



“Hardy and Nosy, Flannelled and Rosy”. The British Traveller Abroad in Books and Letters.

An exhibition to be held in the Palace Green Section of Durham University Library 19

July – 29 October 2004

9 am – 5 pm Mondays to Fridays (admission free)

(Closed Bank Holiday Monday 30 August 2004)

This description of the intrepid British tourist in Switzerland could apply to any of the travellers in this exhibition, which draws upon the extensive collections held by the University Library to illustrate how people travelled and what they experienced along the way. The exotic and tedious sides of travel, the glamour and the drudgery of getting from A to B are explored in a wide range of documents, books, maps, and pictures that now form part of the Archives and Special Collections of Durham University Library.

Exploration, science, archaeology, colonial expansion or plain tourism have inspired journeys to the far boundaries of Africa, Asia and America, and travel to all these continents is on display. Items include the will of one of the earliest settlers in Maryland; hints on how to communicate with the native Americans in the mid-seventeenth century; an account of early travels to Asia; the experiences of British diplomats, as well as the return of former prisoners of war to Japan. For Europe, early travels on foot are supplemented by an account of a Grand Tour. The experiences of local travellers are not forgotten, from an account of a hazardous journey in 1640, held up by flooding, to the improvements brought about by the building of the railway viaduct in Durham and a suspension bridge over the River Tees.

The exhibition is Durham University Library's contribution to the ***Archive Awareness Campaign 2004***. It will be on display in the **University Library building on Palace Green, Durham, from 19 July to 29 October 2004**. The library is open from **9am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays, with some weekend opening from 6th October. (It will be closed on the Bank Holiday on 30 August 2004.)** Contact Palace Green Library for further details. (Tel: 0191 334

2932 email:pglibrary). The historic buildings and conservation workshop will also be on display for a special **Open Day**, on **Saturday 11th September** (see separate notice).

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Open Day at Durham University Library on Palace Green

Saturday 11 September 2004 10 am – 4 pm

Tours of the Old Buildings and Conservation Unit at

10.30 am 12.30pm 2.30pm

(maximum number of 20 people for each tour)

To book in advance call: 0191 334 2932

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Come and see behind the scenes at the Archives and Special Collections of Durham University, housed in historic buildings on Palace Green. On Saturday 11 September from 10 am until 4 pm the Palace Green section of Durham University Library will be open with displays of documents and of conservation. There will be tours of the Old Buildings, including the 15th century Exchequer Building and Bishop Cosin's Library opened in 1679 for the use of members of Durham diocese, and one of the earliest public libraries in the country. In the Conservation Unit conservators will be demonstrating the techniques used to preserve the parchment and paper documents, rare books and fine bindings of the collections.

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