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**“(Re)-discovering Normandy in the steps of
Marcel Proust and John Ruskin”**

A talk by Cynthia Gamble,
co-author of ‘Ruskin, Proust et la Normandie’

The talk will be followed by drinks

**at the House of Lords
on Thursday 8th February 2024 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

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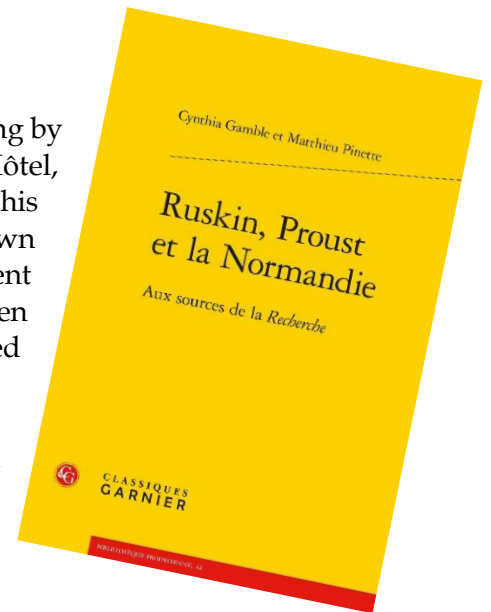
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Join author Cynthia Gamble for a richly illustrated talk!

Cynthia takes us on a fascinating journey in Normandy, travelling by taxi with Marcel Proust on day trips departing from the Grand Hôtel, Cabourg – with one exception! – in the steps of John Ruskin, his British mentor whose books he translated. Both writers were drawn to the beauty of the Normandy countryside and to the magnificent Gothic cathedrals, abbeys and churches at Bayeux, Caen, Rouen (where Proust discovered and immortalised the tiny, sculpted figure on the Booksellers’ Door) and other places.

Cynthia speaks from a personal knowledge of these trails. Bon voyage !



Dr Cynthia Gamble



Dr Cynthia Gamble, a graduate of the Université de Grenoble and London University, is Honorary Research Fellow, University of Exeter. Cynthia finds inspiration in working with two languages and cultures, and writes and lectures extensively on Marcel Proust, John Ruskin, the Belle Epoque, and related areas. She is the author of several books including *Voix entrelacées de Proust et de Ruskin* (2021), and co-author of *Ruskin, Proust et la Normandie : aux sources de la Recherche* (2022). In 2021, she was elected Membre de l'Académie des Sciences, Belles-Lettres et Arts de Rouen.



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