

LONDON ASHRIDGE CIRCLE

PROGRAMME: JANUARY-MAY 2013

The Suggested Holiday for 2013 is Littlecote Manor House with Warner Leisure Hotels for seven nights, starting 22 July. Double rooms with single occupancy can be booked.

SUNDAY 06 JANUARY

12TH NIGHT CEREMONY at the GEFFRYE MUSEUM

Meet at The Geffrye Museum, Kingland Road, London E2, at 3.15 for 3.30 pm.

The ceremony involves the burning of Christmas Trees and decorations, together with the singing of carols. Refreshments will be served of cake and mulled wine. Admission is free.

RICHMOND THEATRE: BOOKING CLOSES ON 7 JANUARY 2013 FOR THE VISIT TO THIS THEATRE TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY – PLEASE SEE DETAILS AT THE BACK OF THIS PROGRAMME UNDER “FORTHCOMING EVENTS”.

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY

AFTERNOON TEA at THE CADOGAN HOTEL

Meet at Reception, The Cadogan Hotel, 75 Sloane Street, London SW1, at 3.00 pm.

There will be sandwiches, scones with clotted cream, cake and crumble, plus a range of teas. The price is £22.50 (please have the correct money to pay on the day).

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

BURN'S NIGHT LUNCH

Meet at West London Catering College, at 12.15 pm.

2-course Lunch £6.90, 3-course £8.90.

MONDAY 04 FEBRUARY

VISIT to 2 TEMPLE PLACE

Meet at 2 Temple Place, London WC2R, at 10.45 for 11.00 am.

Exhibition: *The Artist in Working Cornwall*. The house is an architectural gem and a tour can be arranged.

SATURDAY 09 FEBRUARY

TOUR of THE COLISEUM

Meet at English National Opera, The Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4ES, at 11.15 for 11.30 am.

There are many interesting features in this theatre, which is one of the largest in London. The tour lasts 1 hour 10 minutes. The price is £10 (£8 concessions).

MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY

TOUR and LUNCH at THE IRONMONGERS' HALL

Meet at Ticket Barrier, Barbican Underground Station, at 11.00 am.

There will be a short tour lasting 30-45 minutes of this interesting place, followed by a glass of sparkling wine. Lunch will be served in the Hall and this comprises a choice of a 2-course meal, inclusive of a glass of house wine and filter coffee. The price of this package is £29.50, to be paid on the day.

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY

LUNCH and KENSINGTON PALACE

Meet at Café Rouge, 2 Lancer Square, off Kensington Church Street, London W8 4EH, at 12 noon, or at Kensington Palace at 2.00 pm.

The tour of Kensington Palace costs £12, for concessions.

WEDNESDAY 06 MARCH**SCREEN 4 WALK**

Meet at Information Kiosk, outside Holborn Station, 88-94 Kingsway, London WC2, at 12.45 for 1.00 pm.

This series of walks is to places used as film locations. Today we walk towards Russell Square to visit sites from five films – including one with a sinister case of cloning (this information is correct at the time of going to press, the details might have changed since November but there will be other interesting walks we can join).

FRIDAY 08 MARCH**FLORIMANIA – JEWELS FROM THE KING'S CROWN**

Meet at Hampton Court Station, at 11.00 am.

The Tudor Apartments set the scene for Florimania, with flamboyant floral creations displayed alongside the newly created Tudor crown in King Henry VIII's richly furnished rooms. Admission is £15.40 adults, £14 concessions, to be paid on the day. This includes Florimania and entrance to other parts of Hampton Court and Gardens. Refreshments available.

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH**LUNCH at MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL**

Meet at Temple Station for Middle Temple Hall, Middle Temple Lane, London EC4Y, at 12.30 for 1.00 pm.

The Middle Temple is one of the four Inns of Court and is one of the finest examples of an Elizabethan Hall in the country. Completed in 1570, the High Table was reputedly a gift from Elizabeth I. There is a selection of reasonably priced self-service hot and cold dishes, and wine can also be purchased.

TUESDAY 19 MARCH**HISTORY OF PRINTING**

Meet in the Courtyard at St Bride's Foundation, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8EQ, at 11.00 am.

We all like a book! Come and see our heritage of printing. Learn about William Caxton – how he set the pattern of Standard English from all our dialects spoken in England. Wynkyn de Worde set up his own business in Fleet Street in 1500, but today it will be a walk through history.

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH**AGM, followed by a TALK**

Meet in the Grill Room, at the Victory Services Club, 63-79 Seymour Street, London W2, at 7.00 pm.

Following on after the Annual General Meeting, the talk will be given by Jeremy Linscott, titled "Sparkie will Fly" – a light-hearted, informative inside talk about his life as a British Airways Engineer to Cabin Crew 1976-2012.

SATURDAY 23 MARCH**LUNCH and THEATRE**

Meet at Ticket Kiosk, Leicester Square, at 10.30 am.

Hopefully we will be able to purchase matinee tickets at reduced prices plus £3 booking fee. We will have a coffee break and discuss where to have lunch.

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH**EXHIBITION: MUGHAL INDIA**

Meet in The Entrance Hall, British Library, 96 Euston Road, London NW1, at 1.45 for 2.00 pm.

See the Library's stunning collection of manuscripts and paintings, 200 exquisite objects from the 16th to 19th centuries. The Empire stretched from Kabul in the east and over most of the South Asian continent. Through the lives of the Emperors their lavish country life is revealed. There is a café for refreshments. Seniors £7.00.

FRIDAY 29 MARCH - MONDAY 1 APRIL**EASTER****TUESDAY 09 APRIL****TOUR of the POPPY FACTORY**

Meet at Poppy Factory, Richmond, Surrey, at 10.30 am.

The tour of the Poppy Factory takes about 1½ hours beginning with a talk, and then the opportunity to see how poppies are made – and even the chance to make a poppy to keep. There is no charge but donations are welcome. There are numerous places in Richmond should you wish to take lunch after the tour.

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL**MONTHLY TALK**

Meet at the Victory Services Club, 63-79 Seymour Street, London W2, at 7.00 pm.

Pat Elliot's talk is *Through the Panama Canal*.

FRIDAY 19 APRIL**SAACHI GALLERY**

Meet in the Foyer at the Saachi Gallery, Duke of York's Square, King's Road, London SW1.

We will visit the Gallery to see the current exhibition and other unusual exhibits on show, then we will cross the road to Peter Jones top floor Restaurant, with its panoramic view over London, for something to eat.

FRIDAY 26 APRIL**ART LOVERS' LUNCH**

Meet at 14 Forsyth House, Tachbrook Street, London SW1V 2LE, at 10.45 am.

The theme is "The Meal". We shall have coffee first, and lunch after the talk. Bring a picture of a meal and we can discuss it.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY**RICHMOND THEATRE**

Meet at Carluccio's at 12 noon, or at Richmond Theatre at 2.15 pm.

Tickets have been booked for *Yes, Prime Minister* – cast not yet announced. Seats are in Row 0, Nos. 5-14.

SATURDAY 1 JUNE**MAJOR GENERAL'S REVIEW
TROOPING THE COLOUR**

Meet at Horse Guards Parade, Horse Guards, London SW1, at 10.00 am.

An allocation of tickets has been requested in January. An answer will probably be received about April.

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