

BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members

Dear Member,

I hope you are keeping cool! What a heatwave or three we are having.

We had a fabulous walk around Bloomsbury with our wonderful guide Diana. She is amazing, funny, informative and very clearly researches her topics. Some of the quotes she researched were very funny. She also happened to ensure we were in the shade when stopping in the squares to listen to her. The Imperial War Museum was well attended and for those that thought they knew a lot about the second world war, there was a lot to learn.

Bletchley Park was a great hit and amazing place to visit. We had lots of lovely feedback and we had a great guide who was passionate about the subject matter. He may have been in trouble for spending too much time with us. The only people we were not very popular with were the staff in the restaurant. We spent so long with the guide, asking him questions that we just managed to get in the restaurant before it closed. They were mopping the floor around some of us!

As you will see we have more events for you for the rest of the summer months. Thank you for your continued support, it is lovely to see familiar faces. I hope to see you soon

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.

THERE ARE 2 SPACES LEFT on the rearranged 'John Constable's Hampstead. Walk, Talk and Art History tour' on 27th July. Please email bbc.club@bbc.co.uk to apply. Details in the April newsletter (available on the website, link below).

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 17th July. Anything received after this date will be processed regularly and availability updated on the website:

<https://www.bbcclub.com/clubs/connect/prosporo/>

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/prosporo/>

THE CLOCKWORKS

Private Tour of The Clockworks Museum

6 Nettlefold Place, London SE27 0JW

The Clockworks is a museum, workshop and library for electrical horology. The museum displays a world-class collection of over 100 electrical clocks, timekeepers and associated technologies, originally assembled by historian James Nye. It charts the development of electrical and networked time between 1840 and 1970.

The museum is supported by a horological library, and a Conservator-in-Residence who works from their onsite workshop. The workshop supports the collection, but is also a training and development hub for the clockmakers of the future

Friday 7th August 2026 at 11.30am

This is a free entry museum but the tour tickets do need to be booked so you must let us know if you wish to attend. Donations on the day are appreciated. There is no charge so do be generous!

This event needs a coordinator. Please indicate if you are able to help

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Clockworks Event

Name..... e-mail.....

OR Phone no:-.....

Please email the application details to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk (no need to use the form here if it is easier not to) **OR** write 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.



NOEL COWARD THEATRE

St Martin's Lane, London, WC2N 4AU

'No master to serve, no leash to bear. I walk as I please, and I speak as I dare.'

Poet. Soldier. Philosopher. Cyrano de Bergerac burns with brilliance. Fiercely funny and intensely romantic, Cyrano lives by his words and his sword. Haunted by doubts about his own appearance, he watched from the shadows as Roxane falls for another man. Handsome but hopeless with words, Christian turns to the one person who can help.

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Wednesday 19th August 2026 2.00pm

Prospero Members £43.00 per person.

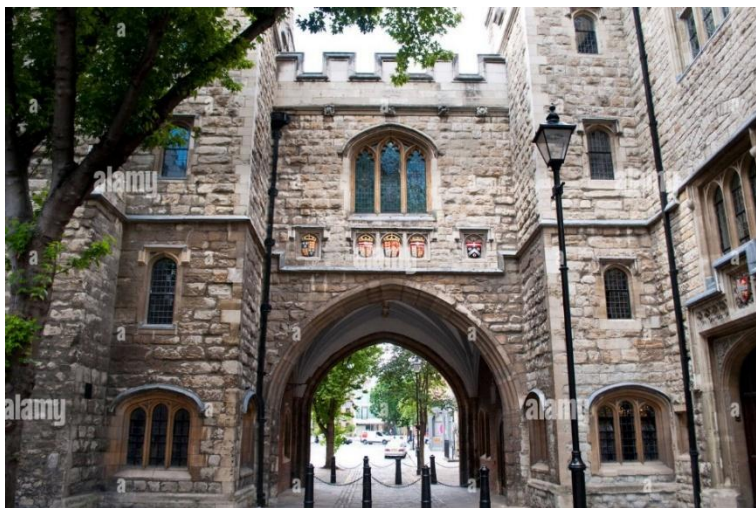
Club Members and Guests £49.50 per person

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Cyrano de Bergerac

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

Prospero Member @ £43.00 Club Member/guest @ £49.50.....
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 **BERGERAC** 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.



Museum of the Order of St John

St John's Gate, St John's Lane, Clerkenwell, London, EC1M 4DA

TOUR Knights, Revellers & Saviours: The Many Lives of St John's Gate

Follow in the footsteps of knight-monks, printers, literati, publicans & philanthropists in a whistle-stop tour through 900 years of history. Like many ancient buildings, St John's Gate and the Norman crypt have had a tumultuous past. These extraordinary medieval structures have survived against the odds because of the varied uses they have served over the centuries. Learn about the characters who lived, worked and entertained here and how they adapted and re-imagined the buildings to meet their needs.

Tours will last 60 minutes. The tour includes the Priory Church, crypt and historic rooms in St John's Gate.

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 11.30am and 12 noon

Prospero Members and Guests £15.00

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

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Order of St John Trip

Name..... email..... Phone no:-.....

Prospero Member @ £15 Club Member/guest @ £15..... Total Amount £.....

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LEGAL LONDON – THE INNS OF COURT (incl. visit to Temple Church)

A walk through the tranquil, elegant squares of the Middle and Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inns, home to England's barristers. Hear about the evolution of England's somewhat arcane two tier legal system and why the Temple is so called. See where one of Shakespeare's plays had its opening performances, and hear why those with surnames Temple, Lincoln or Grey may have a surprising ancestry. We will visit the Crusader Church of the Temple, with its famous medieval knights' effigies and connections to Magna Carta. Many connections with famous people from John Donne and Dickens to famous legal names such as Lord Denning. The walk will end on Holborn, where there is a historic pub if anyone wanted a quick drink after the walk.

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

STARTS 2.00pm Temple Tube (District + Circle). Ends approx 4.30 nr. Chancery Lane Tube (Central Line) or Holborn (Central and Piccadilly).

There is one short flight of approx 10 steps. There are no public toilets on the route or at the start. The nearest public toilet is on the Embankment, just outside Embankment station (one stop from Temple or 7 min. walk along the Embankment to Temple tube.)

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September at 2pm

Prospero Members £20

Club members /Guests £23

Limited Spaces, Check the website for availability. Cost includes church entry.

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

Application for Legal London – The Inns of Court Walk

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £20 Club Member/guest @£23.....

Total Amount £.....

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History and Architecture Tour.

Benjamin Franklin may be the most famous resident from 36 Craven Street, but it has its own rich and varied history. Today, the House brings Franklin's time in London to life for visitors through the Historical Experience, Architectural Tours and other events.

This tour is approximately 55-60 minutes long, and goes into detail about the rooms, Franklin's life before and during his stay in Craven Street and includes a musical demonstration on one of his inventions!

Wednesday 7th October 2026 11.30am

Prospero Members £10.50

Club Members and Guests £12.00

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Benjamin Franklin House

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £10.50 Club Member/guest @ £12.00.....Total
Amount £.....

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Spencer House Tour

27 St James's Place, London SW1A 1NR

Spencer House is a rare survivor of the great aristocratic palaces that once adorned London. Built in 1756-66 for the First Lord and Lady Spencer in a prime location overlooking Green Park, the house immediately became an important architectural landmark whilst the spectacular suite of State Rooms has played host to the social, political and cultural elite of each generation.

Following its impressive restoration, undertaken between 1985 and 1994, Spencer House can once again be experienced in all its Georgian splendour. This is a tour of the house and its significant collection of paintings and furniture with a Blue Badge guide.

Monday 19th October 2026 11.30am

Prospero Members £14.50

Club Members and Guests £16.50

This event needs a coordinator. Please indicate if you are able to help

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Spencer House Tour

Name.....

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

Prospero Member @ £14.50 Club Member/guest @ £16.50.....Total Amount £.....

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