

## **LONDON ASHRTOGE CIRCLE**

### **PROGRAMME: JANUARY - MAY 2012**

Subject to availability, members' guests are most welcome at all social events on payment of a booking fee of £1, plus any admission charges.

#### **WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY**

#### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SLOANE SQUARE**

Meet at  
Holy Trinity Church  
Sloane Street London  
SW1 9BZ

10.45 for 11 am

The former Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman called Holy Trinity Church the "Cathedral of the Arts & Crafts Movement", and that indeed is what it is, containing treasures by William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones among many others but first and foremost as a house of prayer.

Travel Details. Nearest tube station Sloane Square. Buses CI 19 22 137 452.

#### **MONDAY, 16 JANUARY**

#### **MAGIC CIRCLE**

Meet at  
Centre for the Magic Arts  
Headquarters of the Magic Circle  
12 Stephenson Way London  
NW12HD

11.15 for 11.30 am

On arrival at The Magic Circle, guests are invited to have tea/coffee and biscuits. There is then a short 10 minute talk about the history of the Magic Circle after which all guest are taken on a guided tour of the building seeing various artefacts, the public Museum and the Devant Room. You will then have close up magic performance in the Devant Room. After a short comfort break you will be shown to our well-equipped Theatre for a live stage performance.

The tour is from 11.30 to 1.30 and we may be joined by another group. The tour costs £13 per head which is payable by 3<sup>rd</sup> January (so cheques please as soon as possible but no later than 1 January) Travel Details: Nearest Tube is Euston (Victoria and Northern Line). Main line Euston.

#### **WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY**

#### **AFTERNOON TEA**

Meet at  
Kingsway Hall Hotel  
Queen Street London  
WC2B 5BX

3.15pm for 3.30 pm

This afternoon we will have a full afternoon tea. Cost £16.50.

Nearest tube Covent Garden and Holborn.

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY****DINING OUT**

Meet at  
West London Catering College  
London W14 9BL

12.30 am by Barrier

Burns Night will be recognised in the three course menu. Price £8.95, Coffee 60p extra and wine of your choice will be extra.

Nearest tube station: Barons Court, turn left from the station, cross Talgarth Road and the College is there.

**SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY****SUNDAY CONCERT**

Meet at  
Royal Festival Hall  
South Bank Centre  
London SE1

2.45 for 3.00 pm

The Philharmonic Orchestra are giving several Sunday afternoon concerts in 2012 this first one includes Vaughan Williams The Lark Ascending, Delius Cello Concerto: Brigg Fair: An English Rhapsody and Edgar's Enigma Variations.

**TUESDAY, 7 FEBUARY****LUXURY LUNCHEON**

Meet at  
The Chesterfield Hotel  
35 Charles Street  
London W1J5EB

12.15pm for 12.30pm

Meet in the reception area. A traditional set menu is offered in the main restaurant. Two courses for £17.50 and three courses for £19.50.

Travel details. Nearest underground station - Green Park.

**FRJDAY, 10 FEBUARY****NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM**

Meet at  
Main entrance  
National Maritime Museum  
Greenwich

11.30 am

Further to our Ocean Liner Art Talk we will visit the Sammy Ofer Wing plus other galleries. Admission free, there are several cafes.

Nearest DLR Cutty Sark, bus 188 (stops outside the Maritime Museum).

**TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY****DAVID HOCKNEY - A BIGGER PICTURE**

Meet at 11.00 am  
Royal Academy  
Burlington House  
Piccadilly

Featuring vivid East Yorkshire inspired landscapes and scanning 50 years of his fascination with landscapes this exhibition also includes films, using 18 cameras, displayed on multiple screens, providing a visual journey through his eyes.

Admission price £14 Adults Concessions £13 - includes a £2.50 Gallery Guide.

Nearest tube station: Piccadilly Circus or Green Park.

**THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY****CHARLES DICKENS AND THE SUPERNATURAL**

Meet at 11.15 am  
In the foyer at the  
British Library 96  
Euston Road  
London NW1

To mark the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens, lets explore this exhibition, with his worldwide reputation including the towns and cities he lived at. Admission is free and there are several cafes.

Nearest Station St Pancreas/Kings Cross.

**TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY****EXHIBITION "SIR TERENCE CONRAN"**

Meet in Foyer 11 am  
Design Museum  
28 Shad Thames  
(Next to Tower Bridge  
Side of River)  
London SE1

This exhibition is entitled "The way we live now" and celebrates Sir Terence Conran's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with all aspects of his life. There is a cafe for refreshments and a shop for purchases. The admission price is £10 Adults and £9 Concessions.

Nearest underground stations London Bridge or Tower Hill

**WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY****RICHMOND THEATRE**

This is the last day to book tickets for the Richmond Theatre performance of Barefoot in the Park with Maureen Lipman.

**THURSDAY, 8 MARCH****BACKSTAGE TOUR**

Meet at  
The Box Office  
Royal Opera House  
Covent Garden

2.15pm for 2.30pm

The backstage tour of the Royal Opera House lasts about one and a quarter hours. The price of the tour is £10.50 Concessions £9.50. Please be aware that backstage is a large area and distances along corridors has to be travelled using stairs and lifts. Seating is not available in back of house areas.

Nearest tube Covent Garden.

**WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY A TALK**

Meet at Grill Room  
Victory Services Club  
63-79 Seymour Street  
London W2

7.00 pm

The talk will be given by Paul Lynch (former Mayor of Hounslow) who will speak on his work with children's organisations.

**WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH****LUNCH AT OSCAR'S BRASSERIE**

Meet in the Bar  
Croydon Park Hotel  
7 Altyre Road (Opp. East Croydon Station)  
Croydon.

12.00 pm for 12.30 pm

Three course lunch £14.99 including coffee. Cold Buffet Table or Soup, Hot Buffet or Carvery, Dessert or Cheese. Wine at reasonable prices.

**WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL****WICKED LONDON A HISTORY OF SCANDAL**

Grill Room  
Victory Services Club  
63-79 Seymour Street  
London W2

7.00 pm

A light-hearted end of Season with a Talk by Paul Baker about the gossip: intrigue and scandals of Royal and London society over the centuries.

**FRIDAY, 20 APRIL****CHISLEHURST CAVES**

Meet at Chislehurst Station  
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1.30 for 2.00 pm tour.

Tour of caves of man made tunnels (about 20 miles - we don't walk all those/ Dug for chalk used for building and brick making for buildings in London. First opened in 1900 to the public for guided tours telling of Romans, Druids, Saxons and murders. 1914-1918 War used by Woolwich Arsenal. 1920-30 Mushroom growing. 1939-45 Deepest underground air raid shelters protecting 15,000 overnight - see hospital - church beds etc. 1970 - concerts, dances -jazz rock and roll. There is a cafe for tea and cake. Entry to the Caves Cost £5 Adults £3 Concessions.

Trains to Chislehurst from Charing Cross or London Bridge.

**SATURDAY, 28 APRIL****THEATRE AND LUNCH**

Meet at Leicester Square Ticket Kiosk  
Carbuncles (side of Kiosk) at

11.30 am or  
11.00 am for coffee

Tickets can also be purchased for an evening performance should anyone prefer. We will find a reasonably priced restaurant for lunch hopefully 12-12.30 pm.

**ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MAY TO SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME****WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY****THEATRE VISIT**

Meet at  
Richmond Theatre  
The Green  
Richmond

2.15pm  
or 12 noon at Carluccios (opposite Station)

The play is Barefoot in the Park by Neil Simon starring Maureen Lipman. Critics have said "a bubbling, rib tickling comedy" and "a delight".

Tickets are £22 and £19 for senior citizens - tickets are for Row O.

**MONDAY, 14 MAY****LUNCH AT JIMMY'S**

Meet at  
Jimmy's  
1 Derby Square Waterloo Road  
Epsom Surrey KT19 8AG

12 Noon for 12.30

The price is £6.99 per person (drinks extra), unlimited helpings from a variety of cuisines - Indian, Chinese, English, Italian and Thai.

Directions: Come out of the station and cross over towards a block of flats. Turn left to cross the main Waterloo Road. The Square is right in front of you.