

BBC Club Prospero Society and Retired Members

Dear Member,

I hope you are keeping well and managing the weather patterns.

We have had a great variety of events these past 3 months and, at the time of writing, 2 more to go in October. What a surprise was the Clockworks Museum, in a residential area but what a fantastic selection of time pieces. Not just clocks but scientific instruments and time pieces from around the world. Our guide was very informative and of course they had a BBC clock on show! It was a free event and we were asked for a donation, thank you for being so generous. Our walk with Diana was, as usual, well organised and her delivery of quotes and funny stories add to the day. It was quite a long walk but, who knew about all those hidden green spaces? A very enjoyable theatre trip, Cyrano, to those who voted for it, thank you. A fascinating story about the knights of old at the Museum of the Order of St John and a climb up a stone spiral staircase to a turreted room was interesting. Luckily, we could come down a flight of normal stairs.

As you will see we have more options for you to consider for the next couple of months. Of course this includes Christmas. Always a dilemma for us, I hope you approve of our choice. It has been a while since we saw a musical so Into the Woods seemed a good option for the time of year. Fairy tales and Steven Sondheim. A great combination! It finishes it's run on 9th January so have included it in this newsletter. 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.

Thank you for your continued support, it is lovely to see familiar faces. I hope to see you soon and if I don't see you let me wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carol Elliott

Chairman, BBC Club Prospero Society.

REPLIES TO POSTAL AND EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT ON 20th October.

Applications received after this date will be processed regularly. Availability can be found on the Website: <https://www.bbcclub.com/clubs/connect/prospero>

PLEASE NOTE! BBC Club Hub's 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/prospero>



40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB

Join us for an exclusive behind the scenes tour of our huge site, featuring over 100km of archival storage, a state of the art conservation studio, and a chance to meet our knowledgeable staff to ask any burning questions on archival practice or London's history you may have!

Following a tour of our building, ticket holders will be treated to a special display of historic documents from the medieval city, Tudor and Stuart governance and disaster, Victorian crime and health care, and the effects of two World Wars on the capital.

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

Thursday 5th November 2026 11.15am

Prospero Members £8.50 Club members and Guests £10.00

Application for Behind the Scenes at the London Archive.

Name.....

Phone no./email.....

Prospero Members £8.50..... Guests £10..... Total £.....

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 ARCHIVE 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.



National Theatre, Southbank, London SE1

50 Stories for 50 Years: Architecture Tour of The National Theatre

Hear exclusive stories about our history and how the South Bank building came to life. Delve into the architecture of our iconic building on a special tour which celebrates 50 years of the National Theatre.

Tuesday 24th November 2026
10.30 and 10.45am (2 tours)

Prospero Members **£14.00** Club members and Guests **£16.00**

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

Application for National Theatre Architectural Tour

Name..... Phone no./email.....

Prospero Members @ £14..... 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 NATTHEAT 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 Society Christmas Lunch



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE
MIDDLE TEMPLE

This year the Prospero Christmas lunch will be at The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, Middle Temple Lane, London EC4Y 9AT one of the Inns of Court. Please find the menu below. Although this is not a private room, we hope that the experience in such a venue will make up for it. The dress code is business attire or smart/casual. No t shirts, shorts or ripped jeans. Unfortunately there is no photography permitted. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Tuesday 8th December 2026 12.00pm

Prospero Members **£42.50** Members /Guests **£50**

Please note, this year the service charge is included in the price, but drinks are NOT included,
Don't forget to select your 3 course choices from the list overleaf and include them with the application.

Booking Deadline November 23rd.

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Application for Prospero Society Christmas Lunch.

Name..... Phone no./email

Prospero Member @ £42.50 guest @£50 **Total Amount £.....**

Please make a bank transfer to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd**, account number **01443319** Sort Code **30-00 02** using CHRISTMAS as the reference and also email the application details **with your lunch choices and any guest name(s)** to BBC.Club@bbc.co.uk **OR** write a cheque for the full amount to **BBC Club Sports & Leisure Ltd** and post it 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.



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE
MIDDLE TEMPLE

Christmas Menu

Includes a glass of mulled wine on arrival



Starters

Caramelised Celeriac Velouté

Curry oil, vadouvan granola
(VG option available)

or

Duck Rillettes Presse

Fig chutney, pickled turnip, almond crunch, garlic focaccia
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Mains

Rolled Norfolk Turkey Breast

Cranberry, chestnut & sage stuffing, goose fat roast potatoes,
pigs in blanket, maple roasted parsnips & festive jus lie
(VG option available)

or

Smoked Beetroot, Puy Lentil &
Savoy Cabbage Pithivier

Soubise, wild mushrooms, salsify, thyme infused jus



Desserts

Spiced Pear & Caramel Crèmeux Tart,
Chocolate Tart

Vanilla mascarpone, hazelnut praline,
red wine reduction (VG option available)

or

Middle Temple Christmas Pudding

Brandy infused fruits, crème anglaise



Noel Coward Theatre St Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4AU

We all know how the story begins. But what happens after it ends? Once upon a time... The Baker and his wife. A Witch with a curse. A boy and his cow. A girl in a red cloak. A maiden with long flowing hair. A servant covered in cinders. All journey deep into the dark woods. As the adventure unfolds and paths entwine, wishes are made, slippers are lost, beanstalks take flight and new friendships are forged - revealing that life beyond 'Happily ever after' can still be full of magic, even when there's darkness.

Royal Circle rows D and E, accessible with minimal stairs. The performance is 2 hours 40 minutes (approx.) including interval.

Thursday 7th January 2027 2.30pm

Prospero Members £43.00 Club Members and Guests £50.00

Booking Deadline October 20th to get this great ticket rate!

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

Into The Woods

Name..... Phone no./email.....

Prospero Member @ £43.00 Guest @ £50.00..... Total Amount
£.....

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