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FOUNDERS' CIRCLE EVENTS

SPRING 2017

Please note that booking is essential for all events.

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Jenna Coleman in *Victoria*

AN EVENING WITH DAISY GOODWIN

**TUESDAY 17 JANUARY, 6.30PM DRINKS AND 7PM TALK
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT 8.30PM**

The Knickerbocker Club, 2 East 62nd Street, New York

The International Friends of The London Library are delighted to invite UK and US Founders' Circle members to join them for an evening with Daisy Goodwin, Creator, Writer and Producer of the acclaimed new ITV series *Victoria*, which premieres in the USA on 15 January 2017. Daisy will talk about the series and the role The London Library played in its development, followed by dinner.



CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017, 6.45PM – 8.30PM

The London Library

This evening marks the start of Finland's centenary celebrations in Britain and an important gift of around 100 Finnish books which will augment the Library's collection of literature in this area. It is hosted by the Finnish Ambassador to Great Britain and Sir Paul Lever, President of the Anglo-Finnish Society, and will include a talk by Henrik Meinander from the University of Helsinki.



PUSHKIN PRESS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2017, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

The London Library Reading Room

Join Pushkin Press for a party in the Library to celebrate their 20th birthday! Known for bringing some of the world's best stories to a wider audience and publishing some of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries' most widely-acclaimed authors, in 2016 The London Library joined forces with Pushkin Press to create the acclaimed series of books *Found on the Shelves*.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



TOUR OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION ARCHIVES

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017, 6.30PM – 8PM

21 Albemarle St, London W1S 4BS

Discover the treasure trove of material in the RI's archive, including personal papers and experimental notebooks, illustrating some of the major scientific discoveries throughout history. Library member Professor Frank James (RI Head of Collections) will be joined by fellow member Professor Roger Kneebone, renowned surgeon and professor, to lead a private tour of the collection.



Illustration from the Library's *Nozze* collection

LOVE AND THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

The London Library

From George Eliot and George Lewes to Iris Murdoch and John Bayley, love has been in the air at The London Library for over 175 years. Join us for a special evening with Archive and Heritage Librarian Helen O'Neill, as she takes us on a whirlwind journey celebrating love and life at the Library, using little-seen gems from the Library's book collections and institutional archive.



RECEPTION WITH SIR TOM STOPPARD AT ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

THURSDAY 2 MARCH, 6.15PM – 7.15PM, PERFORMANCE AT 7.30PM

The Old Vic Theatre, The Cut, London SE1 8NB

Sir Tom Stoppard will host Founders' Circle members for a private and intimate drinks reception, before a performance of his iconic play. The Old Vic's 50th anniversary celebratory production stars Daniel Radcliffe and Joshua McGuire. Set against the backdrop of *Hamlet*, the comedy sees two of Shakespeare's hapless minor characters take centre stage.

Places are limited and will be released to Thackeray and Dickens, followed by Martineau members; more details to follow. Tickets for the performance will cost £65.



THACKERAY AND DICKENS LEVEL: PRIVATE COLLECTION VISIT WITH THE RT HON THE LORD BROWNE OF MADINGLEY

TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017, 6.30PM – 8PM

Chelsea, London

We are very privileged to invite members of the Founders' Circle to visit the library of the Lord Browne of Madingley, a room which he has termed "full of stuff – a room of wonders". We will view his collection of rare books, prints and engravings which includes Venetian works from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century.



Boris Kustodiev, *The Bolshevik* (detail), 1920
Oil on canvas, 101x140.5 cm
State Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow
Photo © State Tretyakov Gallery

REVOLUTION: RUSSIAN ART 1917-1932 OUT-OF-HOURS AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS

FRIDAY 24 MARCH, 8.30AM – 10AM

The Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, London W1J 0BD

One hundred years on from the Russian Revolution, this powerful exhibition explores one of the most momentous periods in modern world history through the lens of its groundbreaking art, capturing both the idealistic aspirations and the harsh reality of the Revolution and its aftermath. Join us for an out-of-hours tour, plus the event will include an insight into some of the Library's own Russian literary treasures!



IN CONVERSATION WITH SIR TIM RICE

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017, 6.30PM – 8.30PM

The London Library Reading Room

Join Founders' Circle member, Library Vice-President and award-winning lyricist Sir Tim Rice for an evening at the Library, and hear about his career collaborating with artists including ABBA (*Chess*), Elton John (*The Lion King*, *Aida*), Andrew Lloyd Webber (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*), Walt Disney Studios and Alan Menken (*Aladdin*, *Beauty and the Beast*), and the challenges of transposing the written word to music for Broadway and Hollywood.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Dates to be confirmed

COUTTS & CO ARCHIVES

Coutts, 440 Strand, London WC2R 0QS

Past events have often left a financial footprint that provides a unique perspective on our history. 325 years after Coutts & Co was founded, Archivist Tracey Earl will show us some treasures from the bank's nationally-important collections, with a focus on key historical figures associated with the Library including Charles Dickens.

THACKERAY AND DICKENS LEVEL: ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S DINNER

The London Library

Sir Howard Davies, Chairman of the Library, is pleased to invite Thackeray and Dickens members to join him for a very special dinner. This annual occasion is an opportunity to meet with Sir Howard and to discuss Library developments and future plans in our beautiful setting in St James's Square.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD

The Museum's Library and Archives maintains the world's finest collection of natural history literature, artwork and manuscripts, with special collections containing treasured books and spectacular artwork from artists who made a significant contribution to our understanding of the natural world. We will enjoy a private tour and a viewing of some of the archive's treasures, not normally on public display.
