



THE PARLIAMENT IN QUESTION
THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER

TUESDAY 23 JUNE OR THURSDAY 25 JUNE

In 2015 we celebrate the 750th anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament. But Simon de Montfort's Parliament only lasted for 2 months, and it was not the first. The word Parliament appeared in an official document in 1236, and there had been many councils meeting under the Norman and Angevin kings. In the 1240s - 1260s, increasingly Henry III was forced to negotiate not only with barons, but directly with the representatives of the counties, towns and lower clergy (later to be known as the 'commons'). Parliament therefore became synonymous with an enlarged gathering of the kingdom's political elite. We look at how the history and function of parliaments are reflected in their architecture, from Budapest to Berlin, Lisbon to London. We follow our study day with a special tour and afternoon tea in the Terrace Pavilion of the Houses of Parliament.

MEET 10.30 am coffee for 11 am lecture at Pushkin Society
ENDS 3.30 pm Pushkin Society
COST £85 members, £95 non-members, including coffee, light lunch with wine

AFTERNOON TEA AT
THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

SATURDAY 27 JUNE

MEET 1.30 pm Cromwell Green entrance, Houses of Parliament
ENDS 5.30 pm Parliament Square
COST £85 including private tour with Houses of Parliament guide, full afternoon tea in Terrace Pavilion, short architectural walk in Parliament Square with Nicholas Friend. Please note: numbers for this event strictly limited to 25.