

**SHAKESPEARE IN WINDSOR CASTLE****Tuesday 7 June 2016**


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This visit has been organised by George Freeman

Shakespeare and the Royal Court. In the morning we take a private guided tour on this, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bard's death, with free access to the Royal Collection in the afternoon. Lunch at the Three Tuns. Please book by 1 May.

Throughout his career, Shakespeare had strong connections with the Royal Court. His plays were performed before of Elizabeth I, and when James I ascended to the throne he renamed Shakespeare's acting company as his own "King's Men". Some of Shakespeare's plays were clearly written with performances at court in mind and through his comedy, "The Merry Wives of Windsor", Shakespeare formed a bond with the town and castle of Windsor.

The visit starts in the Castle's Winchester Tower with refreshments and an expert talk. The tour continues with the special display "Shakespeare in the Royal Library" and continues, at leisure, in the State Apartments. Pass-outs are available so you can re-enter the castle.

**MEET** outside the public entrance to the castle at the top of Castle Hill from 10:30 to 10:45. I will have your tickets and will take you to the Winchester Tower (near arrow) for refreshments.

**GETTING THERE**

There are two stations: Windsor & Eton Riverside Station (Southwest Trains) with two trains per hour (Waterloo 09:28, Richmond 09:48 arrives 10:22 - Summer times; check they do not change) and Windsor Central Station (Western Region change at Slough, 2 per hour) There are toilets and refreshments at both stations. Car parking in central Windsor is expensive so use the long stay parks.

**LUNCH** There are two good pubs just outside the Castle. I have booked tables in the Three Tuns for 14:00.

10:30 – 10:45	Assemble outside the public entrance at the top of Castle Hill
11.00	Walk to the Winchester Tower.
11:30 – 14:00	Refreshments, talk, tour of the library and free wandering around the State Apartments.
14:00	Walk to the pub for lunch
	Re-enter the Castle
16.00	State rooms close

**COSTS** £23, for a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 45. The cost includes refreshments before the talk, talk, private tour of some of the apartments, and entry to the Castle for the State Rooms, etc. Several guests are allowed so that you may bring friends and family. All food extra.

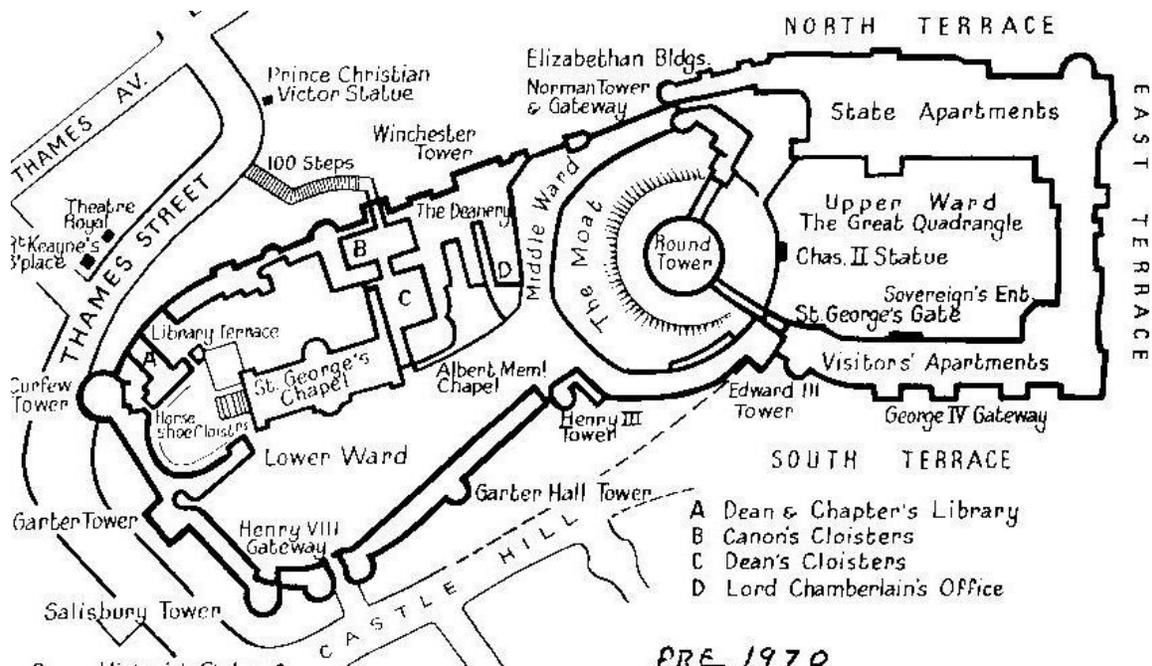
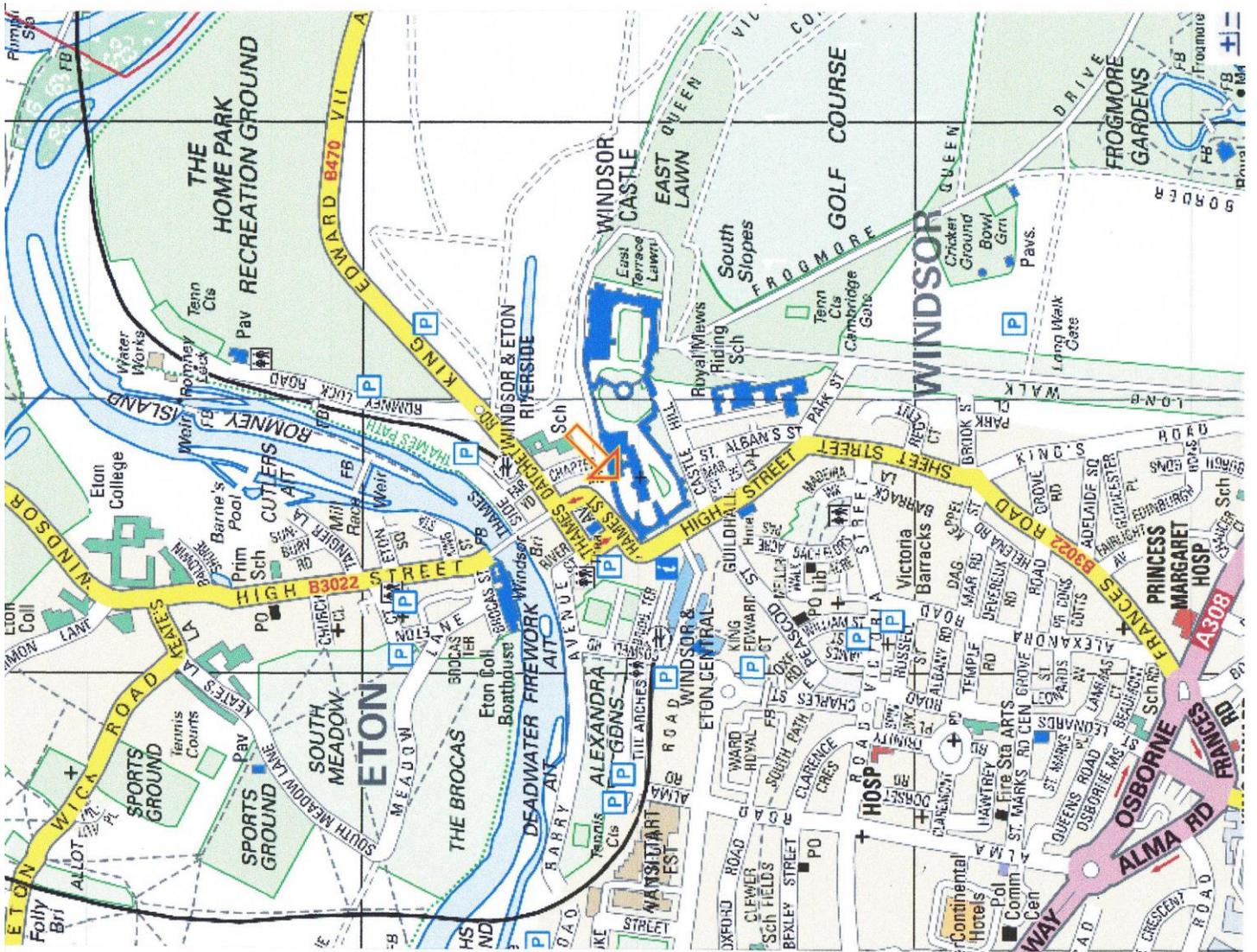
*Please register before 1 May as I have to purchase the tickets.*

**CONTACTS**

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