

It's a **SOCIAL**

WHAT: Outing to Kensington

A walk of surprises: a Gothic cloister, a hidden schoolyard, a Jacobean mansion turned to twenty first century use, gorgeous gardens behind walls or through arches, woods maintained by cows, ducks and carp, waterfalls and an indoor fountain!

WHEN: Wednesday 6 May, 2015

TRANSPORT: Rail and Underground

TIME AND MEETING PLACE:

Meet 10.20am at Teddington Railway Station
RETURN Approx 3.15pm

COST: Travel to & from Kensington High St Station.
Lunch available in the Holland Park Café.

Entrance to Lord Leighton's House £10 (Between £3.00 & £5.00 for Seniors, Art Fund and National Trust members depending on combination of concessions).

LEADER: Elizabeth Hicks



A room in Lord Leighton's House

**History – Architecture -
Gardens – Café - Shop**

All the above can be found on a stroll through hidden byways of Kensington, looking in on a splendid neo-Gothic Victorian church with cloister (St Mary Abbotts Church). Its school, founded in 1645, has 2 statues of pauper children on the walls. Its playground is the churchyard and we walk right through it.

Then we go down quaint alleys past bijou shops and residential streets (no longer where paupers live!) to Holland Park. Here we gaze through the railings at Holland House, a Jacobean mansion damaged in WW2 and now a youth hostel as well as the backdrop for summer shows. We then make our way to a Japanese garden, a gift from the city of Kyoto in 1991.

After lunch in the Holland Park Café we visit Lord Leighton's idiosyncratic house with its Arab Hall and his studio, before coming home.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Click on any of the following or search on Google for "[St Mary Abbotts Church](#)"; "[St Mary Abbotts School](#)"; "[Holland Park \(Kensington\)](#)", "[Leighton House Museum](#)".

TO BOOK: Email or phone Elizabeth or just turn up on the day.

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