

## ISLINGTON U3A VISIT

**to two houses near Richmond in south-west London:  
Sandycombe Lodge, Twickenham, and Ham House, Ham  
Friday 15 June 2018**

This outing covers three buildings built in 1610, 1724 and 1813, on or near the River Thames. Two of these can be visited this year, and the third on a further outing in 2019.

**Travel:** This iU3A Outing will leave Highbury and Islington Station at 9.00 on 15th June, taking the Overground to Richmond. We shall then take a local bus to Sandycombe Lodge. If members wish to travel independently, please join the group at Sandycombe Lodge shortly after 10.00 am. (40 Sandycombe Road, Twickenham TW1 2LR. See [Turnershouse.org](http://Turnershouse.org) ).



Sandycombe Lodge is a small building designed and built by J.M.W. Turner in 1813 as a home for his father. Twickenham was rural at the time, and the artist and his father lived in the picturesque-cottage style lodge until 1826. The lodge has had a number of changes. It now belongs to a charity which has restored it to the state it was in Turner's time. It was opened to the public in summer 2017. (Entry £6.00 each).

After Turner's House, the group will walk to nearby Marble Hill Park for coffee. Marble Hill House is a Palladian villa built by the Thames between 1724-1729 for Henrietta Howard, Countess of Suffolk, who was the mistress of George II. The house can only be visited on a group tour, which is not possible on this outing.

We then will cross the Thames by Hammertons Ferry (£1 each) to visit Ham House, where we can have lunch. Ham House is owned by the National Trust. Entry is free for NT Members, Art Fund or RHS members; other iU3A members pay the group entry rate of £9.40. Lunch is available at the Orangery Café for £5 - £10. Picnics are permitted in the gardens. Our visit includes a short free architectural tour at 1.30 before visiting the interior.

Ham House is one of the grandest Stuart houses in England. Built in 1610 by William Murray and transformed into “a rare 17th century survival of luxury and grandeur” by his daughter Elizabeth, later Duchess of Lauderdale. After the Restoration Ham House became an important centre of entertainment and extravagance. Today, this is a special house to visit, with many interesting rooms and furniture; the garden has been extensively restored.

The outing finishes at 3.00 after visiting the house. But, members are welcome to stay as long as they wish in the house, walking in the gardens, having tea in the café etc. The house closes at 4.00, the gardens, café and shop close at 5.00.

Return travel Bus stops for returning to Richmond Station are 10-15 minutes walk through woodland from Ham House. Or there is a towpath by the Thames to walk into Richmond. Overground trains run at 18 minute intervals.