

## ABOUT THE WALKS

The All Hallows' Walking Tours are led by Pete Smith and Frances Spackman.

Both are former university teachers and, in addition to being regular contributors to the free afternoon highlight tours of All Hallows church, they are both qualified and experienced City of London Guides.



The walks they have devised draw upon the rich diversity of London's two cities - the City of London and the City of Westminster - giving old hands and newcomers alike an introduction to some of the oddities and complexities of the capital's rich and colourful history.

The walking tours cover a variety of themes, looking at the city from many different angles and perspectives.

**Please check the brochure carefully for the details of start times and departure points, as these do vary according to the theme and route of the individual walks.**

Unless otherwise stated, the charge is £6.00 per person and the walks take between 90 minutes and two hours.

## A Brief History of All Hallows by the Tower

As the oldest church in the City of London, All Hallows by the Tower has more than 1300 years of history to be discovered under one roof.

Located next to the Tower of London, the church has cared for numerous beheaded bodies over the years, including those of Thomas More, John Fisher and Archbishop Laud.

William Penn (founder of Pennsylvania) was baptised in the church in 1644, and John Quincy Adams - sixth president of the USA - was married here in 1797.

Artefacts associated with the Saxon and Roman history of the church are displayed in the Crypt Museum, alongside a range of fascinating objects from ancient church registers to a Knights Templar altar.

There are guided tours available, and a brass rubbing centre and gift shop.



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# WALKING TOURS

**February-March  
2012**



## All Hallows by the Tower

*A Christian Beacon on  
Tower Hill since 675AD*

## PROGRAMME



### **DICKENS IN THE CITY 1** **Sunday 5 February** **(starts Royal Exchange: 11am)**

This walk, which begins on the steps of the Royal Exchange (nearest Tube station: Bank),

makes its way through the heart of the Square Mile to lace together key scenes from Dickens's life and novels, from Scrooge's counting-house to the building where the young Dickens encountered a thieving dog and two giants. It also introduces places important to Dickens's contemporaries, including a writer who coined some of the most terrible puns in the English language!

### **DICKENS GOES WEST**

**Monday 6 February**  
**(starts Charing Cross: 6pm)**

Starting from the forecourt of Charing Cross station in front of the Charing Cross Hotel, this walk explores an area Charles Dickens knew well and used in many of his novels. It passes the street where both Dickens and David Copperfield had lodgings, the church where Dickens's parents were married, and the site of the infamous slum that was the model for "Tom-all-Alone's" in Bleak House. Finally, it reaches the fringes of legal London - a district so important in Dickens's life, as well as his fictions, that we have given it a walk of its own, "Dickens & the Lawyers".



### **DICKENS & THE LAWYERS**

**Friday 10 February (starts Temple Tube: 2pm)**

After meeting outside Temple tube station, we make our way via the historic and picturesque Inns of Court to the Dickens House Museum in Doughty Street. On the way, we shall see, in addition to the highlights of Dickens's legal London: a lamb and a flying horse, one of the City's oddest pubs, the building where Shakespeare's Twelfth Night was first staged, and a memorial to one lawyer who became a saint.



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### **DICKENS IN THE CITY 2** **Saturday 18 February (starts St Paul's: 2pm)**

As well as being a brilliant comic novelist and an influential social reformer, Dickens was a haunted man, imprisoned by his own history and preoccupations, and doomed to revisit and rework them in an attempt to exorcise his demons of shame, desertion, rejection and loss. Starting from the steps of St Paul's Cathedral, this walk explores the darker side of Dickens's genius.



### **MINCING, SEETHING & STAINING** **Friday 2 March (starts All Hallows: 11am)**

The City is famous for its mediaeval street plan of narrow, winding lanes and alleys which have survived the Great Fire of London and two World Wars, retaining both their oddities of layout and often their very strange names. Leaving from All Hallows to explore the twists, turns and curious secrets of the City's hidden byways, the route includes curiosities such as Dick Whittington's London address, the Livery Companies always at 'sixes and sevens', the grave of Mother Goose, the mice said to have killed a man, a corpse in a cupboard, and the drug that fuelled 17th century business and was almost banned by a king.



### **LONDON HEROES I** **Saturday 10 March** **(starts St Paul's: 11am)**

This is one of a series of walks celebrating men and women whose courage, humanity and talents have changed life in London for the better.

From our meeting point on the steps of St Paul's close to the statue of Queen Anne, we make our way along a circular route, encountering on the way firefighters, martyrs, explorers, reformers, inventors, public benefactors and a whole host of ordinary Londoners who performed acts of extraordinary bravery.

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### **LET'S ALL GO DOWN THE STRAND** **Saturday 17 March (starts Temple Tube: 2pm)**

After meeting outside Temple Underground Station we follow the Strand from the boundary of the City of London to Trafalgar Square. On the way, you will learn about: the engineer who saved a city; the nobleman who demolished a church to build himself a mansion; the revolting peasants whose appetite for sweet wine led to their death; the cat who is the most frequent diner at the Savoy Hotel; and the oddest street name in London.

### **PARKS & PALACES** **Saturday 24 March** **(starts Charing Cross: 2pm)**

For almost a thousand years, since Edward the Confessor built his palace here, Westminster has been at the centre of Royal London. Around and between the Royal residences of this area has grown up a vast area of parkland. Originally intended for hunting, these parks are now public pleasure grounds, and this walk, which starts from outside the Charing Cross Hotel, leads from the sites of Westminster and Whitehall Palaces towards Buckingham and St James's Palaces across some of London's loveliest open spaces. On the way, you will learn about: a drunken elephant; a crane with an artificial leg; a game that gave its name to a street; two old ladies who changed a king's building plans; and the most famous orange seller in English history.



***In addition to these tours, bespoke private walks can be arranged throughout the year - please email enquiries@londoncitywalks.co.uk for details.***