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# Ely Cathedral and Cromwell's House

**Thursday 18 October 2018**

This visit has been arranged by Bill Metcalf.

During the day, we will visit Ely's 12<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral and climb into the 14<sup>th</sup> century Octagon tower, followed by a visit to Oliver Cromwell's house in the afternoon.

Ely is a charming market town totally dominated by the Cathedral which was built *circa* 1090. Many will be familiar with it as the setting for *The Crown*, *Elizabeth the Golden Age*, *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The King's Speech*.

**Where and when to meet:** recognising that most people will travel by train, we will meet at the 'Ely Food Station' on Platform 1 for coffee (excellent!) and a biscuit. There is parking immediately outside for those of you that travel by car.

We will walk to the Cathedral up through Cherry Hill Park and past the monastic buildings; the guided tour will start at 11.30 and last for approximately 1½ hours. Warning: to reach the Octagon we will have to climb 215 ft (66m) involving 288 spiral steps in stages.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be at the [Lamb Hotel](#) just across the road from the Cathedral and they require pre-booking from the menu on the RHS of the web page under 'Book a Table'. Details to [Bill Metcalf](#) in due course please.

After lunch we will walk across the road to [Cromwell's House](#) where we will have a guided tour lasting for about one hour.

After the tour there is a short walk down to the station but, for those who would like to stop off, we can have afternoon tea at [Julia's Tea Rooms](#) in the High Street.

**Getting Home:** There are regular trains from Ely for King's Cross that depart roughly every half hour (16.17, 16.47, 16.53, 17.17) and take ~1½ hours. There is no peak-time restriction when travelling from Ely.

**Timetable** (times are approximate):

09.12	Train from King's Cross to Ely	N.B. Travel in front four carriages
10.22	Arrive Ely	Meet at 'Ely Food Station on Platform 1
10.50	Walk to Ely Cathedral	~20 minutes
11.30	Guided tour of Ely Cathedral	
13.00	Walk to Lamb Hotel for lunch	~15 minutes including getting settled
14.20	Walk to Cromwell's House	~ 5 minutes
14.30	Guided tour of Cromwell's House	
15.30	Either walk to Ely station	~15 minutes (16.17, 16.47 or 16.53 trains)
	Or, tea at Julia's tearooms	~15 minutes to Ely station

**Size of party:** 14 max limited by tour of the Octagon.

**Cost:** £27.00 per person including both entrance fees.

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**Late arrivals:** contact Daniela Florea (Bill's wife) on 0778 0660 763

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