



Cripplegate Ward Club

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The British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum, supper at Alleyn's Head West Dulwich

Thursday 16 August 2018 at 3 pm



Founded by Gerald Wells, who during his lifetime had amassed a collection of more than 1,300 radio and television sets and associated equipment, covering the entire pre-transistor history of broadcasting. This became the British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum, which occupied the Edwardian house in West Dulwich, where he had been born and lived in all his life.



The collection contains many working examples, most of them found and brought back to life by Wells himself. Visitors can have the unique and somewhat unsettling experience of watching live television programmes in the old 405-line, black-and-white format, abandoned in 1984. Wells rescued the converter from the nearby Crystal Palace transmitter. He was a bit short of space at the time, so he set it up in his bedroom.



In 1974 he determined to turn his home into a wireless museum. In a very short time it had taken over every room in the house, including the attic, and spread to a sizeable wooden structure that he built in the garden. The collection continued to grow until it became necessary to purchase a strip of garden from the house next door, for a further building. The collection is now housed in these two buildings.

The Museum has gained worldwide recognition inspiring the start of many wireless museums. It is now the only viable and working wireless museum in the UK.

We will round off our visit to the Vintage Wireless Museum with Prosecco in the garden before making our way to a three course supper at 6 30pm in the Alleyn's Head public house - a nine minute walk away from the museum.



**Meet at 3 pm at the Vintage Wireless Museum
23 Rosendale Road, West Dulwich, London SE21 8DS
coffee/tea and biscuits and a chance to sit
before and after your tour**

Directions and Map attached. Loo available.

Please complete and return the Booking Form by **Tuesday 7 August 2018**.
Refunds for cancellations after this date cannot be provided.
Acknowledgements will be sent out when bookings have been received.

*Our next Event: Thursday 13 September 2018
Dulwich Art Gallery and lunch at The Real Greek, Dulwich Village, SE21*

For further information on this and all other events see the website: www.cripplegatewardclub.org

