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WHAT: GUNNERSBURY PARK MUSEUM
WHEN: THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2019

TRANSPORT: Bus & Walk

Bus 267 Fulwell to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre (approx 40 minutes) plus 20 walk (along the road and through the park) to the Museum.

TIME AND MEETING PLACE:

9.30am Meet at Bus Stop 'A' opposite the entrance to Fulwell Bus Garage on Hampton Road. The stop is outside Squires Garden Centre.
Return to Fulwell approx 3pm.

COST: FREE ENTRY to Gunnersbury Park Museum. Travel and cafe costs as required.

LEADER: STEPHANIE WILKINSON

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'This summer marks the first anniversary of the re-opening of the Museum following our major transformation project. We've welcomed thousands of local people through our doors to explore the Rothschild Mansion, special exhibitions, and three floors of interactive galleries showcasing stories of the local area and diverse communities.' (From the Gunnersbury Park & Museum March-August 2019 handbook).

The large mansion is set within this 186 acre London park and has been known as the Gunnersbury Park Museum since 1929. Former residents have included Sir John Maynard from 1663, Princess Ameila from 1760 (favourite daughter of George II) and the Rothschild family from 1835-1925. It was sold by Mrs Rothschild to the neighbouring local councils as a permanent memorial to her husband, to be used for leisure by the whole community, which is still the case today.

We'll assemble at the Fulwell bus stop to travel together on the 267 bus which takes us most of the way. There we will get off and walk the last bit, entering the park from the south eastern gate and walking past the stables, orangery, and horseshoe pond to reach the Museum and Cafe. There is disabled parking right beside the Museum entrance for those who need it. There are level paths throughout and ramps and lift in the Museum. The general car park is a 20 minute walk away from the Museum, with entrance via the north gate.



Georgian Country House
Rothschild Family
Princess Amelia
Films - Exhibits - Café
Museum - Park - Gardens

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We can start with coffee in the lovely bright cafe around 10.30-11am and use the nearby toilets before entering the Museum which is FREE. You are welcome to self-navigate after a welcome introduction, or join a 1 hour bespoke tour (time to be decided) to learn more about the house and its fascinating history. This will cost £10 per person and we will need confirmed numbers before our visit. Lunch in the Cafe will follow a tour of the Museum. There are sandwiches, salads, soups, oven-baked pizzas and hot dishes as well as cakes etc. Afterwards explore the park and grounds further or return to the Museum. As part of the the park's plans to recreate the original landscape, thousands of bulbs have been planted, so April will be a lovely month to visit.

For a potted history of the house take a look here https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gunnersbury_Park
For other info re amenities and access etc see <http://www.visitgunnersbury.org/visit/>

Please let Stephanie know if you are coming. Friends, neighbours and families are very welcome too. There is no maximum number.

Come and join us and make new friends

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