



Wednesday 20th February 2019

Claremont Fan Court School, Esher – Independent Travel

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THIS OUTING IS OVERSUBSCRIBED A BALLOT WILL BE DRAWN FOR THE VISIT after the November AS meeting (MAX 25)



Enjoy an exclusive visit to Claremont Fan Court School, Esher, an 18th century Palladian mansion. We will be given a guided tour by the school's historian and hear about the history of the site historically known as 'Clermont'. Sir John Vanbrugh, the Restoration playwright and architect of Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard, built the original house (which stood in front of the present building) for his own use in 1708. We will hear the history of Claremont, bought by the future king George IV as a wedding present for Princess Charlotte and her husband Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, & of Queen Victoria's frequent visits both as a child and later as an adult

We will then visit Christ Church on Esher Common (completed in 1853) and enjoy a short concert given by trio 'the Cadran' featuring flute, cello and piano). A sandwich lunch provided by the church is available at a cost of £5.



After lunch we will have a guided visit to the grade 1 listed St George's Church (behind 'The Bear' pub). This little mid-sixteenth century church, where Queen Victoria was known to worship, become too small to serve as the parish church, but was too special, and perhaps too awkwardly located, to be extended. Hence the building of Christ Church.

The cost of the day include guided tours of the school and church, and donations to the churches.

Independent Travel – maps and parking details will be sent on confirmation of application for the visit.

9.50 Arrive at Claremont Fan Court School for guided tour at 10.00 - (entrance is from the Portsmouth Rd only – A307)

After the visit cars should be moved to the Civic Centre car park, Esher High Street – buy ticket for up to 3 hrs

12.30 Lunch and concert at Christ Church – followed by a short walk to St. George's Church.

Organiser: Gilly Coombes. Mobile Phone 07778 033769, landline 01372 274969

Appropriate payment by cheque payable to "The Arts Society Leatherhead" due at the time of booking (not normally refundable).

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Please complete and return the form with full payment at The Arts Society Leatherhead meeting, or post to Gilly Coombes 11 Berry Walk, Ashted, Surrey, KT21 1BT

****Sandwiches provided by the church can be purchased at a cost of £5. We cannot request special dietary needs so please bring your own if this applies. please tick if you wish to buy a sandwich provided by church***

I/We enclose a cheque for £..... @ £12.00 per person

Name(s): Landline Tel No:

E-mail: Mobile number

Please add name of contact for the day in case of an emergency:

Name Contact number: