

Next 10 for GEN walk Saturday 27 October 2018

Grassroots Empowerment Network working with End Poverty, an Indian ngo, in remote isolated villages in Rajasthan

An Autumn London Walk – Royal Playgrounds

The Start: We shall meet at Notting Hill Gate Underground station (Central, Circle & District Lines). Meet at 10.30 for an **11.00 start**.

Duration: Around 5 miles, perhaps 2 hours before lunch and 1 after.

Where? We shall start by walking down Kensington Palace Gardens, one of the richest streets in London, home to number of embassies and oligarchs. We make our way into Kensington Gardens entering by the side of Kensington Palace, the scene of Princess Diana worship. After Kensington Place Gardens street it's all off-road, as we meander round the Gardens and into Hyde Park taking in the various features - water ones, statues, art galleries, war memorials and other historical features. After lunch we will cross Hyde Park Corner into Green Park, ending up at Green Park Tube station (Victoria, Jubilee and Piccadilly lines). If you want to stop after lunch, we will be walking by Hyde Park Corner Tube (Piccadilly line). On the other hand, if you want to 'bag' all the royal parks, after Green Park we can walk through St James's Park to Westminster.



Kensington Palace



Birds by Serpentine



RAF Bomber Command Memorial

Points of interest:

Once in the Gardens and Hyde Park we will take in all the features from Peter Pan to Albert, Queen Victoria's consort. The Long Water and The Serpentine are excellent for bird watching. After lunch we will walk through the rose garden to Hyde Park Corner, past the triumphal Wellington Arch and into Green Park. We will pass at least five war memorials, including the Indian one. We can take a glimpse at Buckingham Palace (and the tourists) before walking up to Green Park Underground station – and a handy refreshment stall. More fascinating facts will be revealed on the day!

Lunch:

A light lunch can be obtained at the cafe by The Serpentine; alternatively, bring a picnic – there are lots of benches and grassy banks nearby.

Contact: - If at all possible please tell Sue Burke by Monday 22 October if you want to come – 020 7794 6059 or spburke@aol.com . On the day, Sue 07787 500 057 or Tony Charlwood 07930 758 466.

Suggested Contribution to GEN: £10 / head, more if you can manage it, in aid of the GEN's work in India. GEN currently supports core costs of our Indian NGO partner End Poverty (EP) in Rajasthan which helps EP to run a range of projects which GEN also helps to fund – literacy and basic education for unschooled teenage girls, income generation from handicrafts for women villagers, support for small scale farmers with diversifying their traditional crops with small orchards. See www.gen-initiative.org