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FRIENDS' VISITS PLANNED FOR 2018 and 2019

Amendment dated 1st July 2018

Please note that the date of the visit to the Royal College of Physicians has changed

Please contact the Visits Secretary if you are interested in any or all of these visits.

Tuesday 18th September 2018
Trinity College Cambridge

This visit will start formally at 2:00pm when we will meet at the entrance to Trinity College. The Librarian, Nicolas Bell, will then lead us on a tour of Trinity College and its Wren Library. It has been suggested that some Friends may also wish to arrive earlier and to visit individually the newly refurbished Kettle's Yard in Castle Street (where the galleries open at 11:00am and the house at midday) before lunch at 12:30pm in a local pub or restaurant, where Nicolas Bell will join us. Fuller details will be promulgated nearer the time and after the visits secretary has made a reconnaissance trip.

The visit will be restricted to 15 Friends only and the cost will be £15 per head which will include a donation to Trinity College Library. (Lunch will be at your own expense).

Tuesday 30th October 2018 (revised date)
The Royal College of Physicians

This afternoon visit will start at 2pm with a guided tour of the College, a Grade I listed building in Regents Park designed by Denys Lasdun. The tour will include the College's new exhibition *500 years of Women in Medicine* to which Lambeth Palace Library is lending two documents, and a handling session when the Rare Books Librarian, Katie Birkwood, will set out a selection of books (the RCP has a large number of incunables and about 100 books from the lost library of John Dee). The originally planned visit to the medicinal garden will no longer be suitable at the end of October, and refreshments are no longer offered by the RCP. The visit will finish at 4pm when a cup of tea and a cake will be available at a nearby café.

The visit will be restricted to 20 Friends only and the cost will be about £10 a head (the tea and cake will be at your own expense).

Tuesday 4th December 2018
The Ashmolean Museum – “Spellbound”, and exhibition about witchcraft

A guided tour of *Spellbound*, an exhibition on witchcraft (!), to which Lambeth Palace Library is lending items, will form the centrepiece of a day in Oxford, and has been booked to start at 2:30pm. Friends may wish to visit the Ashmolean informally before that and a table will be booked for a light lunch in the café at 12:30pm.

This visit will be restricted to 12 Friends – if there is sufficient demand we will book a second tour on the same day - and will cost about £25 a head (lunch will be at your own expense).

Tuesday 5th February 2019

The British Library – “Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms: A landmark exhibition on the history, art, literature and culture of Anglo-Saxon England”

The visit will start at 2:00pm in the British Library with an introduction to the exhibition by a curator and then entry to the exhibition for Friends to tour it individually. For those who wish, a “classic afternoon tea” will be available in the Terrace Restaurant at 4:00pm.

The visit will be restricted to 15 Friends and the cost will be about £20 for the exhibition and £15 for tea.

Tuesday 14th May 2019

Lichfield Cathedral and City

The group will meet in the Cathedral, which has a very interesting library among many notable features, have lunch in the Cathedral Refectory and then have a guided tour of Lichfield taking in Ebenezer Darwin’s Herb Garden and ending in Ashmole’s House, a museum next to Dr Johnson’s House.

For those wishing to explore further privately there are good markets on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Historic properties in the area include Calke Abbey (NT), Staunton Harold Church (NT), Sudbury Hall (NT), Kedleston Hall (NT), Moseley Old Hall (NT), Boscobel Hall (EH) and Ashby de la Zouch Castle (EH).

Tuesday 11th June 2019

A London Book Walk: “Bibliophile St James’s”

Anthony Davis, a Friend of Lambeth Palace Library, will conduct us on a bookish tour of St James’s, starting at 11:00am.

Tuesday 22nd or 29th October 2019 (whichever is during school half term)

Croydon Palace

We will tour this charming and historic old building, a home of the Archbishops of Canterbury for more than five centuries and a regular haunt of monarchs such as Henry III and Elizabeth I. There is more to Croydon than a tramway and Kate Moss.

Late November 2019

The Priory Church of The Order of St John, Clerkenwell

This visit will comprise a conducted tour of the Church and its museum and also a visit to the Parish Clerks' Well (hence Clerkenwell) just behind Farringdon station.

Please note that future requests for payment for visits will include the option of a voluntary additional donation to the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library. Visits are a benefit of membership of the Friends, a group with quite a wide range of income levels, so the charges for each visit are set merely to cover costs, leaving only the possibility of a very modest surplus. These visits offer some remarkable opportunities for privileged admission to special exhibitions, libraries and other institutions, usually with an expert guided tour, and we therefore invite Friends who take advantage of them to consider making an extra contribution (at their own discretion) for the benefit of Lambeth Palace Library.