

NORTH STAFFS BRANCH OF THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL TRIP: SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019, TO OXFORDSHIRE. This year we are inviting bookings by a much earlier date, with prepayment, to allow us to confirm the trip with the coach firm. We will not be able to afford to do this without sufficient bookings to meet the cost.

We expect to leave Keele University by 8.00 a.m. (returning by about 9.00 pm.) We shall visit the **Rollright Stones** near Chipping Norton on our outward journey and be dropped off at the **Ashmolean Museum** in time for an early lunch before going in to see the Classical exhibits with Andy Fear, as usual, as our leader. After our guided visit participants will be able either to visit the rest of the Museum at their leisure or visit more of the city, as they choose, before rejoining the coach in late afternoon. We will make our usual more leisurely halt for evening dining at the lovely canal side Hatton Arms in Warwickshire. Those booking will be asked to choose from a menu in advance of the trip at about £15-£17 per head. This will be circulated to those who have booked, *for reply by Tuesday 14th May*. We will probably need to charge members for their meals on the coach, for Branch payment on the night. (This is separate from the **payment of £25 to book your place** - see below.)

Please return the slip by post as soon as possible by email, or as above, **not later than 10th April**, or internally at Keele University, c/o Staff Common Room. If you book by email please post me (at home or at Keele) your cheque for £25 per person, payable to North Staffs CA, as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you prefer to pay online, let me know and we can arrange this by return. Once we have received these replies, and confirmed that numbers allow the trip to take place, more information will be sent out in due course to those who have booked, including final details of the costs – the only proviso about our request for prepayment is that of course, if numbers booking allow us to reduce the cost per person, this will apply also to those who have already paid. There should be no need to pay admission charges at sites we visit as a group, though members may wish to do so at individual Colleges. **See also the web site in coming weeks.**



Rollright Stones



Ashmolean Museum

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I and _____ guests wish to attend the trip to Oxford. I enclose payment of £25 per person payable to North Staffs CA.

Name: _____

Guests: _____

Address: _____

Tel. _____ Email: _____