

Retired Members Section

Viewing of Progress on Olympic Site and Mill House Tour

on Tuesday 15th June 2010

This visit has been organised by Peter Jackson

The Olympic Site Preparations for the London 2012 Games are on track and construction on all the new main venues and infrastructure in the Olympic Park is well underway. Jane Vincent, a blue guide, will lead us round a two mile more or less level walk which will take just under two hours. It is not really suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. We shall be able to see the progress on the main stadium and the aquatic centre. We will not actually enter the site and the footpath round is fairly straightforward.

The stadium design was launched on 7 November 2007. As a "unique 80,000 seat stadium", it will be the centrepiece for the 2012 Games, hosting the opening and closing ceremonies and the athletics events, converting down to a 25,000 seat permanent stadium after the Games, when it will become a new home for athletics, combined with other sporting, community and educational uses.

The London Aquatics Centre is an indoor facility with two 50 metre swimming pools and a 25 metre diving pool, which will be one of the main venues of the London 2012 Summer Olympics.

House Mill The House Mill is a grade 1 listed 18th century tidal mill. Originally built in 1776, on an existing pre-Domesday site, it is a timber framed building clad in brick on three sides. In addition to flour making, the mill served the famous distillery next door on Three Mill Island. Internally some of the milling structures still exist together with 4 undershot waterwheels which it is hoped to redevelop to provide electricity generation. There will be a conducted tour.

Meet at the Miller's House Cafe in Three Mill Lane. The <u>only</u> place to park a car is in the car park to the right off Three Mill Lane <u>immediately</u> behind Tesco. Be sure to get a parking voucher to display in your car from the Miller's House Cafe to allow you to stay more than two hours.

Lunch The Miller's House Cafe offers freshly made sandwiches & filled baguettes for lunch, which should be preordered on arrival at 11am. Alternatively, if at least 15 people request it, we can have a buffet lunch for £8.50. There will be several choices of food and vegetarian options. Please indicate on the booking form, which alternative you would like. If we choose the buffet lunch, we will have the use of an upstairs room for the lunch and also for our tea or coffee on arrival and on departure.

10.30 -11.0	Assemble in, or outside, the Miller's House Cafe in Three Mill Lane			
11.00	Tour of Olympic Park	OR	11.15	House Mill Tour
13.15	Lunch		12.15	Lunch
15.00	House Mill Tour		14.00	Tour of Olympic Park
1600	Departure			

Cost £13.00 without buffet lunch or £21.50 with buffet lunch.

Maximum numbers 12 people on each tour.

Contacts

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Directions Please note that the Bromley by Bow station is by the side of a motorway! To get to the other side of the motorway turn left out of the station go down the steps and through the underpass and down some more steps and into Hancock Road. Tesco is on your right and beyond Tesco also on the right turn down Three Mill Lane. Go over the bridge and the Miller's House cafe is in the building on the left hand side.

The Address of the House Mill is Three Mill Lane, Bromley by Bow, London E3 3DU.

