

ADULT GROUP VISITS TO THE MUSEUM

The Old Operating Theatre, Museum and Herb Garret

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VICTORIAN SURGERY

The visit will include a talk about Victorian Surgery before the advent of anaesthesia, as well as quality time to look at the Museum's collection.

The surgery talk is given within the original architecture of the old operating theatre of St. Thomas's Hospital and culminates in a 19th century surgical demonstration given by one of the curatorial staff. The group will sit within the tiered stands of the Operating Theatre, where the 19th Century students of St. Thomas's and Guy's Hospitals would have stood to witness operations performed without anaesthesia or antiseptics.

Original Victorian surgical instruments are presented and **historical surgical techniques** are demonstrated to perform an 'amputation' of a volunteer patient's left leg!

With luck, the patients are expected to survive the experience!

"AFTER HOURS"

Evening Visit

Includes the above or a herbal demonstration, with refreshments offered by the museum to be enjoyed amongst the exhibits in the Herb Garret after your talk.

Starting between 5.30 to 6.30 and lasting circa. 90 minutes.

THE HERBAL SANCTUARY

Wormwood, Oysters, Roses and Chamomile, Earthworms and Garden Snails,

Just some of the ingredients key to medicines
distributed to the patients of the old St Thomas's Hospital.

How did a combination of roses, eggs and turpentine end
the practice of military cauterisation with burning oil?

With hands on herbal materials and including a demonstration of poultice and pill making, the herbal talk explores 2000 years of the medicinal history of plants, animals and minerals and their use at the old St. Thomas's and Guy's Hospitals.

A chronology of hospital pharmaceutical history begins with Frankincense and Myrrh and the medicines of ancient Egyptian and Roman cultures, and leads into the unusual 18th century medicinal materials stored in the Herb Garret.

An exploration of the power of the herbal garden.

The talk is bookable for adult groups of maximum group size 25
and takes place within the Herb Garret.

Duration time 1 hour.

SPECIAL SUBJECT TALKS

In addition to the **Victorian Surgery** and **The Herbal Sanctuary** talks, we offer specialist talks in the subjects listed below. Some of these talks are given by outside lecturers, and are subject to availability.

Releasing Devils : The Skull & The Saw

Trepanning is one of the most ancient operations known to man. Prehistoric skulls with man-made holes have been found; holes made in a bid to allow oxygen onto the brain, or to release evil spirits...?

Discover the medicines, fearsome drills and brutal saws once used in this worrying practice.

- ◆ With hands on trepanning instruments

Plague : Bring Out Your Dead...!

The fearsome Black Death continually devastated the world's population for centuries and was responsible for the death of millions; What did people think caused plague? How could you cure it? And how did the work of 19th century German micro-bacteriologist Robert Koch lead to the discovery of the truth about this deadly disease...?

Tales of the Bodysnatcher

Nineteenth century surgical techniques were advanced by knowledge gained from anatomical dissection. At a time when criminals were dissected and voluntary body donation was rare, a shortage of subjects arose.

In the darkness, over the cemetery wall, came the solution –

The Body Snatcher

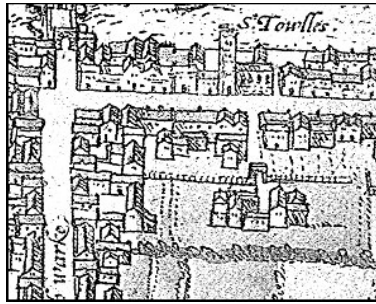
Hippocratic Medicine

Early medical diagnosis was based on the balance of the Four Humours. The body could be regulated via cupping, purging, and bloodletting and minor surgery. Learn the principles of the Hippocratic Oath;

- ◆ An opportunity to be dry cupped!
- ◆ Hands on with replica Celtic Instruments of the oldest medical archaeological find in the Western world!

KING CHOLERA WALKS!

A Public Health Walk in Victorian Southwark



From the herbal medical practices of the Medieval Cathedral through to modern Guy's Hospital this walk trails the rich and extensive medical history of the London Bridge area. The walker tells of the health, social and working conditions as suffered by the Victorian poor and the mass cholera infection and 'miasma' produced by Father Thames. Tales of the London patient from hospital to prison to the health and survival of the modern organic Borough Market.

Route includes: The Old Operating Theatre Museum and Herb Garret, Old St Thomas' Hospital, Southwark Cathedral, The Clink, The Anchor Inn, The Thames, London Bridge, Borough Market, The Hop Exchange, The George Inn, Guy's Hospital.

Walk variations are also available on:

Charles Dickens' London : Ragged Schools, Workhouses, Debtors Prisons, crime and character; a tour of the Southwark that Dickens embedded in his novels.

Literary London Life : The theatres of South London, and the brothels and coffee house chat inspired the creations of many literary greats. Chaucer, Dr Johnson, Ruskin, Keats and Dickens - portraits on a tour of our Nation's literary health.

The Bodysnatcher Haunts : Anatomy was at the heart of medical teaching and the students and tutors of the United Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital required human material. Until the Anatomy Act of 1832 was enforced, the Hospital's scramble for anatomical supplies encouraged the Resurrectionist gangs to dig up the dead. Trace the secretive 19th century Bodysnatcher's tour, ferrying the newly dead across London.

All tours take place during our daytime opening hours (10.30 – 5pm), but evening walks can be arranged on request. Dates and times are subject to the availability of guides, but this will be checked by the museum before a booking is confirmed.

Walks last between 75 and 90 minutes, and any walk booked should take place regardless of the weather.

Please bring your own umbrellas!

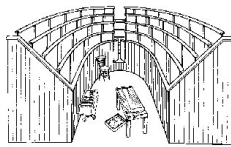
MUSEUM & BOOKING INFORMATION

Group size: *Minimum* 10 for daytime bookings,
20 for evening bookings and guided walks
Maximum 60 people (25 for The Herbal Sanctuary).

Access: The Museum entrance/exit is via a 32-step spiral staircase.

Visit length: Visit and Talk programs usually last between 60-90 min.

Facilities: The Museum provides a small shop and unisex toilet cubicles which are located in the foyer area.



CHARGES (2008):

Talks given by curatorial staff are included in Admission:
Adults £5.45/ Concessions £4.45

*This includes Victorian Surgery, The Herbal Sanctuary
and Special Subject Talks (note: minimum groups sizes above).*

Guided Walks are £5.45 per person.

Walk and museum visit £8.45, Concessions £7.45

'After Hours' Evening Visits are £10.45 per person, including refreshment.

**The Museum is also available for Special Event Hire
in the Evenings at an hourly rate.**

For a special Hire Pack and Information, please contact the museum
on telephone **0207 188 2679**, fax 0207 378 8383
or via email: curator@thegarret.org.uk. website: thegarret.org.uk

BOOKING CONFIRMATION FORM

Please contact the museum by phone or email first to ensure the time of your visit is still available. After contacting us, please fax or post this form back to the museum to confirm your booking:

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London SE1 9RY **Fax 0207 378 8383**

Group Organiser's Name: _____

Group / Society/ Club's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ County: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Date of Visit: _____ Time: _____

Group numbers: _____

Programme booked (please tick):

- AFTER HOURS**
- VICTORIAN SURGERY**
- THE HERBAL SANCTUARY**
- SPECIAL SUBJECT TALK**
- MUSEUM VISIT & 'KING CHOLERA WALKS!'**
- GUIDED WALK (Please specify walk: _____)**

Does the Group have any Special Needs? (Please re-read access details):

EDUCATION VISITS FOR SCHOOLS

The History of Surgery

A talk in the Operating Theatre provides a compelling interpretation of surgery before the advent of anaesthesia or antiseptics, given by one of the museum's curatorial staff who takes the role of a nineteenth-century surgeon. Original Victorian surgical instruments are then used to perform a (simulated!) amputation of the 'patient's' left leg after which the benefits of anaesthesia and antiseptic developments are considered!

The Apothecary's Assistant

Hands-on activities in the Herb Garret are led by a member of the curatorial staff. Particularly suited to KS1 and KS2 students, the group will learn the history of herbal medicine through a series of fun activities, including herb grinding with mortar and pestles, pill-making and poultices.

Curriculum links (History)

KS1 & KS2 Victorians

KS3 Britain 1750-1900

KS4 'Medicine through Time' syllabus (History GCSE)

THE APOTHECARY PACK - an educational resource for KS2

Resource Sheets covering 20 themes, based on our intriguing Museum.

New contexts for **Maths, Science, English, Art & Design and History** - from satire, shopping and spiral stairs to hops, hospitals and herbs, Latin names and leeches; plus weighing, measuring, designing, drawing and distilling.

Coming in 2007;

'OUR BLOOD' – A new educational resource for KS4;
'Medicine Through Time' History GCSE

For more information about the Old Operating Theatre's Education Programme, please ask for a Teacher's Pack!