

Walks

June/August 2008



Fenner Brockway Statue by Ian Walters, Red Lion Square

Free guided walks

Enjoy a summer stroll
through Holborn's history

Bespoke Walks for local businesses

Our walks are free and open to everyone, whether or not they have any connection with Holborn. However, as an additional exclusive service for businesses in the inholborn Business Improvement District area we can offer bespoke walks.

If you are planning a special event, a work day out, an office party, or someone's leaving do, then why not include a walk?

- We can design a walk taking you from your workplace to a chosen venue, pointing out places of interest en route. This could involve a quiz or even a pub stop!
- Discover the history of the road where your business is based.
- Or simply choose any of the subjects from our leaflet and our guide will lead your own private walk, just for your employees, at a date and time to suit you.
- **New for 2008 - I Want My Mummy!** How about the British Museum? Our guide will take you on your own private tour lasting just an hour, visiting highlights of the world-famous museum on Holborn's doorstep.

The programmed and bespoke walks are supplied as part of inholborn's cultural information programme aimed at making Holborn a better place to work, live and visit.

For the hearing impaired

If you are hearing-impaired, we can provide a short custom-written guide to the places we visit to increase your enjoyment. Just let us know 3 days before the Walk you want to attend and our Guide will prepare one for you.

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Visit our website at **www.inholborn.org**

The walks are led by Aly Mir, a professional guide and graduate historian with an unparalleled knowledge of Holborn's history.

Most walks start outside Holborn Underground station.

They begin at **1pm** and last for 45 minutes, unless otherwise specified.

What people have said about our walks:

"Fantastic! I love walks like these, and the tour guide left you wanting more."

Ruth Berger, Folio Society, July 2007

"I can thoroughly recommend the walks – this area is steeped in centuries of history, and Aly really brings it all to life."

Stephen Bacon, Warner Brothers, December 2007

"Just to say how wonderful the walks were this summer, I really enjoyed the ones I went on and look forward to the next season. Our guide, Aly, was excellent and very knowledgeable. He was very good at answering questions as well and made us feel very welcome."

Breda de Gaye, Mishcon de Reya, December 2007

"Aly is excellent – he really brings the walks to life with his stories and enthusiasm."

Jennifer Clowes, Land Registry, September 2007

"Unique opportunity to get to know my workplace."

Michael Bundy, International House, November 2007

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June

Wednesday 4 June - Stoned! (Part I) (new for 2008)

This tour looks at some of the sculptures and statues north of High Holborn.

Friday 6 June - Stoned! (Part II) (new for 2008)

Our second 'Stoned!' tour looks at some of the sculptures and statues south of High Holborn.

Wednesday 11 June - Covent Garden (new for 2008)

Today we take the short walk to Covent Garden to find out about the evolution of this area from religious site to tourist attraction.

Friday 13 June - Horrible Holborn

Specially arranged for Friday the 13th! The pleasantness of present-day Holborn hides a dark and sinister past - we uncover it.

Wednesday 18 June - Sale of the Century (new for 2008)

Today's walk takes us on a visit to some of the shops around Holborn that are over 100 years old.

Friday 20 June - What's in a Name? (Part I)

How did local streets get their name? This tour looks at roads north of High Holborn.

Wednesday 25 June - What's in a Name? (Part II)

How did local streets get their name? This tour looks at roads south of High Holborn.

Friday 27 June - Very Old Holborn

This walk visits some of the buildings dating from before the Great Fire of London in 1666 that still stand in Holborn.

Our third programme of walks for 2008 will cover the Autumn and the run-up to Christmas (September – December).

Some of the walks in the current programme will be featured and there are some seasonal treats in store, notably a two part walk based on the life and works of Charles Dickens, Haunted Holborn and our very own Christmas Story!



July

Wednesday 2 July - Masonic Holborn

This walk provides a tour of a number of sites in Holborn connected with Freemasonry.

Friday 4 July - The Foundling Hospital **New start point**

The Foundling Hospital was the first institution in Britain to care for abandoned children. This walk includes free admission and a guided tour of highlights of the Foundling Museum and a visit to the Coram organisation. **This tour starts from the junction of Lamb's Conduit Street and Guilford Street at 1.00pm.**

Saturday 5 July - Holborn : then and now **3pm start**



Get more info at www.LFA2008.org

The London Festival of Architecture will be the biggest event of its kind in the world this year, engaging with many of the agencies involved in London's environment, including; the Mayor's office, Design for London, local authorities, developers, and architectural practices. As an official part of the Festival programme, inholborn is proud to announce a special walk led by guide Aly Mir and locally based architect Mary Thum. You will be introduced to the amazing variety of architecture that now makes up Holborn - from the 17th to the 21st century. **This walk will last 2 hours**, starting at **3.00pm** from outside Holborn Station.

Wednesday 9 July - The Bloomsbury Group (new for 2008)

5.30pm start

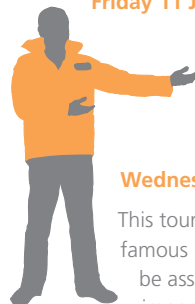
This tour visits some of the many sights just north of Holborn connected with the Bloomsbury Group of writers, artists and intellectuals. **This walk will last an hour and a half**, starting at **5.30pm** from outside Holborn Station, and ending at 7.00pm in Gordon Square.

Friday 11 July - Knights Templar

This ancient order set up its first English base in Holborn before moving to the New Temple Church (as featured in The Da Vinci Code). Visit both sites on this tour.

Wednesday 16 July - Homes of Famous People

This tour visits some of the houses formerly occupied by famous people, including the first British Prime Minister to be assassinated; the founder of modern China; and an important dwelling from the history of art.



Friday 18 July - The Hunterian Museum (new for 2008)

The Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons has one of the oldest anatomical collections in the world. Includes free admission and a guided tour of highlights of the Museum.

Wednesday 23 July - Covent Garden (new for 2008)

Today we take the short walk to Covent Garden to find out about its evolution from religious site to tourist attraction.

Friday 25 July - Suffragette City (new for 2008)

Today we visit several sites in Holborn linked to the struggle for women's equality.

Wednesday 30 July - Sale of the Century (new for 2008)

Today's walk takes us on a visit to some of the shops around Holborn that are over 100 years old.

August

Friday 1 August - The Gordon Riots

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

Wednesday 6 August - The Bloomsbury Group (new for 2008) **5.30pm start**

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Friday 8 August - What's in a Name? (Part I)

How did local streets get their name? This tour looks at roads north of High Holborn.

Wednesday 13 August - What's in a Name? (Part II)

How did local streets get their name? This tour looks at roads south of High Holborn.

Friday 15 August - Knights Templar

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No tours 16 - 31 August inclusive