



# MASPA

MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



# EVENT CALENDAR

Summer Term 2015

## Welcome

Welcome to the latest Calendar of Events for the Milton Abbey School Parents' Association.

MASPA's aim is to provide parents with a range of opportunities to meet each other socially in informal settings each term. We have organised a range of tempting trips which we hope will have a wide appeal. Examples include a trip to two of the most famous Champagne Houses in France, a yoga and meditation retreat on Dorset's beautiful coastline and a day at the famous River Cottage Cookery School. If you would like to take part in any of our events please ensure you book your place, via [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

As ever, we would welcome any suggestions you have for future events. If you have links or contacts with events or places of interest and would be able to help us organise future visits do please make contact with us at [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)

Additionally, if you would like to join the small group of parents who have kindly agreed to be part of the MASPA organising group please do come along to our meetings which are held twice a term, one in London and one at the School, as outlined on the final page.

We very much look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions for us.

Best wishes

Camilla Bashaarat and Fenella Kelsey  
Co-Chairs of MASPA

**22 April 2015**

**Fifth Form Parents' Lunch**

MASPA is holding a lunch at The Gallery Mess Restaurant, London on 22 April at 12.30pm for parents of pupils in the Fifth Form. We very much hope that both mothers and fathers will join us for a three-course lunch and the opportunity to meet the parents of your child's friends.

The Gallery Mess Restaurant is situated in the Saatchi Gallery in Duke of York's Square, Kings Road, SW3 and is known for its beautiful setting, charming atmosphere and delicious food. The seasonal menu and extensive bar selection is provided by the award winning Rhubarb Food Design.

The lunch is kindly being organised by Fifth Form parents Evelyn Beresford and Bella Birdwood.

To reserve a place please email [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk) and please note that Mums and Dads are equally welcome.



**22 May 2015**

**Private tour of Langton Stud, Blandford, Dorset**

Racing enthusiasts and horse lovers are invited to come and see where the life of a race horse begins. We will be given a private tour of Langton Stud by Giles Wates who manages this private family owned stud which has been a passion of his parents Michael and Caroline for over 45 years.

We will see top class, thoroughbred mares with their foals enjoying the Dorset countryside. Giles will speak about the breeding process and history of the stud and horses. He is becoming quite a pro at describing life on the Stud, giving talks to local pony clubs, point-to-point supporters and generally anyone interested in horses who are fascinated by his working life.

Good footwear and outdoor clothing are a must. The tour will start at 10am and last approximately one and a half hours, giving you time to get to Milton Abbey in time to collect your children for half term.

To register for this visit which is generously offered by the Giles and Sadie Wates, current parents at Milton Abbey, please email [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)



**18 June 2015**

**Sculpture by the Lakes, Pallington, Dorset**

Sculpture by the Lakes is set in 26 acres of some of Dorset's most glorious countryside. It is an oasis for art lovers and collectors alike and was created by the renowned sculptor, Simon Gudgeon. Simon's vision was to create an environment for enthusiasts that blends nature's beauty with inspiring works of art, free from the constraints of the enclosed spaces of a traditional gallery. The [sculpture park](#) has been carefully landscaped and curated to ensure each piece is positioned to enhance its aesthetic qualities as well as the visual surroundings.

We will meet at 11am at Sculpture by the Lakes and everyone is free to explore the sculpture park at their own pace. We will then reconvene for lunch at the New Inn, West Knighton, a pub known for its good food and warm welcome. The cost of entry to the sculpture park is £10.



**26 – 28 June 2015**

**Visit to Champagne region, France**  
**Staying in five star La Hostellerie La Briqueterie**

Join us on MASPA's inaugural overseas trip to the Champagne region of France. We will travel to Paris via Eurostar, and on to Reims via TGV, where we will be met and escorted to Taittinger for a private tour and tasting at the world famous Champagne House. There will be time to explore Reims before heading to the five star hotel, [La Briqueterie](#), where we will be based for two nights. Set in an amazing landscape in the heart of Champagne vineyards, this is an exclusive Relais et Chateaux property offering first class facilities. Guests can enjoy full use of the impressive spa with its indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna and hamam.

On Saturday we will have a private tour and tasting at Mercier Champagne House and guests can then spend the rest of the day exploring Epernay or Reims at their leisure or just relaxing in the hotel or at the spa.

The cost per person is £457 (superior room) or £477 (luxury) per person based on two people sharing a double room. This includes Eurostar Standard Premier Class tickets (all food and drinks included) and the train journeys between Paris and Reims, two nights bed and breakfast at Hostellerie La Briqueterie, free access to the hotel's spa and the tours and tastings at the two Champagne Houses.

We have space for up to 28 people on this trip. For more information, or to secure your place on the trip, please contact [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk) with the names of those attending by 27 March. We will then contact you to arrange a non refundable payment of either £430 or £447 per person depending on your room choice.

**29 September – 1 October 2015**

**Yoga and Meditation Retreat with Kristine Ross**

This is a unique opportunity for a small group to get away from it all on a yoga and meditation retreat in the stunning setting of coastal Dorset. The retreat is led by yoga teacher [Kristine Ross Skinner](#) and based at her beautiful home, [Cliff House](#), which overlooks Ringstead Bay in Dorset.

The retreat will start at 5.00pm on 29 September with guests arriving in time to relax before the first yoga and meditation session at 5.30pm. The following day will include two meditation and yoga sessions, a coastal walk and picnic and/or the chance to relax on the beach or in the garden. The retreat will end at 11.30am on 30<sup>th</sup> following two final yoga and meditation sessions giving you time to arrive at Milton Abbey to collect your children for exeat. Delicious vegetarian food, teas and healthy cakes will be provided for you throughout your retreat.

The cost for the retreat is £275 per person and includes all food, five yoga /meditation sessions and accommodation. For more information, or to book a place for yourself and a friend, please email [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)



## COMING UP.....

### **Bicester Village VIP Shopping Day – 5 October 2015**

Get ahead with your Christmas shopping and enjoy a day of luxury shopping at Bicester Village, in the heart of the Oxfordshire countryside. You will be treated to a VIP shopping card offering a further 10% saving, a complimentary hands-free shopping service and the services of the in-house personal stylist. To make the day extra special, we are invited to use the Bicester Village VIP Lounge, where we will be treated to welcome refreshments and a complimentary light lunch. You will also enjoy reserved parking opposite the VIP Lounge.

The day starts at 10am in the VIP Lounge and guests are free to stay as long as they wish. Please note that this visit is limited to 16 guests so early booking is recommended. Book your place on this trip by emailing [maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:maspa@miltonabbey.co.uk)



### **River Cottage Cookery Day – 20 October 2015**

The River Cottage One Day Cookery School is a fun and informal day during which you will be taught techniques and ideas to inspire your cooking, whatever your level of expertise. During the day you will create a seasonal starter, main course and pudding ....and eat them too of course. You'll make and bake your own loaf of bread, craft perfect desserts, get to grips with fish and learn the principles of nose-to-tail eating – all amid the stunning scenery of [River Cottage HQ](#) in Axminster. Cost per person is £230. The day is limited to 20 guests. Please book early if you are interested – friends welcome too!



## **Coffee Stop Dates**

Break your journey and join us for a restorative coffee and refreshments in the Tuck Shop ahead of exeats and half term.

The Coffee Stops are from 11.30am – 12.30pm on the following dates:

- Saturday 2 May – 1<sup>st</sup> Exeat
- Friday 22 May – Half Term
- Friday 19 June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Exeat

## **MASPA Planning Meetings**

Please join us for an informal planning session on either or both of these dates:

London: Thursday 30 April, Midday:  
The Gallery Mess, Duke of York Square, London SW3

Milton Abbey School: Friday 19 June, 10.30 – 11.30am:  
School Tuck Shop