Join us for a few days of stimulating study in the beautiful surroundings of Waterperry House and Gardens.

A True Spiritual Holiday
The Retreat Programme for the year beginning September 2022 will be open to all students of the School together with friends and family. The idea is to share fully the insights into a variety of subjects that have been acquired by members of the School over many years. New comers to the subjects on offer are most welcome as well as those with previous experience.

I hope the events all will be enjoyable, restful and refreshing for everyone who comes.

Donald Lambie
List of Events

The midweek events will start on Tuesdays at 9.00pm and finish on Fridays at 9.00am, giving two full days.

01. Marsilio Ficino
   18 - 21 October 2022

02. Economics with Justice
   01 - 04 November 2022

03. Sanskrit Weekend
   25 - 27 November 2022

04. Meditation*
   13 - 16 December 2022 & 20 - 23 June 2023

05. The Waterperry Frescos & Creative Writing
   17 - 20 January 2023

06. Bhagavad Gita
   07 - 10 March 2023

07. Vedic Astrology
   09 - 12 May 2023

08. Plato
   16 - 19 May 2023

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Freedom is ever present, ever available.
- Sri Shantananda Saraswati – 1991

* The Meditation events are only for students who have been introduced to meditation by the School.
Marsilio Ficino

Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 October 2022

Find refreshment at Waterperry House by immersing yourselves for a few days in the words of Marsilio Ficino, the man who gave us Plato and imparted to humanity an impulse of love, wisdom, and discovery which raises the heart, cleanses the mind, and directs fine actions. In the company of similar souls you will have the opportunity of sharing the insights revealed by Marsilio and of putting them into practice during this period of community living. Retreat leader Arthur Farndell has been involved in the translation of Ficino for over 50 years.

Meditation*

13 - 16 December 2022 & 20 - 23 June 2023

Meditation helps us to live a natural, steady, still and simple life. This is an opportunity in the peaceful surroundings of Waterperry to experience greater depth and to discuss some of the underlying principles of the subject. Retreat leader Therese Glover has great love for meditation and has practised it for some 50 years.

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Bhagavad Gita

Tuesday 07 to Friday 10 March 2023

The Gita is the record of a conversation between the Prince Arjuna and Shri Krishna on the eve of a great battle, the battle for life. Using the questions that Arjuna asks, we will study, discuss and reflect on Krishna’s answers that lead Arjuna from doubt and despair to peaceful understanding.

Retreat leader Stephen Silver has an abiding love for the Gita and has run similar events for many years which have all proved to be inspiring and uplifting.

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Sanskrit

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 November 2022

Sanskrit is a language full of spiritual significance and is the medium for some of the most important philosophical works known to humanity. This weekend is offered as an introduction to Sanskrit with study centred on ‘Search for Reality’, a text expounding the philosophy of non-duality which has recently been translated from Sanskrit by the retreat leaders Warwick and Elena Jessup. There will be recitation and more detailed study of one Sanskrit verse. An introduction to the Sanskrit alphabet will also be available. Those having no prior experience of Sanskrit are welcome, as well as those with some experience.

Plato

Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 May 2023

In the dialogues of Plato there are 10 well-known philosophical myths whose purpose is to teach and communicate the truth. There will be study and discussion in groups, time to reflect on your own on these fascinating tales and plenary meetings to share what has been discovered. This theme will be of interest to both first-time and more experienced readers of Plato. Retreat leader Margot Camp has spent decades immersed in the study of Plato.

Economics with Justice

Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 November 2022

Join us to gain a real sense of economics as part of everyday life. This short course refreshes how we see those relations between peoples and institutions that form the economic fabric of society. Can these be fairer, more equitable and more in harmony with nature? Participate in the presentations, discussions and exercises to explore such possibilities. For the retreat leader Annabel Lubikowski, people are at the heart of economics. She firmly believes that together we can discover ways to redress the injustices in the world.
Vedic Astrology

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May 2023

Vedic Astrology is the modern term for Jyotish, which means the study of light. Today there are two sciences of astronomy and astrology apparently at odds with each other. But they are really two parts of the same science. You are invited to learn some ancient Vedic Astrology, which will also enable you to learn more about yourself. Retreat leader Gordon Brennan is an internationally well-known expert on the subject.

The Waterperry Frescos and Creative Writing

Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 January 2023

Spanning three floors of the Artist’s Hall, the frescos in Waterperry House illustrate stories from one of the world’s great spiritual traditions. Through a series of creative writing workshops we will reflect on these powerful artworks, reimagining their meaning through our own experience, and our own stories. (https://youtu.be/blLG1jSox0c)

There will be a chance to hear about the frescos, their conception, the architecture, and its meaning, along with opportunities to write in a supportive space, and to share our writings in creative company. Richard Ibbett was fully involved in the architectural design of the spaces in which the frescoes were created and has led many tours of them. Robin Mukherjee is an award winning writer who has contributed extensively to television, film, radio drama, and theatre.
The programme is designed for those who are attending a retreat with the School for the first time, as well as those who have enjoyed these events before.

All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure people’s health and wellbeing.

The days will begin each morning at 6.30am with meditation/quiet time. There will be study and group discussions. Participants will be asked to look after some catering and cleaning, although this will be kept to a minimum.

Accommodation will be in single rooms (or double on request) with shared bathroom facilities. Please bring a duvet cover, sheet, pillowcase and bath towel. If this is not possible, there will be a charge of £11 for these items. In the evening smart/casual wear is usual to give a sense of occasion.

The cost for the midweek events will be £160 and for the Sanskrit event £90. Charges are payable in advance and a place is only confirmed after payment.

People will be accepted on a first come first served basis, so early booking is recommended. The fee is non-refundable but may be transferred to another weekend if unforeseen circumstances prevent your attendance.

Registration link: www.schoolofphilosophy.org/products/wrp2022

**Travel**

**BY CAR**

If driving, the Satnav postcode to use is OX33 1LA.

Entry to the estate is also entry to the Garden Centre, which you do not want to go to. So, on entering the estate turn right, then left which will take you up to the house.

**BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

By public transport, there are buses from London to Oxford, which stop at the Thornhill Park and Ride. By train to Oxford, buses to the Thornhill Park and Ride are right outside the station.

From Thornhill Park and Ride, we may be able to collect or you may need to take a taxi.
Register Here
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