

BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members

Dear Member,

Happy Springtime, I hope it is a bit dryer, the crocuses and daffodils all look lovely and lift your spirits.

Another good mix of events last period, I saw some great pictures of some members in the uniform of the Household Cavalry. Beautiful event and quite a spectacle of the changing of the guard with some not very well behaved horses. I hear we had good seats for Oliver! and an enjoyable evening. We have the Clink and Tower Bridge to come this month. I hope we don't leave anyone behind in Brixton Prison after lunch at the Clink. We definitely give you a variety of events.

You will see we are celebrating Spring and hoping for good weather as the walking tours are beginning again. Our very professional and lovely lady Diana is with us again. As always, I hope there is something for all to enjoy in these next events. May is the AGM, please come and join us, it is important that we understand the successes and not so successful events, also any new ideas you may have. We went to Oxford which was an adventure for us, this period we are offering Bletchley Park outside London. Is that Ok? Are we happy to go further afield, we have the numbers so it seems to be ok. Please come and have your say about Prospero and our events and schedule.

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.

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club Prospero Society.

P.S. All applications for events are collected for a week or more and then the replies are sent out. This is to allow Prospero Society members to get priority booking. Do reply as soon as possible! Gayner and I will send out replies to all received applications on 20th March. Anything received after this date will be processed regularly and availability updated on the website: <https://www.bbcclub.com/clubs/connect/prospero/>

Please email me your application request bbc.club@bbc.co.uk 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/prospero/>



Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

Guided Tour of Apothecaries' Hall.

One of the oldest Livery Halls in the City of London, nestled in the back streets behind St Paul's Cathedral. With the first-floor rooms remaining as they were in 1672, the Grade I listed Hall is a portal into another time. This tour will be taken by one of the archivists or historians and will last approx. 90 minutes. Please note the earlier than usual start time.

Wednesday 15th April 2026 10.30am

Prospero Members £12.75

Guests £15.00

VERY LIMITED NUMBERS! Prospero Society members and their guests only.

Application for Apothecaries Hall.

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £12.75 Guests @ £15 Total Amount £.....

Please email the application details to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk (no need to use the form here if it is easier to not do so) and make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using APOTHECARY 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



Guided Tour of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

Our expert guide-storytellers will provide a fascinating tour of the Globe Theatre auditorium, vividly recreating colourful stories of the 1599 Playhouse, the London Shakespeare would have known and the Globe reconstruction process in the 1990s. Our guides will also bring the theatre to life, exploring how the wooden 'O' works today as an imaginative and experimental space for performance.

A practical note on the tour: The theatre is open air. During your visit it is possible that the Globe tour will visit multiple floors within the theatre. These floors are accessed via four or eight flights of stairs using our external stairway tower.

Monday 20th April 2026 at 1.30pm

Prospero Members £22.50 per person. Club Members and Guests £26 per person

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

Limited Availability. Check the website.

Application for Shakespeare's Globe Tour

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £22.50 Club Member/guest @ £26.....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 GLOBE 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.

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 May 2026 at 11am

BBC Club W1 at Media Cafe

**BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place,
London W1A 1AA**

Agenda for the Prospero 2025 AGM to be held on 6th May at BBC Club W1

1. Opening remarks and welcome.
2. Apologies received
3. Submission and acceptance of Minutes of the 2025 AGM (available on the Prospero page of the BBC Club website)
4. Submission of financial report provided by the BBC Club office
5. Poll for August Theatre Event Results
6. Election of committee for 2026/2027 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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHOTO ID AND YOUR BBC CLUB CARD TO GAIN
ADMITTANCE TO BH.**



Guided Tour of Bletchley Park

Meet at Bletchley station. Suitable train times from Euston will be included in the confirmation details for applicants. There is a free car park. Your chosen transport link to Bletchley and return is at your own cost and choice.

Discover the incredible achievements of Britain’s World War Two Codebreakers, in the place where it happened. After a welcome cup of tea or coffee on arrival you will have an hour-long walking tour with a guide. You are then free to explore as you like, you can purchase a guidebook for £6.50 (usual price £7.50) which can be collected on the day of your visit, and there is a coffee shop and a café for lunch or bring a picnic! Bletchley advises you need about 4 hours to explore.

Thursday 14th May 2026 12.30 pm

Prospero Members £19.50 Club Members and Guests £22.75
Add a guide book £6.50

Limited Availability. Check the website. A Coordinator is needed for this trip. Please indicate if you are willing to act as such.

Bletchley Park Application

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £19.50 Club Member/guest @ £22.75.....
Guide books @ £6.50.....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 BLETCHLEY 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.



Imperial War Museum Lambeth Rd, London SE16HZ

Centuries of War Private Tour

Since our inception in 1917, IWM has explored the impact of war and conflict on people's lives. This exclusive, hour long tour gives an insight into our diverse and wide ranging collections and examines the links, themes and stories they tell. From the 'Little Boy' atomic bomb to the twisted wreckage of a car destroyed by a suicide bombing in the Iraq War, dive deeper into the impact of war and conflict on people's lives, from the First World War to the present day.

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 11.30am

Prospero Members £20

Club members /Guests £23.50

Limited Spaces, Check the website for availability

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Application for Imperial War Museum

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £20 Club Member/guest @£23.50.....

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 WAR 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.*

BLOOMSBURY – ‘LIFE IN SQUARES’

Join Prospero Society favourite Diana Kelsey on her walk. As Diana’s walks are so popular I have arranged two time slots so more of you can enjoy this event. Please indicate which time you would like or if you can do either.

A chance to walk round the elegant, leafy Georgian squares of Bloomsbury, seeing the houses where the famous, or to some infamous, Bloomsbury Group met. (According to Dorothy Parker they ‘lived in squares and loved in triangles!’) Bloomsbury is also the area of London most associated with literary and academic life in the early 20th century, we will see the inspiration for George Orwell’s ‘Ministry of Truth’ and hear stories of other authors such as T.S Eliot and Christina Rossetti. Literary references aside, the areas boast some of the best preserved Georgian squares of London and one...Russell Square, which has been restored to its original Repton landscape design, but whose architecture offended the symmetry-averse Victorians...see the result.

STARTS Russell Square Tube (Picadilly Line). Ends nr. British Museum.

Wednesday 17th June and Thursday 18th June at 11.30am

Prospero Members £17

Club members /Guests £20

Limited Spaces, Check the website for availability

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

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Application for Bloomsbury - Life in Squares Walk

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £17 Club Member/guest @£20.....

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 Squares 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.*



Walk John Constable's Hampstead. Walk, talk & Art History tour

Meet at Whitestone Pond, Hampstead, full details in the confirmation

We are delighted to have the opportunity of offering this walk and talk with Estelle Lovatt, Art Historian, Critic and writer. Follow in Constable's footsteps going back in time to about 250 years ago to see the house where he lived, worked and painted his great iconic landscape masterpieces on the Heath, Hampstead and around the London NW3 village finishing with his family tomb at the local church. Estelle describes the story of Constable's life, his dislike of Turner and relationship with the Royal Academy. Bringing alive everything you wanted to know about Constable and how he painted nature, the best clouds, rays of sunshine & double rainbows in art history. Estelle brings a portfolio of Constable's paintings to show, discuss and illustrate where he painted them from. Both a cultural fix and a healthy walk!

Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd or Thursday 9th July at 11.30am
(strict limit of 10 per tour, please indicate which date(s) you can do)

Prospero Members £17

Club members /Guests £20

Limited Availability. Check the website. A Coordinator is needed for all these dates. Please indicate if you are willing to act as such.

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Application for John Constable's Hampsted Walk

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £17 Club Member/guest @£20.....

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 HAMPSTEAD 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.



Docklands Museum No1 Warehouse, West India Quay, London E14 4AL

Wonders of the Warehouse Guided Tour

Explore the hidden history of our Georgian warehouse and its neighbouring streets. Visit some areas not regularly open to the public and gain an insight into the working lives of the dockers who once walked these floors.

After the tour the coordinator Steve Pearce invites anyone who wishes to join him for lunch at Browns – at your own expense of course!! If you could indicate if you will be doing so as a reservation may be necessary.

Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 1pm and 1.15pm

(time allocated on confirmation)

Prospero Members £8.50

Club members /Guests £10

Limited Spaces, Check the website for availability

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Application for Docklands Museum

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £8.50 Club Member/guest @£10.....

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 DOCKLANDS 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.*

Poll for August Theatre Trip

The Prospero Society in August traditionally only has one trip and it is usually to the theatre. Ahead of the May AGM we wanted to ask members for their thoughts on this and on what they would like to see. Some suggestions and very approximate pricing:



£50 - £60



£38 - £45



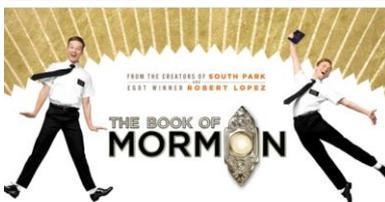
£42 - £50



£50 - £60



£42 - £50



£38 - £44

LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS!!