

Stroud Wassail, incorporating the **Fifth Mummers Unconvention**, Museum in the Park, Stroud, 8th January 2016.

Symposium programme,

9.30-10:00 Registration and Coffee

10.00-10.05 Steve Rowley Welcome and Housekeeping

10.05-11.15 Panel 1

- Ronald Hutton 'The History of Christmas'.
- Paul Smith 'A missed encounter: Dr James Scott, MD. RN. and the Papa Stour sword dance'

11.15-11.30 Coffee and Refreshments

11.30-1.00 Panel 2

- Lynn Lunde 'The recreation of the mummers play in St John's, Newfoundland'
- Ron Shuttleworth 'Distortion. mis-hearing, transplants and rationalisation: Insights into some causes of textual differences in mummers' plays'
- David Lock 'Out of the woodwork – The Green Man as a symbol of the Environment'

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 Panel 3

- Richard Sermon 'WASSAIL from Heorot to Hastings – The origins of an ancient salutation'
- Richard Chidlaw 'Collecting wassail traditions in South Gloucestershire'
- Gwilym Davies 'Wassail songs of Gloucestershire' [title TBC]

3.30-4.15 Open Forum and Close