

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

The Dulwich Picture Gallery and the Horniman Museum on Thursday 27 April 2017

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough.

Description: We visit two important cultural destinations in London. In the morning we go for a guided tour to the Dulwich Picture Gallery with its great collection of old masters. It was the first in England to be open to the public and so arguably our first national gallery. In the afternoon we travel the short distance to Horniman's Museum in Forest Hill where we may see, among other things, their zoological, ethnographic and musical exhibits and a special exhibition on the art of taxidermy.



The **Dulwich Picture Gallery** owns one of the finest collections of historically significant paintings in the world especially rich in French, Italian and Spanish Baroque paintings and in British portraits from Tudor times to the 19th century. Famous works include those by Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Poussin, Watteau, Canaletto, Rubens, Veronese and Murillo amongst many others. Founded in 1811, it was the first purpose-built public art gallery to open to the public and remains one of Britain's most valued artistic and architectural treasures. The Gallery has a curious history in which two London art dealers compiling a collection for the King of Poland needed to find a good home for the paintings on his death; they ended up bequeathed to Dulwich College where most still hang.

The **Horniman Museum and Gardens** is a British museum in Forest Hill. Commissioned in 1898, it opened in 1901 and was designed by Charles Harrison Townsend in the Arts and Crafts style. The museum was founded in 1901 by Frederick John Horniman. Frederick had inherited his father's Horniman's Tea business, which by 1891 had become the world's biggest tea trading concern. The Museum specializes in anthropology, natural history and musical instruments and has a collection of 350,000 objects. The ethnography and music collections have 'designated status' in recognition of their cultural importance. One of its most famous exhibits is the large collection of stuffed animals and there will be a special exhibition on the art of taxidermy for those interested. It also has an aquarium noted for its unique layout. Horniman's Museum is a non-departmental public body of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and is constituted as a company and registered charity.



Lunch: We dine in the Dulwich Gallery Café.

Where and when to meet: we gather in the Dulwich Picture Gallery's Gallery Café from 10:30 for refreshment and make a start with the programme at 11:00.

Getting there. The Dulwich Picture Gallery is at Gallery Road, Dulwich, London SE21 7AD. Dulwich can be reached in about 15 min by rail from London. Frequent trains run from London Victoria to West Dulwich Station and from London Bridge Station to North Dulwich. Both Dulwich stations are a 10 min walk from the Gallery. Intrepid drivers will find it just off the South Circular Road in Dulwich. Plan your journey at <https://tfl.gov.uk> . More travel information is given at <http://www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk/visit/getting-here/c> . The Horniman Museum is at 100, London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ. To travel from the Gallery to the Horniman Museum, we can take the P4 bus which runs almost door to door in under 15 min.

Getting home again: Those wishing to return to London at the end of the day can take trains to Victoria or London Bridge from Forest Hill Station close to the Horniman Museum.

Timetable (approximate times)

10:30 Assemble at the Dulwich Picture Gallery's Gallery Café. Refreshments.
11:00 Start tour of Exhibition
13:00 Lunch in the Gallery Cafe
14:00 Take the P4 bus to the Horniman Museum
14:20 Start tour of the Horniman Museum
17:30 Horniman Museum closes.

Size of party: 11 - 25

Cost £12.00 to include entrance and a guided tour at the Dulwich Gallery. Members pay for their food and travel. It is also possible to see the Horniman Museum's aquarium for an additional £4.40.

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