



Thames Valley Network

Study Day

TREASURES OF THE ASHMOLEAN

Wednesday 23 April 2014

Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2PH



The present Ashmolean Museum was created in 1908 by combining two ancient Oxford institutions: the University Art Collection and the original Ashmolean Museum. It is the world's first university museum with its first building built in 1678–1683 to house the cabinet of curiosities Elias Ashmole gave Oxford University. The museum reopened in 2009 after a major redevelopment. In November 2011 new galleries focusing on Egypt and Nubia were also unveiled. Today it has a collection spanning the civilisations of east and west, charting the aspirations of humankind from the Neolithic era to the present day. Among its treasures are Raphael drawings, pre-Dynastic Egyptian material, a Minoan collection, the finest Anglo-Saxon artefacts and modern Chinese art.

This Study Day, a one-off opportunity for U3A members to learn about a unique art collection in the heart of the Thames Valley, is designed for U3A art lovers. It will comprise a varied programme of talks and guided tours of the museum. The lecturers and guides will be members of the museum staff.

The Study Day programme is:

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| 10:00 | Arrive. Registration. Coffee. |
| 10:20 | Introduction |
| 10:30 | Talk : History of the Ashmolean Museum |
| 11.15 | Keynote Lecture : Treasures of the Asmolean collections |
| 12:30 | Talk : Detailed introduction to an individual collection |
| 13:00 | LUNCH |
| 14:00 | Guided tour of the museum collections |
| 15:30 | Summary and Panel Discussion |
| 16:30 | Finish |

The Study Day will be held in the Ashmolean Museum, based in the main Lecture Theatre.

The Study Day Fee is £12.00. This includes participation in the full programme including guided tours of the museum, plus coffee/tea with biscuits on arrival. A buffet sandwich lunch with crisps and fruit juice is available for £6.00. Members of U3As not affiliated to the Thames Valley Network are welcome at an additional fee.

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