

## Booking Forms for Visits Summer 2019

### CONDITIONS OF BOOKING FOR VISITS

#### 1. Booking

Members may apply for a booking for any of the attached list of outings at any time up to 14 days before the date of the outing by completing the appropriate booking slip and sending it, together with the specified payment (see 4, below), to the name and address printed on the booking slip. Please include your phone number in case we need to contact you for any reason. There is also space for an optional 'Emergency' number that we can use in case of illness on the day.

Bookings will be taken as from the official release of this document. All applications received will be treated on a first-come first-served basis. If any outing is over-subscribed the latest applicants will be notified and be given the option of going on the waiting list.

#### 2. Non-members and late bookings

Applications from, or on behalf of, non-members will only be entertained from 14 days before the date of the visit and only if spaces are available. Late applications from members during that 14 day pre-visit period may also be accepted, but they will have no priority over allocations already made to non-members.

#### 3. Confirmation of bookings

We do not issue any tickets, but if you want a confirmation of your booking, please send a stamped addressed envelope with your applications. All members will be advised if their application is NOT successful so that they can indicate if they wish to go on the waiting list or not.

#### 4. Payment

All applications must be accompanied by the appropriate payment. **Please send a separate cheque for each outing, with the name of the relevant outing on the back of the cheque.** Make cheques payable to Beaconsfield and District Historical Society, (BDHS is acceptable). Cheques may be dated up to 14 days prior to the date of the outing. It will be helpful if cheques can be attached to booking slips with paper clips, rather than a staple. You may pay by cash if you wish, but do not send cash through the post.

#### 5. Cancellations

A full refund will be given if you cancel at least 14 days before the outing. Refunds after that date cannot be promised but will be made if possible. Cancellation notifications should be made to the relevant organiser. Should the Society cancel any outing, all payments will be refunded.

#### 6. Surcharges

The Society reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to make any necessary surcharges. (This may apply to non-senior members of our Society). If required these will be collected on the coach.

#### 7. Pick-up points

Please indicate your chosen pick-up point on the booking slip. It is a good idea to mention if you will be bringing a wheelchair or walking aids.

Please Note: Many properties do not allow photography indoors. Please do not wear stiletto heels.

**Oxford: Ashmolean Museum**  
**Mon 29 Apr 2019**

**£10.00**

This is a free day in Oxford, with a drop-off near the Ashmolean Museum.  
The Ashmolean (Free entry) is the University's museum of art and archaeology, founded in 1683. Their collections range from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art, telling human stories across cultures and across time. Highlights include a jewel made for Alfred the Great, a Samurai suit of armour, and Guy Fawkes' Lantern. At this time they have a special exhibition of Jeff Koons' works (entry £12.25, concession £11.25).  
The Ashmolean is just a 5-minute walk from the centre of the city and there are plenty of restaurants and shops in the area as well as other places of interest such as the Carfax tower, Museum of the History of Science, Sheldonian Theatre, Bodleian Library.....

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	Windsor End:	9:10am
	Oxford:	4:00pm
Jane Wall:	Phone:	01753 645954
	Mobile:	07708 802283

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**Biscuits and Bayeux. Reading**  
**Thu 9 May 2019**

**£41.00**

City and Village Tours. We meet the guide at 10:30am to buy refreshments. The ruins of Reading Abbey, founded by Henry I, son of William the conqueror, are newly restored and splendidly set the landscaped gardens of the Abbey Quarter. Discover an enormous lion, a moving Great War sculpture and Oscar Wilde's Chestnut Walk alongside the old wall of Reading Gaol. Reading is the HQ of the Huntley & Palmers biscuits empire and Reading Museum has a H & P gallery and a full-size copy of the Bayeux Tapestry. After free time for lunch locally we board a pleasure boat with bar for two and quarter hours cruise downriver through Sonning to Henley, where our coach will pick us up for home.

Coach leaves:	Waitrose:	9:00am
	<b>The Beacon Centre, Holtspur:</b>	<b>9:10am</b>
	(change of pick-up for this trip)	
	Henley:	5:30pm
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**Knebworth House, Hertfordshire**  
**Mon 22 July 2019**

**£25.00**

The romantic exterior of Knebworth House with its turrets, domes and gargoyles silhouetted against the sky does little to prepare the visitor for what to expect inside. The House has stood for many years longer than the Victorian decoration suggests; the stucco hides from view a red brick house dating back to Tudor times. Knebworth House first achieved fame in Victorian times as the home of the novelist, playwright and politician Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton; author of the words "it was a dark and stormy night" and "the pen is mightier than the sword". Other notable family members include Lady Constance Lytton, Hertfordshire's own Suffragette and the Edwardian architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, who married into the Lytton family.

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**Ham House, Richmond**  
**Wed 7 Aug 2019**

**£9.50(NT) £20.00(non-NT)**

Ham House: A unique 17th-century treasure trove This rare and atmospheric 17th-century house sits on the banks of the River Thames. It is the creation of the tenacious Duchess of Lauderdale and her husband, the Duke, who together transformed Ham into one of the grandest Stuart houses in England .Ham House is internationally recognised for its superb collection of paintings, furniture and textiles, largely acquired 400 years ago. Some of the unique objects include a rare Chinese teapot, said to have been used by the Duchess herself, and the exotic ivory cabinet. Visit the hands-on below stairs room; including the bathroom, complete with a wooden bathtub and bed, illustrating how baths were taken before washing became an everyday event.

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**Ickworth - The Rotunda, Suffolk****Thu 12 Sep 2019****£12.00(NT) £27.00(non-NT)**

A grand place for a truly entertaining day out. Ickworth's impressive Rotunda - a magnificent showcase commissioned by the 4th Earl of Bristol to house his priceless treasures collected on tours around Europe in the 18th-century - is an architectural marvel. For 200 years, the eccentric, and sometimes infamous, Hervey family added to the treasures inside and out, also creating the earliest Italianate garden in England. The exquisite craftsmanship of the finest Huguenot silversmiths is breathtaking, and you can follow the family's history through outstanding portraits by Gainsborough, Hogarth and Reynolds. After walking in the tranquil parkland, experience 1930s domestic service in the restored servants' basement, sharing the real stories and memories of former staff who kept this country estate running.

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**Christmas Trip - The Cockney Matinee****Tue 3 Dec 2019**

You can put the date in your diary now.  
Further details and booking form to follow in the summer mailing.