

BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members

Dear Prospero Member,

We are now into another year, spring is about to spring into action and we have more events for your attention. Only one trip in June as probably people will be busy with Jubilee celebrations, and apologies for the back to back trips I May – that's just how things fell! The last theatre trip, the Life of Pi, was not very well attended but I hear from those who attended, they thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich was well attended and was breathtakingly beautiful. It was created for retired sailors and used as a dining hall. Would the BBC provide such surroundings for us retired folk? Maybe not. It is now regularly used as a film and TV set. We were well informed and well looked after.

Please remember this is our club section, the AGM is coming soon so please come along and support us and remember to promote us with your retired colleagues and friends. The more the merrier as they say.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our forthcoming events.

Happy Easter.

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club, Prospero Section.

Only one trip in June as probably people will be busy with Jubilee celebrations, and apologies for the back to back trips in May – that's just how things fell! I also include a future event, do notice the short duration to get your booking in.

Booking deadlines refer to the date when bookings close due to payment deadlines to venues. However applying before this date doesn't guarantee a place as the trip may become full earlier. All steps are taken to accommodate applications including a waiting list if necessary. Refunds after the booking deadline will only be possible if the place is taken by someone else.

COORDINATORS NEEDED! PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR BOOKING FORM IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ACT AS SUCH!



Victorian Ice cream at the London Canal Museum

10 minutes from Kings Cross St Pancras N1 9RT

After a refreshing cup of tea and an introductory talk, explore the London Canal museum at your leisure before meeting 'Mrs Marshall' for a talk and demonstration of Victorian ice cream making in a genuine Ice House! (The demo will start at about 12.30)

Thursday 28th April 2022 11am

Prospero Members £10 per person

Club members and Guests £15 per person

Booking deadline, 20th April

A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for Ice Cream Making

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £10..... Member and Guests @£15.....

Total Amount £.....

Please make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using ICECREAM as the reference and also email the application details to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk OR write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd** and post it **with the application and any guest name(s)** to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include your email address for confirmation letter and if you are unsuccessful your cheque will be destroyed.

Alternatively please include an SAE marked for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked



Prospero AGM

Have your say and contribute to the way your Club is run.
Prospero needs enthusiastic volunteers to keep going!
No experience necessary!

Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 11am

BBC Club W1 at Wogan House

99 Great Portland St, London, W1

Agenda for the Prospero 2022 AGM to be held on 12th April at BBC Club W1

1. Opening remarks and welcome.
2. Apologies received
3. Submission and acceptance of Minutes of the 2019 AGM (on last page)
4. A difficult couple of years
5. Submission of financial report provided by the BBC Club office
6. Election of committee for 2022/2023 including Chair
7. General forum of members present

If you can indicate if you will be attending that would help us get an idea of numbers but please do come even if you haven't!



The Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn visit and lunch

11A New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QB

This event comprises a tour of the collegiate buildings and the estate, focussing on the history of the Inn. The tour includes access to the Old Hall (1492), the Chapel (1623), the Library and Great Hall (1845).

Highlights would include important C17th stained glass in the Chapel, the table which Pugin designed for the Gothic Court in the Great Exhibition of 1851, the Hemicycle of Lawyers fresco by G.F. Watts and portraits of past members. This is followed by lunch in the Hall, 3 courses and including a glass of wine (or soft drink), water tea and coffee.

Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 11.30am

Prospero Members £38.00 Club Members and Guests £45.00

Booking deadline 20th April 2022

Please indicate if you are vegetarian or have other dietary requirements
A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for Lincolns Inn

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £38.00..... Club members and guests@ £45.00..... Total Amount £.....

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Adelphi Theatre, Strand, London WC2R 0NS

Thursday 12th May 2022

2.30pm

Stalls rows G and H.

Prospero Members £35 per person

Club members and Guests £39.50 per person

A Coordinator is needed for this trip. Please indicate if you are willing to act as such.

Deadline for booking: 28th March 2022

At time of writing the theatre advises: We recommend all audience members wear a face covering throughout their visit, but this is a personal choice Do not come to the theatre if you feel unwell, cloakroom space is limited. Hand sanitiser is provided throughout the theatre which is 100% fresh air ventilated. Bag checks are contact free. NB THIS THEATRE IS CASHLESS SO YOU NEED A CONTACTLESS CARD FOR ANY REFRESHMENTS!

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Back to the Future

Name.....

Phone no:-..... e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £35 Club Member/guest @ £39.50.....

Total Amount £.....

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Canal Towpath Guided Walk (with optional museum entry)

Wednesday 22nd June 2022 12noon/1pm

This is a guided canal towpath walk from the London Canal Museum near Kings Cross up to Camden. Your expert guide Tony can cover local history, the engineering of the canal and the architecture of the canal. The walk will last for 1-1.5 hours depending on the speed of the group. The walk starts at 1pm. If you haven't visited the London Canal Museum before, entry is included in the price so why not arrive early to check it out first!

Prospero Members £8 per person

Club members and Guests £10 per person

Booking deadline, 1st June

A coordinator is needed for this trip!

Application for Tow Path Walk

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £8..... Member and Guests @£10.....

Total Amount £.....

Please make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using TOWPATH as the reference and also email the application details to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk OR write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd** and post it **with the application and any guest name(s)** to Gayner Leach, BBC Club, BC2 B3 Broadcast Centre, 201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TP. Please include your email address for confirmation letter and if you are unsuccessful your cheque will be destroyed. Alternatively please include an SAE marked for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked



London Coliseum

St Martin's Lane, WC2N 4ES

The first major West End revival of Lerner & Loewe's much-loved musical for 21 years – it's a truly *lovely* way to celebrate London's theatre scene back in bloom!

Thursday 11th August 2022 2.00pm **NOTE!! EARLY START!**

Seats reserved Upper Circle rows C,D,E,F and J (on the central aisle, there is a lift and just a few stairs)

Prospero Members £35 per person

Club members and Guests £39.50 per person

First come, first served! Book Early for this great price!

A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for My Fair Lady

Name.....

Phone no:-.....e-mail.....

Prospero Member @ £35..... Member and Guests @£39.50.....

Total Amount £.....

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Minutes for the Prospero 2019 AGM held on the 11th April at Wogan House

This meeting was taken by the current chairman, Carol Elliott and the Business Development Manager of the BBC Club, Gayner Leach who runs the Prospero group.

1) Opening remarks and welcome.

Carol welcomed all and asked for a vote of thanks for all the work Gayner has done for us over that last year. It was again a very successful year with 21 organised events, 3 Theatre visits, 2 classical concerts, 13 guided tours and 2 meals. We did have one event to Hampton Court Gardens cancelled due to lack of numbers. The events are well attended with 10 sold out and a second trip quickly organised to cope with the numbers. The most popular was the Postal Museum with 47 attending followed by Spencer House at 41. Our membership is stable at 209 with 21 renewals outstanding. We cannot underestimate the value of Gayner when organising these events. Consideration is taken to the accessibility of the venues, some are not available to groups, timings, as evenings and early mornings are not popular due to travel times. Gayner does a great job.

2) Apologies – received from Alison Gray. Our previous chairman Peter Mirams sends us his regards and explains that he can no longer get to the events or the AGM but will remain a member to support us.

3) Minutes from the 2018 AGM were approved and seconded.

4) Submission of the Financial Report by the BBC Club Gayner led the financial report and explained that since we no longer have a separate bank account, and the fact that some future events are paid for ahead of time it was difficult to ascertain a true balance. We are in a healthy position with a balance of £5091 which is similar to last year.

5) Election of the Committee Members and Chairman 2019/2020. Chair and committee were voted back. Chair, Carol Elliott, Committee Members, Alison Gray, Helen Schofield, Beulah East, Rodica Mager.

6) Bookings and Payment

Gayner explained that a new online payment system was established for this quarters events. It was not used by many but the feedback was mainly positive. It will be managed as fairly as possible by not giving any advantage of timed responses to either postal or online. Thank you for your cooperation and feedback. Michael Jordan stated that it was good to have a choice and hoped the postal option would remain. Andy Love agreed and reiterated that comment. Carol Elliott requested that members where possible should not ring the BBC CLUB for Prospero events but think about other options maybe send an email. Telephone calls from Prospero Members are taking up more of Gayners time which is unfair as we are a tiny part of Gayners working day. I would not like us to abuse this option.

7) Late Cancellations

There is regularly a waiting list for the events so timely cancellations are essential to allow others to take your place. It has been suggested that a mobile phone number of the event leader could be given to enable late comers to forewarn the group. This was discussed at length and it has resulted in a voluntary stand. Those leaders wishing to give their mobile numbers to the group will do so by coordinating it through Gayner.

8) Recognition for suggestions It has been suggested that recognition for each event be given to those that put forward the suggestion.

Carol Elliott said that this was in theory a good idea but in practice not so good. Some events have several people suggesting the same place. How unfortunate if we missed acknowledging one person. Some events suggested are great ideas but are not practical for our group and will never be used. Some ideas are seasonal and may not be used for more than 12 months. This would be more analytical work for Gayner to list this piece of information. Remember this is our group and should, as other BBC Club Societies are, be run by the members. It is up to us to put forward ideas and as much information as possible. Where an individual has organised and presented the event as Rodney Mantle did for the Chinese experience we will fully acknowledge and give our thanks. Rodney Mantle would like to again, give thanks to Alison Gray for assisting with the event.

9) General Forum.

Gayner explained that the email version of the newsletter sometimes “bounces” back. Would all members please look at their email and add the BBC Club to their address book and this will help. Don Smith suggests a trip to the BBC Archives at Perivale. He has been there to assist with recognition of some archive material and thinks it would be very interesting for us. Rodney Mantle stated the BBC Club deal with the Coliseum is very good and wonders if we could take advantage. Gayner explained that it is very difficult to get a deal as a group.

The meeting closed at 11.48.