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“The Way of Contemplation”

**Our 2009 Pilgrimage visiting Norwich, Walsingham
and Ely will run from
Mon 7th - Fri 11th September**

An Elizabethan Enigma :
On the trail of Sir Thomas Tresham,
One of the most remarkable and eccentric men of his
time



Saturday 16th May

***A special one-day event in Northamptonshire with an expert
guide; organized to by the Jupiter Trust –***

please bring a friend!
An Elizabethan Enigma – Sat 16th May

The culture of Elizabethan England was characterised by a great outpouring of imagination in almost every walk of life, most memorably, perhaps, in the written work of Shakespeare, Sidney and Spenser. Yet alongside the literature of the English Renaissance, there also flourished a rich culture of symbol, gesture and allusion expressed in architecture, paintings, ritual and other forms of discourse. One strand of this silent language involved the use of mystical numbers and sacred geometry, incorporated into buildings to express religious ideas.

The use of sacred numbers in religious buildings is familiar to many of us, but their use in private, secular buildings is less common. Thomas Tresham was a true Renaissance man, who built a remarkable set of buildings alluding to the mysteries of numbers, words, geometry, and the relationships between them. His principal buildings, the **Triangular Lodge** and **Lyveden New Bield**, were designed and decorated to combine concepts drawn from Catholicism, Alchemy and the Kabbalah into a powerful expression of Faith that was both intensely personal and universal. Tresham had a special fascination with the numbers three, four and five and their multiples. For example, at **The Triangular Lodge**, the building is dedicated to the number three, encompassing the Trinity, the 3 stages of the alchemical Work and the Triads and Pillars of Kabbalah. Following the Jewish tradition of Gematria, Tresham also assigned numbers to letters and vice versa, using them interchangeably.

Tresham built in order to show the key ways in which man communicates with the divine, and vice versa. Decoding his buildings provides a glimpse into the mind and milieu of an Elizabethan eccentric, obsessed with a higher truth that lies behind, and is expressed by, these major mystical traditions.

Our Guide

Brett Walwyn (B.A. Hons.) Cert. Body Psych.

is a local historian, Librarian and Book Conservator, and a specialist in Incunabula. He is also an experienced tour guide. Brett is an expert on Sir Thomas Tresham and has completed a new study of his life and buildings, based on Tresham`s own manuscripts in the British Library.

Our day out

Our journey will be by coach to Northamptonshire from Clifton Hampden, commencing at 07.45 (parking available) and returning around 18.00. Our itinerary will include visits to the Triangular Lodge and Lyveden New Bield, and to other buildings associated with Sir Thomas Tresham`s family.

Your fee of £28.50 includes all coach travel from Clifton Hampden, coffee and a talk from our guide at Rushton, before he takes us on various site visits. Entrance fees for the Triangular Lodge (English Heritage) and Lyveden New Bield (National Trust) not included, as many of you will be members. For those who are not, the approximate small additional cost of £5 will be collected on the coach. There is an optional pub lunch to include choice of Ploughman`s and dessert for £10, or you may bring your own sandwiches. Optional Tea and cake may be available at Lyveden in the afternoon.

Registration form

Confirmation of your booking/travel info will be sent to you. We will decide viability of this event based on numbers enrolled by 31 March, and you may date your cheque 31 March if you wish.

Please reserve a place on 16th May. I enclose a cheque (payable to Marigold Hutton please) for £28.50, (or £38.50 if also booking optional Ploughman`s pub lunch + dessert). Please enclose SAE if you wish information to be posted to you, otherwise we will send it by email.

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Cancellation policy: Your payment is non-refundable unless we have insufficient numbers, in which case your payment will of course be returned.

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