



THE NATIONAL TRUST



Reading Centre

The Reading Centre welcomes new members and we hope you will join us. We are also interested in recruiting people who would like to help with the organisation of our programme on either a regular or ad-hoc basis.

To join the Reading Centre you must be a member of the National Trust or an affiliated National Trust such as the National Trust for Scotland.

The current annual membership fee is £9 per person or £15 for two people living at the same address. In return for their subscription, members can attend talks, receive two newsletters a year and will also receive details of events such as day trips and holidays which have an additional cost.

Evening meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of most months in the Hall of St. Peters Church, Church Road, Earley commencing at 7.30pm. There is a large car parking area available in St Peters School grounds next door to the Church.

From October to June there are also meetings on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month in the Abbey Baptist Church, Abbey Square, Reading commencing at 2.00pm. Refreshments are provided at the end of these afternoon meetings. This venue is in the centre of Reading and is close to bus stops. There is no nearby car parking. The afternoon meetings are indicated in the events listing by an asterisk following the date.

Day visits use coaches for transport with a single pick-up point at Reading Railway Station. All the coach companies we use will take folding wheelchairs but please check with the trip organiser before booking for members with limited mobility.

To find out more about joining please contact the Membership Secretary on 0118 987 2109.

For more information on events please call 0118 958 2481.

Here is our programme of forthcoming events – we hope it will encourage you to join us.

Date	Type of event	Subject
17-20 August	Holiday	Edinburgh
25 August	Day visit	Palace of Westminster and Westminster Cathedral.
3 September	Day visit	Frogmore House, Windsor and Cliveden, Maidenhead.
5 September	Day visit	Tyntesfield, North Somerset.
8 September*	Talk (Mrs. Margaret Deakin).	The Gambia: Sun, Smiles and Slavery.
13-19 September.	Holiday.	Southern Ireland.
22 September	Talk (Mr. Phillip Johnson).	Hampton Court Palace.
24 September	Walk	Hernes Valley
29 September.	Social Evening.	Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper.
October 6th	Walk	Hurley Lock & Temple Park
October 8th	Theatre	'Wuthering Heights' Northern Ballet Theatre Woking
October 10th	Visit	Battle of Hastings Event Day
October 13th	Talk* - Peter Street	The Victorian Seaside
October 15th	Visit	Hughenden Manor
October 20th	Visit	Museum of Technology Arborfield & Royal Military Academy
October 27th	Talk – Robert Fromow	Kensington Palace
October 29th	Theatre	'Chess' - The Oracle - Reading
November 10th	Talk* - Sir Hugo Brunner	The Office of Lord Lieutenant
November 17th	Walk	Calcot Linear Park
November 21st	Visit	Hampton Court Palace
November 24th	Talk – Mr Cleave	Lundy
December 2nd	Visit	Birmingham Christmas Market
December 16th	Carols & Readings	Greyfriars Church
January 14th 2010	Visit	Madejski Stadium
January 21st	Visit	Kensington Palace
January 26th	Talk – John Neal	The Wallace Collection
February 6th	40th Anniversary Exhibition	St Peter's Church Hall Earley
February 9th	Talk* - Val Pretlove	London – Southwark & Bankside

February 10th	Visit	Tower of London
February 16th	Visit	Dulwich Picture Gallery
February 23rd	AGM	St Peter's Church Hall
February 24th	Walk	Spencers Wood
March 4th	Visit	Covent Garden & The Wallace Collection
March 9th	Talk* - John Howes	Glaciers, Geysers & Waterfalls
March 16th	Visit	Slimbridge Wetland Centre
March 18th	Walk	Knowl Hill & Warren Row
March 23rd	Talk – Adam Smith	The Dukes of Buckingham & Normanby
March 25th	Visit	Merchant's House, Marlborough