



# Reflected Shadows: Folklore and the Gothic



A Joint Conference of The Folklore Society and Kingston University

At: Kingston University, Knights Park Campus, Grange Road, Kingston, Surrey, KT1 2QJ

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016



Papers will explore such themes as: urban Gothic, commodity Gothic, screen Gothic, Gothic hauntology and Gothic parody, & many traditions influenced by folk narrative or other folklore genres. Screaming skulls or steampunk, walled-up nuns or neo-medievalism—contributions will seek to address the creative reflection of popular traditions in Gothic cultural forms.

Whether you're coming from Otranto or Gormenghast, from Whitby or Innsmouth, never say nevermore!

**Keynote Address: Prof. Fred Botting: “Zombies: Neither Gothic nor Folklore.”**

The conference will begin in the afternoon of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and end after lunch on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. The Folklore Society's AGM 2016 (FLS members only), will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 pm, followed by the FLS Presidential Address (everyone welcome):

**Prof. James H. Grayson: “Invading Mongols and the Preservation of Korean Traditions: The Monk Iryon and the Memorabilia of the Three Kingdoms.”**

**Conference fees:** Concessionary rate applies to: Our conference speakers, FLS members, Students, Pensioners, Unwaged, and Kingston University staff): All 3 days: **£75.00**. Day rates available.

Standard rate: All 3 days: **£90.00**.

**To book**, either visit <http://bit.ly/1VZsOUY> and pay online, or contact [thefolkloresociety@gmail.com](mailto:thefolkloresociety@gmail.com) (tel +44(0)207 862 8564) for a booking form. Bookings must be made and paid by **1 April**. Late bookings may be accepted but we can't guarantee catering.

**Optional Conference Dinner:** Friday evening 15 April, 7.30 pm, at Strada, 1 Griffin Centre, Market Place, Kingston, KT1 1JT. There will be a fixed menu which must be pre-ordered and pre-paid: **£25.75**

**Visit to Strawberry Hill:** Sunday 17 April, after the conference ends. Tickets can be bought on the day but we need to know numbers in advance. We will go by public transport: 3 stops by train from Kingston station.

**Accommodation** is not provided but the Antoinette Hotel near Kingston University offers a discount: call 0844 567 8950 or email [stay@antoinettehotels.com](mailto:stay@antoinettehotels.com) to book and quote “Reflected Shadows” to obtain the preferential rate: NB discount only available until **27 February**. We can supply a list of other hotels in Kingston on request. For more information about the conference and programme, visit [www.folklore-society.com](http://www.folklore-society.com) or contact [thefolkloresociety@gmail.com](mailto:thefolkloresociety@gmail.com) (tel. +44(0)207 862 8564).