

THE LONDON FRIENDSHIP CENTRE CALENDAR

Nov- Dec 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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If you wish to receive future calendars, please renew your membership by collecting a renewal form at Montagu Pyke. If you cannot get there and wish to renew by post, please leave a message for Joyce on 07908-269809 with your name, address and membership number and she will send you a form to complete and send, together with your £10 annual membership fee, to the membership secretary.

As a member of the British Museum, Dawn is kindly offering to take individual members of the London Friendship Centre into the Silk Roads exhibition which is on there from 26 September to 23 February 2025. Please speak to Dawn individually to arrange mutually convenient times.

6 NOV Host Sue Dickinson NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM

Learn about the history and the culture of the British Army, as well as its impact across the world. The National Army Museum and its exhibitions are free to visit. The galleries have recently undergone an exciting refresh, so there are plenty of new objects to see, even if you have been before. There is a café which serves hot drinks and cakes!
Leader **Jill**. Leave at 1245 and travel by bus.

Book on the day with Jill.

FREE GUIDED TOUR OF THE V&A BRITISH GALLERIES – Part 1

So full of treasures are these galleries, they are displayed on two floors. Today we will see Henry VIII's writing desk (where he may have written his love letters to Anne Boleyn), the Great Bed of Ware said to have held 16 butchers and their wives (humph!) mentioned by Shakespeare in "Twelfth Night", some exquisite gifts which Queen Anne gave to her favourite, Sarah Churchill, King James's coronation robe, reconstructions of rooms

Book on the day with Wendy.

<p>6 NOV(Cont.) such as the stunning Baroque music room from Norfolk House, not to mention a variety of furnishings. The galleries are a veritable potpourri of fabulous items beautifully displayed chronologically so, as well as being a pleasure to look at, tell the history of British art, society and patronage throughout the 300-year period. Maximum 15. Free entry and free guided tour. Leader Wendy. Leave MP at 1.00 p.m. and take the tube to South Kensington.</p>	
<p>13 NOV Host Renee Heath LUNCH AT THE FOX ON THE HILL, DENMARK HILL Leave after notices using different routes according to preference!! No.176. bus opposite MP takes you most of the way with a short walk up the hill. Later I could introduce you to the HOPE cafe in the Salvation Army offices for tea or coffee! Dawn will meet you in the Fox. Leader Dawn</p> <p>EXPLORING WOOLWICH Woolwich has a great military history with the dockyard and naval station founded in 16th century. Arsenal football club was originally there, and named after the factories manufacturing armaments for the UK army for 250 years. We will have lunch at the Great Harry (a Wetherspoons pub) and then take a stroll down towards the river passing by the remaining historic buildings, mostly converted into housing. If the weather is fine, we could also take the DLR over to Pontoon Dock and have a look at the Thames Barrier. Leader Jill. Leave MP after notices and travel by Elizabeth line to Woolwich.</p>	<p>Book on the day.</p> <p>Book on the day with Jill.</p>
<p>20 NOV Host Lilian Adams ST. ALBANS DAY TRIP We are paying a return visit to the lovely and very old city of St Albans, site of the execution of England's first Christian martyr by the Romans. On a more cheerful and up to date note, we will be visiting on market day which is always very special. Almost anything you want (bar furniture) can be purchased here from clothing, fresh fruit and vegetables from the Hertfordshire farms and locally made cheese and pastries. The cathedral is beautiful and if anyone has the mobility and energy they can also walk out to the Roman ruins. The charity shops are also worth a visit. There are plenty of cafes and pubs to have lunch. Sandra's mobile number on the day is: 07939 247933. On arrival at St Albans' station, we will catch a bus into the centre of the town. Leader: Sandra Church. Meet by the Thameslink Booking Office, St Pancras International, at 9.45am to catch the first available train.</p>	<p>Book with Sandra on Nov 13th.</p>

<p>20 NOV (Cont.) FREE GUIDED TOUR OF THE V&A BRITISH GALLERIES (PART 2) 1770-c1900 These galleries pick up from where we left off in part 1 (you are welcome to join us even if you missed part 1). The exhibits we will be seeing are late Georgian, though most of the artefacts date from the Victorian period, including Gothic revival furniture and exhibits (some amusing!) from the Great Exhibition held in Hyde Park in 1851. We will also see artefacts from the Aesthetic Movement and some interesting pieces by the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, as well as William Morris & Co, whose Arts and Crafts movement rebelled against Industrialisation. We will finish in Scotland with Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Free entry and free guided tour. Maximum 15. Leader Wendy. Leave MP at 1.00 p.m. and take the tube to South Kensington.</p>	<p>Book with Wendy on the day.</p>
<p>27 NOV Host Joyce Smith CALENDAR ISSUE AND BOOK SALES HISTORY AND TREASURES OF GUILDHALL LIBRARY We have managed to book 12 tickets to join the librarian's talk and tour to learn about the history of the library and view some of the library's amazing treasures. We should also have time to visit the new Whittington, The Man, The Myth and the Cat exhibition. Both these events are free of charge. Leader Maggie Squires. Leave MP at 1.00pm. Travel by Northern Line and Waterloo and City line to Bank Station. Then a short walk to Guildhall Library.</p> <p>V&A TAPESTRIES We start with a detailed look at a Raphael Cartoon and Tapestry to show how they are made. We then go up to the main Tapestry Gallery where all the tapestries have recently been cleaned and rehung. These are the Devonshire Hunting Tapestries. Leader Dawn. Leave MP at 12.45 and travel by bus (14). We meet Pam Strangman in the V&A entrance.</p>	<p>Book with Maggie on the day.</p> <p>Book with Dawn on the day.</p>
<p>4 DEC Host Dee Walters MALL GALLERY – ROYAL INSTITUTE OF OIL PAINTERS’ ANNUAL EXHIBITION This exhibition gives visitors the opportunity to view works by both talented young exhibitors and more established member artists. You will see the many ways that artists use oil paint today from traditional approaches to more innovative uses of material, style and content. Cost £5. Join us for refreshments afterwards. Leaders Sheila and Barbara. Leave MP at 1pm, catch a bus followed by a short walk to the gallery.</p>	<p>Book with Sheila and Barbara on the day.</p>

<p>11 DEC Host Sue Prudo CHRISTMAS LUNCH – HOPEFULLY AT THE INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS At the time this calendar is being printed, details are not yet confirmed. Please save the date and further information will be announced as soon as possible on Wednesdays at MP, in the Day Book, and on the website. Leader Ann McMellan.</p>	<p>Booking date to be advised.</p>
<p>18 DEC Host Rosie McKee CAROLS AT ST. DUNSTAN IN THE WEST Join other members of the congregation for their annual service of nine lessons and carols, where we hear the Christmas story, and join in with singing. There is no charge, but it is expected that those attending make a donation to the church – either in cash or by card payment. This is usually followed by refreshments. Leader Jill. Leave MP at 1200 and travel by bus.</p>	<p>Book with Jill on the day.</p>
<p>25 DEC CHRISTMAS DAY Happy Christmas to one and all. MP will be closed so there is no meeting planned.</p>	
<p>ADVANCE NOTICE 1 JAN 2025 NEW YEAR’S DAY PARADE Montagu Pyke will not be opening till midday, so we will meet in Leicester Square (outside the Lego store) on the west side and find a spot to watch London’s New Year’s Day Parade, which starts from Piccadilly at 1200. We will be standing, so comfortable shoes and warm clothes suggested. We might go for a late lunch afterwards. Leader Jill.</p>	<p>Meet Jill at 1145 outside Lego Store, Leicester Square.</p>
<p>Social Working Group Barbara Askew, Jill Gregson, Sheila MacLeod, Ann McMellan, Dawn Zeffertt. Other trip leaders; Sandra Church, Wendy Hammerston, Pam Strangman.</p>	