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brick building,
Osterley Park
see article on page 16
Photo: John Stacey

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COFFEE MORNING

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2014 OVERVIEW

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JUDITH EVANS

**THE JERSEY
COLLECTION**

Old Brewhouse, Osterley Park

Jersey Road,
Isleworth TW7 4RB

Tickets at the door

Friends: £3

Non-members £4

Tea / Coffee
and biscuits



from the Chairman John James



What an amazing autumn we have had! Firstly a very late spring when all growth took its time and the blossom was slow in coming, then a delayed, hot summer. Perhaps these have given us such a late autumn flowering, with the roses lasting longer and leaves staying on the trees with their lovely autumn colours, which we have been able to see in Osterley Park. As Neil Cole said, the storms we had were a shock reminder of the damage nature can throw upon us, and unfortunately some 13 trees within the estate were lost.



Osterley in May - photo: West End Agency

We have had three coffee mornings since our last newsletter. The first was given by Megan Tanner, Commercial Manager, on "Commercial Services ... it's not just about money!" Notes from her thought-provoking presentation are included in this newsletter. On 21 October we were due to have Claire Reid to talk on the Jersey Loan, but this had to be postponed so Neil Cole kindly stepped in to give us an update on activities and news of projects at Osterley Park which everyone found stimulating. On 26 November Elizabeth Kaye, Property Administrator, gave us a very interesting talk on her early life in theatre



Wedding in April Photo: West End Agency

administration, especially working in the West End, then as part of the London Organising Committee of the Games (LOCOG) in the cultural department before taking on her present role at Osterley Park. In

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2014 we plan to have more coffee mornings with speakers, the first on 29 January with an overview of the 2014 season by Neil Cole and the second on 5 March on the Jersey Collection by Judith Evans, House Steward.



Our Treasurer, Douglas Craik, and I attended the National Trust Supporter Group Conference at Basildon Park on 8 October. The aims of the conference were for the National Trust to continue to

build relationships with Supporter Groups, to share the region's progress, as an opportunity for discussion and sharing ideas and views between groups and as an opportunity to socialise with other groups. It was attended by 44 representatives and 20 staff members. The Friends of Osterley Park was the only property Friends' group represented.

Patricia and I attended the National Trust AGM in St. David's Hall, Cardiff on 26 October. This was the first meeting for Dame Helen Ghosh, the new Director General. In addition to

the elections to the Council, there were two members' resolutions. The first proposed the introduction of an immediate and widespread badger vaccination programme on the charity's land. This was defeated. The



Board advocate an approach to tackling bovine TB which covers an integrated package of measures, including those to improve biosecurity and prevent cattle-to-cattle transmission.

The second members' resolution was for the tea procurement policy to fall in line with the NT report published in 2009 and that tea in all NT properties specifically carry the Fairtrade Mark. This too was defeated. The Board said that both Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance met minimum standards for tea, coffee and cocoa-based products. The Rainforest Alliance, however, met other criteria of quality, taste, cost and availability.

Mike Doran, a committee member of the Friends of Osterley Park, attended the Hounslow Community Network AGM on behalf of the Friends. This event was hosted by Ealing CVS and funded by Hounslow Council. The Network has about 100 members, runs free training courses for people in the voluntary sector and organisations can turn to it for advice. It is setting up ways of supporting groups. ☺

from the 100 Club

The third draw of this competition was held at the Friends' Coffee Morning on Tuesday 26 November.

Congratulations to the winners who were:

Miss C Diwell £25

Mr M Huffer £60

Mr M White £100

As you know, half of the money from the 100 club is used for prizes whilst the other half is used for projects at Osterley.

Please note that the 100 Club is a private lottery and so shares can only be allocated to paid up members of the Friends. ☺





from the Treasurer

Douglas Craik

Standing Orders

Thanks to all those who have updated their Standing Order to reflect the new membership rates (£10 single, £16 double plus 100 club payment).

A few haven't, if you are one of these there will be a form enclosed. could you complete and return to me please.

Alternatively if you do internet banking and are happy about setting up standing orders please do so using

Payee- Friends of Osterley,

Sort Code- 20 02 06

Account- 70389315

with your name as a reference. If you do this, please drop me an email so I know, dcraik@hotmail.co.uk



Gift Aid

Many thanks to the 79 people (including 14 new ones this year) who have signed Gift Aid forms, this means we have obtained £200 from HMRC this year and at least £300 next year. From 2015 we will also be able to claim Gift Aid on the Buggy collection.

Buggy

We have a collection tin in the volunteer driven Customer Courtesy vehicle (Buggy), unfortunately this is now made of steel and partly bolted to the buggy as 4 plastic ones and one metal box chained to the buggy were stolen previously.

However the good services of the drivers on a most every day the house is open has raised nearly £1,500 which will pay for the Buggy servicing and maintenance of the self drive mini-buggies and contribute to other donations to the house. Well done to all concerned.



Coach Trips

Douglas Craik

We ran seven day trips in 2013.. All covered their costs (one only just) and one had a waiting list, so overall these were clearly of interest to members. Although the trips were not run as a profit making activity we did raise about £500 and this goes to donations to the house.

We have had a survey of views on this year's programme (see page 8) and we seem to have got it fairly right as there were no areas where there was general discontent. In many items, there was a minority of alternative views, so we will generally stick with the majority views but look to where we can adapt a bit.

We will be running a programme of coach trips again in 2014.

One change from last year is that we will be asking for an extra pound for guests of Friends (who are not volunteers). This is because we have realised, after consultation with other NT supporter groups who run tours, that members ought to have some benefit from being Friends of Osterley Park on these trips.

I am also pleased to report that thanks to the efforts of Barrie Pyle we will also be running a 5 day/4 night tour around Birmingham from 10 to 14 September 2014. We need to have at least 40 on the tour to make this work and the deposit has already been paid so early booking will be appreciated. The individual deposit is non-refundable unless we cancel the holiday due to lack of interest - as with the day trips replacement by someone else is acceptable. The cut off for initial booking is 28 February 2014, if there are places left then these will then be offered to Volunteers who are not members of the Friends.



North East Tour 2009 Photo John Stacey

The accommodation at the University of Birmingham is generally in single en suite rooms, though some lucky people will get single occupancy of a twin/double (as

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they ran out of rooms) at the same cost. Anyone happy to share can do so at a reduced cost.

Booking forms for the first three coach trips and for the Birmingham tour are supplied with this newsletter. More information from the individual organisers is included in this newsletter or please contact them directly.

Ticket availability	Douglas Craik 020 8977 8449
11 April Standen	James Law 020 8741 7527
13 May Ickworth	Patricia Barrett 020 8568 9050
10 June Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway and Smallhythe Place	Margaret Friday 020 8991 0593
10 to 14 Sep Birmingham	Barrie Pyle 020 8840 2088
Advance Warning of coach trips	
24 July	Bekonscot Model Village / Nuffield Place
12 Aug	Living Rain Forest / Grey's Court
7 Oct	Canons Ashby

Questionnaire

Douglas Craik

Many thanks to the 36 people who returned our questionnaire on the running of tours in 2013.

The headlines are

- only a few people found the second chance to book confusing (6%)
- none found the process difficult.
- Few (3%) felt it was unfair to not normally refund bookings
- About 14% felt the tours should start earlier or later and 12% felt we should return earlier or later- in both cases it was roughly half earlier and half later- so that kind of cancels out this concern
- About 30% felt we should miss out August but that means 70% want us to keep this in
- A small number (6%) wanted to start in March

- Finally only 6% felt that we should not go to non-NT locations due to cost.

In summary we will keep the process much the same in 2014 as the vast majority are happy with this but we will tweak a few bits where we can

We had 42 suggestions of properties to go to but only 5 got more than one vote (we all have our favourite property) and coincidentally 2 of these were already in the 2014 programme which was decided earlier this year. The other 4 will be added to our list of locations.

Over 2/3rds of respondents were interested in the 5 day tour so that bodes well for bookings opening now. [a](#)

Standen

James Law



The first coach trip of 2014 will be to Standen NT property on 11 April. Standen is 2 miles from East Grinstead, West Sussex, so we should be able to do the coach journey from Osterley Park without stopping on

the way. I understand there are several wheelchairs available on loan for group visits. The Barn Restaurant at Standen will offer lunch, coffee and snacks as required.

The House was designed by the architect Philip Webb and built in the 1890s for wealthy London solicitor, James Beale. The interior of the house retains many of the original wallpapers and textiles designed by Webb's friend, William Morris, and has important contents by Morris's friends including William De Morgan and WAS Benson, amongst others.

The 12-acre informal garden, set on a hillside, has magnificent views over the Sussex Weald. Azaleas and ferns, lawns, her-

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baceous and shrub borders and a kitchen garden are amongst its features. A long-term restoration programme is in progress, some areas of the garden may occasionally be restricted. Much work on the garden restoration project has already been accomplished and the work will continue into the 2014 visiting season. Hollybush and Rockinghill Woods form part of the estate, and each has spectacular displays of bluebells in the spring. Leaflets describing woodland walks are available from the Ticket Office

Coach cost: Friends / Volunteers £14; Guests £15

Entry fees: NT free, non-NT (group rate) about £8



Ickworth

Patricia Barrett

Our second coach outing will be to Ickworth on Tuesday 13 May. An eccentric bishop with a taste for travel built this unusual house to display his fine collection of paintings and sculpture but he lost most



Photo: Karen Roe (click)

of the items before the house was completed! The bishop was Frederick Hervey (pronounced "Harvey"), 4th Duke of Bristol and Bishop of Derry. He was unlucky to be in Rome when Napoleon occupied the city—he was imprisoned and his collection confiscated. After his death in 1803, the first Marquess of Bristol completed the house—a 700ft long building with an impressive 100ft high rotunda. It contains Regency furniture, magnificent silver, paintings, etc. There is a fine Italianate garden and tranquil parkland to enjoy. A restaurant and outdoor café are on site.

Coach cost: Friends / Volunteers £17.50; Guests £18.50

Entry fees: NT free, non-NT (group rate) about £11



Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway and Smallhythe

Margaret Friday



Photo: Karen Roe (click)

Our coach outing on 10 June will allow us to enjoy the delights of the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway and Ellen Terry's medieval cottage at Smallhythe. For the past 87 years the Rail-

way has been an integral part of the landscape of the Romney Marsh.

Leaving Osterley at 9.30am, we should arrive in Hythe in time for lunch (there is an eating place at the station or the high street is about ten minutes walk away). The 1.10pm steam train service will take just over an hour to cross Romney Marsh to arrive at Dungeness known for interesting birds and its lighthouse. The coach will meet the train at Dungeness to take us to

Smallhythe for a visit and afternoon tea. (The house is just opposite Tentarden Vineyards where Chapeldown Wines are produced for those who desire something more than tea.) The garden at the house is full of roses and should be very beautiful in June.



Photo: Karen Roe (click)

Coach cost: Friends / Volunteers £18; Guests £19

Train ticket (money to be collected on the day—there may be group discounts): £10.50

Smallhythe: NT free, non-NT (group rate) about £6.20



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Birmingham Tour September 2014

Barrie Pyle

It would be great, if at this stage (*Ed's note: Barrie was writing at the beginning of December*), I could give you all the programme details. Sorry, without boring you with all the details, it is not possible to be that forthcoming. This is going to be more like the Scottish blueprint for independence—aspirational!

We are staying at the University of Birmingham, located in a campus, a very pleasant leafy area, a few miles from the centre of the city. Our group may be spread among three, more or less, adjacent buildings. I haven't discovered the dining area—we are having dinner, as well as breakfast, included. Single and double rooms are available.

Our programme will take advantage of the relatively short journey to Birmingham by including visits in both directions. (References in the schedule below are to pages in the 2013 National Trust or English Heritage handbooks if you want to look up more details.)

Wednesday 10th After driving through the Cotswolds and a coffee stop, we will visit Croome (NT page 227). This is a property that I have wanted to visit for some time—restoration is ongoing. We will be there for lunch and the afternoon, so (as it is



Photo: ahmgsnet (march)

our first day) you may want to take sandwiches with you. I am not ordering catering unless you request specifically but it is available.

Thursday 11th Today we are to visit an unusual NT property, Kinvers Edge & Rock Houses (NT page 237 There is a wonderful photo of the rock houses in the handbook). As I



have never visited this property, I am not sure of the ease or otherwise of access. I hope to be better informed before our visit. Following this, we are to go to Dudmaston (NT page 228). This, by contrast, is a

much more conventional property. If all goes as planned, we will arrive in time for lunch. I hope to have an introductory talk, so we can make the most of our visit.

Friday 12th Today I hope to visit Birmingham Back to Backs (NT page 215 *photo below*) - one of the main reasons for our tour to Birmingham. I am trying to arrange the visit for this morning as all the other weekday mornings are devoted to school children and I have yet to find out how long it would take for our group to visit. I am planning to visit J W Evans (EH page 221), a silver factory in the Jewellery Quarter, in the afternoon. As the guided tours are for 10 max, you can tell this factory is

not a large building. The factory had been established since 1881—in 2008, English Heritage rescued the factory, together with its contents. If necessary, another venue in Birmingham will be found.



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Beams in brick building of shop, Osterley Park, London

Brick Stable and Barn at Osterley

(see photos on cover and centre spread) Margaret Friday

For this newsletter, John Stacey has taken photos of the brickwork above the present shop.

This area was originally the grain store for the wheat grown at Osterley. In Thomas Gresham's day, the Queen's bread was made from wheat supplied from the land in this area which was said to produce the best grains for making bread

(see photo below of wheat field with footpath from Osterley Park to Norwood Green).



Photo: Ian Day Creative Connections
Agriculture - Stables 2.0 (version)

The stables and barns at Osterley are made of brick. The Veterinary Monitor commented that "Particular regard should be had to the materials of which a stable is built. It should not be built of stone – as in damp or wet weather it is apt to sweat; and the continual evaporation of moisture through the walls will make it very unhealthy for the residence of horses... disease and sometimes death must be the consequence. Nothing can

be more wholesome than brick built stables – this is warm and dry."

At Osterley, the fine horses and best grain were kept dry in these substantial brick buildings constructed from 1562.



Artist: Nicholas Hilliard (Wikimedia)

Elizabeth I visited Osterley twice and before her first visit Gresham had the stables improved and embellished. The Queen had purchased a new carriage for travel. In the 16th century it was customary to travel on the river or in a sedan chair but Thomas Gresham would have been familiar with the concept of the carriage as he had resided in Antwerp for many years. The Queen employed a Dutch coach driver who was dressed in a red uniform. This new style of

transport required a large place in the stables and a heightened arched doorway so it could enter the stables. The Queen adapted her father's stables at Hampton Court Palace in 1564. We believe Gresham visited Hampton Court and his architect Van Paessens made suitable changes here so the Queen's carriage could be properly looked after at Osterley.

The brick barn has, on the upper floor, long open slots built into the brickwork. Their purpose was to allow access for owls. The owls would keep down the mouse and rat population keeping the grain fresh and sound. In the lower portion of the building cats would have patrolled. Even today Osterley is known to have five different types of owl living in the grounds. Unfortunately; many of the places where the owls would have lived, such as our barn, have vanished or can no longer be used by

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Brick Stable

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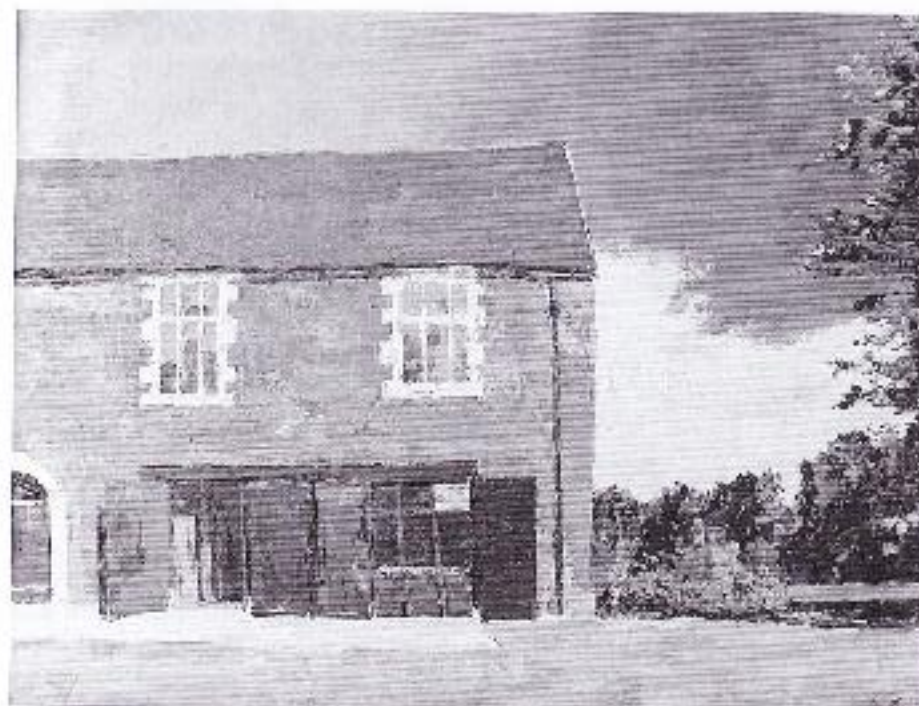
owls. One of the projects supported by the Osterley raffle in 2013 is to purchase owl boxes for the park. Some will have cameras so that the baby owls can be filmed and films shown in the stables. One of these will be in memory of my mother Joyce who loved Osterley and owls – we could not find a more fitting memorial and will look forward to seeing those owl films in 2015.

Apart from taking photographs John Stacey, like my mother, also sketches and paints. His picture of the outside of the barn is shown on page 19 – it now houses the Osterley shop.

Over the years this space was adapted to accommodate the most fashionable means of travel. There is a lowered place in the floor so that an automobile can be viewed from underneath.



Ed's note: The photograph (above) of a little owl at Osterley was kindly supplied by Kevin Oakhill who lives in west London and is predominantly a sports and wildlife photographer (more pictures and information about his work can be found at www.kevinoakhill.com). He has been a regular visitor to Osterley Park over the past 15 years and was delighted that his little owl image would be used in our newsletter.



Margaret, Countess of Jersey, wife of the 7th Earl mentions him having a Rolls Bentley. This name may have been used as Rolls Royce had taken over Bentley. One of the story books Margaret wrote for her grandchildren (then numbering 14) was called "John Alexander". He was an unruly boy who had some adventures in a motor-car. This book was published before 1914. (These details are recorded by Violet Powell, in the biography of her grandmother "Margaret, Countess of Jersey" published in 1978.)

The 8th and 9th Earls would also have driven or been driven so we assume their cars were kept here when they were residing at Osterley. Next time you visit Osterley have a look at the brick barn above the shop and explore the back of the building to see the owl slots. Next spring see if you can spot some of the new owl boxes in the park. *ms*

Saturday 13th Today we head towards Shrewsbury for Attingham Park (NT page 208). Although we have visited this wonderful property before, on one of Jim's tours probably about ten years ago, a revisit is welcome and also allows us to visit Wroxeter (EH page 216) later in the day. Wroxeter, Viriconium



Photo: Britannia1805 (Wiki)

in Roman times and the fourth largest city, featured in the Channel 4 programme *Rome wasn't built in a day*. A Roman town house was built using tradi-

tional methods (apart from wheelbarrows!) on the site and is now available to view (see above).

The ruined city has not been built on, so the scale and grandeur are still very apparent. There are much more remains than at Silchester, the Hampshire site.

Sunday 14th After breakfast and it is time to pack up and go. We return via the M1, visiting Northampton to see 78 Derngate, a Charles Rennie Macintosh designed house once owned by Bassett-Lowke, famous for model railways. If you have access to the internet, do look it up. It could be one of the most interesting properties visited and is recommended by John Stacey. 🏠



The Friends of Osterley Park NEWSLETTER

from the Property

Staff changes

Congratulations are due to **Neil Cole** who has successfully transitioned from Property Manager at Osterley Park & House to General Manager.

Lyndsey Marshall joined Osterley as Visitor Experience & Marketing Manager (as successor to **Karina Swann**) in December 2013. She was previously Visitor Services Operations Manager at the National Portrait Gallery for two years and has also had experience of working for the National Trust at Durham Masscy within the Visitor Experience team.

Judith Evans, House Steward, returned to Osterley at the beginning of December following a secondment to Chartwell and Neil Cole has expressed thanks to **Kirsty Brown** for her commitment, energy and dedication to Osterley over the last three months. 🏠

Profile within the local community

While everybody—staff, volunteers and Friends—can be great ambassadors for Osterley Park, the Property is now making strides to lift the profile within the local community further. A half page colour advert has been secured in the match day programme for every Brentford Football Club home game until October 2014 and the Property has also joined their Business Club which will provide opportunities to engage with local significant businesses. Neil Cole also recently met with the local MP, Mrs Mary MacLeod at Osterley and enjoyed discussing the significance of Osterley Park within the community. A key objective is that these relationships are built on longevity and provide opportunities for increasing visitor numbers, fund-raising and reputation. 🏠

Photo: osmancurry123 (flickr)



Commercial Services ... it's not just about money

Ed's note: This summary is based on a presentation given by Megan Tanner, Commercial Manager at Osterley Park and House, to a Friends' coffee morning on 10 September 2013 and the figures are correct for September 2013.

The most significant income stream for the National Trust is membership subscriptions (49.2% in 2011/12 as compared with 7.5% from admission fees). Members and other visitors also contribute through spending in shops and tearooms.



Income from Supporters 2011/12	£262.9m	
Membership subscriptions	£129.6m	49.2%
Enterprises (Commercial services, eg shop, tearoom etc)	£56.6m	21.5%
Legacies	£44.7m	17.0%
Admission fees	£19.8m	7.5%
Appeals, other gifts	£12.2m	4.6%

Commercial Services at Osterley:

Shop; Catering; Weddings and Functions; Second hand bookshop; Public Events (Easter, Halloween etc); Third Party events (Concerts, Oakleigh Fair etc); Raffle

Shop

- 80% of our product is chosen centrally (higher profit margins)
- 20% product is from nominated or 'local' suppliers
- 2012/13 we made around £100,000 (net)
 - Only 19% of this is actually profit (wages, cost of product, electricity etc)
 - Total contribution of only £19,000
 - Current takings are 42% up on last year
 - August saw busiest day on record
 - Over 12,000 transaction with the average value of £7.16

Catering

- The National Trust 'cookbook' trial
 - 55% core, 30% seasonal, 15% local menu
 - consistency in standards
 - retain the individuality of properties
- 2012/13 we made around £265,000 (net)
 - Only 16% of this was profit (wages higher than retail, but higher profit margins)
 - Total contribution of around £44,000
 - Despite closing for over a month, 14% ahead of last year
 - August saw busiest day on record
 - Over 40,000 transactions with the average value of £4.21
 - Around £20,000 income from functions

Weddings and Functions

- Up to 25 weddings or function per year
- Hugely important income stream (approx £100,000 income)
- Engagement with local community
- New "rhubarb" partnership

Events

- New role to Osterley, Event Manager
- Responsibility over Programming – not just one off events
- Takes into account the 'segmentation' of our audience
- Third Party events at Osterley – concerts, fairs etc
- Also generates income through secondary spend.

Second-hand bookshop

- Has taken £7,289 so far this year in books, 60% up on last year
- £4,628 so far this year in plants, 100% up on last year
- Completely volunteer run – limited on costs
- A hugely important income stream and added value for visitors

Raffle

- Trust wide scheme of 'double your money'
- Made £7,000 last year, on track for £10,000 this year
- Currently number 3 in the whole Trust for tickets sold per visitor
- Producing a 'case study' for Trust distribution

London Visits

Wei Hei Kipling

Welcome to the first group of London visits for 2014 which takes advantage of events and happenings in London at the moment. In view of the nature of these visits, I have had to set booking deadlines so that I can inform the places concerned and pay appropriately—however, if a visit is popular, it may well sell out before the deadline indicated.



The British Library exhibition "**Georgians Revealed: Life, Style and the Making of Modern Britain**" has had good reviews. If you have not already seen it, there will be a group visit on **Monday 24 February**. Cost: £10 adult, £8 senior, £6 adult art pass, £5 senior art pass (£9 adult, £7 senior, £4.50 adult art pass, £3.50 senior art pass to BL, remainder to Friends).

Meeting arrangements: 10.50am at Information Desk on ground floor of British Library for 11am entry (The closest tube is King's Cross St Pancras but this complex is so big that it would be as easy to find the British Library as to find a meeting point in the complex.). **Please book by Friday 7 February.**

The Roman eagle (*see right*) recently discovered in central London bears some resemblance to the eagle in the Child family coat of arms in holding a snake in its beak. A guided tour of the Roman Gallery in the Museum of London has therefore been arranged for **Wednesday 12 March** with a special focus on the Roman eagle. Cost: £13 (£10 per person, min £100 to MoL; remainder to Friends).



Photo: © Museum of London

Meeting arrangements: 10am at St Paul's tube station (Exit 1 street level) to walk to Museum of London, 150 London Wall, London EC2Y 5HN for 10.30am guided tour (45mins) of Roman Gallery. Please book by **Friday 28 February**. Those wishing to stay on to look around the Museum and have lunch together may also be interested in the free Gresham College lecture taking place at 1pm in the Museum "Entertainment in London in the 18th Century" in which, using extracts from personal family collections, diaries, handbills and other records, the range of possibilities for entertainment available in London will be discussed. If you are interested in extending the visit, please indicate on booking form.



A new exhibition 'Out of Our Comfort Zone' which looks at the work of anaesthetists during wars and disasters has opened at the Anaesthesia Museum and includes all sorts of exhibits including the operating table (*see left*) used for the first operation under ether in Europe. Our visit on **Wednesday 23 April** will include a talk, a guided tour of the museum and an object handling session. The guides are retired

medics so let me know on the booking form if you have any particular questions for them. Cost: £8 (£5 to Anaesthesia Heritage Centre, £3 to Friends) to include tea / coffee. Meeting arrangements: 10.45am at All Souls' Langham Place (a convenient meeting point as Oxford Circus is so busy) to walk to Anaesthesia Museum, 21 Portland Place, London W1B 1PY for 11am tour. **Please book by Monday 14 April.**

With the restoration work at Kenwood completed, I have been promising a guided visit there and this has now been arranged for **Monday 19 May**. Cost: £10 adult, £8 concession (£7 adult, £5 concession to Kenwood; £3 to Friends). Meeting arrangements: 10.30am at Golders Green tube station to catch 210

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from the Editor

Sorry, bumper issue and no room for an editorial. Best wishes for 2014!!!!

London Visits

bus to arrive at Kenwood for 10.55am (if you prefer to make your own way to Kenwood, please indicate on booking form) - assemble at entrance by 11am (please note that there is another group also going around Kenwood in the morning).

Please book by Friday 25 April.

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Property Opening Hours 2014

House*, Garden, Stables café, shop and second hand bookshop 2014*								
1 Mar - 4 Apr	12 - 4**	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5 Apr - 30 Sep	11 - 5**	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1 Oct - 31 Oct	12 - 4**	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Garden and Stables café 2014								
1 Nov - 31 Dec	12 - 4**	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Shop and second hand bookshop 2014								
1 Nov - 14 Dec	12 - 4						S	S
House 2014								
29 Nov - 14 Dec	12 - 4						S	S
Park & Car Park 2014								
1 Jan - 4 Apr	8 - 6	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5 Apr - 30 Sep	8 - 7.30	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1 Oct - 31 Dec	8 - 6	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
*House: Basement floor only open every Monday & Tuesday 1 Mar to 31 Oct: Last Entry one hour before stated closing time. **Café opens one hour earlier. Park and Car Park open 25 and 26 Dec and 1 Jan 11am - 4pm.								

from the Diary

Friends Events and Excursions

- Tue 29 Jan Coffee morning: Neil Cole
 Fri 7 Feb **Booking deadline** Georgians Revealed
 Mon 24 Feb London Visit: Georgians Revealed
 Fri 28 Feb **Booking deadline** Museum of London and initial bookings for Coach holiday
 Tue 5 Mar Coffee morning: Judith Evans
 Wed 12 Mar London Visit: Museum of London
 Fri 11 Apr Coach trip: Standen
 Mon 14 Apr **Booking deadline** Anaesthesia Museum
 Wed 23 Apr London Visit: Anaesthesia Museum
 Fri 25 Apr **Booking deadline** Kenwood
 Tue 13 May Coach trip: Ickworth
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 Tue 10 Jun Coach trip: Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway / Smallhythe
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Any contributions to the Editor by **1 March 2014**.

The Editor may change or reduce contributions if necessary.