
FOSMS: VISITS

Visit to Bishopsgate Institute

On 13 October 2015 a group of Friends made their way to the Bishopsgate Institute for a truly fascinating tour led by Stefan Dickers, the Institute's librarian and archivist. Stefan had visited the Fosms at Southend to give a talk on the Institute earlier in the year, which so enthralled us that we felt we had to see it for ourselves.

Future Visits

The Friends shall be visiting Rainham Hall in the Spring of 2017.

This 18th- century house set in 3 acres of orchard was built by John Harle, a sea captain and merchant. Now run by the National Trust, it is a Grade II* listed building. Unusually, intervention has been kept to a minimum, several of the rooms telling the story of the later tenants. These include a 1980s bedroom and a back parlour painted by the fashion photography Anthony Denny. Highlights of the building are the decorative features put in place by Harle, and reflecting his mercantile profession. These include Baltic pine, Honduran mahogany, Italian marble and Delft tiles.
