



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## **Silver & Gold**

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By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

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**

## **Museum of the Order of St John**

St John's Gate, St John's Lane, Clerkenwell, EC1M  
020 7324 4070 [www.sja.org.uk/history](http://www.sja.org.uk/history)

transport: Farringdon u/g & rail; buses 55,56,153  
facilities: *disabled access by appointment to ground floor only; giftshop; tours of gatehouse & crypt (Tue, Fri, Sat 11.00 & 14.30)*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00, Sat 10.00-16.00  
admission free but a donation for the tour of the Gatehouse & Crypt is welcome

*examples of filigree work and beaten silver in items such as Maltese glove trays help to illustrate the history of the Order of St John from its foundation during the Crusades*

## **Apsley House: The Wellington Museum**

Hyde Park Corner, W1V

020 7499 5676

[www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/apsley](http://www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/apsley)

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

facilities: *disabled access & wcs; sales desk; guided tours on application*

opening: Tue-Sun 11.00-17.00

admission charge

*No.1 London was built between 1771 and 1778 and was the home of the Duke of Wellington between 1817 and 1852. It is an example of revived Louis XIV style. The interior was furnished by the Duke and includes a silver 7.9 mt (26ft) long table centrepiece in the Dining Room presented by Portugal in 1816. The Wellington Shield is a gilded silver 40in (101.6cms) diameter plate presented in 1822 to the Duke of Wellington by City of London merchants and bankers in thanks for his victories against Napoleon. It shows the Duke on horseback being crowned with a laurel wreath. A wide border shows reliefs of events during the Peninsula Campaign*

## **Bank of England Museum**

Bartholomew Lane, EC2R

020 7601 5545

[www.bankofengland.co.uk](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk)

transport: Bank u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,11,21,26,35,47,48,76,133,149,242,344

facilities: *audio guide; disabled access with prior notice if possible; shop; group tours*

opening: daily 10.00-17.00

admission free

*Roman gold bars help to illustrate the history of the Bank of England in this museum's unique collection of bank notes and original Bank documents including the Royal Charter. Interactive videos allow visitors to see how the modern Bank functions*

## **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

*this well-known National museum has an excellent collection of gold and silverware. Included are examples of pre-Roman and Roman silver (the Snottisham Treasure of gold & silver rings); Bronze Age gold; Renaissance and Baroque items especially a silver dining service and gold ice pails and cups; the 4<sup>th</sup> century Mildenhall Treasure (28 piece silver tableware); and the Sutton Hoo Burial Ship Treasure (silver bowls and gold jewellery). The remains of this Saxon oak ship were excavated in 1939 and revealed 41 items of solid gold, silver, weapons, coins and armour dating from between 575 and 620AD*

*further examples of fine silverware can be found in the Hoxne Hoard (discovered in 1994); engraved gems set in gold in the Hull Grundy Gift, and the Oxus Treasure of gold & silver jewellery and ornaments found in the Near East and dating from 6-4<sup>th</sup> century BC*

*many of the overseas collections also have examples of gold or silverware including items from China and the Near East (Memopotamia, Persia)*

## **Goldsmiths Company**

Foster Lane, EC2V

020 7606 7010

[www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk](http://www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk)

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

opening: by prior arrangement

*this City of London Livery Company has many examples of gold and silverware, both antique and modern. The collection of English silver is one of the finest in the country and includes the Bowes Cup of 1561, Benefactors' Plate (Gibbon Salt 1576, Rogers Salt 1602 & Seymour Salt 1662) and the Feake and Hanbury Cups (1663 and 1665 respectively)*

*the Company holds a selling exhibition of goldware each year in the first week of October when the public can purchase the work of over 80 craftsmen and designers. Well worth a visit.*

## **Green Street, E7/E13**

transport: Upton Park u/g, Woodgrange Park rail; buses 25,58,104,238,325,330,376

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

*here there are shops selling Asian goods including fabrics and gold jewellery*

## **Merchant Taylors Company**

30 Threadneedle Street, EC2R

020 7450 4440

transport: Bank u/g, Moorgate & Liverpool Street u/g & rail, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,11,21,26,35,47,48,76,133,149,242,344

opening: by prior application

*among this City of London Livery Company's treasures is a silver cloth yard known to have been in use before 1509*

## **Painter-Stainers Company**

9 Little Trinity Lane, EC4

020 7236 7070

transport: Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, buses 11,15,26,76,100,172,344

opening: by prior arrangement

*this City of London Livery Company has silverware dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present time*

## **Crown Jewels**

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3N

020 7680 9004

[www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

*facilities: limited disabled access; sales desk & gift shop*

opening: Mar-Oct Mon-Sat 09.00-17.00, Sun 10.00-17.00; Nov-Feb Tue-Sat 09.00-16.00, Sun-Mon 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*a magnificent display of the Crown Jewels of the British monarchy includes St Edward's Crown (worn only at Coronations) and the Imperial State Crown made for Queen Victoria and worn on state occasions. Among other precious objects in gold and silver are banqueting plate, altar plate and christening fonts*

## Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8

020 8781 9500

[www.hrp.org.uk](http://www.hrp.org.uk)

transport: Richmond u/g, Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,461,513,727,R68; 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

*this Royal Palace has a variety of silver pieces - silver sconces (bracket candlesticks) in the King's Withdrawing Room and Great Bedchamber depict the story of Solomon; silver dinner services in the Georgian Rooms Private Dining Room and the Queen's Private Dining Room (this dates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and is of silver and gilt); a 1736 silver chandelier suspended from a golden star bearing the motto of the Order of the Garter in the Queen's Audience Chamber*

## Lloyd's Nelson Collection

Lloyd's of London, Lime Street, EC3M

020 7623 7100

transport: Bank & Monument u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 35,40,47,48,149,344

*facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-16.30

admission by prior arrangement

*the collection of this well-known insurance company includes a silver dinner service bought by Admiral Lord Nelson. The purchase money was voted by Lloyds of London to Nelson as a token of gratitude after the Battles of the Nile and Copenhagen*

## Jewish Museum - Camden Town

129-131 Albert Street, Camden, NW1

020 7284 1997

[www.jewishmuseum.org](http://www.jewishmuseum.org)

transport: Camden Town u/g; buses 24,27,29,31,88, 134,168,214,253,274,C2

*facilities: audio guide; disabled access & wcs; refreshments; shop selling books, souvenirs & replicas; group tours by arrangement*

opening: Mon, Thur 10.00-16.00, Sun 10.00-17.00;

closed Bank Holidays & Jewish Festivals

admission charge

*silverware includes Chanukah lamps & spice boxes and Torah scroll holders*

## Museum of Rugby

Rugby Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1

020 8892 2817 [www.rfu.com/twickenham/museum.cfm](http://www.rfu.com/twickenham/museum.cfm)

transport: Twickenham rail; buses 281,H20,R62  
*facilities: disabled access & wcs; parking; refreshments; shop; tours which include the dressing room & players tunnel (Tue-Sat at 10.30, noon, 13.30, 15.00, Sun 15.00. Booking advisable on above telephone number)*

opening: Tue-Sun 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00. Ticket holders only on match days

admission charge

*on show is the Calcutta Cup made from 270 silver rupees. It has cobra handles and an elephant lid*

## 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 silverware and medals, illustrate the history and development of the Masonic Movement*

## Osterley Park House

Jersey Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, TW7

01494 755566 (infoline) [www.osterleypark.org.uk](http://www.osterleypark.org.uk)

transport: Osterley u/g ½ mile; Syon Lane rail 1½ miles; buses H28,H91

*facilities: parking; refreshments; shop; tours by arrangement*

opening: house 1 April-end Oct Wed-Sun 13.00-16.00; park daily 09.00-19.30 or dusk

admission charge to house; park free

*silverware is on display in the Eating Room of this neo-classical 18<sup>th</sup> century villa*

## Regimental Museum of the Royal Fusiliers

Tower of London, Tower Hill, EC3N

020 7709 0765

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

*facilities: sales desk*

opening: daily Apr-Oct 10.00-17.30, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.45

admission charge

*the museum has a collection of silverware belonging to the Royal Fusiliers*

## Ironmongers Company

Shaftesbury Place, Barbican, EC2Y

020 7606 2726

transport: Barbican, & St Pauls u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56,100

opening: by prior arrangement

*this City of London Livery Company has a silver mounted 16<sup>th</sup> century coconut cup*

## Buddhapadipa Thai Temple

14 Calonne Road, Wimbledon, SW19

020 8946 1357

[www.buddhapadipa.org](http://www.buddhapadipa.org)

transport: Wimbledon u/g & rail; buses 93,200

opening: grounds daily, Temple Sat-Sun 13.00-17.00

*this temple has three statues of Buddha - one in black bronze (1966), one in gold (1982) and one a copy of the Emerald Buddha that stands in the temple of the Grand Palace of Bangkok (1990). At the base of one of the Buddha's thrones stand, on inlaid tables, a*

### **Vintners Company**

corner of Queen Street, Upper Thames Street, EC4  
020 7236 1863

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail;  
buses 11,15,26,76,344

opening: by prior arrangement

*a silver-gilt 17<sup>th</sup> century vessel in the shape of a milkmaid contains two cups from which new members of this City of London Livery Company have to drink without spilling the contents!*

### **St Bartholomew's Hospital Museum**

West Smithfield, EC1A  
020 7601 8152

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

facilities: wheelchairs by arrangement; bookshop

opening: Tue-Fri 10.00-16.00

admission free

*items of silver can be found in the museum of this 12<sup>th</sup> century hospital, the oldest in London. Founded in 1123 by Monk Rahere, the hospital was granted to the City of London by King Henry VIII in 1546*

### **Victoria and Albert Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7  
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information  
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

*items of goldware come from China, Thailand, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Middle Ages Europe. Silverware covers British items from 1400 to 1800 including designs by Paul de Lamerie (the Newdigate Centrepiece), Robert Adam (sauce boats), A W N Pugin, Christopher Dresser and C R Ashbee and examples of Sheffield Plate. The Howard Grace Cup is a 16<sup>th</sup> century silver-gilt and ivory cup topped with St George and the dragon. Continental Europe items from 1400 to the present include Italian (e.g the 1390 Bergamo Cross) while the examples of Huguenot silver are outstanding (especially the 14<sup>th</sup> century Rouen Treasure)*

*the Silver Gallery shows how silverware is designed, made & used and includes the Jerningham Wine Cooler that is a Victorian copy of an 18<sup>th</sup> century one in the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg. There is also a discovery area with interactive computers, for handling and stamping silverware and testing your knowledge of silvermarks etc*

### **Westminster Abbey Museum**

Broad Sanctuary, SW1P  
020 7222 5152  
www.westminster-abbey.org/tour/museum.

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo U/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,  
159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: disabled access; library; refreshments; sales desk

opening: daily 10.30-16.00

admission charge

*a collection of ecclesiastical silver-gilt plate of the 17<sup>th</sup> century*

### **London Silver Vaults**

53-64 Chancery Lane, WC2  
020 7242 3844

transport: Chancery Lane u/g; buses 8,17,25,45,46,242,  
341

facilities: disabled access

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-17.30, Sat 09.00-13.00

admission free

*opening in 1952 the Vaults are home to several specialist silverware dealers. Most of the goods are contemporary although there are occasional antique pieces*

### **Aspreys**

165 New Bond Street, W1  
020 7493 6767

transport: Bond Street & Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7,  
8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,94,98,113,137,139,159,  
176,189

*a well-known shop established in the 1830s where you can purchase gold and silver goods*

### **Bevis Marks Synagogue (Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue)**

between Bury St & Heneage Lane, Bevis Marks, EC3  
020 7626 1274

transport: Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,  
42,47,48,78,100,133,149,153,214,242,344

opening: Mon-Wed, Sun 11.30-13.00; closed Thurs & Fri  
admission charge

*Britain's oldest surviving synagogue dates from 1702 and has a hanging silver Sanctuary lamp which has been burning perpetually since 1876. Among various precious items owned by the synagogue are a silver Lord Mayor's Supper Dish and Cup*

### **Gilbert Collection**

Somerset House, Strand, WC2R  
020 7420 9400 www.gilbert-collection.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

facilities: audio guide plus special one for children & families; disabled access & wheelchair hire (please book in advance); Summer Café & bar & restaurant; shop for gifts, silverware & jewellery; tours on Thur & Sat 14.30 (booking 020 7420 9410)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00, (last admission 17.15)  
admission charge includes free audio guide & magnifying glass. Free after 16.30

*Arthur Gilbert formed this lovely collection of decorative arts over four decades. In 1996 he presented it to the nation. It includes many gold and silver pieces and the Gold Room has forty cases illustrating European gold craftsmanship in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries although there are a few earlier items including a 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC gold ewer*

*interesting gold objects include over 200 beautiful snuff boxes made in Paris, Berlin, London, Dresden & Vienna and the Jewish Torah Crown that is decorated with precious stones and gold eagles holding bells in their beaks. It is one of only two existing in the world. The Torah Crown motive is used to adorn sacred teaching scrolls of Judaic worship*

*silverware is also on show in the Silver Gallery - a pair of silver and silver-gilt church gates from Russia; silver insignia of the Dukes of Sussex, York and Cumberland and Sir Robert Walpole; thirteen heavy silver dinner plates of 1815; silverwork of Paul de Lamerie*

### **David Richards and Sons**

12 New Cavendish Street, W1  
020 7935 3206

transport: Bond Street & Oxford Circus u/g; buses 6,7,8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,94,98,113,137,139,159,176,189

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-17.30

*here you can find new and secondhand silver items for sale*

### **Barbers Company**

Monkwell Square, Barbican, EC2  
020 7606 0741

transport: Barbican, & St Pauls u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56,100

opening: by prior arrangement

*among the treasures of this City of London Livery Company is silverware from the reigns of King Henry VIII, King Charles II and Queen Anne*

### **Watts and Co**

7 Tufton Street, SW1  
020 7222 7169

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

*a shop specialising in church furnishings. Here you will find ecclesiastical silverware*

### **Woolwich Town Hall**

Wellington Street, SE18  
020 8854 8888

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,54,96,99,122,161,178,244,291,380,386

*a prized possession is the gold cup given to the Goldsmiths Company by Sir Martin Bowes after its use by Queen Elizabeth I at a City banquet. The same cup is depicted in the coat of arms of the Company. Also on display are marorial gold chains and insignia*

### **Agnes Wilton (shop)**

3 Camden Passage, N1  
020 7226 5679

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

*this shop specialises in silverware and porcelain Staffordshire figurines of the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries*

### **Antiquarius**

131/145 Kings Road, SW3  
020 7351 5353

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

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00

*in this indoor antiques market with 200 stalls you should be able to find clothing & lace, art deco brooches, meerscham pipes and silver salt cellars*

### **J Sheekey (restaurant)**

28-32 St Martin's Court, WC2  
020 7240 2565

transport: Leicester Square & Covent Garden u/g; buses 6,9,11,13,15,23,24,29,77A,91,139,176

opening: daily lunch Mon-Sat noon-15.00, Sun noon-15.30; dinner 17.30-midnight

*this mainly seafood restaurant has hand-made silver mirrors decorating the walls*

### **All Hallows by the Tower and Undercroft**

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R

020 7481 2928 [www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk](http://www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk)

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Pier

*facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); bookshop; group tours by arrangement (10.30-16.00); Queen Mother Centre has herb garden; brass rubbing centre*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00  
free admission to church

*a collection of silver-gilt ecclesiastical plate is on display*

### **Skinner's Company**

8 Dowgate Hill, EC4

020 7236 5629

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,344

opening: by prior arrangement

*among the treasures of this City of London Livery Company are gold Cockayne Loving cups in the shape of cockerels made in 1598*

### **Armourers and Brasiers Company**

81 Coleman Street, EC2R

020 7606 1199

transport: Bank, St Pauls & Moorgate u/g; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: by prior arrangement

*another City Livery Company having amongst its treasures a silver-mounted earthenware jug in the shape of an owl*

### **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 marine timekeepers can be found a silver deck watch by Thomas Earnshaw. There is also a collection of silver and gold pocket watch covers and watch keys*

### **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

*the collection traces the fascinating story of London from prehistoric times to the end of World War 1. Celtic and Saxon coins are among its treasures and there is a display of seven 'angels' - gold coins from the Tudor King Henry VIII's reign that show the archangel St Michael defeating the Devil*

*the Museum also has one of the largest collections of manufacturing tools and workshop material in Britain. Items represent clock & watchmaking, wheelwrights, glassmaking, silk and shoe manufacture, silversmithing, engraving and ballet shoe making*

## **National Maritime Museum**

Romney Road, Greenwich, SE10  
020 8858 4422 [www.nmm.ac.uk](http://www.nmm.ac.uk)

transport: Greenwich DLR & rail, Cutty Sark DLR; buses 177,180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier  
facilities: disabled access to all levels & galleries; Caird Library (open Mon-Fri 10.00-16.45 by arrangement 020 8312 6607); restaurant; bookshop; tours by arrangement  
opening: daily 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.30)  
admission free

*here you will be able to trace the development of Britain as a sea power from King Henry VIII's Tudor fleet through the voyages of discovery to the 20<sup>th</sup> century naval warfare in the Falklands and the Gulf. As silver and gold have often been used to celebrate achievements or as rewards there are examples of both in this collection: - a silver medal commemorating the Battle of La Hogue in 1692 (Hidden Treasures Gallery); a silver coconut cup presented to Sir Francis Drake by Queen Elizabeth I after his explorations (Explorers Gallery); the silver Lighthouse Fort table centrepiece (this Algerian fort was bombarded by Lord Exmouth's fleet in 1816 in order to suppress piracy & free slaves. The centrepiece shows groups of British sailors freeing slaves and overcoming their captors (Hidden Treasures Gallery))*

## **Queen's Gallery**

Buckingham Palace Road, SW1A  
020 7839 1377 [www.royalresidences.com](http://www.royalresidences.com)

transport: St James's Park & Green Park 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,C1,C10  
facilities: no access for wheelchairs; sales desk; group tours in evenings by arrangement  
opening: daily 10.00-17.30 (last admission 17.00) entry by timed ticket  
admission charge

*among the Royal treasures is a solid silver table with female forms as legs. It was made in the reign of King William III (1650-1702). There is a gold tureen with a figure of the sea god Poseidon on top and Faberge cornflowers and oats with stems of gold, enamel & diamonds set in rock crystal vase*

## **Ranger's House**

Chesterfield Walk, Blackheath, SE10  
020 8853 0035  
[www.greenwichletting.co.uk/rangershouse.html](http://www.greenwichletting.co.uk/rangershouse.html)  
transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Blackheath & Maze Hull rail; buses 53,54,202,380  
facilities: disabled access with chairlift to 1<sup>st</sup> floor; disabled wcs; limited parking; shop; tours by appointment  
opening: daily Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00 or dusk; Wed-Sun Oct-Mar 10.00-16.00

*this fine and decorative art collection was made by Sir Julius Werner, diamond millionaire & philanthropist (1850-1912). Totalling over 650 pieces it includes jewels, paintings, ivories, ceramics, silverware, bronzes, porcelain, furniture, and tapestries. It has some lovely wrought silverware*

## **Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey)**

Old Bailey, EC4  
020 7248 3277  
transport: St Paul's u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,15,25,26,56,76,100,172,242  
opening: Mon-Fri 10.30-13.00, 14.00-16.00  
admission free

*this well-known English criminal court, built in 1902, stands partly on the site of Newgate Prison. It is open to members of the public who wish to hear criminal court cases. On the dome of the roof there is the well-known gilded statue of Justice. Twelve foot (3.6m) high and erected on the dome in 1907 she holds sword and scales but is not blindfolded as is often assumed. The statue was cast in bronze and covered in gold leaf which is replaced every five years*

## **Houses of Parliament**

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1  
020 7219 4272 (Commons), 020 7219 3107 (Lords)  
[www.explore.parliament.uk](http://www.explore.parliament.uk)

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier  
facilities: Aug/Sept tours to be booked 5 days in advance (020 7344 9966)

opening: debates in House of Commons Mon-Wed 14.30-22.00, Thur 11.30-19.30, Fri 09.30-15.00; debates in House of Lords Mon-Wed from 14.30, Thurs from 15.00, Fri from 11.00

*here silver is used for ceremony - the silver gilt mace in the House of Commons is the symbol of the authority delegated to the Commons by the Sovereign and is the emblem of their power and privileges*

*in the House of Lords the gold throne sitting beneath a Gothic canopy is used by the Sovereign for the State Opening of Parliament*

## **New Caledonian Antiques Market**

corner of Long Lane and Bermondsey Street, SE1  
020 7525 2122 [www.bermondsey-square.com](http://www.bermondsey-square.com)  
transport: Borough, Tower Hill & Elephant & Castle u/g; buses 1,42,78,188  
opening: Fri 04.00-noon

*this covered market was founded in 1855 by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort and was originally in Islington. It moved here just after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and now sells all types of antiques - silverware, paintings, ornaments and furniture*

## **Thomas Goode and Co**

19 South Audley Street, W1  
020 7499 2823 [www.thomasgoode.co.uk](http://www.thomasgoode.co.uk)  
transport: Bond Street & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,10,16,36,73,74,82,137  
*a specialist shop for both china and silverware - centre pieces, cutlery, table accessories and antiques*

## **Camden Passage Market**

Upper Street, Islington, N1  
[www.islington.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.islington.gov.uk/whatson)  
transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153,214,274,341

opening: Wed 07.00-14.00, Thur 07.00-16.00, Sat 08.00-16.00 (Wed & Sat (antiques), Thurs (books, prints & drawings))

*shops selling silverware, jewellery, watches, books, prints and drawings can be found here. Individual shops may also have different opening days and times*

### **Petticoat Lane Market**

Middlesex Street, E1  
020 7377 8963 [www.eastlondonmarkets.com](http://www.eastlondonmarkets.com)

transport: Aldgate & Aldgate East u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,42,47,48,78,100,133,149, 214,242,344

opening: daily 10.00-14.30 but best on Suns 09.00-14.00

*this famous 200 year old market has Asian fabrics, Indian gold jewellery, clothes and leatherware*

### **Brompton Oratory (Oratory of St Philip Neri)**

Brompton Road, SW7  
020 7808 0900

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,74,414,C1

opening: daily 07.00-20.00

*built between 1880 and 1884 this was the first new Catholic church in London after the Reformation. It has the third widest nave in Britain after Westminster Abbey & York Minster and is of High Baroque (Italian Mannerist) style with an interior decorated with gold, Siena marble & Venetian mosaics. The double-stepped pulpit has its dark wooden canopy carved with a dove and cherubs. The Oratory is well-known for its music and solemn masses sung in Latin*

### **St Clement Danes**

Strand, WC2  
020 7242 8282

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 08.30-16.30

*here you will find a small display of ecclesiastical silver and gold plate each piece having some connection with the Royal Air Force*

### **Chapel Royal**

Cleveland Row, SW1

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

opening: Suns Oct-Good Friday for services at 08.30 and 11.15

*some more ecclesiastical 17<sup>th</sup> century gold and silver plate*

### **St Giles without Cripplegate**

4 The Postern, Barbican, EC2  
020 7638 1997

transport: Barbican u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56, 100,153

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-16.00

*this church displays both ecclesiastical and secular silverware*

### **Elms Lester's Tribal Art Gallery**

Flitcroft Street, WC2  
020 7836 6747 [www.elmslesters.co.uk](http://www.elmslesters.co.uk)

transport: Notting Hill Gate u/g; buses 7,23,27,28,31, 70,328

opening: for exhibitions of art - see the website for details

*primarily a location for exhibitions of contemporary art this gallery has a small permanent display of tribal art. Among the collection are Ghanaian gold weights used for weighing gold. The display is only open by appointment. Ring the number above*

### **Trinity House**

Trinity Square, Tower Hill, EC3  
020 7481 6900

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

opening: occasional open days. Worth enquiring

*this is the home of the maritime organisation dedicated to the safety of shipping and the welfare of seafarers and their dependents - the General Lighthouse Authority Responsible for lighthouses throughout Britain, the Channel Islands and Gibraltar it looks after 72 lighthouses, 11 light vessels and 500 navigational aids. Inside there are many treasures relating to the sea including an 1880 silver saltcellar in the shape of Eddystone Lighthouse and 19<sup>th</sup> century alms dishes*

### **Marks Antiques**

49 Curzon Street, W1  
020 7499 1788 [www.marksantiques.com](http://www.marksantiques.com)

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16, 19,22,36,38,73,74,82,137,148,414,436

opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-18.00, Sat 09.30-16.00

*this antique shop deals with 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century silver including pieces from China and Russia*

### **Further Afield**

#### **National Railway Museum**

Leeman Road, York, YO26  
01904 621261 [www.nrm.org.uk](http://www.nrm.org.uk)

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission free

*this national collection tells the railway story from the Rocket to Eurostar including the ways in which Royalty travelled - the 'Palaces on Wheels'. It has 103 locomotives and 177 other items of rolling stock, 3300 models, 300 nameplates, 6500 items of silver and china, tickets, photographs, engineering drawings, posters and art. The Reference Library and Archive are open Monday to Friday by appointment*

#### **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: house Sat-Sun 14.00-17.00 (last tour 16.15);

gardens Sat-Thur 10.00-18.00

admission charge

*housed within an 18<sup>th</sup> century house is a display of paintings, furniture, Indian silverware and an extensive private collection of clocks and watches*

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