Reception – Book launch – Illustrated lecture & discussion
Jesus College West Court
Thursday 11th January 2018 – 18.15 to 20.30

CAMBRIDGE STATION – ITS DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION AS A RAIL CENTRE
Published by Pen & Sword Transport – an imprint of Pen & Sword Books Ltd. Barnsley, South Yorkshire. UK

A new definitive illustrated book about Cambridge Station which explores the opening of the station in 1845; the four principal railway companies which all worked to and from the station in a 'tangle of mutual inconvenience'; the extensive goods traffic which was handled in the several goods yards around the station; and the way the Station operated from early beginnings, to what Abellio Greater Anglia and Network Rail have achieved today.
The book contains several pictures never before published, notably 19th century plans from Jesus College Archives. It shows how the Eastern Counties and then the Great Eastern Railway Companies created Cambridge Station and the Engine Sheds, Goods Yards, Signal Boxes and extensive sidings to serve East Anglia.
And the book tells people stories too, because the author worked on the station in the 1950s and 1960s and knows Cambridge and East Anglia well. He is a geographer and writes with knowledge, wisdom and humour.

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Timetable
18.15  Reception – soft drinks / paybar
19.00  Lecture
19.50  Discussion, networking and book-signing / paybar
20.30  Carriages

ROB SHORLAND-BALL grew up in Cambridge, worked for BR at Cambridge Station and was Deputy Head and Project Development Director at the National Railway Museum, York, from 1987 to 1994.
He has an extensive knowledge of railways both as a researcher and author as well as a 'hands-on' steam engine cleaner, fireman and driver. He has advised on projects at several heritage railways in the UK, at Steamtown, Scranton, Pennsylvania and Donetsk in the Ukraine.
Rob, a former teacher, is also a born story teller so Cambridge Station comes to life in his lecture and even more so in his book.