

Photo News June 2023

This edition of PhotoNews has details of the next two Strolls one on Sunday 2nd July and the other one on Tuesday 25th July.

St Pauls and the City Sunday 2nd July I Iam

This is a relatively short Stroll which will start near St Pauls and cover Paternoster Square and then Cutlers Hall we will then go via King Edward Street to Postman's Park to look at the Watts memorial to those who sacrificed their lives to save others. We will then walk to New Change and visit the roof terrace to look at the London roofline and St Pauls.



We realise that Sunday is not our usual day for Strolls that might be inconvenient for some of you. However, as part of this Stroll we want to visit an Exhibition at Cutlers Hall which

is only open on I^{st} and 2^{nd} of July.

This is a little bit complicated as we are also publishing a version of this

Stroll as a self-guided walk for the Heritage Group members to go by themselves or in small groups. The Guide is also attached to this Photo News in case the Sunday morning is not convenient for you.

Numbers will be limited so you will need to email to book your place on the Stroll and then our reply will provide details of the meeting point. Priority will be given to those members of the Stroll Group who have submitted pictures to the Flickr site. Members of the Photography Group can sign up at the meeting on Tuesday.



Kew Gardens a summer Stroll with a Camera Tuesday 25th July 11 am

Naomi is hosting this Stroll at Kew Gardens.

Having met with Naomi and Sue outside the station, we will go into Kew via the Victoria Gate. Naomi will then take us on a gentle orientation walk starting with the Southern part of the Gardens - pass the Marianne North Gallery, the Shirley Sherwood Gallery of Botanical Art, to the Pagoda and Japanese Garden and back through the Temperate, Waterlily and Palm Houses. We then stop for lunch. We strongly recommend that you bring a picnic lunch to avoid the queues, however, if you prefer to visit one of the cafes that will be your choice. After lunch your time will be your own to wander at leisure. On admission you would have been given a map of the Gardens so you can explore the Northern area of the Garden - the Hive, Princess of Wales Conservatory, Alpine House, and the area alongside the River Thames etc You are free to make your own way home.

There should be lots of opportunities to take photographs, as it will be the height of the summer season. You should be prepared with sunscreen, hats, and water and, of course, your camera.

Entrance Tickets

You will need to purchase your tickets in advance of the Stroll to take advantage of the cheapest deal. If everyone has purchased their tickets, we will be able to gain immediate entry. Anyone who wants to buy their ticket on the day should be prepared to queue for perhaps 20 mins and then they will need to catch up with the group.

Advance tickets are available from <u>Tickets and prices | Kew</u> advance tickets for senior concessions are £16 without a donation. Kew or Wakehurst members are free.

Meeting point

We meet at I Iam outside the Kew Gardens District Line / Overground station in the Station Approach Square.

It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are going to join us. Members of the Photo Group can do this on Tuesday at the meeting,

Victoria and Albert Photography Gallery opening.

The new enlarged Photography Centre has opened at the V&A see Photography Centre · V&A (vam.ac.uk) and it must be worth a visit. We have previously arranged to visit as a group, if you would be interested in joining us please drop Roger an email and we will see what interest there might be.

Self Guided St Pauls walk is overleaf.

U3A South East London a Self-Guided Walk for Strollers

There is an exhibition at Cutlers Hall on the 1st and 2nd of July from 10am - 4pm Knives weapons and warfare along the River Thames, a mud larking exhibition. Entry is free.



If you can't come on the Stroll this guide will enable you to make your own arrangements on either the Saturday or Sunday. It is quite a gentle walk and take about an hour plus the time you spend in the exhibition.

The walk starts at St
Underground
Station. Walk to
Paternoster Row
into Paternoster
Square. In front of
the Square you will



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rather fine statue by Elizabeth Frink of a shepherd and some sheep. This is in celebration of the Newgate Meat Market which was on this site before it moved to Smithfield. As you walk across the Square you will see on your left the resited Temple Bar

commissioned by Charles II and designed by Sir Christopher Wren. To your right is the Paternoster Column which celebrates the two occasions wen this location was damaged by fire . The first was in the great fire in 1666 and the second during the blitz. Going straight ahead through Paternoster Lane you can see the Angel Wings designed by Thomas Hetherwick, it is actually a vent to the underground electrical sub-station .



Walking past the vent to Ave Maria Road you can see Cutlers Hall on the opposite side of the road to your right. The outside of the building has some features to note. The first is the Creswick terracotta frieze which adorns the face of the building commissioned in 1887 showing in total 33 craftsmen working in the cutlery industry. There is a detailed plaque with more information on the railings. The second item of note are the couple of Elephant knockers

on the front door! Go inside and visit the exhibition.

On leaving the Hall turn to the left and walk to Newgate Street cross over and into a little alley beside the Bank of America and into Christ Church Greyfriars church garden, walk through the garden past the remains of the tower and where the garden widens out you will see that the flower beds have been laid out to match the original layout of the church including obelisks that are sited where the internal columns were located. Pop



outside the garden and on the left and there is a small statue or freeze commemorating the site of Christs Hospital which was on this site from 1552 until 1902.

Take the exit from the garden into King Edward Street turn to the left past the statue of Roland Hill

to Postman's Park, which is on your right. Those of you who came to the last Heritage meeting will not need an introduction to the Watts Memorial which commemorates those people who perished whilst saving the lives of others. Suffice to say there is a plaque for each person with details of their valour. A truly moving experience.



Leave the park by the far exit into St Martin

Le Grand turn to the right and walk to One New Change. Once inside take the lift to the roof where you can take photographs of the London Skyline including a dome level view of St Pauls. There are facilities in the basement and various places where one can obtain snacks/ lunch.

