

CAMBRIDGE LIBRARIES

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This meeting has been organised by George Freeman

Pepys Library, Magdalene College

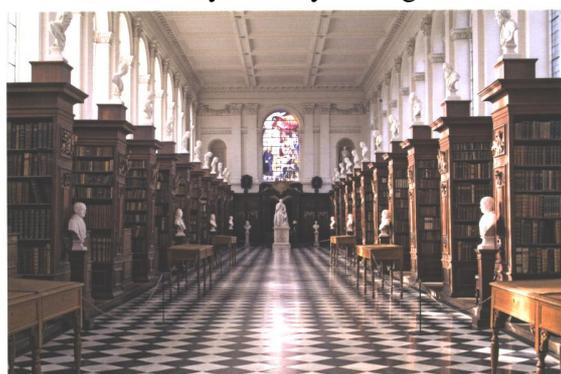


The Pepys Building was probably planned before 1640 but not built until 1700 after Robert Hooke advised them about design changes in about 1677. Samuel Pepys, 1633 – 1703, was PRS from 1684 to 1686 and secretary to the navy. He is most famous for his diary. He left his entire library of 3000 books, including his diary, to Magdalene College. There are many other famous collections there.

Our guide will be the Pepys Librarian

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The Wren Library, Trinity College



The Wren Library was completed in 1695 to the design of Sir Christopher Wren. Today it contains the manuscripts and printed books which were in the college library by 1820, together with various special collections given to the college during the last 180 years. Among the special collections housed in the Wren are 1250 medieval manuscripts; the Capell collection of early Shakespeare editions; many books from Sir Isaac Newton's own library, the Rothschild collection of 18th century English literature and A.A. Milne's manuscripts of Winnie-the-Pooh and The house at Pooh Corner.

Some documents are on display.

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The Old Library, Trinity Hall



The Old Library is the jewel in the crown of Trinity Hall and one of the hidden gems of Cambridge. The redbrick Tudor building, situated opposite the Master's Lodge, was built in c.1590 and is the oldest library in Cambridge still in its original setting. It is one of a handful of **chained libraries** remaining in Britain. Unusually, the interior and furniture are much as they were at the time of construction: each lectern has the original locking mechanism intact and the Library still contains examples of chained books. The oldest manuscript is a life of St. Martin of Tours created in c.1050.

Our guide will be Dominique Ruhimann, Director of Library Services.

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The **Wren Library** is in continuous use and we are only allowed in lunch time. No talking or photography. All of these libraries are on the first floors (the Cam used to flood) so there are lots of stairs to climb.

Meet either at Cambridge Station for transport to Magdelene College or in the porter's lodge of Magdelene College. Use the facilities on the train or at the station. Also, have coffee before we meet, possibly at the station. There are no comfort stops before lunch but we pass some public conveniences.

Lunch We will have lunch after viewing the Wren Library. I have booked tables in the nearby pub, The Eagle, a Greene King establishment where Crick and Watson drank.

10.45	Meet in the booking office of the station.
10.45 – 11.00	Travel to Magdelene College
11.00 – 12.30	Talk & tour of the library.
12.30 – 13.00	Walk to Wren's library
13.00 – 13.30	View library
14.00 – 15.00	Lunch
15.00 – 16.30	Talk and tour of Trinity Hall Old Library
16.30 – 17.00	transport to Station
17.00 or 17.30	Train to London

TRAVEL The 09.45 **train** from Kings Cross gets to Cambridge at 10.30. At this time, cheap day returns, etc. are available.

Car drivers are recommended to use Park&Ride as parking in the City centre is difficult. Free with bus passes.

LATE ARRIVALS. Phone George or John to find out where we are.

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COSTS

£14 each with a maximum of 20 and minimum of 10. Refreshments at cost.

