

# BRLSI

## ANCIENT AND MODERN

In celebration of Darwin Year, a coach visit last summer to Darwin's home at Down House, Kent, was well supported. It is now proposed that another midweek visit by coach to three London sites of special interest to BRLSI members and friends shall be arranged in Spring 2010.

Professor Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum spoke at BRLSI on November 27th on the origin of our species and that Museum has exhibits closely related to Darwin Year. The Director of the Science Museum, Professor Chris Rapley, will be speaking on climate change and the Museum's approach to it on February 15th at BRLSI – see World Affairs news. The Victoria and Albert Museum has recently concluded a multi-million pound refit which focuses on the medieval world. The three museums are in close proximity, offer meals and refreshments at each site and are easily accessed from the West of England.

As last year, in order to be assured of viable bookings, the organiser (Geoff Catchpole) needs to have firm commitments for a coach visit to be arranged. Consequently he is asking all who would be interested in the proposed visit to indicate their interest on forms (see below) to be returned no later than **February 26th**.

If numbers allow, special arrangements for parties at each site may be arranged. Those interested will be invited to opt for one, two or even three of the sites (time permitting) on one midweek day (i.e. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) of mid-April or mid-May.

At the end of February returns will be studied and the most favoured date will be pursued and notified, with application form including cost. Arrangements can then be made and applications with cheques will be acknowledged.

**Notification of interest in proposed visit to London Museums**  
(please print this form out, complete it and send to the address below)

**Name(s) and address**

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**EMAIL ADDRESS (favoured)**

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**Please tick date/day preferences:**

Mid- April  OR Mid-May

Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday

**Please tick one, two or three of the following options:**

Preferred site visit 1 - Natural History Museum

Preferred site visit 2 - Science Museum

Preferred site visit 3 - Victoria and Albert Museum

**Final date for reception of notification of interest: Wednesday February 24th**

**COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

**G. CATCHPOLE c/o**

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