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Essays must be submitted on or before 31 December each year. They must be word processed, on one side of the paper only, with double spacing for the text, and single or double spacing for the footnotes. No set of conventions for the style of the text or footnotes is fixed, but they should be internally consistent, and candidates are advised to observe those used by a reputable learned journal, publisher or academic department. The essays may include relevant illustrations, for example maps which aid the appreciation of the text. The upper limit is 20,000 words (the total word count to include footnotes and appendices but excluding bibliography). There is no lower limit. Communications should be addressed to Dr Richard Jones, Re. The John Nichols Prize, Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester, Marc Fitch Historical Institute, 5 Salisbury Road, Leicester, LE1 7QR. Email rlcj1@le.ac.uk

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