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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR - THANK YOU



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuing support for the Museum. These are not easy times and we need your help more than ever.

All our principal sources of funding - the University, the Higher Education Funding Council for England, and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council, as well as charitable and corporate sponsors - are cutting back and allocating their resources more sparingly. So the money raised by the Friends to enable us to continue purchasing works of art and maintain our collection as one of the most important in the country is invaluable. We are also inviting the Friends and other supporters to consider including the

Fitzwilliam in their planning for legacies and bequests (see back page), which are an increasingly critical source of funds to museums around the world. Meanwhile there is much to celebrate in the Museum's activities over the past two years. Attendances for exhibitions and associated programmes have been higher than ever before. We are continuing to gain support for organising exhibitions of national and international importance, and for collaborative research at the highest level. I am delighted also to see that the Friends as an organisation is thriving with membership increasing and an active programme of very interesting events. I enjoyed meeting some of you at the Summer Party and I hope to meet many more over the coming year.



Dr Timothy Potts

2009 - 2010 ACQUISITIONS

- Two wood block carvings with gesso by Eric Gill, English 1927
- A wooden comb, Egyptian, about 1550-1295BC.
- *Aethelred* c.870 silver penny, bought with a contribution from the Grierson Fund
- Contemporary Art Medal *Pinch and Tuck* by Peter Randall-Page, 2009
- Four British Art Medals from the collection of Cecil John Bourne:
 1. Ronald Searle *Charles Dickens*, 1983, cast bronze
 2. Peter Quinn *John Betjeman*, 1985, cast bronze
 3. Jonah Jones *Dylan Thomas*, 1985, cast bronze
 4. Ronald Pennell *A Tree for Me*, 1985, cast bronze
- Two prints by Utagawa Kunisada (1786-1865) *Women divers at Ise making strips of dried Abalone* (see illustration) and *Prince Mitsuuji at leisure by the seashore*, number 2.



We should also like to thank Donato Esposito who gave *Portrait of Jules Luquet* by Charles Emil Jacque, etching and aquatint 1866 and David Scrase who gave Chinese export ware, *Armorial dish*, *arms of Cartaret* and the crest porcelain painted in enamels and gold. Chinese, Qing dynasty, Yongzheng period, c.1730 and also *The Night of Waiting* by Torii Kiyonobu I (1664-1729), a wood block print with hand colouring c.1710

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR AUTUMN 2010

Graves and Memorials Walks of Cambridge

Tuesday 28 September &
Saturday 9th October 2.00 - 4.00 pm

*"The grave's a fine and private place,
But none, I think, do there embrace."*

Andrew Marvel

The walks will last approximately two hours and will be led by Nick Chrimes, author of the recent and fascinating book *Cambridge - Treasure Island in the Fens*, and will move between College Chapels and town churches, looking at some of the fine and private graves and revealing their secrets and stories. The walks will start at Little St Mary's in Trumpington Street and finish at Christ's College, with up to six 'stops' to rest in some of the many stalls and pews.

Organisers: Nick Chrimes and Gillian Harrison
15 places on each walk
Tickets: £10

Visit to The Historic Dockyard

Chatham

Thursday 14th October

The Dockyard, a site of over 80 acres, is a fascinating piece of British history. A guide will introduce us to the Exhibition and No.1 Smithery in the morning. In the afternoon, you can either explore the site and other exhibitions, OR join a pre-booked tour of either The Ropery, the Victorian building over 1,000ft long, or a unique tour of the 'Ships and Slips'.

We shall also have the opportunity to view a series of eight newly restored panels, by Sir Stanley Spencer, on loan from the Imperial War Museum, from the period when he served as War Artist during World War II.

Coffee/tea on arrival, lunch, and coffee/tea before departure included.

Depart Trumpington Park & Ride, 8.30am, return approximately 6.30pm

Organiser: Jane Dix

Tickets: £47.50

Shahnameh Exhibition Evening in the Museum

Wednesday 29 September 2010 6.00 - 8.00 pm

This is a private view for Friends of the Museum's main autumn exhibition which is to celebrate the Millennium of the Persian "Book of Kings". This is Iran's national epic and many items have not previously been exhibited.

The Curator of the exhibition, Professor Charles Melville, will give a short introduction and then will be in the Mellon Gallery to answer questions as members look around.

Access is via the Courtyard Entrance from 6.00 - 8.00 pm with a free glass of wine or soft drink on arrival.

A cash bar will remain in the Courtyard.

Organiser: Marr Grieve.
Tickets: £12.50 per person.

Trinity College and the Wren Library

Monday 8 November

10.00 am or 2.30 pm

For these two separate tours on the same day Nick Chrimes will welcome Friends at the Trinity Great Gate and show them round the Great Court and the College Chapel before moving on to the Library. The head librarian, Sandy Paul, has kindly agreed to open the Library specially for the Friends' tours. He will talk about its book collection, its role as a research resource, as well as its more recent acquisitions, such as the archives of A.A. Milne.

Organiser: Nick Chrimes

Tickets: £16

15 places on each tour. Tickets will be allocated by ballot on 30th September.

STOP PRESS

A new venture in the calendar of Friends' activities

There will be a series of lunchtime talks, lasting about forty-five minutes, given by PhD students in the History of Art Department. The students will discuss their work alongside the objects being studied. The first talk by Loyd Grossman on the sculptor Ben West will be on Wednesday 27th October and the second by Elizabeth Upper on 16th century German prints on Wednesday 24th November.

Please apply for tickets by e-mail or written note to Penny Cleobury on: pc290@cam.ac.uk or c/o The Friends Office. Tickets (maximum 12 per group) will be allotted by ballot on 30th September and successful applicants will be notified.

Sue Purdy Lecture

Wednesday 17 November

6.00 pm Howard Building, Downing College

Dr Frank Salmon, Head of Department of History of Art,
University of Cambridge

“The Auspicious Commencement of a Noble Work”

So said the Vice Chancellor at the laying of the foundation stone of the Fitzwilliam Museum in 1837. The lecture will cover the fascinating history of the Fitzwilliam Museum, including early plans, the architectural competition for its design and the context of architectural developments elsewhere in the University.

Tickets: £5 with wine reception after the lecture.

Organiser: Sue Rasmussen



Diaghilev and the Golden Age of the Ballets Russes, 1909 – 1929

Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Tuesday 23rd November 2010

This major retrospective will examine the origins, development and long term influence of the Ballets Russes, Diaghilev's extraordinary company which first performed in Europe one hundred years ago and revolutionised ballet.

We will leave Trumpington Park & Ride at 8.00 am. After a quick coffee in the cafeteria, there will be a lecture about the exhibition, in the Hochhauser Auditorium. After this talk, there will be timed access to the Diaghilev Exhibition. We will depart for Cambridge at 3.30 pm, until which time you will be free to wander and visit at will.

Organiser: Sarah Bradfield

Tickets: £32.00 - 48 places

(Includes lecture and exhibition fees but does not include refreshments)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 7 December

7.00 - 9.30 pm

GLITZ AT THE FITZ

Following the spectacular success of last year's party, Friends and friends of Friends are invited to an evening of drinks, supper and music in the Courtyard and surrounding galleries.

Apply now for your ticket on the enclosed application form. Early booking advised!

Tickets £27.50 each

Dress: A Touch of Glitz

Friends' Christmas Shopping Event

Sunday 7 November 10.30 - 12.00

Fitzwilliam Museum Enterprises is under new management and a very special morning for Friends has been arranged at the Courtyard Shop. Come along to the Courtyard between 10.30 and 12 noon, enjoy complimentary coffee and mince pies and many special offers exclusive to Friends including the launch of the new Fitzwilliam at Home range.

NEW Fitzwilliam at Home range

NEW Christmas card designs

NEW Limited edition Fitzwilliam Christmas tree decorations

20% off all Christmas cards and decorations

20% off all new Fitzwilliam products

10% off general gifts and books

Complimentary coffee and mince pies

These special prices are only available on the day so make space in your diary for this fun and friendly event.

The Courtyard Shop Small focus group wanted

The new Managing Director, Camay Chapman-Cameron, has asked if we can help with a small focus group, two members of which should have young children, to meet about three times a year to look at product development proposals. If you are interested in product design, enjoy shopping and would like to help, please contact committee member Cazzy Walshe on walshefamily@btinternet.com or on her mobile: 07855 708376

Have you thought of remembering The Fitzwilliam Museum in your Will?

Three reasons to do so:

- You will ensure a lasting contribution, in your memory, to the Fitzwilliam Museum and to the cultural heritage of this country.
- You will be joining those generous benefactors, back to Viscount Fitzwilliam himself in 1816, who have helped to make the Fitzwilliam one of the finest museums in Europe.
- Legacies are tax efficient, reducing your inheritance tax liability and redirecting the money you would have paid in tax to support the Museum.

Please think about a legacy when making your Will. Existing Wills can easily be amended by codicil. Now more than ever, the future welfare of the Museum depends upon the generosity of supporters like you. Legacies of all sizes are greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information, please contact Sue Rhodes in the Development Office on:
Tel: 01223 332939 • Email: sr295@cam.ac.uk or you can find full information about giving a legacy at:
www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/support/legacies.html

SUMMER PARTY 2010 - Master's Lodge & Garden, Jesus College

