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DON'T MISS OUT - FRIENDS OF THE FITZWILLIAM E-ALERT

Did you know about the History of Art Faculty Graduate seminars in the Lent Term? Eight fascinating talks on the theme of "Collecting" delivered by experts from all over the country. No? That's because we don't have your email address.

We are delighted to announce that, thanks to the Museum's IT department, we now can communicate with you by email. We are building up a list of Friends' emails which we will use sparingly and carefully to let you know of Friends' events in addition to our normal mailing and newsletter. We can let you know when there is space on a visit or outing, remind you of lectures or other events organised by the Committee, and alert you to Museum or University art-related events which might be of interest. All Friends' list emails will be headed "Friends of the Fitzwilliam E-Alert".

Do we have your email? If we do, you will already have received this announcement by email and you would have heard about the History of Art faculty seminars. If we do not, and you would like to be included, please email Penny Cleobury on pc290@cam.ac.uk and head your email -

Friends of the Fitzwilliam Email List

DON'T MISS OUT – DO IT TODAY!

HAIL AND FAREWELL

This Spring we say goodbye to Deirdre Price-Thomas who has served on the committee for 9 years leading many of the memorable outings and visits. She reckons she has organised about 25 in all, culminating in the recent visit to Lambeth Palace and the Van Gogh exhibition. Also leaving us, as her home base has moved to Norfolk, is Felicity Pugh, who joined the Friends Committee in Summer 2006 with responsibility for social events. Before that she was on the Courtyard Appeal Committee under Nicholas Baring's Chairmanship. We thank both Deirdre and Felicity for their hard work and commitment.

Joining us are four new members. Sarah Bradfield will be working with Jane Dix on outings and trips



Deirdre Price-Thomas



Felicity Pugh

while Nick Chrimes and Gillian Harrison will take the lead on organising Cambridge and College visits and support Marr Grieve in the Museum based tours and occasions. Cazzy Walshe joins us to lead on membership and fundraising issues. A warm welcome to them all.

Visit the website: www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/support/friends/index.html

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2010

Doddington Hall & Gardens

Lincoln

Tuesday 27 May 2010



Photo © Claire Birch

Doddington Hall was built by one of England's foremost Elizabethan architects, Robert Smythson, and was finished in 1600. The exterior has changed little since its completion, but the interior was redecorated by Sir John Delaval in the Georgian style in 1760. The house has never been sold – it is still a family home - and contains a fine selection of furniture, porcelain, textiles, paintings, ceramics and wallpapers, all of which have been accumulated over the past four hundred years. The gardens are extensive, covering 6 acres. They include wild areas, a formal walled garden with deep herbaceous borders and splendid bulb plantings, and a 2 acre kitchen garden.

A full day is planned. In small groups, we will have a garden tour in the morning, and a House tour in the afternoon.

Please note that the House has several flights of stairs, and it is not possible to leave the House tour once it has commenced.

The coach will leave from Trumpington Park & Ride at 8:30 am, returning at approximately 6:30pm.

Organiser: Jane Dix

Ticket price (48 places) £48.50

(includes entry fees, guides, coffee, lunch and a cream tea)

VOTE OF THANKS

The Friends would like to thank Matt Rouam-Sim and his team for the excellent catering at the Christmas Party with the wide variety and choice of dishes in little bowls.



Ashmolean Museum & Pitt Rivers

Oxford

Thursday 8 July 2010

Following much recent publicity about the refurbishment of the Ashmolean Museum we thought that we should see for ourselves. Therefore a trip to Oxford is arranged.

We shall leave Madingley Road Park and Ride at 8.00a.m. On arrival at the Ashmolean we shall have coffee before a guided tour of the museum which will last for about an hour. After the tour you will be free for lunch (there are many bars and restaurants and even The Randolph nearby). After lunch we shall meet again at the Pitt Rivers Museum at 2.30p.m. for a short talk and tour of the museum. This museum has also recently been refurbished and is a wonderfully eclectic collection of objects given to the University by Augustus Henry Lane Fox Pitt Rivers in 1884. The museum is housed in a fine example of High Gothic architecture. We shall rendez-vous at the Ashmolean at 4.30p.m. and aim to return to Cambridge by about 6.30p.m.

Organiser: Monica Thomas

Cost: £27.50 (including coffee but NOT lunch)

An Educational Experience

In the Museum

Friday 23 July 2010 10.30 - 1.30

Over the past two years The Museum's Education Department has welcomed over 600,000 people, of all ages. Through the schools programme, adult courses, 'behind the scenes' tours, studio workshops, sessions for pre school age children, outreach work and partnership with the Fitzwilliam Museum Society they try to offer something for everyone.

Julia Tozer who runs the Education Department has kindly offered Friends the opportunity to find out more and experience their programme. Try your skills at creative writing or practical work in the studio and take part in a museum trail which may take you to parts of the collection you have not previously explored. The morning will end with sandwich lunch, with wine, in the Friends' room at about 1.00.

Led by Julia Tozer and members of her team.

20 places

Tickets: £15.00 to include lunch

Sundial Walks of Cambridge

from Downing College

Tuesday 10 & Saturday 14 August 11.00

*I am a sundial, and I make a botch
Of what is done far better by a watch.*

Hillaire Belloc

Dr Frank King, the University Bell Ringer, Keeper of the University Clock and well-known Diallist has kindly offered to take two groups of Friends around some of the most interesting of the many hundreds of sundials in Cambridge. From the oldest example at Little St Mary's to the multi-faceted dial in the Downing Site and to more modern examples such as the beautiful sundial in Pembroke, Friends will see a fine array of these fascinating objects as well as learning a little about how they are created. Friends will even learn which colleges have no sundials – yet!

The walks on both days will start from the Porter's Lodge at Downing College at 11am and will finish near King's Parade.

Numbers will be limited to 20 people per group. The walk will take place unless the weather is absolutely awful, so please come prepared for the occasional shower.

The tour will last about 1½ - 2 hours.

Organiser: Marr Grieve on Tuesday 10 August

and Jane Dix on Saturday 14 August

Tickets £10.

Membership news

We are delighted to report that the membership of The Friends goes from strength to strength and that about 70 new Friends have joined this year. We warmly welcome them all and look forward to seeing them at future events.

Volunteers news

Volunteers' who work with the Antiquities Department are currently developing two aspects to present to the public -

- 1) Short introductory tours to the Egyptian galleries, based on particular themes.
- 2) Talks on specific items relating to the new Greek & Roman Gallery display.

You may encounter these on your visits to the Museum from mid-year onwards.

The Committee - Who we are

Margaret Mair, Chairman: John Pegler, Treasurer: Kate Carreno, Museum Representative: Jane Dix, Visits and Tours: Sarah Bradfield, Visits and Events: Susan Rasmussen, Events and University Liaison: Monica Thomas, Newsletter and Mailing: Marr Grieve, Friends' Volunteers: Gillian Harrison, Cambridge Tours: Nick Chrimes, Cambridge Tours: Cazzy Walshe, Fund-raising and Membership, Penny Cleobury, Secretary pc290@cam.ac.uk

Summer Drinks with optional Choral Evensong

Jesus College

Thursday 10 June 2010



Friends are invited to enjoy wine and strawberries in the Master's Garden, (or, if wet, in the Cloisters) at Jesus College on Thursday 10th June from 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Tickets: £16.50

Friends are also most welcome to attend a special Choral Evensong in the chapel of Jesus College at 6.30pm. The highly regarded Chapel Choir of men and boys is one of only three college choirs of its kind in Cambridge. Unlike those at King's and St. John's it recruits its trebles from local schools.

Please indicate on the booking form whether you plan to attend so that seating can be arranged.

Lambeth Palace Library

To celebrate 400 years since its foundation, Lambeth Palace Library is mounting an exhibition of some of its manuscripts, archives and printed books, many of which have never before been shown to the public. A Gutenberg Bible, a copy of the warrant for the execution of Mary Queen of Scots and papers relating to Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon are included.

The exhibition runs from Monday May 17th until Friday July 23rd. Further details from www.lambethpalacelibrary.org.

Foreign Trips

In the past there have been a number of successful Friends' trips abroad arranged by ACE Travel. The last Newsletter, mentioned a proposed trip to Leipzig in October 2010 but unfortunately this visit is no longer feasible as the flight details have changed. The Committee have decided not to offer a foreign trip this year but we will keep the decision under review and look at possible options for next year.

THE CENTENARY PARTY RED...GOLD...GREEN



There was good company



lots of wine



and Magic



short
speeches



music and
dancing