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A VISIT TO OXFORD
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019

For our annual sightseeing visit to Oxford this year our visit will attempt to root out some sites of interest to you, which of course, includes museums and exhibitions. However at our usual drop-off the **Ashmolean Museum** offers the possibility for those with an artistic bent, of a major exhibition of the work of *Jeff Koons*. Curated by Koons himself together with guest curator Norman Rosenthal, the show will feature seventeen important works. Concession tickets: £11.25 on entry.

The Ashmolean's China collection is strong in paintings by Hong Kong and Guangdong (Canton) artists. Foremost among them is *Lui Shou-Kwan* (1919-1975), more than 20 of whose paintings were acquired in the 1980s. A trendy rooftop restaurant at the museum can be recommended where you may meet other members of our group.

The **Museum of the History of Science** in Broad Street is holding a leading collection of scientific instruments from Middle Ages to the 19th century. The museum was built in 1683, and it is the world's oldest surviving purpose-built museum. The museum building is also known as the Old Ashmolean Building to distinguish it from the newer Ashmolean Museum building completed in 1894. The museum opens at 12 noon.

The original donation of the **Pitt Rivers Museum** consisted of approximately 22,000 items this has now grown to 500,000 items many of which have been donated by travellers, scholars and missionaries! Current exhibition include *Performing Tibetan Identities: Photographic Portraits* by Nyema Droma. This innovative exhibition features stunning images made by the young Tibetan photographer. Taking inspiration from the historic collections of Tibet photographs at the Pitt Rivers Museum, she has created a new series of portraits of young Tibetans that celebrate their creativity and challenge stereotypes. The **Highlights Tour** here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 14.30 and 15.15 is a Volunteer-led introductory tour of the Museum. Tours last about 20 minutes. No booking necessary. Please gather at the Information point 5 minutes before the start of each tour. Entrance to the Pitt Rivers Museum is through the *Oxford University Museum of Natural History*, which houses the University's scientific collections of zoological, entomological, paleontological and mineralogical specimens accumulated in the course of the last three centuries.

There will be a coffee stop with biscuits en route at the Compass Inn in Tormarton.

The programme for the day is as follows:

- 9.00 am. Depart National Museum Cathays Park.
- 9.15 am. Depart Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park.
- 10.15 am. Coffee & biscuits at the Compass Inn, Tormarton.
- 12.00 pm. Arrive at the Drop-off/Pick-up Point, The Ashmolean Museum.
- 5.00 pm Depart for Cardiff.

The total charge for the day which includes coffee and biscuits, the coach & driver's gratuity is £26.00 To join us please send your cheque made out to 'Friends of the National Museum Wales' and completed form to: Dorn Swaffield, Lower House Barns, Michaelston-le-Pit, Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan. CF64 4HE.

Tel: 029 2051 3956. Email dorn.swaffield@gmail.com. Remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope **only** if you have no E-Mail address.

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Please reserve ____ places for the above event. I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (£26.00 per person.) and SAE.

I / We shall be boarding the coach at: Museum Steps. Wild Gardens Road.