

# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Heritage Open Days is England's largest community led festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations. Every year in September it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history.

This year, three incredible venues across London Heritage Quarter are opening their doors to the public for FREE.

**SEPTEMBER 2024** 





# ST CLEMENT DANES CHURCH & CRYPT, STRAND, LONDON WC2R 1DH

St Clement Danes is the central church of the Royal Air Force. Explore the church's thousand-year history and the fascinating artifacts connected with the RAF. For the Heritage Open Days, the church's historic crypt will be open to the public.

#### **TIMINGS**

Friday 6 September: 10:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00

Saturday 7 September: 10:00-15:00 Sunday 8 September: 10:00-15:00

Wednesday 11 September: 10:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00 Thursday 12 September: 10:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00

Saturday 14 September: 10:00-15:00

#### **EVENT**

'In Stil Moderno' - Bellot Ensemble perform Baroque classics

Sunday 8 September: 13:30

St Clement Danes welcomes the Bellot Ensemble to the church for a performance of classic baroque pieces. The Ensemble specialise in 16th and 17th century repertoire, with research into written divisions and the contextual texts of the time.

#### **PERFORMERS**

Edmund Taylor - Violin Pablo Tejedor-Guiterrez - Cello Daniel Murphy - Theorbo Matthew Brown - Keyboard

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## GUARDS MUSEUM, WELLINGTON BARRACKS, BIRDCAGE WALK, LONDON SWIE 6HQ

#### **TIMINGS**

Saturday 7 September: 10:00-16:00 Sunday 8 September: 10:00-16:00

#### **EVENT**

Covering nearly 400 years of rich history behind the five regiments of Foot guards, the Guards Museum has a deep history that spans from the beginning of the British Army to the present day. Experience this history come to life like never before, with a family fun weekend.

As well as free entry to the museum, you can join one of their themed museum talks and even handle objects from the collection. Go one step further and try on the iconic scarlet tunic and bearskin cap for a photo in a sentry box. After that, visitors can speak to the soldiers currently serving today, learn about life in the Army with the Army Engagement Team, and visit the camp of historic reenactors. This year's theme is Routes — Networks — Connections which will explore famous faces you may not have known were in the Army.

For the little ones, there is a whole host of children's activities including colour in your medal, codebreaking, and more.

Members of the public will also be able to meet Matt and 'Jess the Hawk' in a Hawk and Learn style session from 10:15 -12:15 at Chapel Square. Matt will talk about 'Jess the Hawk' and her job role within Citihawk, how hawking works and her daily routines. Members of the public will be able to take pictures with Jess.

Finally, enjoy some refreshments while listening to the music of the Bands of the Household Division.

WEBSITE Theguardsmuseum.com



### THE ROYAL HORSEGUARDS HOTEL

# ONE WHITEHALL PLACE AT THE ROYAL HORSEGUARDS, LONDON SW1A 2HE

#### **TIMINGS**

Saturday 7 September: 10:00-16:00

#### **EVENT**

One Whitehall Place, a venue rarely open to the public, is offering a unique opportunity to explore its grandeur for one day only. This prestigious location near Westminster is quintessentially British, showcasing stunning high ceilings, a grand freestanding marble staircase—the largest of its kind in Europe—glittering chandeliers, and breathtaking views of the River Thames and London Eye. Steeped in history, the building is a masterpiece of Victorian architecture, originally constructed as the home of the National Liberal Club by Prime Minister William Gladstone.

During your visit, you'll have the chance to explore iconic rooms like The Gladstone Library, where the spirit of the original library is preserved with faithful replicas of the 30,000 volumes that line its walls. The Whitehall Suite, once a billiards room, features some of the finest examples of intricate faïence tiling on its impressive columns. The original balcony, where ladies discreetly observed gentlemen at play, still remains a hidden gem. Don't miss this rare chance to experience the splendour of One Whitehall Place.

### **TERMS** Booking Required

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(Visitors are invited to pre-register with their full name and an hours' time slot, e.g. 10-11:00)

Visitors have access to a 15% discount at Food & Beverage spaces.