

The Royal Institution and Steinway Piano Showroom & Workshop

THURSDAY 20 October 2011

This meeting has been organised by John Lunn

The Royal Institution (RI) from 11-00am to 12-30pm

(please arrive at the RI by 10-45am)

The RI, founded in 1799, is the oldest independent research body in the world. The building includes a research laboratory with resident scientists, a museum with historical scientific collections and facilities which support the RI's extensive public outreach programme.

Our party of up to 30 people will be split into two groups for a guided tour of the building, including the museum and research laboratory. The building itself was re-opened after a controversial refurbishment was completed in September 2009.

The address of the RI is:-

21 Albemarle Street, London W1S 4BS

The nearest Tube Station is Green Park – a 5 minute walk to the RI. Piccadilly Circus and Oxford Tube Stations are a 10 minute walk to the RI.

Bus numbers 8, 9, 14, 19, 22 and 38 along Piccadilly run past the entrance to Albemarle Street.

The cost of the visit is £9 per person.

Lunch from 12-30pm to 1-30pm

No reservations have been made for lunch. However, the RI building incorporates a restaurant, café and bar with lounge. Some details of the food and drink available can be obtained from the RI's website.

Steinway Piano Showroom and Workshop from 2pm to approx. 4pm

(please arrive at Steinway by 1-50pm – a good 10mins walk, up New Bond Street and across Oxford Street, from the RI)

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During our visit we shall learn something about the history of the Company and visit the Restoration Centre and Showrooms. It should be quite fascinating – you may be invited to give a recital!

The address of Steinway & Sons is:-

44 Marylebone Lane, Wigmore Street, London W1U 2DB.

Steinway & Sons are kindly making no charge for this visit.

The organiser of these visits is John Lunn and if you need to contact him 'on the day' his mobile number is 0781 707 5032.