

VISIT TO THE BRITISH OPTICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM
at the College of Optometrists, 42 Craven Street, WC2 and
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOUSE, 36 Craven Street, WC2
Monday 17 February 2020



MORNING: Our 10.30 visit includes a private tour of this Regency building, which contains a fine collection of art and furniture, and then the museum. The prestige rooms of the Optometrists' College include the Council Room, Panelled Room and Print Room, which contain many of the College's finest paintings, prints, furniture and items of decorative art. Afterwards we will visit the oldest optical museum in the world, where we will see the permanent exhibition highlighting the vast

range of eclectic collections. It includes an assortment of anything related to eyes - Dr. Johnson's spectacles, an eye of Horus, saints holding eyeballs, celebrity contact lenses, Elvis's sunglasses, the Queen Mother's collection of glasses and anti-henpecking shades for chickens. There are two steps at the front door of the building and there are stairs up to the museum but there is a lift. There are toilets. **The cost of this visit is £10 p.p.**

AFTERNOON: After lunch at your leisure we will meet at 2pm at Benjamin Franklin House, 36 Craven Street, a few doors along from the Optical Museum. Our visit includes a private guided historical and architectural tour of this five-storey Georgian townhouse. According to *The Guardian*, Benjamin Franklin once sat stark naked by the first floor sash windows 'air bathing' and thinking about bifocals, electricity, economics, American politics, British diplomacy and how to get the fire in his back room to draw more efficiently. Whether or not this is true, it is the only surviving former Franklin residence and dates from c.1730. Franklin lived and worked there for sixteen years. Please note there are many stairs in the house but no lift. There are toilets. **The cost of this visit is £4 p.p.**



Craven Street is just south of The Strand, accessed via a pedestrian ramp adjacent to Charing Cross rail station. The nearest Tubes are Charing Cross (Northern/Bakerloo lines) or Embankment (District/Circle, Northern & Bakerloo lines). There are many places nearby for lunch.

Members and their guests may attend either or both visits. See booking form.

**BOOKING FORM FOR THE VISIT TO THE OPTICAL MUSEUM (a.m. £10p.p.)
and/or BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOUSE (p.m. £4 p.p.) on Monday 17 February 2020**

Name/s

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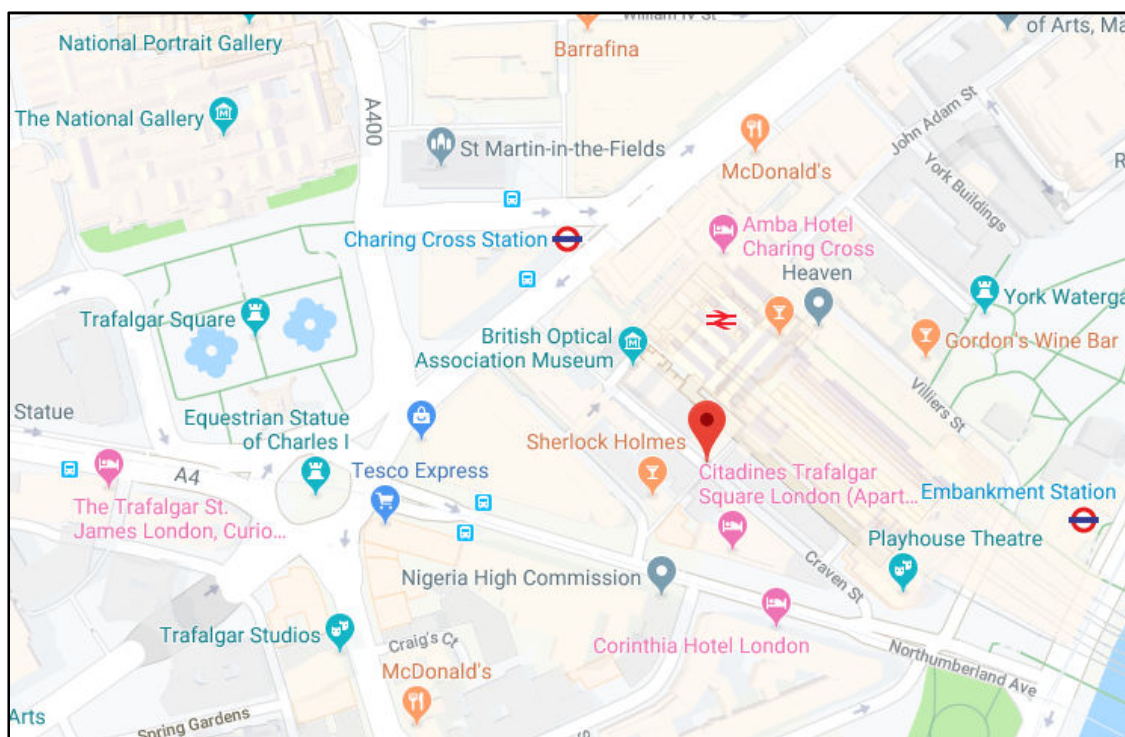
Please indicate:

Both visits Optical Museum a.m. Benjamin Franklin House p.m.

Return completed form to **Yvette Bavin, 28 Holmdene Avenue, London SE24 9LF**
plus cheque for **£10/£4/£14** p.p. payable to **The Arts Society Dulwich**, or email
your booking request to Yvette at chairman@theartsocietydulwich.org.uk.
Alternatively pay by bank transfer to **The Arts Society Dulwich**
account no: 20268097; sort code: 20-94-48; ref: SURNAME/VISITS17.2.20,
confirming to Yvette once you have paid

Enclose s.a.e. for paper receipt/s OR tick box for email receipt/joining instructions

PAYMENT RECEIVED WITH THANKS
Visit/s to the Optical Museum, 42 Craven St, WC2, 10.30am and/or
Benjamin Franklin House, 36 Craven St, WC2, 2pm, Monday 17 February 2020



Contact on the day: Yvette Bavin - 07771 713 262