

FOUR QUIRKY LONDON VISITS

NOVEMBER

THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

We are arranging an outing to the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour on the morning of Wednesday 7th November 2018.

Our guide will take us on an entertaining and informative 75-minute tour and take us through Westminster Hall, the Commons Chamber and the Lords Chamber. They will recount the history of the Palace of Westminster and describe how the business and traditions of both Houses contribute to the day to day workings of the UK Parliament.

As the tour has been arranged through local MP, Barry Gardiner, it will be free of charge. The tour will begin at 10am but we have to arrive half an hour in advance to allow time to pass through security.

We will meet at Preston Road Station at 8.50am and travel via the Metropolitan Line and the Jubilee Line to Westminster Underground Station from where it is a short walk to the entrance of Westminster Hall.

Please contact Louise Bennett on louisebennett@btinternet.com or 020 8907 2060 or 07758 586813 if you would like to come or for more information.

THE BRUNEL MUSEUM

Following the very interesting talk on Tunnelling in London at August's monthly meeting, we are organising a visit to the Brunel Museum at Rotherhithe on Tuesday 20th November.

Our afternoon visit will include a guided tour of the Museum and tea or coffee with biscuits.

The Thames Tunnel opened in 1843 and is the first underwater tunnel in the world – and the birthplace of the modern metro system. The Museum tells the story of one of the world's great engineering dynasties. Marc Brunel began the tunnel with his teenage son, Isambard, who later became resident engineer. It is the only project that father and son worked on together, and Isambard's first. A collection of prints, watercolours, statues, peepshows and models in the museum help to tell the dramatic story of the Tunnel and of Isambard's last project, the Great Eastern ship. We will also visit the huge Grand Entrance Hall to the tunnel, which is open again for the first time in a hundred and fifty years.

The price for admission and also a guide and refreshments is £6 per person. Please note the museum and access to the underground chamber involves stairs.

On travel arrangements, we will be meeting at 2pm in the waiting room of Preston Road Station and travel down using the Metropolitan, Jubilee and Overground lines to Rotherhithe. It is then a 6-minute walk to the Museum. Payment arrangements and further details will be advised.

Please contact Richard Rumsey on r.rumsey69@virginmedia.com or 020 8204 1223 or mobile 07884 475790 to book a place or for more information.

OCTOBER

FULLER'S BREWERY

We are having an outing to the Fuller's Griffin Brewery on the banks of the River Thames at Chiswick on Wednesday 3rd October.

On this tour by an expert guide we will see behind the scenes of a world famous working brewery. We'll get an understanding of British beer making history and heritage and an insight into ale-making. The tour incorporates all parts of the brewing process from the arrival of the raw materials to the packaging of the beer on the cask racking line. It lasts around one and a half hours and culminates with a tutored tasting of some of Fuller's finest ales. Soft drinks are also available.

The cost is £20, including ale sampling.

Please note the tour route includes several flights of stairs and there are few places to sit down, so those with mobility issues may find the tour challenging. We will travel down from Preston Road Station to Turnham Green, which is a 15-20 minute walk away from the brewery.

Payment and travel arrangements will be advised.

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are organising an outing on Tuesday 23rd October to St Paul's Cathedral for a tour by one of our members, Diana O'Reardon who is a cathedral guide.

The tour will start at 10.30am and last up to two hours. Diana will show us the architecture of this iconic building and explain its fascinating history.

The price for admission and the tour is £15. Payment arrangements, where relevant, will be advised.

We plan to meet at Preston Road Station at 9.45 am and travel down together to St Paul's Underground Station, from where it is a 5-minute walk to the Cathedral. We will provide more details about the travel arrangements nearer the time. Afterwards some of us may like to have lunch in the area.

Please contact Louise Bennett on louisebennett@btinternet.com or 020 8907 2060 if you would like to come and Louise or Diana O'Reardon on doru3a@outlook.com or 020 3645 7348 for more information.