



HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE WALKS THE STREETS OF LONDON PART II: THREE WEDNESDAYS

The Strand, recorded in 1185 as ‘Stronde’ and the main link between the cities of London and Westminster, was THE place to live for the nobility from the Middle Ages to the 17c: they built large palaces with gates giving onto the Thames. By the 18c it was a streets of chophouses and coffee-shops, and by the 19c it had become the place for theatre and music hall. Dickens, Emerson and Virginia Woolf all lived here. Now it is renowned for Somerset House, the Savoy and Simpsons, among many other fine establishments. By the 17c many of the nobility had moved to **Piccadilly**, whose name was borrowed from large collars of cutwork lace, worn by its habitués. Major noble families occupied Clarendon House, Burlington House and Devonshire House. Now Piccadilly is renowned for St James’ Church, the Ritz and Fortnum and Mason. **Whitehall** contrasts entirely with those two largely domestic streets in being, of course, the street of government offices, deriving from the rambling medieval Palace of Whitehall, inhabited by Henry III and improved by Henry VIII, who had Holbein provide decorations for it. Inigo Jones planned Palladian improvements, and his Banqueting House survives from that scheme, heralding Whitehall’s development as a stable of architectural genius, from Jones to William Kent, Robert Adam, Henry Holland, George Gilbert Scott and Lutyens.

THE STRAND

WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

11am Please meet Nicholas outside Charing Cross Main Line Station.

PICCADILLY

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

11am Please meet Nicholas by the Eros statue on Piccadilly Circus.

WHITEHALL

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

11am Please meet Nicholas outside Westminster Tube station.

£70 per day members, £80 per day non-members, or £190 members, £220 non-members, for all three days. Please note these days are strictly limited to 15 participants. Your guests are welcome gratis if there is space. These study days end 12:45pm and are followed by an optional lunch. The cost of the lunch is not included in the cost of the study day.