

Out & About

The Friends' visits programme for 2019

Please join us for an interesting day out on one of our visits this year. Most venues are in London, but we have also included visits to Leeds and Windsor.

I hope you will find an archive or historical building you would like to see.
Maggie Deighton Visits Co-ordinator

Methodist Central Hall and FCO

Storey's Gate, Westminster and King Charles St, Westminster, London

Friday 26 April 2019 at 11 am | Duration: 4 hours total

This visit to Westminster in central London includes guided tours of two iconic buildings. **Methodist Central Hall** was the venue chosen for the



Inaugural Meeting of the United Nations in 1946 and is a Grade II listed building. Following a 20 minute guided tour of MCH we will have lunch (at own expense) in the basement cafe and then walk the short distance to the FCO. Our tour of the **Foreign and Commonwealth Office** will include tea and coffee and a visit to some of the famous meeting rooms, staircases and corridors. Access to some areas may not be possible for those with mobility restrictions-please enquire before booking.

Members £18 guests £20



www.c-h-w.com and www.fco.gov.uk

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Reform Club

The Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EW

Monday 20 May 2019 at 10:30 am | Duration: 1-1.5 hours



The Reform Club was founded in the ferment of ideas, ideals and political activity which in part found expression in the Great Reform Act of 1832. Charles Barry was selected to create a new clubhouse, in the style of an Italian palazzo, and on completion in 1841, the building was immediately hailed as a masterpiece of classical architecture. The clubhouse has remained largely unchanged in appearance to the present day. Our visit will include a guided tour of the building and a visit to the archive. The archive contains a wealth of domestic, social and



economic information covering all aspects of the Club's history.

There is a very strict dress code which must be followed: gentlemen collared shirt and jacket, no jeans or trainers, ladies with similar formality.

Members £17 guests £19

<https://www.reformclub.com/home/about>

St Georges Chapel Archives & Library

Meet at the Cinnamon Café, The Old Booking Hall, Windsor Royal Station, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1PJ. The café is beside the Information Centre, just off the High Street, between the two train stations.

Monday 3 June 2019, 1.45pm | Duration: 2 hours



We will have a guided tour of St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle and then we will visit the Archives and Library with the Archivist. The Archives comprise documents relating to the history of the Chapel, the properties it once owned and the Order of the Garter, which has its spiritual home at St George's. These documents include accounts and deeds dating from as early as the 12th century; maps, plans and photographs; and collections of the personal papers and correspondence of individuals associated with the Chapel over the centuries. There will also be the possibility to attend Choral Evensong. (Our visit will start with an optional group lunch in a nearby cafe because we must all arrive at the entry point to the Castle as a group.) **Photo ID Essential**

Lunch before visit (optional) 2pm
Chapel tour, 3pm archive, 5.15pm Evensong.

Members £18.50 guests £20.50

<https://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/archives/>

ICE Institution of Civil Engineers

Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA

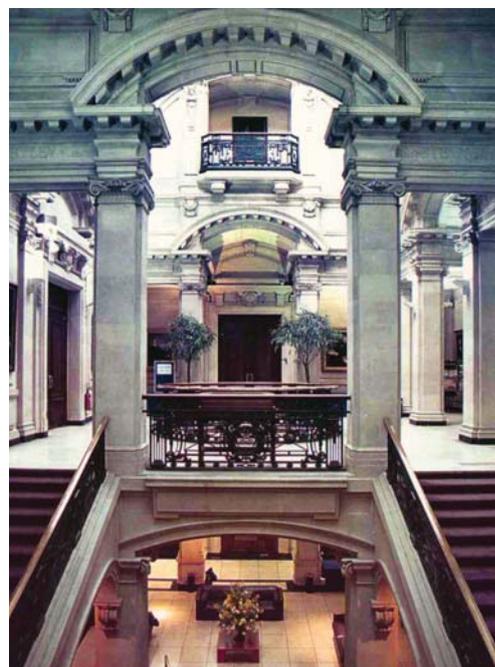
Wednesday 24 July 2019, 11am | Duration: 1 hour

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) is one of the world's most respected professional engineering associations. Thomas Telford was its first President. ICE archives contain records relating to the ICE from its formation in 1818 to the present including details of all

past members. The archives also include records relating to famous engineers from the past, including James Brindley, John Smeaton, Thomas Telford, and the Rennies, as well as world famous structures such as Brunel's Thames Tunnel and the Panama Canal. There will be a visit to the archives and we will be able to see an exhibition about water which will include the work of Joseph Bazalgette. (2019 is the 200th anniversary of Bazalgette's birth.)

Members £7.50 guests £9.50

www.ice.org.uk



Marks and Spencer Archive Leeds

M&S Company Archive, Michael Marks Building, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT

Tuesday 30 July 2019, 11am | Duration 2 hours



The M&S Company Archive is one of Britain's most important corporate archival collections, owing to the long history of Marks & Spencer as a key retailer on the British high street, and the extensive nature of its holdings. The collection contains over 71,000 items dating from 1884 to the present day, and comprises written, photographic and digital records as well as artefacts representing key aspects of the Company's activities. Our visit will start with a talk on 'M&S and the War Effort' drawing on the Archive collection. Then there will be a 40 minute guided tour of the 'Marks in Time' exhibition plus free time to explore the exhibition. After the visit, you will have the option to take a 60-90 minute self-guided walking tour to Kirkgate Market in the city centre, finishing at the M&S Heritage Stall, close to the site of the first Penny Bazaar.

Members £8 guests £10

www.marksintime.marksandspencer.com

National Theatre Archive

National Theatre Archive, NT Studio, 83-101 The Cut, London, SE1 8LL

Friday 23 August at 2pm

Duration: 1 hour

The National Theatre Archive is a treasure trove of material, encompassing all of the creative, technical and administrative records of the National Theatre. The collection covers the movement to found the National Theatre and the period from the start of the company in 1963 right up to the present day. This tour will be led by Erin Lee, Head of Archive. The visit should last approximately 1 hour, depending on how many questions the attendees have.



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You may also want to book a backstage tour via the NT website for the same day but this is of course optional. See <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/tours/backstage-tours-dates>

Members £7.50 guests £9.50

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/about-the-national-theatre/archive>



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Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, West Hill, Putney, London SW15 3SW

Tuesday 10 September 2pm | Approximate duration: 1.5 - 2 hours

The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability was founded in 1854 (as the Home for Incurables) and moved to its current site in Putney in 1863. Charles Dickens led a fundraising appeal in 1857 and other notable Victorian supporters included Florence Nightingale and Thomas Hardy. Today the hospital provides long-term care and support for adults with disabilities due to brain injury or disease. The newly appointed archivist will talk about the history of the hospital and

show us some highlights from the collection of photographs, letters, other documents and artefacts which capture the heritage of the hospital. The visit will include tea/coffee and cake in one of the conference rooms where we will have time to peruse the display of archive documents and artefacts. There would then be the option of having a quick building tour and visit to the archive store if some members of the party are interested.

Members £14 guests £15



www.rhn.org.uk

Spencer House

Spencer House, 27 St James's Place, London SW1A 1NR

Monday 30 September 2019, 10.45am
Duration: 1 hour

From its conception, Spencer House was recognised as one of the most ambitious aristocratic town houses ever built in London and is the city's only great eighteenth-century private palace to survive intact. This magnificent aristocratic palace has regained the full splendour of its late eighteenth-century appearance after a painstaking ten-year restoration undertaken by RIT Capital Partners plc, under the Chairmanship of Lord Rothschild. We will have a tour of the eight State Rooms that are open to the public with a Blue Badge guide, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in



a private room. Full access is available to disabled persons.

Members £23 guests £25

www.spencerhouse.co.uk

BOOKING AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please complete the booking form and either return to the address on the form or email to visits_events@ftna.org.uk. All bookings will be acknowledged. Please do not email a request. Only applications on a booking form will be accepted;
- Payment by cheque or electronic payment as specified on the booking form;
- Please identify any mobility issues on the booking form;
- Where a visit is over-subscribed a waiting list will be created;
- Information about reaching the venue will be published one week before the visit;
- Each visit will be led by a named visit co-ordinator;
- Photo ID may be required at some venues. See opposite.

SECURITY

Some venues operate high degrees of security. Higher security could be imposed at any venue, should events dictate, so venues not presently requiring ID might do so. Presently, ID requirements differ from one venue to another. To avoid embarrassment, Friends should bring a passport/ photo driving licence/ student card or other authoritative photo ID on EVERY visit. Visitors should be aware that their names will be forwarded to the venues shortly before each visit, and their application for a visit should be deemed as agreement to this. Friends are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched off during visits.