



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## **Clocks**

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This leaflet has been designed to allow you to explore as the mood takes you. Both well-known and lesser-known attractions are included and they are randomly listed so that you plan your own itinerary and visit as many or as few as you wish.

Please note:- some places restrict entry and ask for prior application either in writing or by telephone. This is indicated where known. Others may change opening days and hours with little warning – it may be worth checking by phone if they are off the beaten track.

A very brief description of the reason for the choice of site is given but because of space it is not possible to include much detail. Again a telephone call to the site may help you to decide on whether a visit is worthwhile. Remember there may be other items that interest you at the same site.

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### **Enjoy Your Explorations**

## Grange Museum of Community History

Neasden Roundabout, Neasden Lane, NW10  
020 8452 8311

transport: Neasden u/g; buses 6,112,182,245,297,302  
facilities: *limited disabled access; large text & audio tapes; parking; sales desk*

opening: summer Tue-Fri 11.00-17.00, Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-15.00; winter Mon-Fri 11.00-17.00, Sat 10.00-17.00

admission free

*display of clocks made locally in Brent by Smiths Industries*

## British Museum

Great Russell Street, WC1B  
020 7323 8000 [www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk](http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk)

transport: Russell Square & Tottenham Court Road u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134

facilities: *audio guides for certain displays including the Parthenon Sculptures (6 languages); disabled access & wcs; licensed restaurant (self-service) and snacks (daily Mon-Sat 10.00-16.30, Sun noon-17.30); shop selling books, postcards, posters and replicas; eyeOpener gallery tours of 50mins +Spotlight talks of 20mins*

opening: daily Sat-Wed 10.00-17.30, Thur-Fri 10.00-20.30. Great Court Mon-Wed 09.00-21.00, Thur-Sat 09.00-23.00, Sun 09.00-18.00. Clearance 10mins before closing

admission free except for some tours - donation welcomed

*a display ranging from pocket watches to grandfather clocks covering the period of the 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Of special interest is a chequered oak clock with mother-of-pearl face & black stencilled design by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the Scottish architect, designer and artist (1868-1928); and the Strasbourg Clock.*

*this carillon clock with automata was made in 1589. An astronomical dial shows the position of the sun and moon in the zodiac and a calendar provides the date. A revolving carousel shows the days of the week represented by the ruling planet riding as a person in a chariot. The automata moves and music plays when the clock strikes at every hour and quarter. The gilt metal frame is engraved with the figures of Faith, Hope, Charity, Wisdom, Fortitude & Justice*

## Princess Louise pub

208 High Holborn, WC1  
020 7405 8816

transport: Holborn u/g; buses 1,8,25,59,68,91,168,171,188,242

facilities: *meals and snacks lunchtime & evening*

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00

*a miniature clock tower in this pub is almost identical to one on the ArchwayTavern (see separate entry)*

## Bruce Castle Museum

Lordship Lane, N17  
020 8808 8772 [www.brucecastlemuseum.org.uk](http://www.brucecastlemuseum.org.uk)

transport: Seven Sisters u/g, Bruce Grove rail; buses 123, 243

facilities: *disabled access to ground floor only; disabled wcs; parking; refreshments; sales desk; tours*

opening: Wed-Sun 13.00-17.00

admission free

*displays of material relating to the Borough of Haringey including Victorian photos, domestic equipment and clocks. A grandfather clock was donated by Tottenham Hotspur football team*

## Buckingham Palace

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A  
020 7930 4832 [www.royalresidences.com](http://www.royalresidences.com)

transport: Green Park & St James's u/g, Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,9,10,11,14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,185,211,239,507,C1,C10

facilities: *prior application necessary for wheelchairs, shop*

opening: daily Aug-Sept 09.30-16.15

admission charge

*a 1775 French clock can be found in the Tapestry Room*

## Church Farmhouse Museum

Greyhound Hill, NW4  
020 8203 0130  
[www.barnet.gov.uk/cultural\\_services/museums](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/cultural_services/museums)

transport: Hendon Central u/g, Hendon rail; buses 113, 143,183,326

facilities: *audio guide; sales desk; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Thur 10.00-12.30, 13.30-17.00, Sat 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.30, Sun 14.00-17.30

admission charge

*an 1820's longcase clock*

## Guildhall Clock Museum

Guildhall, Aldermanbury, EC2P  
020 7332 1868

transport: Bank & St Paul's u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

facilities: *library; sales desk*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-16.45

admission free

*there are 700 timepieces in this museum dating between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries and ranging from 600 European and English watches and 15 marine chronometers to longcase clocks. The collection began in 1814 and is the oldest specific collection of clocks and watches in the world. Among the longcase clocks is one of 1705 by John May and one in marquetry by George Stratford*

*the Museum also houses the library of manuscripts and books dating from 1813 of the Clockmakers Company, a City of London Livery Company*

## Horniman Museum and Gardens

100 London Road, SE23  
020 8699 1872 [www.horniman.demon.co.uk](http://www.horniman.demon.co.uk)

transport: Forest Hill & West Dulwich rail; buses 63,122,176,185,312,P4,P13

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; library; snacks; shop*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.30-17.30, Sun 14.00-17.30

admission free

*the building has a prominent clocktower and the collection includes an Apostle clock that strikes at 16.00 each day and shows scenes from the life of Christ*

## Kensington Palace

Kensington Gardens, W8  
020 7937 9561 [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)

transport: Queensway, Notting Hill Gate & High Street Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,12,49,52,70,94

facilities: *multi-language audio guides; refreshments in The Orangery - morning coffee, light lunches & afternoon tea; gift and souvenir shop; tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.00 summer; 10.00-16.00 winter  
admission charge

*among the collection of clocks in the Cupola Room is one of 1743 that originally contained a music box. It has*

*painted scenes by Jacopo Amigoni, of the four great monarchies mentioned in the Bible's Book of Daniel (Chaldea, Persia, Macedonia and Rome). It was made by John Pyke*

### **Audley pub**

41 Mount Street, W1  
020 7499 1843

transport: Bond Street & Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,73,74,82,137

facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime & evening

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-15.00, 19.00-22.30

*a delightful Victorian pub with two original clocks including a double-faced one*

### **Ye Grapes pub**

16 Shepherd Market, W1  
020 7499 1563

transport: Green Park u/g; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38

facilities: meals and snacks lunchtime & evening, restaurant,

opening: all permitted hours

*this pub has a fine example of a longcase clock*

### **Museum of London**

150 London Wall, EC2Y  
020 7600 0807 [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk)

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100,172,242

facilities: audio tapes and braille sheets; disabled access via ramps; disabled wcs; library; restaurant and snacks; shop

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50. (last admission 17.30)  
admission free

*includes a 1760 musical clock that, at 4-hourly intervals, plays music while figures move in a painted landscape. A clock shown at the Great Exhibition of 1851 has the date and time in London and 8 other cities*

*the museum also has one of the largest collection of manufacturing tools and workshop materials in the country. These cover a variety of industries and include clock and watch making*

### **Museum of Richmond**

Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, Surrey, TW9  
020 8332 1141

transport: Richmond u/g & rail; buses 33,65,190,491,415,H22,H37,R61,R69,R70

facilities: disabled access and wcs; refreshments (not on Sundays); shop

opening: May-Oct Tue-Sat 11.00-17.00, Sun 13.00-16.30; Nov-Apr Tue-Sat 11.00-17.00  
admission charge

*early 19<sup>th</sup> century clock in working order from a former Workhouse*

### **Library and Museum of Freemasonry**

Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, WC2B  
020 7395 9251 [www.grandlodge-england.org](http://www.grandlodge-england.org)

transport: Holborn & Covent Garden u/g; buses 1,59,68,91,168,171,188

facilities: disabled access; library; sales desk; tours (Mon-Fri 11.00, noon,14.00,15.00,16.00; Sat prebooking. Telephone to check)

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00

admission free

*regalia, including clocks, illustrate the history and development of the Masonic Movement*

### **Kensington Gardens**

Bayswater Road and Kensington Gore Road, W8  
020 7298 2100

transport: Queensway & Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 9,10,12,27,28,49,52,70,94,328

opening: daily 05.00am - dusk

*the 'Time Flies' clock and fountain of 1909 is near the playground. It has a columned roof and clock tower with golden bird weathervane. Under the clocks on each side of the tower there is the inscription 'Time Flies'*

### **Clock House**

196A Peckham Rye, SE22  
020 8693 2901

transport: Peckham Rye rail; buses 12,37,63,78,312,484, P3,P12,P13

*a collection of clocks*

### **Royal Society of Arts**

8 John Adam Street, WC2N  
020 7930 5115 [www.rsa.org.uk](http://www.rsa.org.uk)

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,77A,91,176; boat Embankment Pier

facilities: library; tours by arrangement for educational bodies

admission: prior application necessary

*here you will find an example of a Thomas Grignion Clock of 1760*

### **Science Museum**

Exhibition Road, SW7  
020 7942 4455 [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk)

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49,52,74,C1

facilities: disabled access (helpline 020 7942 4446); disabled wcs; library; refreshments; shop

opening: daily 10.00-18.00  
admission free

*history of time-keeping from water clocks to quartz watches. A medieval mechanism from Wells Cathedral strikes every quarter of an hour*

### **The Archway**

Highgate Hill and Holloway Road, N19  
020 7272 2840 [www.the-archway.co.uk](http://www.the-archway.co.uk)

transport: Archway u/g, Upper Holloway Road rail; buses 4,10,17,43,134,143,210,271,C5,C11

facilities: meals Mon-Fri noon-20.00; live bands nightly (21.45-midnight)

*built in 1888 this pub and night club has a huge clock on the rooftop*

### **Wallace Collection**

Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1M  
020 7563 9500 [www.the-wallace-collection.org.uk](http://www.the-wallace-collection.org.uk)

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 2,13,30,74,82,113,139,189,274

facilities: disabled access; library; shop; tours

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun noon-17.00  
free

*this collection is considered one of the best in the world for French 18<sup>th</sup> century paintings, porcelain and furniture including clocks. Of interest is an example of a Regulateur clock, a precision pendulum wall clock where the centre*

hour dial is arranged so that the hour hand never blocks the second hand. This was of special importance when used in observatories and factories

a lovely example of 18<sup>th</sup> century decorative art is the gilded Avignon Clock. The face is set on a rock with a standing female figure holding in one hand a shield and in the other a victor's wreath over a trophy. Two reclining figures represent rivers near Avignon (the Rhone and the Durance)

## Houses of Parliament

Palace of Westminster, Old Palace Yard, Westminster, SW1

020 7219 4272 (Commons), 7219 3107 (Lords)

www.explore.parliament.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier

*the world-famous Big Ben clock (1849). Ornate and gilded, the faces are 23ft (7m) across and the copper minute hand of 14ft (4.2m) weighs 2cwts and travels 120 miles each year. The figures are 2ft (0.6m) long and the minute spaces are 1ft square. The pendulum is 14ft 5ins (4.4m) long*

*the clock is wound and checked 3 times a week and adjusted using old pennies. When the light on top is lit it indicates that Parliament is still sitting. Big Ben is in fact the name of the 13 ton bell that strikes the hour in the clock. It has a unique sound as the bell is cracked*

## Grays Market

38 Davies Street, W1

020 7629 7034

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23, 73,94,98,113,137,139,159,189

facilities: Victory Café for snacks

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00

*this antique market has jewellery, clocks, watches, Roman beads, Georgian rings and Victorian jet*

## Lancaster House

Stable Yard Road, Green Park, SW1

transport: Green Park & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2, 8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

opening: usually by invitation only as this lovely house is used by the government and diplomatic service for conferences and entertaining heads of state, politicians and other celebrities. If you do have the chance to see inside you will find very beautiful, richly decorated historic rooms - make the most of the opportunity!

*the house has several interesting clocks including one by Thuillier of Paris (in the South-West Drawing Room), one by Maniere said to have belonged to the Emperor Napoleon when he was first Consul; and one with supporting allegorical figures of Architecture and Painting in the State Drawing Room*

## Old Royal Observatory

Greenwich Park, Romney Road, Greenwich, SE10

020 8858 4422 www.rog.nmm.ac.uk

transport: Greenwich & Maze Hill rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 53,54,177,180,188,199,202,286,380,386; boat Greenwich Pier

facilities: limited disabled access; large print and braille guides

opening: daily 10.00-17.00

admission free except to Planetarium

*the precision clocks that you can see in the Observatory are replicas of the 17<sup>th</sup> century ones made by the horologist John Harrison (1693-1776) for telling the time*

*at sea. On the exterior of the building is a ball that slides down a mast at exactly 13.00 hours. Occurring since 1833 it enables seamen on the River Thames to set their clocks accurately by Greenwich Mean Time*

*another important item is the Shepherd 24-Hour Gate Clock. Installed in 1852 by Charles Shepherd this Galvano-Magnetic clock is known as the Master Clock as it brought coordinated time into existence. Its divisions are marked in Roman numerals*

## Greenwich Markets

College Approach, High Road, Stockwell Rd and Royal Hill, Greenwich, SE10

020 8293 3110

transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Greenwich rail; buses 53,54, 177,180,188,199,202,286,380,386; boat Greenwich Pier

opening: shops, restaurants & bars daily; arts & crafts market Thur-Sun; antiques & collectables market Thur-Fri; food court Sat-Sun

*market for antiques including clocks*

## City Barge pub

27 Strand-on-the-Green, Chiswick, W4

020 8994 2148

transport: Gunnersbury u/g, Kew Bridge rail; buses 65, 237,267,391,H91

opening: all permitted hours

*this pub has a 17<sup>th</sup> century parliamentary clock with open face. The clock was made without glass in the face so that the glass tax could be avoided*

## Victoria pub

10A Strathearn Place, Bayswater, W2

020 7724 1191

transport: Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 12,94

*this pub has an 1864 clock*

## Goldsmiths Company

Foster Lane, EC2V

020 7606 7010

www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk

transport: St Paul's & Mansion House u/g, City Thameslink, Farringdon rail; buses 8,56,100,172,242

opening: for special exhibitions. These are advertised on the website or details can be obtained from the Company

*this City of London Livery Company owns some attractive clocks including a longcase by B L Vulliamy, a 1720s bouille-work bracket clock by Tallon of Paris (in the Court Room) and a painted and gilded musical clock of 1770 with Arabic numerals that was designed for the Turkish market. It has crystal pillars and domes and is topped by crescent and star finials (in the Drawing Room)*

## Fortnum and Mason

181 Piccadilly, W1

020 7734 8040

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Green Park u/g; buses 3,6, 8,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,94,139,159

facilities: Fountains tearoom for teas

opening: Mon-Sat 09.30-18.00

*the clock on the outside strikes every hour and the figures of Fortnum and Mason move round it while the Eton School song plays*

## Little Ben Clock Tower

corner of Wilton Road, Vauxhall Bridge Road & Victoria Street, SW1

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,11,24,36,185, 211

*this model of Big Ben was built 1892*

## Liberty

214-220 Regent Street, W1  
020 7734 1234 [www.liberty.co.uk](http://www.liberty.co.uk)

transport: Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7,8,10,12,13,15, 23,25,53,55,73,88,94,98,113,137,139,159,176,189,C2  
opening: Mon-Wed 10.00-18.30, Thur 10.00-20.00, Fri-Sat 10.00-19.00, Sun noon-18.00

*the clock on this famous store depicts St George fighting the dragon. It strikes every hour*

## Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8  
020 8781 9500 [www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)

transport: Hampton Court rail; buses 111,216,267,411, 416,726, R68; Green Line coach 718 from Victoria; boat Hampton Court

*facilities: audio guides in 6 languages; disabled access (wheelchairs available); disabled wcs; parking; Tiltyard Tearoom or Privy Kitchen Coffee Shop, ice cream kiosks; 4 themed shops (Base Court, Garden, Tudor Kitchen, Barrack Block); costumed guides and family trails; free group tours (choose from daily programme)*

opening: daily mid Mar-Oct Mon 10.15-18.00, Tue-Sun 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Nov-mid Mar Mon 10.15-16.30, Tue-Sun 09.30-16.30 (last admission 15.45) admission charge

*the Clock Court with mock Tudor gateway by William Kent is decorated with coats of arms, gargoyles and the Astronomical Clock of King Henry VIII dated 1540. This clock was made by Nicholas Ourslan for the King so that high water at London Bridge could be calculated, a useful piece of information when most travel was by royal barge along the River Thames. It has an 8ft dial and shows the hour, month, date, signs of the zodiac, the year and the phase of the moon. Predating Galileo it was made in a time when it was believed that the sun revolved round the earth*

*in the King's Closet there is a long-case clock made for King William III*

## Selfridges

400 Oxford Street, W1  
020 7629 1234 [www.selfridges.co.uk](http://www.selfridges.co.uk)

transport: Bond Street & Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,6,7,8, 10,12,13,15,23,30,73,74,82,94,98,113,137,139,159,189, 274

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat 09.30-20.00, Sun noon-18.00

*this famous store has, above the main entrance, an art deco clock supported by an allegorical figure of the Queen of Time riding on a ship of commerce. It was sculptured by Gilbert Bayes*

## Camden Head pub

2 Camden Walk, Islington, N1  
020 7359 0851

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153, 274,341

opening: all permitted hours

*the bar has the original 1899 bar-wagon and clock*

## Swiss Centre

Leicester Square, WC2

transport: Leicester Square & Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 14,19,22,24,29,38,94,176

*the wall-mounted glockenspiel clock plays a 5-minute medley by Alpine peasants every hour*

## World's End

430 King's Road, SW10  
020 7352 6551

transport: Fulham Broadway u/g; buses 11,22,C3  
*this shop features a clock that goes backwards*

## Windsor Castle

Windsor, Berks, SL4  
01753 831118 [www.the-royal-collection.org.uk](http://www.the-royal-collection.org.uk)

transport: Windsor rail, Green Line coach from Victoria  
*facilities: audio guide; disabled access (please contact visitors' office); shop for books, postcards and gifts; pre-booked group tours*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 9.45-17.15 (last admission 16.00); Nov-Feb 9.45-16.15 (last admission 15.00) admission charge

*a chinoiserie clock topped with a peacock and flanked by figures of a lady and gentleman can be found in the Grand Reception Room*

## Lord Rodney's Head pub

285 Whitechapel Road, Whitechapel, E1  
020 7247 9795

transport: Whitechapel u/g; buses 25,253

opening: all permitted hours

*this pub displays over 100 mantelpiece clocks*

## Phoenix and Firkin

Windsor Walk, Denmark Hill, SE5  
020 7701 8282

transport: Denmark Hill rail; buses 40,42,68,176,185, 468,484

*facilities: meals & snacks lunchtime & evening*

opening: all permitted hours

*this pub is the former ticket office of Denmark Hill Station. It has a model railway running round the bar and a double-faced railway clock from the station at Llandudno Junction, Wales*

## Warwick Avenue Underground Station, W9

transport: Warwick Avenue u/g; buses 6,46,187

*there is a notable clock at platform level*

## Radio Days

87 Lower Marsh Street, SE1  
020 7928 0800

transport: Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 12,53,59,76,77,159,211,341,381

opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-17.00, Sat 11.00-16.00

*a shop selling bric-a-brac from the 1920s to 1950s including china, clocks, watches, clothing and magazines*

## Works Gallery

Bow Wharf, Grove Road, Bow, E3  
020 8981 2229

transport: Mile End & Bethnal Green u/g; buses 8,277,D6

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.30, Sat-Sun noon-18.00

*this gallery produces and displays original, sculptural clocks*

## Russell Callow

7 Sunbury Workshops, Swanfield Street, E2  
020 7729 1211

transport: Shoreditch u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 26,35,47,48,55,78,149,242

opening: by appointment

*a clock restorer who repairs and restores decorative, commercial and industrial clocks*

### **Globe**

Cannon Workshops, Hertsmere Road, Isle of Dogs, E14  
transport: West India Quay & Canary Wharf DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

*this display of 16 clocks showing time zones in different parts of the world can be found on the rear wall of the Workshops (facing Limehouse Link Tunnel). It was constructed between 1995 and 1998 by Richard Wentworth*

### **George Inn**

77 Borough High Street, SE1  
020 7407 2056

transport: Borough u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 17,21,25,40,43,47,78,133,149,381,501,521,P3,SL1,SL2

*this pub has an Act of Parliament clock constructed in 1797 when a parliamentary tax of 5 shillings forced people to sell their own clocks and rely on public ones*

### **Paddington Station**

Praed Street, W2

transport: Paddington u/g & rail; buses 7,15,23,27,36  
*the large station clock is a feature of Platform 1*

### **Royal Courts of Justice (Law Courts)**

Strand, WC2  
020 7936 6000

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6, 9,11,13, 15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-13.00, 14.00-16.30 except Aug & Sept  
admission free

*on the exterior is a red and gold bracket clock decorated with sun and moon emblems*

### **Gavin Douglas Fine Antiques**

75 Portobello Road, W11  
020 7221 1121

transport: Ladbroke Grove & Notting Hill Gate u/g; buses 23,27,28,31,52,328

opening: Mon-Sat 10.30-16.30

*amongst this dealer's collection you may find antique French and English clocks, candelabra and candlesticks*

### **W F Turk Antique Clocks**

355 Kingston Road, Wimbledon Chase, SW20  
020 8543 3231 [www.wfturk.com](http://www.wfturk.com)

transport: Wimbledon Chase rail; buses 152,163,164  
*another shop specialising in antique clocks and barometers*

### **Sir John Soane's Museum**

13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A  
020 7405 2107 [www.soane.org](http://www.soane.org)

transport: Holborn u/g; buses 1,8,25,38,59,68,91,98, 168,171,188,242

*facilities: library; sales desk; tours (Sats 14.30, small charge)*

opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00. 1st Tue of every month 18.00-21.00 when parts lit by candle  
admission free except for tours

*among the exhibits are a late 18<sup>th</sup> century astronomical clock by Raingo of Paris, a long-case clock with marquetry case by Threlkeld (1690) and clocks by Benjamin Lewis Vulliamy*

### **Crown and Treaty pub**

90 Oxford Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex,

transport: Uxbridge rail

*facilities: meals & snacks lunchtime & evening*

opening: all permitted hours

*a parliament clock dating from the age (1797) when parliament taxed clocks and only pubs could afford them*

### **Queen's Gallery**

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A

020 7839 1377 [www.royalresidences.com](http://www.royalresidences.com)

transport: Victoria, Green Park & St James's u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,11,14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,185, 211,239,507,C1,C10

*facilities: sorry no wheelchairs; sales desk; group visits, private evening tours and viewings*

opening: daily 10.00-17.30 (last admission 17.00) entry by timed ticket

admission charge

*among the many fine pieces of porcelain is a sunflower clock of 1752*

### **Anything Left-Handed**

57 Brewer Street, W1

020 7437 3910 [www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk](http://www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk)

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,12,13,14,15, 19,23,38,53,88,94,139,159

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-18.00, Sat 10.00-17.00

*this specialist shop catering for the left-handed person stocks some more unusual items such as golf clubs, scissors, corkscrews and a clock that goes anticlockwise*

### **Victoria and Albert Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7

020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information  
[www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74,345, C1

*facilities: disabled access and wcs; library; café and restaurant; shop; tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00  
admission free

*this leading museum of fine and decorative arts has a good collection of clocks, watches, sundials and other timekeeping devices*

### **Eltham Palace**

Court Yard, Court Road, Eltham, SE9

020 8294 2548

transport: Mottingham & Eltham rail ½ mile; buses 124, 126,132,160,161,162,233,286,314,321,B16

*facilities: audio tour in French or German and for hearing impaired; disabled access to ground floor; tearoom; giftshop; tours pre-booked for groups (020 8294 2548)*

opening: Wed-Fri, Sun Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00  
admission charge

*this 1930s French style house was built for the Courtauld Family by the architects John Seely and Paul Paget. Its interior furnishings and design are an interesting example of art deco work with concealed lighting, centralised vacuum cleaning and a loudspeaker system which can be heard all round the house. There are even synchronised art deco clocks.*

## **Willet Memorial**

St Paul's Cray Road and Orpington Road, Chislehurst,  
Kent

transport: Petts Wood rail; buses 61,273

*this granite sundial is a memorial to William Willett whose campaign to save energy by changing clocks according to the seasons led to the adoption of British Summer Time in 1916*

## **City Clocks**

31 Amwell Street, N1

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153,  
214,274,341

opening: Tue-Fri 08.30-17.30, Sat 09.30-14.30

*this shop sells clocks of every description - from art deco to grandfather clocks to public-style clock faces*

## **Institution of Civil Engineers**

Great George Street, SW1

020 7222 7722      [www.ice.org.uk](http://www.ice.org.uk)

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,  
88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: *bookshop*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00 by arrangement

*a three-dial clock with pendulum presented in 1842 can be found by the front door*

## **Six Public Clocks**

Canada Square, Isle of Dogs, E14

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay  
DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

*six stainless steel clocks standing on pillars decorate Nash Court. They are by Konstantin Grcic (1999)*

## **Belmont**

Faversham, Kent,

01795 890202      [www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)

transport: M2 Junction 6 and A251 to Ashford; Faversham  
rail

facilities: *parking; teashop*

opening: Sat-Sun 14.00-17.00 (last tour 16.15); gardens  
Sat-Thur 10.00-18.00

*this 18<sup>th</sup> century house with has a lovely display of paintings, furniture and Indian silverware. There is also an extensive private collection of clocks and watches*

## **Roderick Antiques**

23 Vicarage Gate, W8

020 7937 8517      [www.roderickantiqueclocks.com](http://www.roderickantiqueclocks.com)

transport: High Street Kensington & Notting Hill Gate  
u/g; buses 27,28,52,70,328

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.15, Sat 10.00-16.00

*an antique shop specialising in 19<sup>th</sup> century clocks and barometers. Stock includes longcase, carriage, bracket, French ormolu, mantle & wall clocks*

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