

**Visit to
The Getty Library
at the Wormsley Estate
Thursday 5th October 2023
(to be confirmed)**

The Arts Societies are very privileged to be permitted another visit to the Getty Library at the Wormsley Estate on the afternoon of Thursday 5th October 2023.

This a self-drive visit. The visits will be at 2pm and 3pm and last approximately one hour.

Sir Paul Getty spent 25 years assembling one of the finest private collections of books and manuscripts in the world. When he moved to Wormsley, he commissioned the building of the castellated Library, as an extension of the main house. The Estate continues to invest in this outstanding collection – which features the first edition of Caxton's printing of *The Canterbury Tales*, Anne Boleyn's *Psalter* and the first folio of Shakespeare's "*Comedies, Histories and Tragedies*". Other highlights include highly illuminated manuscripts dating from the 12th to the 15th Century, important Bibles, and extraordinary modern bindings.



Paul Getty's original emphasis was on the Art of the Book and that continues today including books with bindings designed by famous artists (often used to illustrate the cover of the Garsington Opera programme) including Picasso and Miro and some of Repton's famous "Red Books".

It is anticipated that the 1911 Sangorski and Sutcliffe binding of the *Rubaiyat of Omar Khan* referred to in Dominic Riley's lecture will be on view.

After a short introduction to the history of The Library and its amazing contents we are free to wander and admire the works on show. The Librarians circulate around the room talking to small groups about the various books and manuscripts.

As this is a repeat visit, we will be happy to take members who have visited before but would like another chance to see the library - and guests will be invited to join a wait list once members have had an opportunity to sign up. It is not anticipated that this visit will be repeated in the near future.

This will be self-drive to the Wormsley Estate just off M40 junction 5. There is a walk of a few hundred metres on the flat but slightly up hill, to the library from the car park.

Regrettably the cost of this visit has risen somewhat since last time we visited. So, for this visit the **cost to members will be £33 and £35 for guests.**

Numbers are limited to 56 so do not delay signing up if you are interested. The visit is yet to be confirmed by the estate but due to the summer break, bookings will be taken now.

If you are interested in booking a place or have any questions, please contact Jo Dudley via tashwvisits@gmail.com

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