

POETRY PLACES 5

ELIOT'S *LITTLE GIDDING* DAY

at Ferrar House, Little Gidding, Cambridgeshire

with Graham Fawcett

Saturday May 15th 2010, from 1000am for 1030am-430pm

What brought T S Eliot to the village of Little Gidding in 1936, and why, 6 years later, did he decide to make it the setting and presiding spirit of the fourth and last of his *Four Quartets*? On location in Ferrar House and Little Gidding Church, **Graham Fawcett** will seek to recreate Eliot's own experience of this place, and point to clues in the poet's life and work and his choice of moods and images, to help unravel the mysteries of Eliot's *Little Gidding*. Highlights of the morning and afternoon of this Spring day will include close reading, one by one spaced through the day, of the five 'movements' of what is widely believed to be his finest work.

The cost of the day will be £38 for the teaching sessions (or £28* concs. for 18 years & under, senior citizens, full-time students, unwaged - ES40 - and disabled) and a further £22 for coffee, lunch, and tea at Ferrar House. For rail-travellers who would like to share a taxi from Huntingdon Rail Station OR Sawtry Green to Little Gidding, please say so on your form. Make your cheque, for £60 or £50 concessionary rate, payable to Graham Fawcett and send it with the completed booking form to him at 2 Harpur Mews, London WC1N 3PE. You will then be sent your ticket(s) for the day.

Enquiries to: **Graham Fawcett** on grahamfawcett@googlemail.com or **0207 405 3997**. Details of Graham Fawcett's work and updated news on this event are available at www.grahamfawcett.co.uk.

COMMENTS ON GRAHAM FAWCETT'S RECENT ELIOT'S *LITTLE GIDDING* DAYS

It was a great session – so lively and enlightening, and you were so informative. I hadn't read Eliot in any detail for years and years, and it made me aware of so much about his writing, and anxious to go back and read more. You gave us all so much to think about and mull over and go off and pursue further. What I realised when re-reading the Quartets was just how much of Eliot has become part of my mental landscape – a bit like the Bible and Shakespeare.. I kept finding myself muttering, "Oh, of course, that's where that quotation comes from!" *Joan McGavin*

It was a most enjoyable and stimulating occasion, and I especially appreciated your skill and sensitivity in addressing different perspectives and contributions given. I did not catch the name of the author of the last piece you read in the church and wonder if you could let me have it so I could follow it up.? I am the person who said nothing ...but I hope learned much! *Anne Ackroyd*

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Eliot's Little Gidding Day

PLEASE TICK BOX: I'd like to enrol on *Poetry Places 5 – Eliot's Little Gidding Day* - to be held in Little Gidding on Saturday 15th May 2010. I'll be coming to Little Gidding by car/ via Huntingdon/Peterborough by train from _____ (delete whichever does not apply).

I enclose a cheque for £60* (or £50* conc. rate for 18 years & under, senior citizens, full-time students, unwaged - ES40 - and disabled), to include coffee, lunch & tea. I understand this does not include transport to and from Little Gidding. Please make your cheque payable to Graham Fawcett and send it with the completed booking form to him at 2 Harpur Mews, London WC1N 3PE. You will then be sent your ticket(s) for the day.

NAME(S), POSTAL AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES/TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

PLEASE TICK BOX: Please send me details of other events planned for 2010.

TO ALERT FRIENDS TO THIS AND/OR OTHER EVENTS:

PLEASE TICK BOX: Please send details of this event/all events to (ADD NAME(S) AND E-ADDRESSES HERE)

DIRECTIONS AND MAPS

DIRECTIONS

Ferrar House is located in the hamlet of Little Gidding in Cambridgeshire, only minutes from the A1.

From the North (A1 southbound)

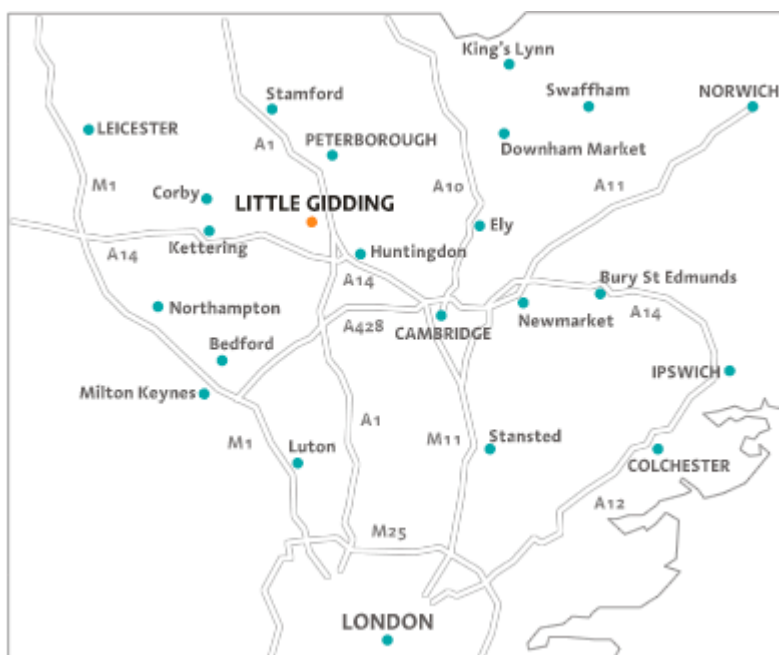
Leave the A1 at junction 16 (Norman Cross) marked A15 Yaxley (Ramsey B660). At the roundabout take the third exit signposted Ramsey B660 and then the first left. Follow the road for approx 2 miles. Turn left after the flyover marked Ramsey and the Giddings B660. At the T-junction turn left marked The Giddings B660. Stay on the B660, through Glatton to Great Gidding (approx 3 miles). Once in Great Gidding, turn left before the Fox and Hounds down Mill Lane. Continue about half a mile until the road down to Little Gidding on the right. Ferrar house is at the bottom of the lane.

From the South and East (A1 northbound)

Leave the A1 at junction 15, signposted B1043 (B660) to Sawtry and Ramsey. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit, signposted Conington and Glatton. Continue through Sawtry following signs for Glatton. In Glatton turn left at the T-junction, signposted Great Gidding on the B660. Once in Great Gidding, turn left before the Fox and Hounds down Mill Lane. Continue about half a mile until the road down to Little Gidding on the right. Ferrar house is at the bottom of the lane.

From the West (A14 eastbound)

Leave the A14 at the junction marked for Kimbolton and Ramsey (B660). At the T-junction turn right. At the next T-junction turn right. Drive through Old Weston. Stay on the main road at the sharp left-hand bend and take the next junction right to Winwick (B660). Drive through Winwick on to Great Gidding. Once in Great Gidding, continue up Main St and turn right after the Fox and Hounds down Mill Lane. Continue about half a mile to the road down to Little Gidding on the right. Ferrar house is at the bottom of the lane.



LOCAL MAP

