EVENTS PROGRAMME
2015/16
September 2015

Friends of Keele Annual General Meeting
Thursday 10 September 2015, 6.00pm for 6.30pm
The Wedgwood Museum, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent

AGM followed by a talk given by the Director of the Wedgwood Museum, home to one of the most interesting ceramic collections in the world.

This will be followed by a private tour of the 'World of Wedgwood'- the galleries of which tell the story of Josiah Wedgwood, his family and the company he founded two and a half centuries ago.

Cost of the Museum Tour £5.00 for Members and £10.00 for Guests – includes refreshments

October 2015

Friends of Keele Mini Lecture Series – Thea Randall, former County Archivist
Thursday 1 October 2015, 7.00pm for 7.45pm
Raven Mason Suite, Keele Hall

Staffordshire was once rich in country houses, built for aristocratic and gentry families and for the county's wealthy manufacturers and industrialists. While some of these houses remain, many are no longer standing or have been put to other uses. This talk looks at Staffordshire’s 'lost' country houses, some less well known than others.

Thea Randall is an archivist who has worked in Monmouthshire and Staffordshire. She was Head of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service from 1997 until 2011.

Tickets £5.00 for Members and £10.00 for Guests

November 2015

Lunch with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Trevor McMillan
Tuesday 10 November 2015, 12.00pm for 12.30pm
Sneyd Room, Keele Hall

As Keele starts the new academic year with a new Vice-Chancellor at the helm, only the 7th in Keele’s history, we would like to invite the Friends of Keele to meet Professor McMillan in an intimate setting to hear about his aspirations and plans for the University.

Price £20.00 per head

December 2015

Christmas Jazz Concert - National Youth Jazz Orchestra – Sponsored by Friends of Keele
Wednesday 2 December 2015, 7.00pm – 7.30pm
Keele University, Chancellor’s Building, Westminster Theatre

The National Youth Jazz Orchestra is world-famous as a glittering showcase for the country’s best young musicians. The concert celebrates NYJO's 50th birthday and will feature established classics from the big band canon as well as a mix of festive favourites seasonally spiced by this unique ensemble.

NYJO features 23 musicians and vocalists from around the UK, most of whom go on to become professional musicians. NYJO members are encouraged to write their own arrangements and compositions, thereby creating a diverse repertoire to draw on in addition to classic big band standards.

Ticket Price £14.00. Keele Concert Society Member Ticket Price: £5.00

January 2016

Friends of Keele Mini Lecture Series – Deb Klemperer - The Staffordshire Hoard
Thursday 21 January, 7.00pm for 7.45pm
Raven Mason Suite, Keele Hall

Deb Klemperer is Principal Collections Officer at The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery and will be giving a talk on the The Staffordshire Hoard- the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver metalwork ever found, anywhere in the world.

Discovered in a field near the village of Hammerwich, near Lichfield on 5 July 2009, it consists of more than 3,500 items that are nearly all martial or warlike in character.

Tickets £5.00 for Members and £10.00 for Guests

February 2016

Myths and Legends Historical Tour of Keele Hall - John Easom
Thursday 18 February 2016, 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Tour and Talk of Keele Hall followed by refreshments in the Raven Mason Suite

The Heritage Tour tells the story of Keele Hall across many centuries and also offers insights into the distinctive University which has occupied it since 1949. You will also discover more about Keele myths and legends- famous pranks, scandals, controversies and bizarre occurrences from Keele's Oral History.

Tickets £5.00 for Members and £10.00 for Guests
Spring 2016- TBC

Dame Fiona Woolf Public Lecture followed by dinner in Keele Hall
Former Lord Mayor of the City of London and Keele Alumni returns to Keele to give a Keynote Public Lecture.

All details for this event are still to be confirmed

April 2016

Keele Arboretum Walk and Talk – Dave Emley
Thursday 28 April, 1.30pm for 2.00pm
In March 2012 the Keele University collection of flowering cherries was awarded National Collection status by Plant Heritage. There are currently over 240 varieties and this makes Keele one of the largest such collections in Europe.

The tour will be followed by refreshments in the Raven Mason Suite

June 2016

Friends of Keele Mini Lecture Series – Dr Terry O’Neill - The Sneyd Family
Thursday 2 June, 7.00pm for 7.45pm
Raven Mason Suite, Keele Hall
The Keele estate was originally purchased by William Sneyd in 1544 and was owned by the Sneyd family for over 400 years. The family dates back further to the 13th century. This talk traces the family history from its roots in the 13th Century to the present day.

Tickets £5.00 for Members and £10.00 for Guests

Capability Brown Talk and Tour of Sugnall Hall Walled Gardens
Thursday 16 June
Sugnall Walled Garden, Sugnall, Eccleshall, ST21 6NF
In 2016 we mark the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Capability Brown. We are delighted to invite Friends of Keele and their guests to an exclusive talk given by David Jacques, a well-respected garden historian, in the beautiful surroundings of Sugnall Hall Walled Gardens.

After the talk you are invited to tour the restored gardens before partaking of a seasonal supper in the marquee. This is the key social event of the year and we hope to attract as many Friends and their guests as possible.

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