



Society Events in 2020

7 September 2020

The Society runs an active programme of events throughout the year. We have excursions to places of interest, both within London and by coach trip to locations outside London. Our conducted walks are very popular and cover many interesting aspects of Wimbledon life. Lectures by expert speakers take place in the winter months.

This year is different. The pandemic made us re-consider our plans, leading to the cancellation of the following events

24 March - Tour of the RIBA building
2 April - Head Gardener's Year: lecture at Emmanuel
25 April - Walk in Richmond Park
4 May - Visit to Spencer House
28 May - Coach trip to Rochester
14 Jun - Walk in Morley Park
27 June - House in Murray Road: lecture
13 July - Visit to Chiswick House and Garden
26 July - Walk in Wimbledon Village
20 September - Walk to see the ponds on Wimbledon Common

This must be rather disappointing for many members, and indeed for the events team that spends time on the enjoyable task of planning for this year and for the year ahead. We have been giving much thought to ways of bringing to the attention of members alternative ways of finding activities of interest.

Although some venues have re-opened, tours are mostly restricted. We feel that our tours should remain on hold until we feel it is safe for us to arrange group tours. However, some venues around the world are free to view online and we thought you might like to explore some of these online sites.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours>
<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
<https://artsandculture.google.com>
<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner>
<https://www.rct.uk/collection/search#/page/1>
<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

Whilst we do not consider it appropriate to arrange lectures that would be attended by members in our regular church hall venue, we are exploring ways of providing online lectures, using zoom. Members may be able to attend the lectures planned for dates in the next couple of months, using their own computers and mobile phones. The plan is to broadcast the lecture 'live' and then to upload it to our website so that it can be viewed later at a time to suit you. When the dates are confirmed, we will announce this on our website. An email message with joining instructions will be sent in good time to all members with internet access.

We will make every endeavor to produce an interesting programme of events. If you have any comments or suggestions, please do let us know.

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