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Fountains & Drinking Fountains

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Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8

020 8781 9500 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 Pier

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 Tudor, Baroque and Victorian gardens include the Fountain Garden that has a single large fountain

Boy and Dolphin Fountain

Park Lane side of Hyde Park, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner & Marble Arch u/g; buses 2, 10,16,36,73,74,82,137

a Victorian fountain by Alexander Munro this was erected in 1862 firstly in Park Lane, then in Regent's Park and then returning here. Note that, unusually, the water flows from the nose of the dolphin not the mouth

Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton

Victoria Tower Gardens, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,77A,88,C10; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

erected by his son, Charles, this fountain commemorates the emancipation of slaves in 1834 and the anti-slavery campaigner, prison reformer and educationalist Thomas Buxton (1786-1845). A pillared structure with coloured mosaics and spire it has 8 statuettes of British rulers from Caratacus to Victoria. Originally in bronze by S S Teulon they were stolen and have now been replaced by fibreglass ones. A statue of Buxton is in Westminster Abbey

St Sepulchre-without-Newgate

Holborn Viaduct, EC1

020 7248 3826

transport: St Paul's u/g, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,25, 45,56,63,242

opening: Tue & Thur noon-14.00, Wed 11.00-15.00

outside on the railings is the first public drinking fountain in London. It was erected in 1859 by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association

Dulwich Picture Gallery

College Road, Dulwich, SE21

020 8693 5254 www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk

transport: West Dulwich & North Dulwich rail; bus P4 from Brixton

facilities: disabled access; parking; shop; free tours (Sat-Sun 15.00); concerts

opening: Tue-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun 11.00-17.00 admission charge

among the collection is the painting 'Nymphs by a Fountain' by Sir Peter Lely

Eros

Piccadilly Circus, W1

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

this famous statue of 1893 by Sir Alfred Gilbert is a memorial to Anthony Ashley Cooper, 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801-1885), philanthropist and social reformer. It is intended to represent the Angel of Christian Charit rather than the Greek god of love. In 1993 it was reinstalled after extensive repairs

Henry Fawcett

Victoria Embankment Gardens, east of Embankment station, SW1

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

a fountain with a bronze medallion commemorates the politician and supporter of women's suffrage who established the use of postal orders (1833-84); the fountain is by Basil Champneys and the medallion by Mary Grant 1886

Fortnum and Mason

181 Piccadilly, W1

020 7734 8040

www.fortnumandmason.co.uk

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

facilities: Fountains tearoom for teas

opening: Mon-Sat 09.30-18.00

the shop interior is decorated with cherubs and fountains and is known for its merchandise displays

Major General Sir Herbert Stewart

Hans Place, SW1

transport: Knightsbridge u/g; buses 9,10,14,19,22,52,74, 137,C1

a medallion of the General is above a granite basin and fountain. It is by Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm 1886

Medical Officers Memorial (BMA)

British Medical Association courtyard, Tavistock Square, WC1

transport: Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,24,29,59,68,73,91,134,168

the memorial fountain commemorating deaths among medical personnel during the 2nd World War is by S. Rowland Pierce and James Woodford and was erected in 1954. The statues round the pool represent Sacrifice, Cure, Prevention & Application You will need to ask the security man at the gate for admission to see it more closely

Thames Barrier Park

North Woolwich Road, E16

www.thamesbarrierpark.org.uk

transport: Royal Albert DLR, Silvertown and City Airport rail; buses 69,474

opening: daily dawn-dusk

fountains whose heights vary rhythmically are set in a modern park setting that reflects the design of the old docks

Harrods

Brompton Road, SW1

020 7730 1234

transport: Knightsbridge u/g; buses 9,10,14,19,22,52, 74,137,C1

opening: Mon,Tue, Sat 10.00-18.00, Wed-Fri 10.00-19.00

a memorial fountain to Dodi Al Fayed and Diana, Princess of Wales can be found by the Egyptian escalator in the centre of the shop

Phoenix pub

Alexandra Palace, N22

transport: Alexandra Palace rail

facilities: *meals & snacks lunchtime and snacks evening*

opening: all permitted hours

pub has a Palm court with fountains, pyramids & sphinxes

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

a pumphouse of 1860 was built to raise and supply water to the head of Long Water and was combined with a lovely marble fountain with merman and balustrades. All were designed and built by John Thomas

the gardens also have a drinking fountain of two bear cubs wrestling. It was erected in 1939 by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association to mark its 80th anniversary. 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'

Charles Lamb (figure of youth)

river end of Inner Temple Gardens, EC4

transport: Temple u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172,341; boat Blackfriars Pier

this fountain, in memory of the essayist Charles Lamb (1775-1834), has a statue of a youth holding a books with the inscription 'Lawyers were I suppose children once'. The original statue of 1775 was placed in the gardens in 1928 but was stolen in 1970. This edition by Margaret Wrightson was erected in 1971.

Queen Alexandra

wall of Marlborough House, Pall Mall, SW1

transport: Green Park & Piccadilly u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 8,9,14,19,22,38

a bronze memorial by Sir Alfred Gilbert to Queen Alexandra (1844-1925), wife of Edward VII, who lived at Marlborough House

Leighton House

12 Holland Park Road, W14
020 7602 3316

www.rbkc.gov.uk/leightonhousemuseum

transport: High Street Kensington u/g, Kensington (Olympia) u/g & rail; buses 9,10,27,28,49,94,328,C1
facilities: *disabled access; sales desk; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon, Wed-Sun 11.00-17.30

admission free

a fountain of black marble stands in the centre of a marble floor in the Arab Hall and was inspired by Leighton's extensive travels. Lord Frederic Leighton (1830-1896) was an artist who travelled and painted a great deal in the Orient

Berkeley Square, W1

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

the unused fountain of 1858 by Alexander Munro was restored in 1994 and shows a white marble semi-clad nymph with reeds and a pitcher pouring water

Cabot Square

Isle of Dogs, E14

transport: Canary Wharf DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8; boat Canary Wharf Pier

a modern 1992 water feature dominates the centre of the square. The height of the jets depends on the weather and was one of the first in Britain to use computer technology to control the flow. It has sensors in the trees that track the wind speed

nearby in Columbus Courtyard there is a collection of 53 mini fountains that constantly change height and combine together with fibre-optic colour displays

Parsee Fountain

Zoo end of Broad Walk, Regent's Park, NW1

transport: Regent's Park, Baker Street & Chalk Farm u/g; buses 18,27,30,274,C2

a 16ft (4.9m) drinking fountain of granite and marble with a marble head of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Made in 1869 it was the gift of the Parsee of Bombay, Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, as 'a token of gratitude to the people of England for the protection enjoyed by him and his fellow countrymen under British rule in India'. There are carvings of the head of the Parsee, a timepiece, a lion and a sacred humped cow sitting under a palm tree

St James's Park

entrance from Birdcage Walk, SW1

020 7930 1793 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,211

opening: park - daily 05.00-midnight; band performances Sat-Sun to end Aug 15.00-16.30 & 18.00-19.30

this statue of 'Boy' of 1863 was originally intended as a drinking fountain but the cups, chains and railings have long been removed

St Katharine Cree

86 Leadenhall Street, EC3

020 7283 5733

transport: Aldgate & Bank u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,26,35,47,48,149,242,344

opening: church Mon-Fri 10.30-16.00

there is a fountain in the original (now blocked) church gateway with arch that was built in 1631. The gateway has a skeleton on top and encloses a tablet which records the laying out of the garden by the firm of Fitch Lovell

Joy of Life Fountain

Park Lane side of Hyde Park, W1

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

this attractive 1963 bronze fountain was erected in memory of Christian Hubert Goetze (1866-1939) an artist who, amongst other works, painted the murals on the staircase of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He was a benefactor to Regent's Park. By T B Huxley-Jones it has two young people holding hands and dancing, with four little 'children', in the water from upward shooting jets

Hyde Park, W1/W2

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

facilities: *Old Police Station sells books, postcards & maps about the Royal Parks & guides to trees & monuments*

opening: daily 05.00-24.00

the Dell was laid out as a natural ruin with quarry stones; the Megalith is all that remains of a 1861 drinking fountain made from a single piece of Cornish granite (7 tons weight)

the Rose Garden has a statue of the Greek goddess Artemis, the Virgin Goddess of the Moon, carrying a bow & arrow. She stands on a scalloped base in the centre of the basin of a former fountain, supported by four caryatids

Horsleydown Square

Shad Thames, Tower Bridge, SE1

transport: Tower Hill & Bermondsey u/g, Tower Gateway DLR; buses 42,47,78,188,381

an attractive feature of this Square is the 'Waterfall' ; made of bronze it has naked girls romping in the water and random objects such as books and a camera scattered around the rim. Sculptured in 1991, it is by Anthony Donaldson

Lady Henry Somerset

Victoria Embankment Gardens east of Temple Station, WC2

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

this fountain memorial of 1897 originally included the statue of young girl. The statue was stolen in 1970 and only the sawn-off feet remain. Lady Somerset was a temperance and social reformer

Queen Mary's Gardens

Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 13,18,27,30,74,82,113,189,274,C2

opening: 07.00-dusk

in this lovely garden in the middle of Regent's Park you can find two fountains: one of bronze on a Finnish granite base is called 'Boy with Frog' and is by Sir William Reid Dick. t

the other is the Triton mermaid fountain by William Macmillan of a merman holding a conch shell surrounded by mermaids and fish spouting water. This Memorial Fountain is to Sigismund Christian Hubert Goetze (1866-1939) an artist who, amongst other works, painted the murals on the staircase of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He was a benefactor to Regent's Park

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, SW3

transport: South Kensington u/g 1 mile, Fulham Broadway u/g ¾ mile; buses 11,19,22,49,211,239,319,328,345

the fountain by J P Seddon 1887 has a medallion of the poet (1828-82) by Ford Maddox Brown

Somerset House

Strand & Embankment, WC2

020 7845 4600 www.somerset-house.org.uk

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: daily to Courtyard, Seamen's Waiting Hall & River Terrace 07.30-23.00 (19.00 in winter); collections 10.00-18.00

admission free to Courtyard and River Terrace. There is a charge for exhibitions

fountains in Edmond J Safra's Fountain Court have 55 vertical jets arranged in parallel lines that 'dance' every half hour

Julian Elias Salter, Viscount Southwood

memorial garden of St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1

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

the fountain by Alfred F Hardiman is a memorial to Southwood (1873-1946) the philanthropist and newspaper owner who paid for the Memorial Garden layout

Diana Fountain

Chestnut Avenue, Park Road, Bushy Park, East Moseley, Surrey,
020 8979 1586 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Teddington & Hampton Court rail; buses 111,216,411,416,451,461,465,513,726,R68

this fountain with its statue of Arethusa was commissioned by King Charles II and is by Francesco Faneilli. It is fed, via a waterfall, by water from the Longford River. This artificial waterway of 13 miles was created by King Charles II in 1639 to bring fresh water to Bushy & Hampton Court Palaces from Longford Point on the River Colne (out beyond Heathrow Airport). It flows into the River Thames near Hampton Court

Trafalgar Square, WC2/SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12,13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat: Embankment Pier

the original fountains designed by the architect, Sir Charles Barry (1795-1860) were sent to Ottawa, Canada and now stand facing the Parliament Building. The present two fountains were designed by Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens in 1939 and are a well-known London attraction. The mermaid figures spray visitors with water at 10.00 each day in time to the chimes of Big Ben

Kensington Palace

Kensington Gardens, W8

020 7937 9561 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 souvenirs shop; tours*

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

the sunken garden was laid out by King William III and his wife Mary and was opened to the public in 1909. It has three lead fountains made from former water cisterns

Victoria Park

Grove Road, Bow, E9

020 8533 2057

transport: Bethnal Green u/g, Cambridge Heath rail; buses 8,277,309,D3,D6,S2

opening: daily 07.00-dusk

the Gothic cum Moorish drinking fountain of 1861 was paid for by Baroness Burdett-Coutts (1814-1906), a philanthropist who built model homes, endowed charities and worked for 'fallen women'. She was the first woman to be given the Freedom of the City of London

York House

York Road/Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex
transport: Twickenham rail; buses 33,110,290,490,H22, R68,R70

opening: now Council offices with office hours

a fountain of seven marble naked nymphs frolicking in water. Above them is Venus at the head of a double-headed winged horse. It stands in attractive gardens with terracing, walled and rose gardens and a cascade

Jubilee (Silver Jubilee Fountain)

New Palace Yard, Westminster, SW1

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

made of black painted galvanised steel strips and rotating on an axis, it is decorated with animals - unicorn (Europe), lion (Africa), tiger (Asia), kangaroo (Australia), penguin (Antarctica). It was constructed by Walenty Pytel in 1977

Freeman's Place

Cornhill, EC2

transport: Bank u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 8, 11,26,76,133,242

at either end of the Place are fountains: one is a bronze maiden 'Serenity' carrying an urn and pouring water into three lion-headed bowls. She stands under a pillared red granite canopy; the other has a bronze mother seated with 2 babies. Entitled 'Motherhood', it is by Amie-Jules Dalou (1879) and it surmounts a four-sided fountain commemorating Alderman William Bartman

O2 Centre

Finchley Road, NW3

07000 020002 www.o2centre.co.uk

transport: Finchley Road u/g; buses 13,82,113,268, N13
facilities: disabled access & wcs; 8 restaurants & bars; many, many shops

this themed leisure and retail complex has rock formations, waterfalls and jumping water jets

Horses of Helios

southeast corner of Piccadilly Circus, W1

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Leicester Square u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15,19,22, 23,38,53,88,139,159

an impressive four horse fountain by Ruby Weller. Above it are three divers reaching for the sky

The Roof Garden

99 Kensington High Street, W8

020 7937 7994

transport: High Street Kensington, Holland Park u/g; buses 9,10,27,28,49,94,328,C1

facilities: Babylon restaurant

opening: daily 09.00-17.00 (phone to check as it may be closed if being used for a function)

this unusual roof garden has a mock-Spanish convent, formal gardens including a Japanese garden, ponds, a Tudor rose garden, flamingos and lovely views. The fountain that completes the scene is fed by an artesian

well. At 1.5 acres (0.5 hectares) this is the largest roof garden in Europe

Temple

EC4

020 7797 8182 Inner Temple/020 7427 4830 Middle Temple

www.innertemple.org.uk/www.middletemple.org.uk

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: garden Mon-Fri noon-14.30

Fountain Court was built in 1681 and features in Dicken's novel 'Martin Chuzzlewit' as the place where John Westlock met Ruth Pinch. The current fountain is a memorial to Marcus Grantham, a member of the Middle Temple who died in 1975, and it was presented by his daughter in 1976

Smithfield Market

West Smithfield, EC1

020 7248 3151

transport: St Paul's & Barbican u/g, Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 8,25,45,56,63,100,153,242

opening: 4am-10 for trading

the 1873 disused fountain and drinking fountain in the centre of West Smithfield Gardens has a statue of Peace with arm raised, by Binnie Philip. Other statues of Temperance, Faith, Hope and Charity have long since disappeared

Barbican Arts Centre

Silk Street, EC2

020 7628 2326 (box off), 020 7382 7000 (cinema hotline)

www.barbican.org.uk

transport: Barbican u/g, Moorgate & Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 56,76,100,133,153

facilities: disabled access with seats for wheelchair users; parking with free bays for disabled; Searcy's Restaurant (020 7588 3008), Lounge Bar, Balcony Bistro, Waterside Café & Concert Café; Zwemmers Bookshops

opening: daily Mon-Sat 09.00-23.00, Sun noon-23.00. Conservatory is open Sats

an artificial lake with fountains and cascades softens this modern complex

Queen's Gallery

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A

020 7839 1377 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: no wheelchair access; 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

a lovely statue entitled 'Fountain Nymph' shows a female figure being woken by a winged cupid playing a lute. In white marble it was sculptured by Canova

London Zoological Gardens Collection

Outer Circle, Regent's Park, NW1

020 7722 3333 www.londonzoo.co.uk

transport: Regent's Park, Baker Street & Chalk Farm u/g; buses 18,27,30,274,C2; waterbus Camden Lock, Little Venice & The Zoo (020 7482 2550)

facilities: large print guide; disabled access & wcs; parking and pay & display; 4 restaurants and cafes
opening: daily Mar-Sept 10.00-17.30 (last admission 16.30); Oct-Feb 10.00-16.00 (last admission 15.00)
admission charge

this 36 acre zoo is dedicated to the conservation of, and education about, rare breeds. In its grounds is the Ambrika Memorial Fountain of a girl releasing a pigeon. Erected in 1994 it can be seen near the Camel Rides

Victoria and Albert Museum

Cromwell Road, SW7
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr inf
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; gallery lectures (Wed 18.30-21.30)

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

the Pirelli garden has an Italian-style fountain of 1987

Hatfield House

Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9
01707 262823

transport: Hatfield rail

facilities: licensed restaurant & tea room; gift & garden shop; tours

opening: Mar-Sept Tue-Fri noon-16.00 (guided tours only), Sat-Sun 13.00-16.30 no guided tours
admission charge

the 17th century gardens have elaborate fountains and a water parterre

George Sparkes

Cheyne Walk & Embankment, SW3

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 19,49,239,319,345
a 10ft (3m) high grey marble drinking fountain of 1880 commemorates Sparkes, a judge in Madras for the East India Company, who died in 1878

William O H Byrne

south side of Bryanston Place, W1

transport: Marble Arch u/g; buses 2,6,7,13,15,16,23,30, 36,74,82,98,113,139,189,274

this 1863 drinking fountain is a memorial to the newspaper editor

Nymph

Carlos Place, W1

transport: Bond Street u/g; buses 2,10,16,36,73,74,82, 137

this 1973 fountain was 'a gift to the City of Westminster from the President of the Italian Republic Nov. 1987' and was erected to commemorate the friendship between Britain and Italy

Royal Army Ordnance Corps Memorial

Artillery Place, Woolwich, SE18

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99, 244,291

this memorial of 1905 is to those who died in the South African War. The bronze pedestal fountain has a bronze figure in RAOC uniform. It was designed by C M Jordan

United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institute

North Side, Clapham Common, SW4

transport: Clapham Junction rail; buses 35,37,319,G1

this 1884 drinking fountain was a gift of the Institute

Finsbury Square, EC2

transport: Old Street & Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 76, 141,214,271

almost shrinelike, this black granite and marble fountain with dolphins and a small head is in memory of a mother who died in 1898

Sloane Square, SW1

transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,19,22,137,211, 319,C1

this graceful nude 'Venus' by Gilbert Ledward (1953) was erected by the Leighton Fund. The base is covered with reliefs showing what is thought to be King Charles II and Nell Gwynne, a swan, deer, a dog and a kneeling nude

Alounak (restaurant)

10 Russell Gardens, W14
020 7603 7645

transport: Shepherd's Bush u/g, Kensington (Olympia) u/g & rail; buses 49,94,148

opening: daily noon-midnight

this restaurant has an interesting collection of Iranian bric-a-brac - plates, teapots & prints from Persian mythology, tanks of fish and stonework fountains

Fulham Palace and Museum

Bishops Avenue, Fulham, SW6
020 7736 3233

transport: Putney Bridge u/g, Putney rail; buses 14,22,39, 74,85,93,220,265,270,C4

facilities: audiotour guide for outside & garden; disabled access; shop; tours on 2nd Sun in month at 14.00 or by arrangement

opening: Mar-Oct Wed-Sun 14.00-17.00, Nov-Feb Thurs-Sun 13.00-16.00

admission charge for Palace; gardens free daily 08.00-dusk

the Tudor courtyard, with its red brick walls patterned in black diamonds, has a large central fountain erected in 1885

Pitshanger Manor Museum

Mattock Lane, W5

020 8567 1227

www.ealing.gov.uk/pitshanger

transport: Ealing Common u/g, Ealing Broadway u/g & rail; buses 83,112,207,297,607,E1,E2,E7,E8,PR1

facilities: disabled access & wcs; disabled parking; hot & cold drinks; shop; group tours by arrangement

opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00

admission free

the Hull Grundy Collection of Martinware Pottery includes examples of flowers, birds, fish, monsters, a ceramic fireplace with dragons and a fountain, all made by the Martin Brothers

Royal Academy of Arts

Piccadilly, W1V

020 7300 8000

www.royalacademy.org.uk

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

facilities: acousti guides; disabled access; library by arrangement; restaurant; shop; tours (Tue-Fri 13.00)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, last admission 17.30; Fri 10.00-20.30, admission charge for exhibitions

the original courtyard has been redesigned and renamed as the Annenberg Courtyard. Opened in 2002 it is repaved in granite with lights and fountains. The water jets are positioned to reflect the pattern of the planets in relation to the stars on the night Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-92), founder of the Royal Academy, was born. The jets can be choreographed

Sir Augustus Harris

Drury Lane Theatre, Drury Lane, WC2

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

a bust of this theatre manager (1879-1897) is in the centre of a fountain decorated with putti, columns and a lyre. It is located by the main portico of the Theatre

Regent's Park, NW1

020 7486 7905 www.royalparcs.co.uk

transport: Baker Street & Regent's Park u/g; buses 13, 18,27,30,74,82,113,189,274,C2
facilities: disabled access; Rose Garden Buffet, Park Café, Broadwalk Café, Boathouse Café; guided nature walks; breeding centre visits; bee keeping demos (phone 020 7486 7905 for information or look on park noticeboards)

opening: daily 05.00-30 mins before dusk

called the Readymony drinking fountain this rather neglected fountain of 10 tons of Sicilian marble and 4 tons of red granite has four carvings showing Readymony (a Bombay philanthropist who donated it), Queen Victoria, her consort Prince Albert and a timepiece

in the Gardens of St John's Lodge (Inner Circle just past Fraser Lodge) that was created as a garden of meditation, there is a fountain of a boy (Hyras, the favourite of Hercules) and girl (mermaid) frolicking in the water. It was erected in 1933 and is by H A Pegram

Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2

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

standing in these gardens is a 12ft (3.6 m) high drinking fountain 'In memory of Philip Twells, Barrister of Law of Lincoln's Inn and sometime member of Parliament for the City of London 8th May 1880'

Bushy Park

Sandy Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12
020 8979 1586 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Teddington & Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,451,461,465,513,726,R68

opening: daily 05.00-22.30 Woodland Gardens 09.00-dusk

the Longford River is an artificial river of 13 miles created by King Charles II in 1639 in order to bring freshwater to Bushy Park and Hampton Court Palace. It provides Bushy Park with its streams & ponds and, via a culvert and over a waterfall, supplies water for the Diana Fountain. The fountain, standing on Chestnut Avenue, has a statue of Arethusa

St Vedast-alias-Foster

4 Foster Lane, Cheapside, EC2
020 7606 3998

transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g; buses 8,56, 100,172,242

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-18.00

*in the churchyard there is a wall fountain with a lion's head as the water spout **IS THIS IN FOUNTAIN COURT???** IF SO ADD - covered colonnade on 2 sides & portion of Roman pavement on south wall also has Head and Shoulders of Canon Mortlock by Jacob Epstein 1936 & lump of stone (baked brick) with cuneiform script (found during Mallowan's 1950-65 dig on the Zigurra in Iraq*

Kew Gardens/Royal Botanic Gardens and Museums

Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9
020 8332 5655/recorded information 020 8940 1171
www.rbgekew.org.uk

transport: Kew Gardens u/g & rail, Kew Bridge rail; buses 65,237,267,391,419; boat Kew Pier

facilities: disabled access; Orangery, White Peaks, Pavilion & Victoria Gate restaurants & snacks (10.00-one hour before closing); shops; tours from Victoria Gate Visitors' Centre (daily 11.00, 14.00 no charge)

opening: March-Aug Mon-Fri 09.30-18.30, Sat-Sun 09.30-19.30; Sept-Oct daily 09.30-18.00; Oct-Feb daily 09.30-16.15; Feb-Mar daily 09.30-17.30 (last admission and closure of glasshouses is 30 mins before closing time) admission charge

in the Palm House Pond stands a fountain and statue of 1826 of Hercules and Achelous, a river god. Another fountain in the Secluded Garden is made of spiral plates

Syon House and Park

Brentford, Middlesex, TW8
020 8560 0883/London Aquatic Experience 020 8847 4730 www.syonpark.co.uk

transport: Kew Bridge, Brentford & Syon Lane rail; buses 235,237,267

facilities: parking

opening: house: Wed, Thur, Sun Mar-Oct 11.00-17.00; gardens: daily 10.00-17.30 or dusk; London Aquatic Experience: daily summer 10.00-17.30, winter 10.00-16.30

admission charge for house & gardens

the pool has a fountain topped with a statue of Mercury, the winged messenger of the gods

Mount Street Gardens, W1

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

the fountain with its tiny bronze horse was made in 1892 by Ernest George

Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood

Cambridge Heath Road, E2
020 8983 5200 www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

transport: Bethnal Green u/g, Cambridge Heath rail; buses 8,106,253,309,D3,D6

facilities: limited disabled access; library; parking; refreshments; shop; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Thur, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00 admission free

one of largest collections in the world devoted entirely to the history of children and all aspects of childhood especially toys. Displayed in a wrought-iron building that was originally at the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington. it was established on this site in the 1860s.

in the garden stands the Alice Maud Denham and Peter Regelous Memorial Drinking Fountain. Erected in 1902 with two granite bowls it commemorates Peter Regelous who died attempting to rescue Alice Maud Denham and four

children from a house fire. Unfortunately the fountain is no longer in working order

Guildhall

Aldermanbury, EC2
020 7606 3030

transport: Bank & Mansion House u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: daily May-Sept 10.00-17.00; Mon-Sat Oct-Apr 10.00-17.00 (advisable to check opening as often closed for events)

admission free

a 1969 abstract green, grey-green and blue-green glass fountain by Allen David has water cascading from a variety of outlet pipes and going into a large black slate square pool

Hay's Wharf and Galleria

Cottons Lane, Tooley Street, SE1
020 7940 7770 www.haysgalleria.co.uk

transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,47, P3,P11; boat London Bridge City

this 1931 rebuild of the oldest and longest wharf in the Pool of London (opened 1651) is covered with glass and steel barrel-vaulting. In the centre is a 1987 kinetic boat by David Kempe called The Navigators. It is an intricate sculpture with water jets, fountains and nautical symbols

St Botolph's-without-Bishopsgate

Bishopsgate, EC2
020 7588 3388

transport: Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35, 42,47,48,78,100,149,242,344

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-17.30

a drinking fountain on the church railings commemorates Frederick Mocatta, a 19th century Jewish philanthropist

St Bartholomew's Hospital

West Smithfield, EC1
020 7377 7000

transport: St Paul's & Barbican u/g, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,25,56,242

opening: only as part of a guided tour of Smithfield & area Fridays Apr-Nov at 14.00 - from hospital gate

an 1859 ornamental fountain by Philip Hardwick stands in the centre of the courtyard. It has 4 cloaked figures supporting a shell bowl with 4 dolphin head spouts and a further spout at the top

Shell Centre

York Road & Belvedere Road, SE1

transport: Westminster & Embankment u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 112,53,76,77,159,211, 341,381; boat Waterloo Millennium Pier

in the open area at the base of this 1957-62 10 storey building with its 26 storey tower stands a now inactive column fountain of bronze shells

St Thomas' Hospital

2 Lambeth Palace Road, SE1

transport: Westminster & Lambeth North u/g, Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 12,53,77,159,211

standing in the pool in the Hospital garden is a 1972 metal fountain called 'Revolving Torsion'

St George and Dragon Fountain

Dorset Rise, EC4

transport: Blackfriars u/g & rail. City Thameslink rail; buses 11,15,17,23,26,76,100,172,341

dated 1988 and by Micahel Sandle this bronze St George sits on his horse on the sloping grille on top of an open-work tower. He is shown thrusting down at the dragon curled round the tower. The dragon's 3 brass tongues act as fountain heads

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