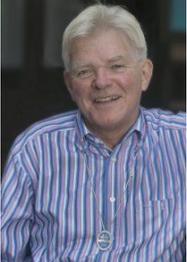


Lectures take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Morning lectures start at 10am and afternoon lectures start at 2pm. All lectures last for one hour including time for questions.

DATE	AM/PM	LECTURE	Your Guide
15/10/2020	AM	<p><u>BRITAIN: A NATION OF SPORTS FANATICS</u></p> <p>From golf in Scotland, rugby in Wales and football right across the nations, Sport in this country enjoys almost religion like status. Since we invented so many of the world’s biggest sports, learn more about their origins and the venues in which they are played and ‘worshipped’.</p>	<p>Dave Drury</p> 
20/10/2020	AM	<p><u>FROM JOHN TAVERNER TO JOHN TAVENER: A SHORT HISTORY OF BRITISH MUSIC</u></p> <p>Hear the story of music in these islands from the early church to the present day. The music of the composers John Taverner (1490-1545) and John Tavener (1944-2013) will bookend the talk. Including some music examples, the last part will focus on the present situation, the world class symphony orchestras which GB supports and the concert halls where they play. Special attention will be devoted to the cathedral and chapel choirs which will round off the talk as it began – with the music of the church.</p>	<p>Rick Jones</p> 
22/10/2020	AM	<p><u>LONDON ON SCREEN</u></p> <p>Film and TV locations in and around the capital to amaze your visitors.</p>	<p>Alex Lacey</p> 
27/10/2020	AM	<p><u>LEICESTER AND THE CARPARK KING! A COOK’S TOUR OF THE CITY OF RICHARD III AND OF AN ANGST-RIDDEN ADOLESCENT</u></p> <p>Leicester: Ratae Corieltavorum to the Romans, burial place of the last Plantagenet monarch, home to Adrian Mole and the Attenboroughs; birthplace of the ‘package’ tour and the first use of DNA to convict a criminal. Suffragettes, markets, coffee houses, sporting achievements - Leicester has it all!</p>	<p>Anne Roberts</p> 
29/10/2020	AM	<p><u>FOCUS ON REMBRANDT AND THE FLEMISH MASTERS RUBENS & VAN DYCK AND TENIERS</u></p> <p>This talk should be very useful for guides working or aspiring to guide in art museums as it will add to your knowledge with interesting facts and stories on Rembrandt, Peter Paul Rubens, Van Dyck and other Flemish Masters by a native Flemish guide (who previously has worked in the Rubens House museum in Antwerp). Patricia will also explain how reviews and opinions sometimes changed in later generations, why and when the artists became famous and give some comparisons and links between these contemporary painters of the 17 C.</p>	<p>Patricia Gentry</p> 

03/11/2020	AM	<p><u>THE THANKFUL VILLAGES OF THE GREAT WAR - THEY COUNTED THEM ALL OUT AND THEY COUNTED THEM ALL BACK.</u></p> <p>What is a Thankful Village? Where are they? How were they identified? What are their stories? 54 communities found in many parts of England and Wales. Coach fillers = war memorials. These are the communities with a difference.</p>	<p>Graham Horn</p> 
05/11/2020	AM	<p><u>SALISBURY CATHEDRAL AND CITY – CELEBRATING 800 YEARS</u></p> <p>From earliest times, the area around Salisbury has been crossed by many different groups who left evidence of their passing in worked stone, napped flints, burial sites and camps. Once it was safe to leave the high ground, settling in the valleys was possible and the City of New Sarum was the dream.</p>	<p>Hazel Docherty</p> 
10/11/2020	AM	<p><u>ON THE TRAIL OF THE WHITE BOAR: RICHARD III'S LONDON LEGACY</u></p> <p>Richard III was much more than the monster depicted in Tudor propaganda. Before it was cut short at Bosworth Field in 1485, his brief reign had given promise of enlightened rule by a devout, cultured, compassionate king. If you have only heard the partisan account at the Tower of London of Richard's dubious avuncular attributes, explore some of the other London locations associated with him to give your guiding a more balanced reflection of this much-maligned monarch.</p>	<p>Tim Hudson</p> 
17/11/2020	AM	<p><u>DANCING THE COVID QUICKSTEP</u></p> <p>When lockdown started and her inbox started ping-pong with international group coach tour cancellations, Amanda Whitehead decided to think positive and turn her business model completely around to service the local walking tour market. This light-hearted but practical seminar walks us through the motivations and actions she took to launch her successful business.</p>	<p>Amanda Whitehead</p> 
19/11/2020	AM	<p><u>BLOG YOUR BRAND: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO BLOGGING AND BUILDING BUSINESS ONLINE.</u></p> <p>In today's competitive climate, the creation of compelling content has never been more important in helping top tour guides stand out from the crowd and build their client base. Join Mr Londoner - aka writer and London Blue Badge guide Antony Robbins – for an expert session on how to hone your blogging skills.</p> <p>We will look at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) how blogging can help build your business; 2) creating your USP; 3) the dos and don'ts of blogging. 	<p>Antony Robbins</p> 

24/11/2020	AM	<p><u>LADY JANE GREY: PROTESTANT PAWN OF THE TUDOR AGE</u> Life of Lady Jane Grey - her short-lived reign and early death with the background of religious turmoil. This tour will cover sites ranging across the country. Was Lady Jane a helpless victim from start to finish? Or did she have a chance of survival? Find out more from this talk, which will also include accuracies and inaccuracies in films about her.</p>	<p>Vicky Bailey</p> 
26/11/2020	AM	<p><u>LIFE ON THE WEST END FRONT</u> The story of The Blitz is a familiar one. The story of how the West End fared during the dark days of World War II is less well known. How did the theatres, hotels, nightclubs, museums, galleries and shops cope? Find out on this virtual walking tour.</p>	<p>Russell Nash</p> 
01/12/2020	AM	<p><u>WAS ALFRED GREAT?</u> Legendary burner of cakes or progenitor of England? The only English monarch to merit the title “Great”, Alfred has been called the “most perfect man in history” but why? Viking-slayer, devout Christian, legislator, administrator par excellence or simply a reasonably good king with the foresight to commission a biography?</p>	<p>Isabel Moore</p> 
01/12/2020	PM	<p><u>POETS PLAYWRIGHTS AND PIANOS – HISTORIC PRIMROSE HILL TO CAMDEN TOWN VIRTUAL WALKING TOUR</u> Have you ever wondered where to take clients who want you to supply a bit of “added value” to their Camden Market visit? Let Diane show you what you can discover in the delightful back streets with film locations, railway history, homes of famous writers, artists studios and much more.</p>	<p>Diane Burstein</p> 
03/12/2020	AM	<p><u>CHARLES DICKENS’ CONNECTIONS WITH NORTH EAST ENGLAND</u> A guided tour will show some of the places associated with Dickens’ visit to North East England, and his family in the region, including a walk around the market town of Barnard Castle, little changed since Dickens’ time. Laura will include some of the other places associated with his visit which would not be recognisable to him today.</p>	<p>Laura Rhodes</p> 
08/12/2020	AM	<p><u>BAYEUX TAPESTRY: 1066 & ALL THAT VIA THE WORLD’S OLDEST (AND LONGEST) COMIC STRIP</u> The Bayeux Tapestry, set to return to the UK in 2022 after nearly 1000 years, depicts the dramatic and bloody conquest of England by William the Conqueror with verve and vividness as well as some astonishing artistry. Particularly incredible is its length – nearly 70m long – and fine attention to detail.</p>	<p>Steve Fallon</p> 

08/12/2020	PM	<p><u>THE EAST INDIA COMPANY - WHAT WAS IT? AND WHAT ARE ITS TRACES ACROSS BRITAIN TODAY?</u></p> <p>From a modest fleet of spice traders in 1600, the EIC grew to become the most powerful multinational corporation the world has ever known - with its own museum, army and dominions. But more importantly for Blue Badge Guides, what ever happened to it? Why is it so hidden? And what is its legacy on the ground today?</p>	<p>Leila Redpath</p> 
10/12/2020	AM	<p><u>THE BRONTES: A LOVE STORY THAT INSPIRED GENERATIONS OF WOMEN WRITERS AND CAMPAIGNERS</u></p> <p>The Brontes: what is it that inspired generations of campaigners, journalists and novelists? Taking the examples of the Yorkshire writers Winifred Holtby, Storm Jameson and Phyllis Bentley, we are going to explore how the Bronte story itself gave strength and inspiration to this generation.</p>	<p>Johnnie Briggs</p> 
15/12/2020	AM	<p><u>WHAT HAS YORKSHIRE EVER DONE FOR YOU?</u></p> <p>Great People, Great Things, Inventions and firsts! Contributions to society and everyday life from God's Own County</p>	<p>Sarah Cowling</p> 
17/12/2020	AM	<p><u>JOHN RUSKIN AND THE ARTS & CRAFTS MOVEMENT IN CUMBRIA</u></p> <p>An introduction to John Ruskin and his influence on the art revival in the Lake District followed by a look at examples of work by local and national craftsmen and women</p>	<p>Jill Durnford</p> 