

## THE LONDON FRIENDSHIP CENTRE CALENDAR

Sept- Oct 2024

Please book by 11.15 a.m. We cannot accept bookings after that time. You may, of course, ask a friend to book (and pay if that's necessary) and take responsibility for this. Where a visit needs tickets to be booked online, speak to the leader of the trip in advance if you need help. If you have booked for an event which you are unable to attend, please tell the event leader or ring 07908 269 809 and leave a message.

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**Please note MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS are DUE during August and the Membership Secretaries (Wendy and Camille) will be available every Wednesday. We are asking all members to complete a renewal form. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND DURING AUGUST, PLEASE PICK UP A FORM FROM THE HOST. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CLUB DURING AUGUST, please leave a message on the TLFC phone (07908-269-809) to request one by post. Those who receive their calendar by post, will find their form ENCLOSED IN THIS ENVELOPE.**

<p><b>4 SEPT Host Wendy Powell</b> <b>WOMEN OF THE RNLI, MARITIME MUSEUM, GREENWICH</b> Life savers, fundraisers, trailblazers: discover the vital roles that women play in saving lives at sea. This free exhibition celebrates the work of women in the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, featuring striking photography, personal testimony and breathtaking film. We will travel to Greenwich and stop at the Gate Clock (Wetherspoons) for lunch then walk on to the museum. There is currently no café open at the museum. Leader <b>Jill</b>. Leave after notices and travel by tube.</p> <p><b>SERPENTINE PAVILLION AND GALLERIES</b> We will visit the Serpentine Pavilion to view "Archipelagic Void" by Minsuk Cho. The layout features traditional Korean houses with a "madang" an open courtyard located at the centre surrounded by 5 smaller structures including the Auditorium, Gallery, Library, Play Tower and the Tea House. There are also the South and North Galleries also free to visit, plus a stroll along the Serpentine and a stop at a cafe for tea and cake. Leaders <b>Sheila and Barbara</b>. Leave MP at 1pm and travel by bus.</p>	<p><b>Book with Jill on the day.</b></p> <p><b>Book with Sheila and Barbara on the day.</b></p>
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<p><b>11 SEPT Host Sue Cox</b>  <b>WIMBLEDON COMMON WALK</b>  Hoping for good weather, this will be a chance to stretch your legs, enjoy fresh air and some exercise. This is a circular 3 mile walk from Wimbledon Village, at a gentle pace, so might take 1-1.5 hours, and there is a café stop possible.  Leader <b>Jill</b>. Leave at 1230. Travel by tube and train to Wimbledon station and then a bus up to the village.</p> <p><b>'HELLO BRAIN' AT THE CRICK INSTUTUTE</b>  This is the current exhibition at The Crick, exploring the mysterious world inside your head! Travel by bus. Free.  Leaders <b>Barbara and Sheila</b>. Leave MP at 1pm.</p>	<p><b>Book with Jill on the day.</b></p> <p><b>Book with Barbara and Sheila on the day.</b></p>
<p><b>18 SEPT Host Ann McMellan</b>  <b>LUNCH AT LEMONIA, PRIMROSE HILL</b>  The 8 -10-minute walk from Chalk Farm is scenic and straightforward. The restaurant has Greek cuisine and an outside garden which was fully occupied when Ann paid her first visit in sunshine. Let's hope for similar weather.  Leader <b>Ann McMellan</b>. Leave after notices and travel by tube.</p> <p><b>UP THE MAGIC STAIRCASE AT THE V &amp; A</b>  Visit the V&amp;A's magic staircase and see wonderful things. Look at the beautiful Antrim jewels and a collection of small boxes collected by Freddie Mercury's sister in memory of her brother.  Meet Pam Strangman at 2p.m. in the main entrance under the chandelier, under the Dome. We will be going up and down several staircases, so you need to manage this unaided.  Leader <b>Dawn</b> Leave MP after 1300.</p>	<p><b>Book with Ann on 11<sup>th</sup> September.</b></p> <p><b>Book with Dawn on the day.</b></p>
<p><b>25 SEPT Host Camille</b>  <b>CALENDAR ISSUE AND BOOK SALES</b>  <b>V &amp; A CERAMICS</b>  This collection is unrivalled in the world. The history of production from 2500 BC to present day. There is also an exhibition of Henry Willett's Collection of Popular Pottery. He was a 19C philanthropist and one of the founders of Brighton Museum. This showcases the ceramic objects people used at home, giving an insight into British history.  Leaders <b>Barbara and Sheila</b>. Leave MP at 1300. Travel by bus. Free</p> <p><b>SIR JOHN SOANE MUSEUM</b>  Sir John Soane was an 18th century architect and collector, who crammed his house with his collection of sculpture, antiquities, curios, and paintings and drawings (including some by Turner, Canaletto and Reynolds, and Hogarth's The Rake's Progress). It is much as he left it, a fascinating collection like no other. You feel for his wife ('Oh, not another sarcophagus, dear?'). Please be aware that it is on several floors and there are a lot of stairs. There are toilets and a shop, but no café. However, there is a cafe nearby in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Free. Maximum 16.  Leader <b>Olive</b>. Leave MP at 12.45 and travel by underground to Holborn station, then a five-minute walk.</p>	<p><b>Book with Barbara and Sheila on the day.</b></p> <p><b>Book with Olive on the day</b></p>

<p><b>2 OCT Host Sue Prudo</b>  <b>BURGH HOUSE, HAMPSTEAD</b>  This Grade 1 listed Queen Anne house is in the heart of Hampstead Village and free to visit. It has step-free access to the 3 art galleries featuring women artists, the music room, entrance hall and a small shop on the ground floor. Then, go upstairs to 3 more galleries featuring emigre stories and photos. Finally, relax in the small, cosy cafe which serves drinks, home-made cakes and scones.  Leaders <b>Sheila and Barbara</b>. Leave MP at 1pm and travel by tube to Hampstead followed by a short walk.</p> <p><b>BISCUIT TINS IN THE READING MUSEUM</b>  I hope to visit 3 areas in the museum - the Huntley &amp; Palmer biscuit tin collection, the latest art exhibition and the refurbished display on Roman Silchester. There is always the captivating copy of the Bayeux Tapestry to see.  Leader <b>Dawn</b>. Leave very quickly after notices. We should have time for lunch in the museum Pantry. Travel FREE on the Elizabeth Line !!!</p>	<p><b>Book with Sheila and Barbara on the day.</b></p> <p><b>Book with Dawn before the end of September.</b></p>
<p><b>9 OCT Host Sandra Church</b>  <b>JASON AND THE ADVENTURES OF 254. WELLCOME COLLECTION</b>  Come and explore this small exhibition inspired by 1980s TV and described as an emotional and whimsical expression of the joys of being human and fun for all. Drawing on the artist's experience of becoming disabled as a child, the gallery space is reimagined as a hospital ward with an installation of sculptures, illustrations and interactive three-dimensional scenes. There will also be another larger exhibition called "Hardgraft" in the main gallery in Oct. '24. No information was available about this exhibition at the time of writing. Free.  Leaders <b>Sheila and Barbara</b>. Leave MP at 1pm and travel by bus and a short walk.</p> <p><b>ROYAL OPERA HOUSE</b>  The visit starts with a downstairs buffet light meal (c £10). After lunch, go up to the balcony via lifts to see the costume and photo display, as well as posters of past operas and ballets. Free to access.  Leader <b>Roland</b>. Leave MP at 1200 and walk 10-15 mins.</p>	<p><b>Book with Sheila and Barbara by 2 October.</b></p> <p><b>Book on the day with Roland.</b></p>
<p><b>16 OCT Host Sue Dickinson</b>  <b>HACKNEY MUSEUM</b>  This is the community history museum for the London Borough of Hackney. It cares for over 8,500 objects, artworks, images and oral history recordings. The collections represent the everyday lives of people in the borough, many of whom have migrated from different parts of the world. As it is heavily used by school groups, we will visit from 12-1pm when it is quieter, and can go somewhere local for lunch afterwards.  Leader <b>Jill</b>. Leave at <b>1100</b> and travel by bus.</p>	<p><b>Book with Jill on the day – remember to come early as we leave at <u>1100</u>.</b></p>

<p><b>16 OCT (Cont)</b>  <b>LUNCH AT THE INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, Great George Street, SW1.</b>  Join us for a selection of freshly cooked dishes in elegant surroundings for under £10.  Leader: <b>Catherine</b>. Leave MP after notices and travel by bus to Parliament Square.</p>	<p><b>Book with Catherine on the day.</b></p>
<p><b>23 OCT Host Roland</b>  <b>DR. JOHNSON`S HOUSE, Gough Square.</b>  Wendy is offering a free guided tour of Dr Johnson`s House - a charming 300-year-old townhouse, nestled amongst a maze of courts and alleys in the historic City of London. Samuel Johnson, the writer and wit, lived and worked here in the middle of the 18th century, compiling his great Dictionary of the English Language in the garret. The house has a collection relating to Johnson, which includes restored interiors and a wealth of original features. Cost of concessionary entry fee: £8.00.  Leader <b>Wendy</b>. Leave at 1300 and travel by bus no 8 from New Oxford St.  <b>MORDEN HALL PARK AND GARDEN CENTRE</b>  Join us on a trip to this urban oasis in South London, where the River Wandle meanders through the grounds. The park belongs to the National Trust, but is free for everyone. The lovely garden centre is the only one belonging to the NT. There is a Trust shop, which could be good for Christmas presents and also a cafe that serves light lunches.  Leaders <b>Barbara and Sheila</b>. Leave MP after notices. Travel by tube.</p>	<p><b>Book with and pay Wendy on the day.</b></p> <p><b>Book with Barbara and Sheila on the day.</b></p>
<p><b>30 OCT Host Joyce Smith</b>  <b>SCANDINAVIAN LUNCH AT CROYDON IKEA</b>  We shall lunch in the large well-lit restaurant, with a choice of salads or hot food, Swedish meatballs, fish ‘n’ chips, macaroni cheese, chips, and a choice of puddings such as apple pie, cheesecake or just coffee with a pastry. Afterwards wander through the store or stock up with your own supply of Swedish meatballs! Home via a longer tram ride to Wimbledon stations to trains or the District Line tube.  Leader <b>Maggs</b>. Leave after notices and travel by train and a tram.  <b>HEADSTONE MANOR MUSEUM, HARROW</b>  A visit to the Grade 1 listed medieval manor, barns and granary set in beautiful, landscaped parkland. Originally built in 1310 for the Archbishop of Canterbury and converted into a museum in 1986, the museum houses collections which reflect the people and places of Harrow from prehistory to the present day. Cafe overlooking the medieval moat open till 4pm.Free.  Leader <b>Catherine</b>. Leave MP after notices and travel by tube and bus.</p>	<p><b>Book with Maggs on the day.</b></p> <p><b>Book with Catherine on the day.</b></p>
<p><b>Social Working Group</b>  <b>Barbara Askew, Jill Gregson, Sheila MacLeod, Ann McMellan Dawn Zeffertt.</b>  <b>Other trip leaders, Catherine Porras-Anzola, Wendy Hammerston, Pam Strangman, Maggie Squires, Olive, Roland, Maggs Sandilands.</b></p>	