

FRIENDS OF READING ABBEY
ANNUAL OUTING 2015 – OXFORD
WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2015

TIMETABLE

- 09.09 Train from Reading –arrive 09.34
- 10.00 Meet for Coffee (Town Hall café, or Café Loco [St Aldate's])
- 10.30 **CHRIST CHURCH** – St Frideswide Cathedral Church – visit (pay for entry - £6.00 / £5.00 concessions)
- former Priory church – pretty complete monastic church
 - informal tour led by Professor Kemp
- 11.30 **MERTON COLLEGE** – visit led by Dr Julia Walworth (College Librarian) and Dr Julian Reid
- Land sold by Reading Abbey to Walter of Merton (C13th – later Bishop of Rochester)
 - Reading Abbey deed (1256) in College archive – with Abbey seal
 - Chapel – St John the Baptist (site pre-dates college – c13th/14th re-build)
 - Old Library (C17th) – bookcases are model for Duke Humfrey's Library, Bodleian
 - C13th Mob Quad – oldest in Oxford
- 13.00 Lunch (own arrangements – Crypt at St Mary's Garden Vaults suggested – off Radcliffe Square)
- Pass near to Brasenose College, on west side of St Mary's
 - Properties from Leominster Priory
 - 12th Reading Abbey deeds – oldest seals of Abbot of Reading – not good condition
- 14.30 **MAGDALEN COLLEGE** – visit led by Dr Robin Darwall-Smith, College Archivist
- Hall – linenfold panelling – from Reading Abbey Chancel
- 15.15 Walk up Longwall Street / St Cross Road
- 15.30 **ST CROSS CHURCH** – visit to **Balliol College Archive** led by Miss Anna Sander, College Archivist
- Abbot Nicholas of Whaplode – grant towards building of college chapel – sealed with Abbot's seal (C14th) - document and College Archive in St Cross Church
- 16.15 Walk along Holywell Street / Broad Street – past Balliol College
- 16.45 Tea at St Mary's Garden Vaults, or Browns [Covered Market]
- 17.15 Walk back to Station via Worcester College
- College for Benedictine Monks – as Gloucester Hall
 - Abbot of Reading prime mover of establishment
 - Manuscript that contains third Reading Abbey annals in college library – to be published by BRK.
- 18.01 Train back to Reading (arr. 18.24)