

**LONDON ASHRIDGE CIRCLE**  
**PROGRAMME - MAY - SEPTEMBER 2012**

**As the Olympic Games are from Friday 27 July to Sunday 12 August and the Para Olympic Games are from Wednesday 29 August to Sunday 9 September. Therefore because of restrictions of access and travelling difficulties no events have been organised during the Games.**

**WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY**

**THEATRE VISIT**

Meet at  
Richmond Theatre  
The Green, Richmond.

2.15 pm for 2.30 pm  
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".

**WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY**

**BRITISH DESIGN 1948 - 2012**

Meet at  
Victoria and Albert Museum  
Cromwell Road, London SW7

11.15 for 11.30 (Timed tickets)

This exhibition celebrates the best of British Post-war Art and Design from 1948 till now. Over 300 objects are on show including textiles, furniture, glass and art etc. from Robin Days Polyprop chair to the first E-type Jaguar car, There is bound to be something of interest to everyone. Adults £12, concessions £10. V & A members go free.

Nearest underground station South Kensington.

**FRIDAY, 11 MAY**

**BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM**

Meet at  
Entrance Bank of England Museum  
Threadneedle Street, London EC2

10.45 for 11 am

There will be the historical displays of banknotes and Gold, John Soanes reconstruction of the Bank Stock Office. There is a Special Exhibition "The Bank and the Monarch." Admission is free.

Nearest underground: Bank, Monument, Camion Street and numerous buses 8, 11 etc.

**MONDAY, 14 MAY**

**LUNCH AT JIMMY'S**

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

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.

**WEDNESDAY, 16 May**

**EXTRA TALK: HISTORIC MARYLEBONE  
AND ELEGANT MAYFAIR**

Meet at  
Regent Hall  
275 Oxford Street, London W1

2 pm for 2.30 pm

Join us for an extra afternoon Talk at this different venue. Come along from 2 pm beforehand for a **FREE** cup of coffee and biscuits at the Regent Hall. The venue is located 50 yards West of Oxford Circus on the South side of Oxford Street, so is ideal for incorporating some afternoon shopping with the Talk.

Nearest Tube Oxford Circus.

**MONDAY, 21 MAY**

**DENNIS SEVERS HOUSE, 18 FOLGATE  
STREET, LONDON E1 6BX**

Meet outside Liverpool Street  
Main Line Station on Bishopsgate  
(Top of escalators, West Exit)

**11.45 am for 12 noon**

Fascinating 18<sup>th</sup> Century Grade 2 Listed home of the late artist Dennis Severs. There are no toilets on site but there is a pub opposite. The rooms are situated on several floors with no lift available.

**TUESDAY, 22 MAY**

**TOUR OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE  
FOR THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND  
JUBILEE**

This is the last day to book tickets for the Tour of Buckingham Palace for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

**FRIDAY, 25 MAY****PACKAGING MUSEUM**

Meet at  
Museum of Brands, Packaging and  
Advertising, 2 Colville Mews  
Lansdale Road, Notting Hill,  
London W1 1 2AR

11 am at Notting Hill Gate Underground

Featuring over 12,000 original items in the collection. Discover how well-loved brands evolved through packaging and advertising and how we evolved with them. The exhibits reflect how our daily lives have changed and how we live. Tickets: Adults £6.50 Concessions £4. Pay on the day.

Nearest underground Notting Hill Gate.

**TUESDAY, 29 MAY****LUNCHEON**

Meet at  
Westminster Kingsway College  
Vincent Square, London SW1P 1PD

11.45 for 12 noon.

An a la carte menu will be available as follows: Starters cost between £4.00 - £6.00 with a choice of six options. Main course at a cost of between £8.00 - £12.00 with a choice of eight options. All desserts at £5.00 each with a choice of four options.

Nearest underground stations St James's and Victoria.

**SATURDAY, 2 JUNE****MAJOR GENERAL'S REVIEW  
TROOPING THE COLOUR**

Meet at  
Horse Guards Parade  
Horse Guards Road, London SW1

10 am

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

Nearest underground stations Westminster, St James's or Charing Cross.

**SUNDAY, 3 JUNE****QUEENS BOATS ON THE THAMES**

For information only.

**MONDAY, 11 JUNE**

**FREE GRESHAM COLLEGE  
LUNCTIME LECTURE**

Meet at 12.45 for 1 pm Lecture  
Museum of London  
London Wall, London EC2

"This ain't the shop for Justice" Crime in Dickens' London by Dr Tony Williams  
Associate Editor of The Dickensian (This is the first of a series of four lectures on literary  
London Crime).

Should members wish to have coffee and a snack before the lecture, we can meet at the  
Salvation Army Cafe at the beginning of the Millenium Bridge at 11.30 am.

Nearest Underground St. Paul's.

**SATURDAY, 16 JUNE**

**DICKENS FESTIVAL, BROADSTAIRS**

Meet at 10.30 am  
Ticket Barrier  
London St Pancras (Domestic)  
Euston Road, London WC1

Have a day by the sea at Broadstairs and celebrate the Dickens Festival. There will be a  
Dickensian bathing party with Queen Victoria arriving in the Bay on a boat. A grand parade  
and a Victorian Country Fair with a variety of stalls, plus much more.

Train fare: Day Return - Adult £36.20, with Rail Card only £23.90, with Rail Card and Freedom  
Pass £17.70.

**WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE**

**ROYAL DEVOTION - GREAT HALL  
OF LAMBETH PALACE**

Meet at 1.45 for 2 pm Tour (Timed tickets)  
Entrance to Lambeth Palace  
Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1

This exhibition traces the close relationship between Royalty and Religion from Medieval to  
modern times and is a celebration of the Diamond Jubilee and the 350 anniversary of the  
Revised Book of Common Prayer Eight tickets at the concessionary rate of £10 have been  
obtained.

**TUESDAY, 26 JUNE**

**CIRCULAR CRUISE**

Meet at 11.10 for 11.30 am Sailing  
Westminster Pier  
Victoria Embankment, London SW1

A repeat of a previous outing, this will be a leisurely boat trip from Westminster to St.  
Catherine's Dock where we can lunch at the Dickens Inn before returning by Boat. Price for  
return trip Adults £12.30 Concessions £8.75 with Freedom Pass £6.15.

Nearest underground Westminster

**TUESDAY, 3 JULY****ROYAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION**

Meet at 2.00 pm  
The Royal Society  
6 Carlton House Terrace  
(From Carlton House Terrace or  
from Waterloo Place or steps from the Mall)

This exhibition consists of about 20 stands from Colleges with demonstrations of their research work that never fails to intrigue and amaze us. There is no charge.

**TUESDAY, 10 JULY****VISIT TO WINSOR CASTLE**

Meet at 9.30 am for 10 am 702 Bus  
Victoria Bus Station  
Buckingham Palace Road  
Westminster, London SW1

As well as the normal exhibitions there is a special one entitled "The Queen Sixty Photographs for Sixty years". Tickets £15.50 seniors £17 adults. At the time of writing the bus is free with Freedom Passes.

**SUNDAY, 16 JULY  
SUNDAY, 22 JULY****A WARNER'S HOLIDAY AT  
THORESBY HALL AND SPA  
NOTTINGHAM**

Ashridge Circle's annual holiday if you would care to join us please book with Saga direct on 0800 072 3418.

**WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY****ROYAL MEWS**

Meet at 11.30 am  
Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace Road  
Westminster, London SW1

Built by John Nash in 1825 this beautiful space houses the Queen's cars and coaches including the Gold State Coach. Admission £8.50

Nearest Underground: Victoria.

**WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY****DINING OUT**

Meet at  
Cote Brasserie  
50 St Martin's Lane, London WC2

A 2 Course lunch £11.70p. Coffee, tea and alcohol will be extra. Nearest underground Embankment, Charing Cross or Leicester Square.

**WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST****LUNCH WITH VISIT TO  
PITSHANGER MANOR**

Meet at  
Entrance on the Green by Tube at Ealing  
Broadway, Walpole Park, Mattock Lane,  
W5 SEQ.

12 Noon

The Manor is a Grade 1 listed house designed by John Soane in 1800 and is now a Contemporary Arts venue. An Audio wand, for £1, guides visitors around the house.

Admission is free. The lunch venue is currently undergoing decorations. I will advise when booking. There is a Carluccios nearby anyway.

**THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST****FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS**

Meet at  
Refractory  
Southwark Cathedral

10.45 for 11 am

Come and enjoy some beautiful floral designs in the setting of Southwark Cathedral. The Festival of Flowers has the theme of "Transformation". Tickets £14 each to go toward the Leprosy Mission.

Travel Details: London Bridge underground and mainline stations.

**SATURDAY, 25 AUGUST****REGENT'S PARK THEATRE**

Meet at  
Open Air Theatre  
Regent's Park, London NW1 4NP

1.45 for 2.15 pm

This year the musical is "Ragtime" a modern classic. Set at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, this powerful musical unites three families separated by race and destiny. The timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, and hope and despair, make this a theatre experience not to be missed. Nearest underground Baker Street.

Tickets are priced from £25.00 and £30.00 and as we are going for a matinee performance the price is £15.00 at the time of writing.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS****TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER****TOUR OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

Meet at  
Tour Entrance  
Buckingham Palace  
Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1

'Diamonds : A Jubilee Celebration', is the exhibition at the summer opening of Buckingham Palace for the Queen's special year. This will include a dazzling display of the Queen's personal jewels. As these are timed tickets and have to be booked please let me know if you are interested in coming. Tickets: Adults £18, Concessions £16.50. Nearest underground : Green Park or Victoria.

TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

MARBLE HILL HOUSE

Meet at  
Marble Hill House  
Richmond Road, Twickenham.

11.30 am

Marble Hill House is run by English Heritage - we will be given tea/coffee and biscuits (£2 per person) on arrival and then we will be free to look at the House itself. Books on the House will be available. The cost will be £5.30 or 4.08 (for Senior Citizens). English Heritage Members free. Afterwards there is a Cafe nearby where we can have lunch.

**TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER**

Lecture at Dulwich Picture Gallery

**WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER**

Open Day – Royal School of Needlework.