

BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members

Dear Member,

Well, here we are again, Merry Christmas everyone.

We had a great Autumn schedule and I had good feedback from several of the trips. Everyone seem to like the food at the Palm Court in Covent Garden and the Bow Street Museum were very accommodating although, I am not sure they are used to such numbers at one time. As far as I know we didn't leave anyone locked in a cell. It was uncanny to hold onto the rail in the 'dock' previously touched by Oscar Wilde! They also arranged with the hotel next door for us to visit the events room which was previously a Magistrates Court. Nice hotel too.

Obviously at the time of writing this it is before the Christmas lunch has happened. I am looking forward to it and not only will it be great food and good company but a reflection on some very fond, funny and nostalgic memories of places, people and situations in that W1 Club. I hope we can share some of those memories.

A big thank you to the volunteer coordinators (we need more) and of course Gayner for making it all happen.

I look forward to seeing you at some of the forthcoming events next year. Unusually we have a few Saturday trips this quarter. Please let us know on your application if you can be a coordinator. NO COORDINATOR, NO TRIP!

Have a very Merry Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year, see you in 2024!

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club, Prospero Society

BBC Club post is rather erratic as it gets redirected while we wait for our new office home address. Therefore, if you can, please email me your application request so I can save you a place even if you prefer to post a cheque. No need to use the application form if you prefer not to. A quick reminder, Some events do not require payment until quite close to the day so if no money has been handed over then a refund is possible. However increasingly now, payment is required at the time of booking so no refund is allowable as Prospero cannot be expected to incur a loss for nonattendance. If such an event does have a waiting list then the ticket can be reallocated. Booking deadlines are often payment deadlines. If an event doesn't have a deadline then availability can be found on the website: <https://www.bbclub.com/clubs/connect/prospero>



Handel & Hendrix Visit with music

Saturday 20th January 2024 11.00am

Handel House occupies four floors of 25 Brook Street, the building in which the composer George Frideric Handel lived from 1723 until his death in 1759

Hendrix Flat occupies the upper floor of 23 Brook Street, in which Jimi Hendrix lived from July 1968 to March 1969. A permanent exhibition introduces Hendrix's place in the musical and social world of 1960s London, his influences and his legacy.

This self-guided tour is a fascinating glimpse into the lives of two very different but influential musicians in London. There are expert volunteers on each floor for additional information and hopefully a live baroque rehearsal!

Prospero Members £12

Club members and Guests £14

Check website for availability
A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for Handel & Hendrix

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £12..... Member and Guests @£14.....

Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using HANHEN as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**. Alternatively if you don't have email, post a cheque 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 an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.

Behind the Iron Curtain

Experiences as the BBC Liaison Officer for the Communist Countries

Thursday, 15 February 2024, 11:30

An illustrated talk by Rodney Mantle, who worked for over ten years trying to improve BBC access to the Soviet Bloc countries.

Rodney's work for BBC International Relations was mainly concerned with the internal briefing service FEEDBACK for staff planning projects abroad, which formed the background to his activities in the Soviet Bloc.

This will be followed by lunch in Stein's German restaurant on the same site. Lunch will consist of two courses pre-chosen from a 3-course menu. Some of the items will be typical of the former East Germany: you are unlikely ever to have this opportunity again, so do be brave in your selection! At the time of writing this newsletter the menu wasn't available, so please check your email inbox from mid-December, as the menu will be emailed to you and you will need to send your selections back. Anybody without an email address will get this information via post.

Drinks and Gratuities are not included and should be dealt with individually.

The venue is the Goethe -Institut London, 50 Princes Gate, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2PH. This is near the Royal Albert Hall and Imperial College. The closest Underground station is South Kensington; using the museum tunnel from the station to the end, about a 10-15-minute walk.

Prospero Members £30

Club members and Guests £35

Limited Availability

A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for "Behind the Iron Curtain"

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £30..... Member and Guests @£35.....

Total Amount £.....

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THE WALLACE COLLECTION



Hertford House, Manchester Square London W1U 3BN

Explore one of the finest and most celebrated collections in the world on a private group tour. Our guide lecturers will introduce you to unsurpassed masterworks of painting, sculpture, furniture, arms and armour and porcelain, helping to make your visit both informative and enjoyable. Tour lasts one hour.

Tuesday 27th February 2024 11.30am

Prospero Members £13.50

Club members and Guests £16

Limited availability, First Come First served with priority for Prospero members. Check website for availability

A coordinator is needed for this trip!

Application for The Wallace Collection

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £13.50..... Member and Guests @£16.....

Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using WALLACE as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**. Alternatively if you don't have email, post a cheque 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 an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.



Guided Tour of the 'Old Bailey'

London EC4M 7EH

The Central Criminal Court of England and Wales, known the world over as the 'Old Bailey', is opening its doors to the public for out of hours guided tours .

It is the most famous court house in the world but from the 1100s it was a prison, the notorious Newgate, and a place of execution. The last public hanging there was in 1868 and the last one behind its firmly closed doors in 1902.

The iconic 'Old Bailey' is packed with secrets, history, famous trials, unexpected artworks and is also a busy, working building. Come and explore it after hours with a professional City of London Guide.

Please note: The only way to reach the cells is by stairs. For other levels of the building there is a lift

Saturday 9th March 2024 2pm

Prospero Members £21.50

Club members and Guests £25

Check website for availability
A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for The Old Bailey

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £21.50..... Member and Guests @£25.....

Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using BAILEY as the reference **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**. Alternatively if you don't have email, post a cheque 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 an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked.



St Martin-In-The-Fields

Trafalgar Square, London WC4N 4JJ

The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi is a beloved masterpiece of Baroque beauty and drama. In this richly varied programme, St Martin’s Chamber Ensemble and Richard Milone present Vivaldi’s iconic work in its full splendour, together with a dazzling selection of musical gems by Henry Purcell and J S Bach.

Saturday 16th March 2024 7pm -8pm

Prospero Members £21.50

Club members and Guests £25

Check website for availability
A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for The Four Seasons

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £21.50..... Member and Guests @£25.....

Total Amount £.....

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English National Ballet and Royal Albert Hall Present:

SWAN LAKE in the Round

Thursday 20th June 2024 2.30pm

Royal Albert Hall

Rausing Circle, section T, 5th and 6th rows opposite the organ

All tickets £40

Booking deadline 3rd January. Check website for availability

A coordinator is needed for this trip!

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Application for SWAN LAKE

Name.....

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

Prospero Member@ £40 guests@ £40..... Total Amount £.....

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