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The Trench Launched to coincide with a BBC 2 series, the exhibition includes walk-through recreations of parts of the trench system featured in the programme, together with many original exhibits illustrating life in the trenches. Mar 13 ▶ Oct 27

FREE Museum of London 020 7600 3699

London Wall, EC2. ◊ **Barbican/St Paul's/Moorgate/Bank**. Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 12noon-5.50pm.

World City Galleries Film footage, photography, oral history recordings and over 3,000 objects, from Queen Victoria's parliamentary robes and Queen Mary's dolls' house to one of the earliest motorised taxis, evoke the capital's history between the French Revolution and the First World War and a 'Victorian Walk' of original shopfronts and workshops summons up the atmosphere of the 19th century.

After September 11: Images from Ground Zero Images of Ground Zero by American photographer Joel Meyerowitz. Mar 6 ▶ Apr 14

The Brunels Submerged: A Father and Son's Battles to Tunnel under the Thames Lecture by historian and biographer Adrian Vaughan about the construction of the Thames tunnel. Fri 1.10pm.

Roman Fort Gate A chance to visit the excavated remains of the Roman fort of Londinium, discovered near the museum and preserved beneath one of the City's busiest roads. Tue 11am & 12noon.

FREE National Maritime Museum 020 8858 4422/020 8312 6565

Romney Rd, Greenwich, SE10. **Cutty Sark DLR**. Daily 10am-6pm.

A Sea of Faces (Queen's House) An exhibition of naval portraiture covering the period 1620-2000, from Stuart portraits of aristocrats, shipwrights and captains by Van Dyck and Lely, to John Wonnacott's 1998 portrait of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin. ▶ May

On the Coast of Bohemia (Queen's House) Exhibition of 17th century Flemish and Dutch paintings, mostly painted for the prosperous merchant classes of the Netherlands in an age when the Dutch became a great world sea-trading power. ▶ Apr 14

Charts and Globes (Museum) A day course on the development of surveying and hydrography which will draw on the museum's charts, globes and instruments collections. Curators will explain how information about the world's coasts and oceans was recorded and depicted. Mon 10.30am-4.15pm. £35, concs £28.

John Harrison's Timepieces (Royal Observatory) (National Science Week event) The famous Harrison marine timekeepers - H1, H2, H3 and the prize-winning watch H4 - will all be running for the duration of National Science Week. Mar 8 ▶ Mar 17

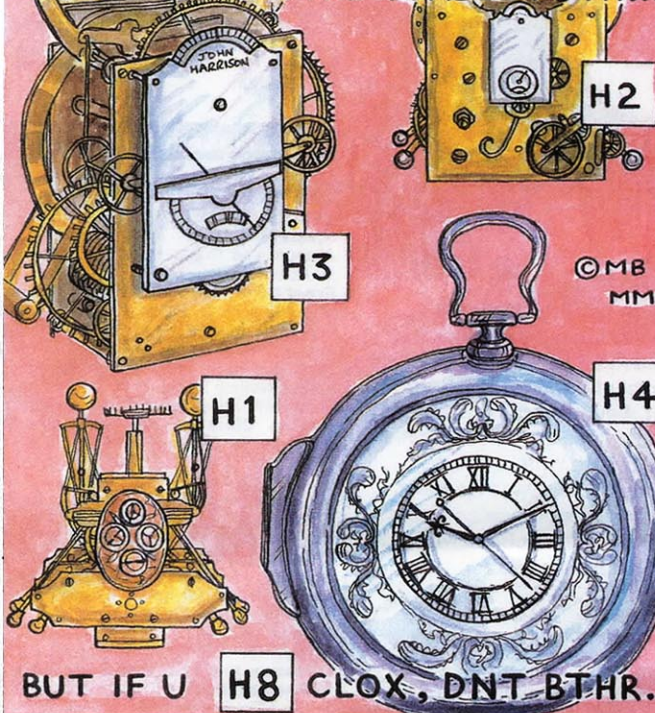
FREE Natural History Museum 020 7942 5000

Cromwell Rd, ◊ South Kensington. Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 11am-5.50pm.

2001 BG Wildlife Photographer of the Year (£4.50, concs £3, family of five £12,

Museum pieces by Mike Barfield

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under-fives free) Exhibition of 115 winning and commended images from the 2001 BG Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition. The annual competition, organised by BBC Wildlife magazine and the Museum and open to both amateur and professional photographers of any age, is intended to promote appreciation of the natural world and awareness of environmental issues. ▶ Mar 11

Predators (£4.50, concs £3, family of five £12, under-fives free) Family exhibition, intended primarily for seven-to-12 year-olds. Huge, moving models of a great white shark and a toxic spider, real specimens, such as a Harris Hawk swooping for the kill, and a high-speed interactive game cast light on the factors that decide the pecking order in the animal kingdom. ▶ May 6

FREE Science Museum 0870 870 4868

Exhibition Rd, SW7. ◊ South Kensington. Daily 10am-6pm.

Alfa Romeo - Sustaining Beauty A collection of classic cars valued at more than £50m, plus original designs, period advertising, technical blueprints and open engines. The exhibition shows how car design and styling has evolved from the first decades of the 20th century to the present, tracing the advances in technology and the improvements in engineering, safety and performance. ▶ Apr 30

Japan: Gateway to the Future Display of recent and cutting-edge technology including Sony's Memory Stick, a smart car from Toyota and some all-singing, all-dancing mobile phone technology. An interactive element is provided by a winning seal robot and some robotic dogs. ▶ Mar 16

FREE Victoria & Albert Museum 020 7942 2000

Cromwell Rd, SW7. ◊ South Kensington. Daily 10am-5.45pm. Late view (Weds 6.30pm-9.30pm, last Fri in the month 6.30-10pm) free.

New British Galleries 1500-1900 The newly re-opened galleries are arranged chronologically to trace the history of British design from the reign of Henry VIII to that of

Queen Victoria. The major names of each era are highlighted, from Chippendale to Morris, Adam to Mackintosh, and alongside the displays of furniture, textiles, dress, ceramics, glass, jewellery, prints, paintings and sculpture are computer interactives, objects to handle, video screens and audio programmes.

Men in Skirts Exhibition looking at the male skirt in historical, social and cross-cultural contexts and investigating the ways in which contemporary designers, including Jean Paul Gaultier, Paul Smith, Yohji Yamamoto and Dries van Norton, have re-invented the skirt for men. ▶ May 12

Seeing Things: Photographing Objects 1850-2001 (Canon Photography Gallery) An exhibition devoted to objects in photography and the photographic still life, which uses famous and lesser known photographs to look at the range of ways photographers use objects to compose a memorable image. The display includes both images from photography's early years and huge digital renditions of objects and encompasses the full spectrum of documentary, fine art, advertising and portraiture. ▶ Aug 18

Specialist Museums

Croydon Clocktower 020 8253 1030
 Katharine St, Croydon. East/West Croydon rail. Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun & bank holidays 12noon-5pm. £3, concs £1.50, family ticket £8, under fives free. Happy Hour Wed & Sun 3pm-5pm, free

Celebrating Boxes Many styles of boxes by more than 80 international craftsmen, augmented by exhibits which reveal sounds, smells or jokes when opened and a section dedicated to examples of boxes in everyday life. ▶ May 6

Design Museum 020 7940 8790
 Butlers Wharf, Shad Thames, SE1. ◊ Tower Hill. Mon-Fri 10am-5.45pm, Sat, Sun 10.30am-6pm. £6, concs £4, family ticket £16.

Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka: the

Glass Aquarium An exhibition extraordinarily realistic glass replica creatures designed and made by the century German glassworker Leo Blaschka and his son Rudolf, plus contemporary pieces by the artists Dorothy Cross & Mark Frances. ▶ June 30

Handel House Museum 020 7495 1685

25 Brook St, W1. ◊ Bond St. Tue, Wed, Fri Sat 10am-6pm; Thur 10am-8pm; Sun 12noon-6pm. £4.50, concs £3.50, children £2.50.

The house that was Handel's home between 1723 and his death in 1759 is now a museum devoted to the composer's life and work, presented in the context of the London he knew. The museum's refurbished 1720 interiors include furniture taken after Handel's death. Handel composed his 'Messiah', 'Music for the Royal Fireworks' and several operas at the house and used his home for selling scores and tickets to performances of his work. He also held rehearsals there, practice rekindled through a collaboration with London's music colleges, enabling students to use the house for lessons, rehearsals and practice during museum opening hours.

London Transport Msm 020 7836 8555

The Piazza, Covent Garden, WC2. ◊ Covent Garden. Mon-Thur. Sat, Sun 10am-6pm, Fri 11am-6pm. £5.95, concs £3.95, disabled people and Freedom Pass holders £2.50, children (under 16) free. See Offers page 5

The Colours of Winter A selection from the museum's poster archive using seasonal images of Christmas shopping, winter day out, rural excursions and popular Yuletide traditions to examine the development of the art form and demonstrate how it has reflected the changing leisure activities of Londoners over the last century. ▶ Mar 10

FREE Public Record Office 020 8876 3444

Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey. ◊ Kew Gardens. Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-5pm; Tue 10am-7pm; Thur 9am-7pm; Sat 9.30-5pm. The national archive of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, covering over 1,000 years of history, from the Domesday Book to the latest Government papers to be released.

Coronation and Commonwealth An exploration of the coronation celebration held throughout the commonwealth, reviewing some of the themes of the 1950s, from the end of rationing to the space race. ▶ Nov 17

Faraday Trail (National Science Week event) Display of documents connected to St Michael Faraday, an early pioneer in experiments with electricity and magnetism. Mar ▶ Mar 17

Major Attractions

British Airways London Eye 0870 5000 600

South Bank, SE1. ◊ Waterloo. Daily 10am-8pm. £9.50, seniors & disabled people £7.50, children (5-15) £5.50, under-fives free but require a ticket (booking fee 50p per person). Advance booking by phone is less frustrating than it was, but a number of tickets are held back for same-day sale on site, so it may be worth turning up and taking pot luck, although weekends and school holidays tend to sell out in advance. You can also book online at www.ba-londoneye.com. To book slot less than 24 hours ahead you must go along in person. If you want to book a whole capsule ring 020 7654 0813.

Hampton Court Palace 020 8781 9500

East Molesey, Surrey. Hampton Court rail. Palace and Maze: Mon 10.15am-4.30pm, Tue-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm. £10.80, seniors & students £8.30, children (5-16) £7.20, family ticket (2 adults & 3 children) £32.20. Garden or maze only: £2.50, children £1.60. Built in 1525 by Thomas Wolsey, who presented it to King Henry VIII, the Palace is a mixture of Tudor and English Baroque architecture, set in extensive grounds which include informal, pretty gardens as well as spectacular vistas and the famous maze.

Florimania Floral displays in 17th-century style in the Queen's Apartments and a series of talks on 17th-century flower arranging. Mar 8 ▶ Mar 12

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