

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Osler Society

Holiday Inn London Regent's Park - London, England  
May 21-24, 2023

### MEETING AT A GLANCE

#### Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

6.30 p.m.

Osler Club meeting: drinks, lecture and supper. Professor Charles S. Bryan (My Sixty Years with William Osler: An Evolving Perspective). The all-inclusive cost is **£60 per person**. If you wish to attend for just the drinks reception and lecture, the cost is **£10 per person**. The event will be held at the Royal College of Physicians. Numbers limited to 40. Contact Richard Osborn at [richard.osborn@cheerful.com](mailto:richard.osborn@cheerful.com) by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to make a reservation.

#### Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

11.00 a.m.

Tour of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church and medieval mural by Professor Ted Howard. Meet at 11 a.m. outside the church. Make your own way by train from London to Caterham and by taxi to the church located at Church Lane in Chaldon.

#### *An introduction to the church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Chaldon, Surrey*

The present church of St Peter & St Paul was built in the late 10th or early 11th century and has the structure of a Saxon building. The Chaldon land at that time was owned by the Benedictine Abbey of St Peter's, Chertsey, which had been founded in 675AD by the Abbot Eorcenwald, and the sub-regulus Frithuwald, a minor prince, who was related to Wulfhere, the King of Mercia. There is a belief that the church was preceded by a wooden Saxon building on the land of the Saxon Manor recorded in the Charter of Fritheswald between 674 and 693 AD. A possible reason for such an early church on this site may have been the course of the Pilgrim's Way to Canterbury along the North Downs hills.

Apart from the addition of the large porch in the 16th century, and the bell tower and spire in the 19th century the church has remained virtually unchanged over more than 9 centuries. The fame of the church is centred on the great tempera painting of heaven and hell on the west wall which has been dated with reasonable certainty to around 1170AD. The painting was covered with a lime wash during the Reformation and was not re-discovered until 1870. It has been described as "the most complete, as well as the most interesting, example of early ecclesiastical art that has come down to us." It is the largest picture of its type in Northern Europe and represents the salvation of the human soul and the difficult path to heaven which is only achieved after a virtuous life. The whole picture which is based on stories in medieval literature attracts visitors, including many scholars, from many parts of the world and it is also illustrated in many travel and academic texts.

The church is included in "England's Thousand Best Churches" by Simon Jenkins (1999)



## **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Tour of Science Museum. Meet at 3 p.m. at the Science Museum and indicate you are with the American Osler Society group. Make your own way to Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London.

Tour of Clerkenwell and its historic connections by David Green, Osler Club of London. Numbers are limited to ten. Meet 3 p.m. at Clerkenwell Green outside Sessions House. Guests may like to take a taxi from the hotel to 22 Clerkenwell Green, London.

Tour of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists by Richard Keeler of the RCOphth. The college will open from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. for AOS visitors and Richard Keeler will be there to receive members of the AOS starting at 2 p.m. Numbers limited to 15. For additional information go to <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1771193/> registrations need to be made by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Make your own way to 18 Stephenson Way, London.

Visit to the Wellcome Trust, Adrian Thomas, Osler Club of London, to accompany visitors. Meet 3 p.m. at the Wellcome Trust. Make your own way to 215 Euston Road, London.

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Board of Governors Meeting

## **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:00-8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:45-8:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

8:00 a.m.-Noon

General Session & McGovern Lecture

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00-5:00 p.m.

General Session

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Drink & Hors d'oeuvres Reception

Royal Society of Medicine

## **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:00-8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.-Noon

General Session

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00-5:00 p.m.

General Session

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Reception, Banquet, & Presidential Address

Royal College of Physicians

## **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:30-8:15 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting

8:20 a.m.-Noon

General Session

Noon

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