



QUEEN VICTORIA'S PRIVATE LIFE

THE ROYAL ARCHIVES AT WINDSOR CASTLE

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER
DR RICHARD WILLIAMS

Since 1914 the Round Tower at Windsor Castle has been home to the Royal Archives containing the official and private papers of the Sovereign and other members of the British Royal Family, together with the records of the Royal Household and the private Royal estates. This unparalleled collection reflects and records some of the most significant moments in British history and provides a fascinating insight into the lives of monarchs and their families. The holdings of the Royal Archives date principally from the reign of George III (r. 1760–1820) onwards, although there is some notable earlier material, such as the papers of the exiled Stuarts. A selection of its treasures have been brought together in an exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the creation of the Royal Archives. The items on display date from the thirteenth to the twenty-first centuries and include personal correspondence, diary entries and account books for royal residences.

In conjunction with the exhibition INSCAPE has arranged a private study day that will focus on those items which give a glimpse in particular into the life of Queen Victoria. Dr Richard Williams Curator of Learning at Windsor Castle, and former INSCAPE lecturer, has organised a series of lectures to be presented by himself and Senior Archivist, Pamela Clark and Allison Derrett, Assistant Archivist. From a letter of condolence sent by President Lincoln on the death of Prince Albert, to private journal entries Victoria's life can be movingly evoked, even into early childhood through the painted paper dolls she lovingly pasted into two volumes. The event will take place in a 14c undercroft of the Castle to which the general public does not have access and a visit to the exhibition concludes the day.

MEET 10:30 am coffee for 11 am lectures at Windsor Castle
ENDS 5 pm at Windsor Castle
COST £98 members, £108 non-members