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Events programme

Autumn  
2016

# September/October



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## The Society of Londoners Celebration

**Tuesday 13 September**  
6.30-9pm

Museum of London  
150 London Wall  
London EC2Y 5HN

Join us in celebrating another successful year for the Society of Londoners and discover the museum's hidden treasures, including jewels, archaeology and our costume and skeletal collections. Along with delicious food and drink, our curators and staff will be on hand to deliver an evening full of discovery and surprises. Friends and family welcome.

Free to the Society of Londoners and their guests  
RSVP essential

## Hard hat tour: New Museum of London site at West Smithfield

Please choose from one of the following:  
**Wednesday 28 September, 5 & 12 October**  
10-11.30am

Smithfield General Market  
Charterhouse Street  
London EC1M 6PB

Stanton Williams and Asif Khan, working together with conservation architect Julian Harrap and landscape design consultants J&L Gibbons, have been announced as the winners of the Museum of London's international competition for designing our new museum at West Smithfield. Led by a member of the project team, this private guided tour will include special access to the General Market, Fish Market and Poultry Market basements, with a discussion of design ideas for each space.

### Limited to 15 people per group

Free to the Society of Londoners; £10 for their guests  
RSVP essential



# October



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## Private guided tour: Frieze Art Fair

**Thursday 6 October**  
11.30am – 12.30pm

Frieze Art Fair  
Regent's Park  
London NW1 4NR

Featuring more than 160 of the world's leading galleries, Frieze Art Fair brings the world's most exciting artists to London, from the emerging to the iconic. This private early access tour provides an opportunity to visit the fair before it opens to the public.

### Limited to 12 people

Free to the Society of Londoners; £20 for their guests  
RSVP essential



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## Private guided tour: Royal Mail tunnels

**Wednesday 19 October**  
4-5.30pm

Freeling House  
Phoenix Place  
London WC1X 0DL

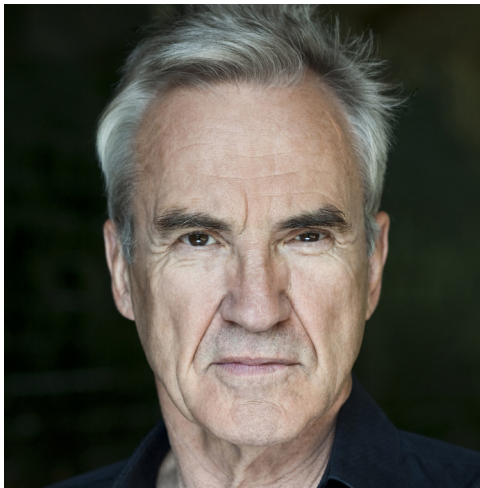
The former Post Office Underground Railway known as Mail Rail carried the post below London's streets for 76 years, housed priceless art and artefacts during WWI and was even the location for a Hollywood film. Although Mail Rail won't be open to the public until early 2017, this private guided tour provides an opportunity to explore the depot, platforms and tunnels.

### Limited to 10 people

Free to the Society of Londoners; £20 for their guests  
RSVP essential

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## October



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### Living Londoners: Larry Lamb

**Monday 24 October**  
6.30-7.30pm

Location to be confirmed

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Renowned actor and keen history enthusiast, Larry Lamb joins us to discuss his love for the past and the influence of the great metropolis on his acting career.

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#### Limited to 15 people

Free to the Society of Londoners; £15 for their guests  
RSVP essential

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## November



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### History Dinner: The Private Lives of the Tudors with Dr. Tracy Borman

**Tuesday 8 November**  
7-10pm

Museum of London  
150 London Wall  
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Join our Chairman, Clive Bannister, and historian Dr. Tracy Borman for dinner and a discussion about The Private Lives of the Tudors. Dr. Tracy Borman is Chief Executive of the Heritage Education Trust and joint Chief Curator for Historic Royal Palaces. She appears frequently on television and radio, gives talks on her books across the country and is a regular contributor to history magazines, notably BBC History.

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#### Limited to 25 people

Open to Luminaries only  
Invitations to follow

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## November



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### Private guided tour: Royal Opera House

**Tuesday 15 November**  
10.30am – 12.00pm

Royal Opera House  
Bow Street  
London WC2E 9DD

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This private guided backstage tour of the Royal Opera House includes an introduction to the colourful history of the theatre, an insight into its redevelopment and a look at aspects of current productions. Dependent on rehearsal schedules, the tour may also include the opportunity to see The Royal Ballet in class or the magnificent backstage technology in operation.

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#### Limited to 15 people

Free to the Society of Londoners; £15 for their guests  
RSVP essential

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## December



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### The Society of Londoners Supper Club: London Cru Winery

**Tuesday 6 December**  
6.30-10pm

21/27 Seagrave Road  
London SW6 1RP

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Witness the process of wine-making at central London's first and only winery, London Cru. The evening will begin with a tour and tasting of a variety of wines, all made with grapes sourced from carefully selected vineyards across Europe. Supper will then be served among the barrels in the winery, where Cliff Roberson – founder, owner and wine connoisseur for over 50 years – will join us to discuss the history of the London wine trade.

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#### Limited to 20 people

£35 for the Society of Londoners and their guests  
RSVP essential

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# Dates for your diary

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## The Society of Londoners



**Breakfast view: Fire! Fire!**

**15, 22 September**

8-10am

Museum of London

Join us for a private breakfast viewing of our major exhibition **Fire! Fire!** with an introduction by curator Meriel Jeater.

**RSVP essential**



**Private view: Punks**

**Wednesday 12 October**

6.30-9.30pm

Museum of London

Join us for a party to celebrate the opening of **Punks**, a new display at the Museum of London celebrating 40 years of subversive culture.

**RSVP essential**



## Visionaries



**Director's Dinner**

**Tuesday 29 November**

7-10pm

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Join our Director, Sharon Ament, and Curator of Fashion and Decorative Arts, Timothy Long, to uncover some of the fascinating items in our stores and archives. A behind-the-scenes tour will be followed by a three course meal, during which conversation will continue around the wealth of the museum's collections and the exciting future ahead.

Open to Visionaries and Luminaries only  
Invitations to follow  
**RSVP essential**



## Luminaries



**History Dinner**

**Tuesday 8 November**

7-10pm

Guest speaker: Tracy Borman

As our closest group of supporters, we are delighted to invite you to spend time with our Chairman, Clive Bannister, at our quarterly History Dinners. Explore historical and contemporary perspectives with celebrated historians, engage in lively and entertaining debate, and enjoy a wonderful three course meal within the fascinating surroundings of the museum's galleries.

Past guest speakers include Sir Max Hastings, Prof Amanda Vickery, Dr Lucy Worsley, Lord Jonathan Sumption and David Cannadine.

Open to Luminaries only  
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## The Society of Londoners

The Society of Londoners is a group of people whose annual gifts generously support the Museum of London.

By joining the Society of Londoners you will embark on a scintillating journey that uncovers hidden London. You will have the chance to get to know our collections, meet our experts and explore our archives – from one of the largest costume collections in the country to the very DNA of Londoners stretching back 2000 years.

**To find out more about joining The Society of Londoners, please contact Laura Archer in the Development Office.**



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