

BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members

Dear Member,

Great feedback from the last events, thank you and I see we have some new members joining us, which is excellent. We already have Oliver! in January to look forward to and the next offerings are below. I think there is something for everyone. Don't let the cold weather of the next few months put you off, there will always be a warm welcome at these events. Please don't be hesitant to come on your own, remember we all have the BBC in common. At one of the summer events, we had two people who had worked together and hadn't seen each other for years. We all laughed when we saw the surprise on their faces and they explained the circumstances. Please remember to coordinate if you can. It is an easy task, just tick names off a list. We cannot have these events without the generosity of members who volunteer, you also get to be top of the list so guaranteed a place. The coordinators are members who are new to the events like yourselves, they are not experts on the layout of the venues or the subject matter. If you need any information, please feel free to speak to someone at the venue.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you at some of the events in 2026.

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club, Prospero Society

Only one event is shown here for January as we also have a trip to Oliver! Advertised in the last newsletter and now fully booked. There is also a return trip to Getty Images for those whose applications weren't successful last time. There are 2 spaces available, if you are interested, please email BBC.club@bbc.co.uk for details.

All applications for events are left for at least a week to allow Prospero Society members to get priority booking.

REPLIES TO POSTAL AND EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT ON THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER. Applications received after this date will be processed as soon as possible. Availability can be found on the Website: <https://www.bbcclub.com/clubs/connect/prospéro>

PLEASE NOTE! BBC Club Hub's new office address. 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.bbcclub.com/clubs/connect/prospéro> - Gayner Leach.



London Transport Museum
Covent Garden Piazza, WC2E 7BB.

London Transport Museum tells the story of London and its transport system over the last 200 years. Visitors can explore 19th century horse drawn buses, the world's first underground railway, and early red double-decker buses, along with lively exhibitions and galleries.

Thursday 15th January 2026 2pm

Prospero Members **£19.50**

Club Members /Guests **£22.50**

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

Application for London Transport Museum.

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £19.50 Club Member/guest @£22.50..... 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 TRANSPORT 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 Hub, Floor 6, Zone D BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA. Please include an SAE for full details of the trip or returned cheque if fully booked



Strawberry Hill House

Waldegrave road, Twickenham TW1 4ST. Trains run from Waterloo to Strawberry Hill or get the 33 or R68 bus from Richmond tube station. FREE car park available.

Strawberry Hill House's story begins in 1747, when Horace Walpole discovered and purchased 'Chopp'd Straw Hall', one of the last remaining sites available on the banks of the Thames in fashionable Twickenham. He set about transforming what was then a couple of cottages into his vision of a 'little Gothic castle' with pinnacles, battlements and a round tower. Thus Strawberry Hill House was born – the House became a tourist attraction in Walpole's lifetime and beyond.

A private guided tour is one of the most engaging ways to explore Horace Walpole's Gothic Masterpiece. The tour lasts 60 minutes. Refreshments not included but there is a café on site which is where the group will meet.

Wednesday 4th February 2026 11.00am

Prospero Members **£16.50**

Club Members /Guests **£19.50**

Application for Private Tour of Strawberry Hill House

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £16.50 Club Member/guest @£19.50..... Total Amount
£.....

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Household Cavalry MUSEUM

Whitehall, London SW1A 2AX

Located in the heart of London within the historic Horse Guards building, the museum offers a unique and immersive experience into the lives of the Household Cavalry, one of the British Army's oldest and most prestigious regiments. Visitors can witness the troopers at work through a special glass partition, giving a glimpse into the stables where the soldiers prepare for their ceremonial duties. Alongside fascinating exhibits, artefacts and interactive displays, you'll discover the rich history, traditions and daily routine of these soldiers, from their role in royal ceremonies to their time in active service.

THIS IS A GUIDED TOUR timed so that the group meet, witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony and then have the tour. If you just want the tour then please advise when applying.

A Coordinator is needed for 11th Feb trip. Please indicate if you are willing to act as such.

Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th February 2026 10.30am

Prospero Members **£13.50**

Club Members /Guests **£16.00**

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Application for Household Cavalry Museum Tour

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £13.50 Club Member/guest @£16.00..... Total Amount
£.....

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This is your opportunity to enjoy a 2 course gourmet meal in a unique location- HMP Brixton. Situated in the old governor's house dating back to 1819, the air-conditioned restaurant allows the students to learn, engage with the public and take their first steps towards a new life. The Clink Restaurant at HMP Brixton is frequently placed in the Top 10 restaurants in London on TripAdvisor. The 2026 menu was not available at time of writing and will be sent to applicants when available for preorders. As an example only, you can see the current menu [here](#). (Only until it is replaced on their website).

Changing attitudes, transforming lives and creating second chances. The Clink Charity was founded in 2009. Since then, we have grown to become one of the UK's leading prison rehabilitation and prevention charities. We believe there is fellowship in food and, since our inception, we have trained approximately 5,000 people and delivered 2,600 City & Guilds qualifications.

Tuesday 10th March 2026 12.30pm

The cost cannot be set until the menu is published and will include a 12.5% service charge but NOT the cost of any drinks. This is a category C prison. There is no alcohol served. All guests must bring physical ID (driving licence or passport) and must give their full name and date of birth. Security checks will be carried out before the event.

Booking Deadline February 15th

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Registration of Interest for Clink Restaurant at Brixton Prison.

Name(s).....

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

Estimated prices:

££35 - £40 Prospero members£40 - £45

Club members and guests

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY AT THIS STAGE.



Tower Bridge Private Guided Tour

Led by an expert guide, this tour will bring your group to all areas of the Bridge where you will see the iconic Towers, Walkways and the Victorian Engine Rooms. Your guide will bring the iconic structure to life and will enlighten you on the stories behind the Bridge's history and the people that built it. 90 minutes Duration.

Monday 23rd March 2026 10.45am

Prospero Members **£21.50**

Club Members /Guests **£25**

Application for guided Tour of Tower Bridge

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £21.50 Club Member/guest @£25..... Total Amount
£.....

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