

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

The Freud Museum & Highgate Cemetery

On Friday 20 April 2018

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough

We start the day with a facilitated visit to the Freud Museum, the last home of the father of psychoanalysis after he had fled Vienna in 1938. In the afternoon we shall enjoy a guided tour of Highgate West Cemetery before viewing the East Cemetery. Many of the inmates of this great Victorian necropolis were celebrated in their day and are still well known.

Description

Freud's last home and that of his daughter Anna Freud, is situated in Hampstead and is now a museum in his honour. It contains many of his possessions, not least the famous couch and numerous books and works of art. It is not widely known that Freud studied some physics when at Vienna University and was an admirer of James Clerk Maxwell whose Matter and Motion can still be seen on his shelves. We shall be met and given refreshments and an introduction to the Museum.

(Image of Freud's couch by kind permission of the Museum)



Highgate cemeteries are exemplars of Victorian funereal grandeur and stem from a time when the population had outgrown the supply of local churchyards. Parliament ordered the establishment of large new cemeteries of which Highgate's were early examples. We shall see the last resting places of distinguished men and women, mostly from the past, but also from our own time. You can still buy a plot there for your own use, but only if you are over 80 years old or terminally ill. Wear sensible shoes.

(Image of the Cemetery gates by kind permission of Highgate Cemetery)

Where and when to meet: We meet at the Freud Museum at 10:30 for a cuppa and a biscuit. Address: 20 Maresfield Gardens, Hampstead, London NW3 5SX. In the afternoon we gather at Highgate Cemetery at 15:00 to begin our guided tour. Address: Highgate Cemetery, Swain's Lane, London N6 6PJ.

Getting there by Tube: For the **Freud Museum** take the Jubilee Line or Metropolitan Line to Finchley Road station (Zone 2). On leaving the station cross Finchley Road and turn right. At Natwest Bank turn left up Trinity Walk. At the top of this footpath is Maresfield Gardens. Turn left for the Museum.

Lunch: We have a table reserved for us for 13:00 at the Angel Inn, 37 High St, Highgate N6 4BD. We shall leave the Freud Museum ca. 12:00, walk back together to Finchley Road Tube Station and take the High Barnet branch of the Northern Line to Archway (not Highgate) Station. We then stroll up Highgate Hill and Highgate High St to the Angel.

For **Highgate Cemetery:** Cross Highgate High St from the Angel, go straight ahead a short way along South Grove and take the first left into Swains Lane which leads south between the West and East Cemeteries to the entrance where we start the tour of the West Cemetery. Our tour will lead us to the entrance to Highgate East Cemetery where Karl Marx rests, no doubt uneasily.

Getting Home: Back to Archway Station.

Timetable (Times are approximate)

10:30	Gather at The Freud Museum for welcome and refreshments
10:15 - 12:00	Tour the Museum
12:00	Leave together on foot for Finchley Road Tube Station and travel to Archway Station. Disembark at Archway and walk to the Angel Inn.
12:45 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30	Walk to Highgate Cemetery
15:00	Start of guided tour of the West Cemetery, then on to the East Cemetery
16:30	Nominal time of departure

Size of party: 30 (max)

Cost: £25.00 per person

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