

# FREE GUIDED WALKS

## ABOUT US

This programme of walks is brought to you by BEE Midtown, where EC1 meets WC1. We exist to promote, celebrate, and build upon everything that's great about London's best-connected postcodes.

Our areas are home to some of the world's biggest brands and household names. Midtown is not just a commercial centre. It's a hotbed of culture and creativity. It's a vibrant destination with something to offer businesses, residents and visitors.

Together, we represent the new centre of London. **We are Midtown.** Holborn, Bloomsbury, St Giles, Farringdon & Clerkenwell

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## BESPOKE WALKS FOR BUSINESSES

If you are a local business, how about arranging a special walk for your staff? Choose from our existing programme or let us organise one on a theme of your choice. A walk makes a perfect part of a special event, staff day out, office party or leaving do.

We can even include a quiz or a pub stop. If you have new starters, we also offer walks which combine local history with useful practical information.

To find out more, call **020 7078 7077**  
or email [info@bee-midtown.org](mailto:info@bee-midtown.org)



## WHERE TO JOIN OUR WALKS

THERE'S NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST SHOW UP AT THE STARTING POINTS (UNLESS THE WALK'S DESCRIPTION SAYS OTHERWISE).

### HOLBORN STATION KIOSK

Meet by our bright orange information kiosk outside Holborn tube station, 88-94 Kingsway, WC2B 6AA.

### CENTRAL SAINT GILES

Find the red sculpture in the courtyard of Central Saint Giles, 1 St Giles High Street, WC2H 8AG and you've found the starting point.

### CHANCERY LANE STATION

From Chancery Lane tube station take the exit marked 'Holborn Circus' and meet by the junction of Holborn road and Brooke Street. Our guide will be waiting for you.

### FARRINGDON STATION

Our orange-uniformed guide will be waiting for you in Cowcross Street, in between the two station entrances/exits to Farringdon Station.

### HOMES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE

**Wednesday 4 April**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

This tour visits some of the houses in Holborn formerly occupied by famous people, including the first British Prime Minister to be assassinated, and important dwellings from the history of literature and invention.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

### FARRINGDON STREETS AND THEIR STORY

**Thursday 5 April**

12.30pm. Farringdon Station

Today's walk explores the origin of some of the street names in the Farringdon area.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

### VERY OLD HOLBORN

**Wednesday 11 April**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

This walk takes us to some of the buildings dating from before the time of the Great Fire of London in 1666 that still stand in Holborn.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

### UNLUCKY FOR SOME

**Friday 13 April**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

To celebrate Friday 13th we walk to sites connected to spells, superstition and prophecies.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

### THE BLOOMSBURY GROUP

**Tuesday 17 April**

5.30pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

Visiting some of the many sites connected with the Bloomsbury Group of writers, artists and intellectuals.

**Duration: 90 minutes.**

### THE PEASANTS ARE REVOLTING

**NEW**

**Thursday 19 April**

5.30pm. Farringdon Station

For this tour we go back to 1381 and visit places in Farringdon and Clerkenwell from Wat Tyler's Peasants' Revolt.

**Duration: 75 minutes.**

### SUFFRAGETTE CITY

**Friday 20 April**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

We visit several sites in Holborn and Bloomsbury linked to the struggle for votes for women.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

### ST GEORGE

**Monday 23 April**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

A patriotic theme for St George's Day. This walk takes us to the place where our national anthem was first sung publicly. We also visit a former home and the final resting place of the composer of Rule Britannia.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

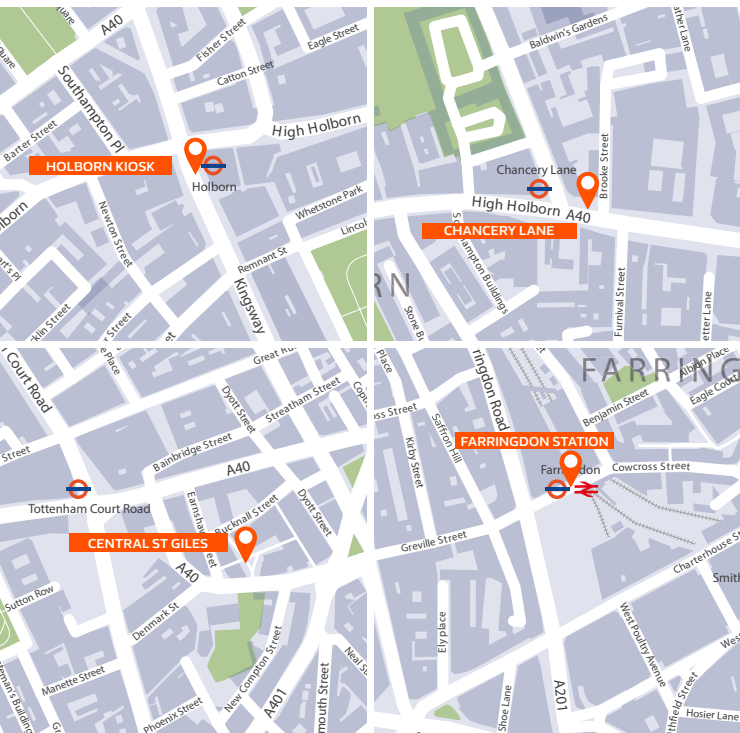
### GREAT PLAGUE

**Friday 27 April**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

Visit the area where the Great Plague of 1665 started, and hear about these terrible times.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**



**GORDON RIOTS****Wednesday 2 May**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

The most violent riots in London's history took place in 1780. Visit sites in Holborn which featured prominently in these events.

**Duration: 45 minutes.****THE PEASANTS ARE REVOLTING** **NEW****Thursday 3 May**

5.30pm. Farringdon Station

For this tour we go back to 1381 and visit places in Farringdon and Clerkenwell from Wat Tyler's Peasants' Revolt.

**Duration: 75 minutes.****WHO ATE ALL THE PIES?****Wednesday 9 May**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

Today we hear about the story of the eighteenth century serial killer Sweeney Todd. This walk visits the site of his barber shop and the place where his victims were made into meat pies.

**Duration: 45 minutes.****HANGING ACRE****Friday 11 May**

1pm. Chancery Lane Station

This walk explores the gruesome history of the area bordered by Gray's Inn Road, Clerkenwell Road and Leather Lane. We visit locations connected to murderers, executioners and go to the site of the 'Thieves Kitchen' and 'Hanging Acre.'

**Duration: 45 minutes.****PEPYS SHOW****Tuesday 15 May**

5.30pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

Samuel Pepys' famous diary provides a fascinating record of life in London in the 1660s, covering the restoration of the monarchy and the Great Plague. On the walk we see sites in the Holborn area referred to by Pepys in his diary.

**Duration: 90 minutes.****HOLBORN UNITED****Wednesday 16 May**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

The FA Cup Final takes place this weekend in London. To get ready for the big kick-off our walk explores sites in Holborn from the history of football.

**Duration: 45 minutes.****CLERKENWELL CALLING****Thursday 17 May**

12.30pm. Farringdon Station

Today's walk explores the origin of some of the street names in the Clerkenwell area.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**museum  
mileTHE LIBRARY  
AND MUSEUM  
OF FREEMASONRY**MUSEUMS AT NIGHT: SYMBOLS** **NEW****Thursday 17 May**

5.45pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

A special walk for Museums at Night visiting the Library and Museum of Freemasonry, one of the members of the Museum Mile. The theme of the evening will be based around symbols. It is being held in the Three Centuries Gallery, Grand Temple and Drawing Room of Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen Street. The tour will include the chance to meet a Freemason in full regalia who will explain to you about the symbols on their regalia and those used in Masonic ceremonies; music inspired by symbols from the Quartet; and we join a tour led by one of the Freemasons' Hall guides to view the symbols in the Grand Temple. The tour will end at 8pm.

FREE. Booking required.

Booking commences online from 4 April 2018. Go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search 'Bee Midtown Museum Mile walk.'

Please do not apply before this date because your application will not be accepted.

**Duration: 150 minutes.**



## DR FEELBAD

**Monday 21 May**

**5.30pm. Holborn Station Kiosk**

Today we visit sites connected to Dr Crippen – a notorious murderer from a century ago.

**Duration: 105 minutes.**

## MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY NEW

**Thursday 31 May**

**5.30pm. Holborn Station Kiosk**

Today's walk celebrates Mary Anne Talbot and is an official event for London History Day - an annual celebration of the capital's extraordinary history and heritage run by Historic England.

London History Day takes place every year on 31 May - the day Big Ben first started keeping time. London History Day 2018 celebrates courage, and today's walk is about the remarkable life of Mary Anne Talbot, a young woman who fought in land and sea battles for Britain two centuries ago, all the time disguised as a man. We go to places connected to the life of this heroic personality.

**Duration: 120 minutes.**



## HIP TO BE SQUARE

**Friday 1 June**

**1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk**

Today we go to Queen Square and round off our walk with a visit to see the contemporary art of the October Gallery, including work by the Congolese artist Eddy Kamuanga Ilunga.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

## MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY NEW

**Saturday 2 June**

**11am and 2pm. Holborn Station Kiosk**

Today's walk celebrates the remarkable life of Mary Anne Talbot, a young woman who fought in land and sea battles for Britain two centuries ago, all the time disguised as a man. We go to places connected to the life of this heroic personality.

**Duration: 120 minutes.**

## FIRM OFFER

**Tuesday 5 June**

**5.30pm. Holborn Station Kiosk**

Today we visit locations in the Bloomsbury and Holborn area connected to Morris, Marshall, Faulkner & Co, better known as The Firm from the nineteenth century British Arts and Crafts Movement.

**Duration: 90 minutes.**



### THE PEASANTS ARE REVOLTING **NEW**

**Thursday 7 June**

5.30pm. Farringdon Station

For this tour we go back to 1381 and visit places in Farringdon and Clerkenwell from Wat Tyler's Peasants' Revolt.

**Duration: 75 minutes.**

### LITTLE ITALY AND THE RISORGIMENTO

**Saturday 9 June**

2pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

On this walk we go to streets and buildings that were part of Little Italy – the heart of London's Italian community in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We also visit sites connected to the revolutionary nationalists Mazzini and Garibaldi and hear about the Risorgimento – the struggle for a united and independent Italy.

**Duration: 135 minutes.**

### STROLL ON

**Tuesday 12 June**

5.30pm. Central Saint Giles

A special walk about T-Rex star Marc Bolan. Our tour includes sites in Bloomsbury, Holborn, St Giles and Covent Garden that featured in the life and career of this rock music legend from the '60s and '70s.

**Duration: 120 minutes.**



### GOING UNDERGROUND

**Wednesday 13 June**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

Below Holborn there is a mile of tunnels unconnected to London Underground. This tour explores their purpose, history, and the various entrances that have until recently been largely unknown. Please note that this walk will be on the surface only and will not be going down any of the tunnels.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**

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## LONDON FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE

### MARVELLOUS MIDTOWN **NEW**

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June

11am and 3pm. Central Saint Giles

Bee Midtown is proud to present a special walk which is an official part of the London Festival of Architecture 2018. Midtown is where EC1 meets WC1 – London's best-connected postcodes and the new centre of London. Supporting the LFA2018's theme of 'identity,' our walk celebrates some of the important buildings in Bloomsbury, Holborn, St Giles, Farringdon and Clerkenwell, which demonstrate not only the area's variety of architecture, but also its identity and importance as a centre of commerce, culture and creativity.

**Duration: 120 minutes.**

### LET IT BEE

**Tuesday 26 June**

5.30pm. Central Saint Giles

A truly Magical Mystery Tour as we go back to the 1960s to visit sites connected with The Beatles. We walk Long and Winding Roads in Holborn and St Giles.

**Duration: 90 minutes.**

### MURDER MYSTERY

**Wednesday 27 June**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

We visit locations in Holborn and St Giles connected with mysterious murders.

**Duration: 45 minutes.**



### HEIST

**Saturday 30 June**

1pm. Holborn Station Kiosk

This walk visits sites in the Bloomsbury, Holborn and Farringdon areas that have featured in some of the infamous robberies in London's recent history.

**Duration: 120 minutes.**

*"I had the good fortune to take part in the superb Museum Mile walk today, led by Aly Mir. He has exceptional qualities as a leader: expertise, humour, ability to engage participants. It was a treat to be introduced to several museums which were new to me. I will certainly return for extended visits and will spread the word to my international visitors."*

Prof. Eileen O'Keefe, London Metropolitan University, 2017

