Chester

Admission to the Fellowship of the Burgon Society

Michael Bunton (by submission — Decently and in Order: The Warham Guild Hood)

Anthony Johnson (by submission — John Rous: Don, Divine or Dandy? Determining Academic Dress as Distinct from the Clerical — and the Civil from Both — in 15th-Century England, with Particular Reference to the University of Oxford)

Andrew Plant (by submission — Designing in Circles, Conversing in Triangles, Dressing in Squares: Tracing the Evolution of the Academical Dress of the University of Sussex 1958–1966)

Liran Renert (by submission — Coats of Many Colours: A Brief Review of Academic Dress in Israel)

Samuel Teague (by submission — The Contemporary Usage of Academic Hoods in Oxford Collegiate Choirs)

*Programme included the following*

The Revd Philip Goff *A Tribute to Dr Nicholas Groves, FBS, FRHistS*  
Debbie Newns, University of Chester *Chester Academic Dress and Ceremonial*

Ian Sudlow-McKay, Napier Univ *Chester Dress:  
A View from On-stage and Off*

Nicola Hardy, University of Cambridge *Cambridge Ceremonial Tales*

Charles Tsua *Gimp, Lace & Braid: New Developments and Discoveries*

**15 December**

**Virtual speaker event**

Online via Zoom

Nicholas Rowe *The Doctoral Sword of Finland: Tracing an Academy's Right to Bear Arms*

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