

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

THE GREAT FIRE AT WINDSOR CASTLE

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This visit has been organised by George Freeman

We will hear about the great fire at the Castle of 1992 and the rebuilding of the state apartments.



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The fire in 1992 was reported around the world. The story of how the fire was attacked and the rescue of the priceless possessions is fascinating. The restoration project was one of the greatest in the country. Some interiors were rebuilt to new designs while others were painstakingly returned to their original historic appearance.

The visit starts in the Castle's Winchester Tower with refreshments and an expert talk. The tour continues with a multimedia tour of the State Apartments, looking at the restoration work.

Pass-outs are available so you can re-enter the castle.

MEET outside the public entrance to the castle at the top of Castle Hill from 10:30 to 10:45. I will have your tickets and will take you to the Winchester Tower (middle ward) after security checks for refreshments.

GETTING THERE

There are two stations: Windsor & Eton Riverside Station (Southwest Trains) with two trains per hour (Waterloo 09:28, Richmond 09:48 arrives 10:22 - Summer times; check they do not change) and Windsor Central Station (Western Region change at Slough, 2 per hour) There are toilets and refreshments at both stations. Car parking in central Windsor is expensive so use the long stay parks.

LUNCH There are two good pubs just outside the Castle. I have booked tables in the Three Tuns for 14:00.

COSTS £25, for a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 45. The cost includes refreshments before the talk, talk, tour of some of the apartments, and entry to the Castle for the State Rooms, etc. Several guests are allowed so that you may bring friends and family. All food extra.

Please register before 1 June as I have to purchase the tickets.
Late bookers please contact George as below.

TIMETABLE

10:30 – 10:45	Assemble outside the public entrance at the top of Castle Hill
11.00	Walk to the Winchester Tower.
11:30 – 14:00	Refreshments, talk, tour of the library and free wandering around the State Apartments.
14:00	Walk to the pub for lunch Re-enter the Castle
16.00	State rooms close

Re-entry is via wrist bands or yearly pass.

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