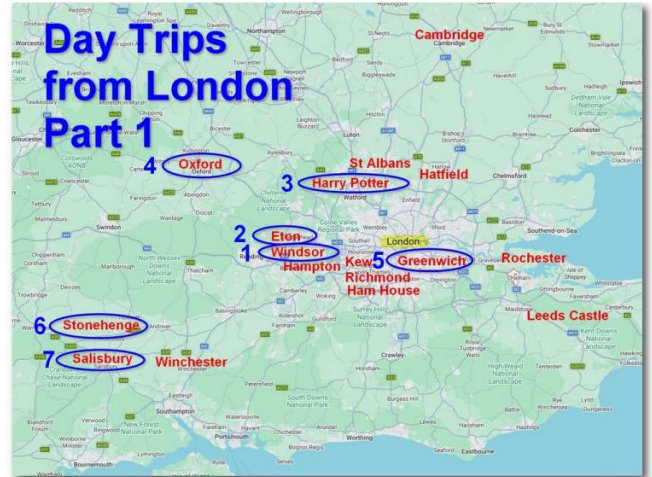


Day Trips from London



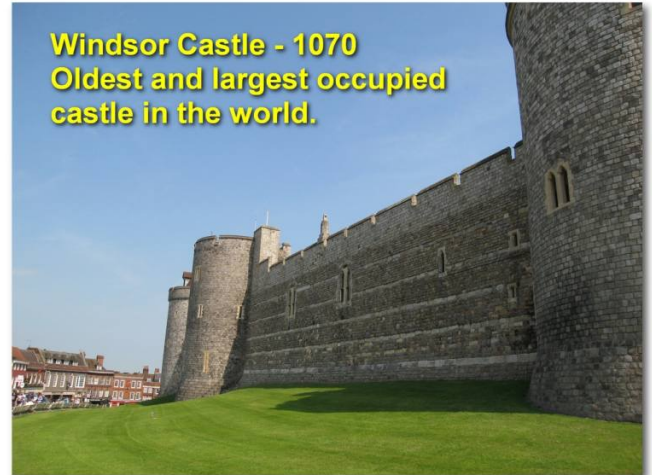
Presentation by Paul Pacter

www.PaulVisits.com



WINDSOR CASTLE

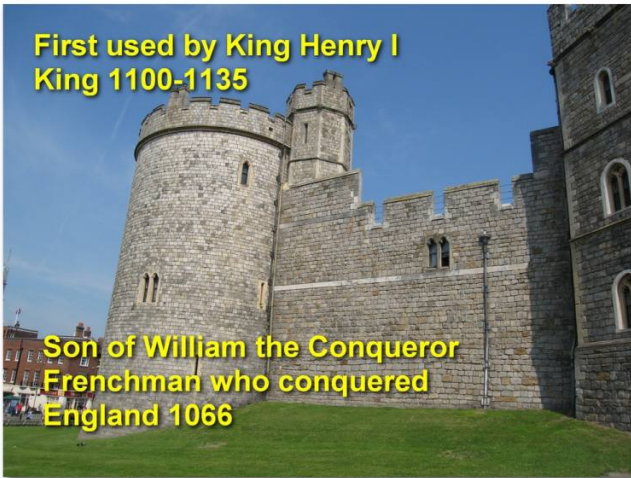
Windsor Castle - 1070
Oldest and largest occupied
castle in the world.



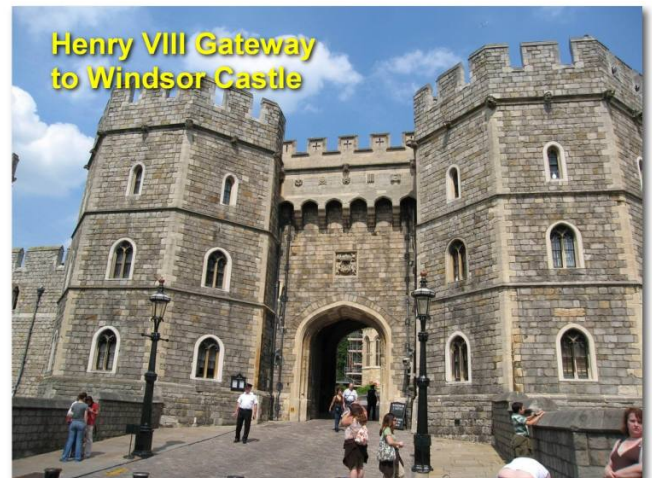
**First used by King Henry I
King 1100-1135**



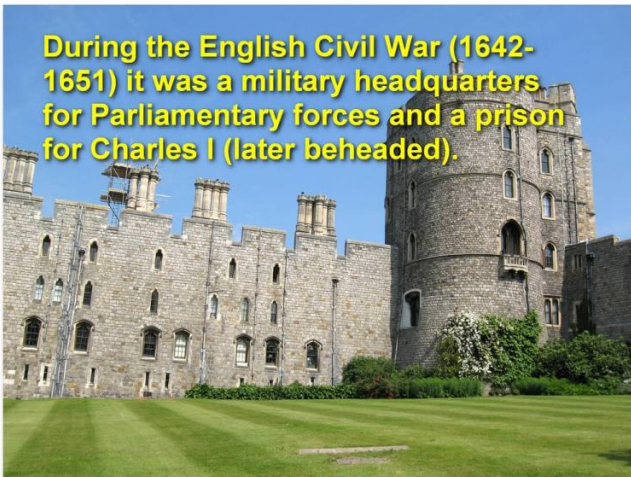
**Son of William the Conqueror
Frenchman who conquered
England 1066**



Henry VIII Gateway to Windsor Castle

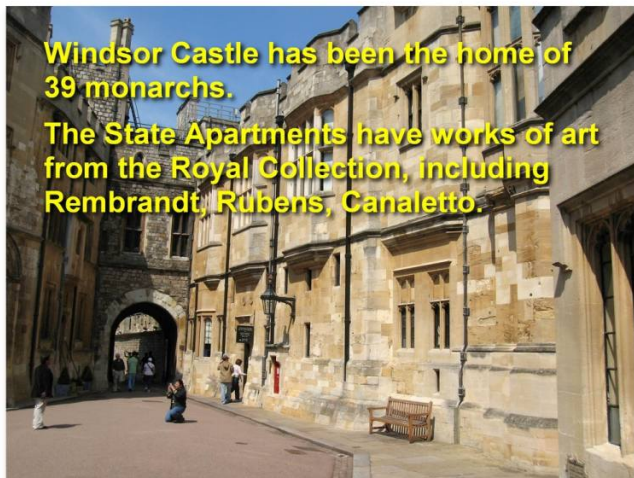
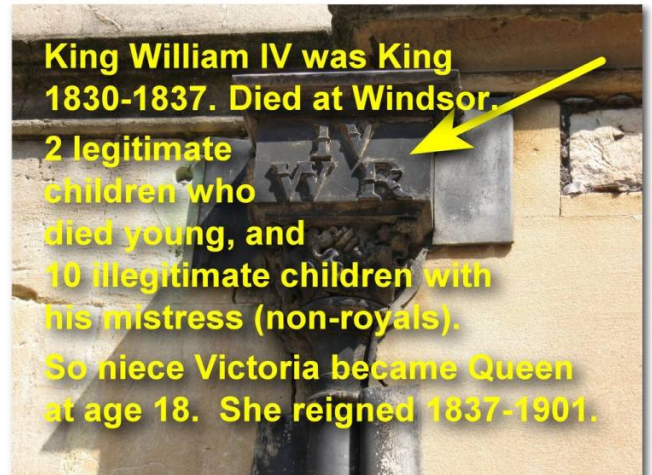
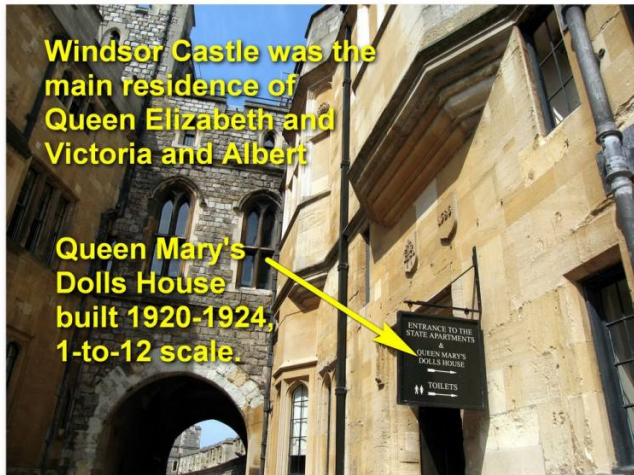
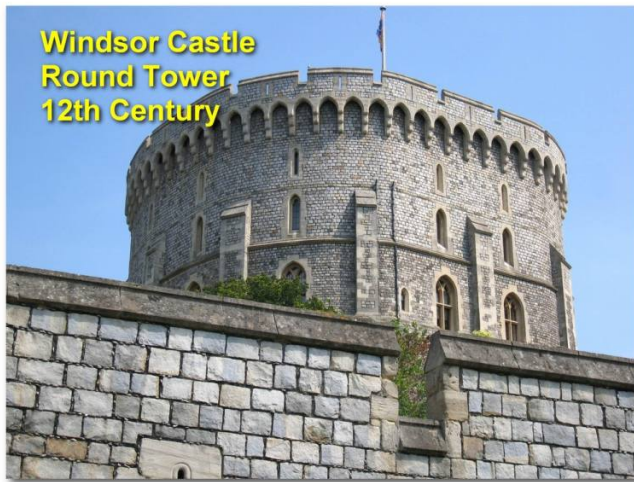


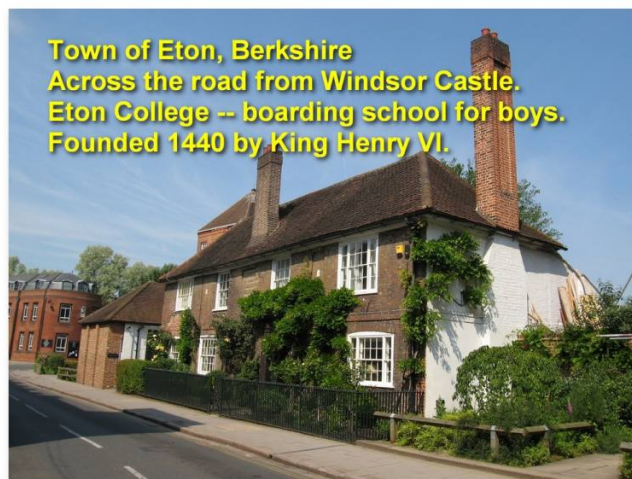
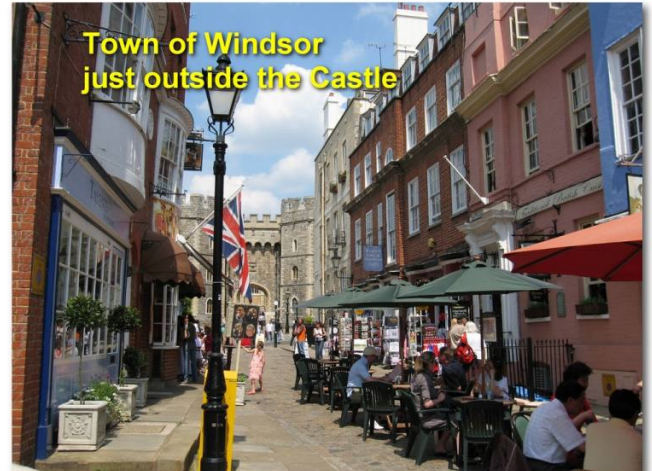
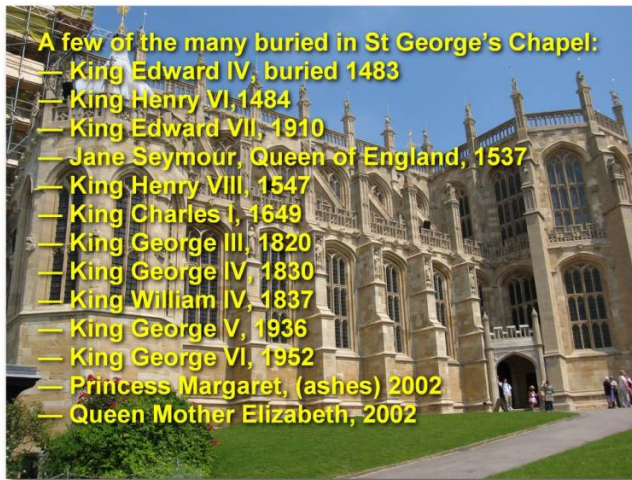
During the English Civil War (1642-1651) it was a military headquarters for Parliamentary forces and a prison for Charles I (later beheaded).



English Civil War – 1642-1651

- Battles between Parliamentarians and Royalists over the structure England's government:
 - **Monarchy with a Parliament?**
 - **Republic with elected head?**
- 1649 Republicans tried and executed King Charles I.
 - **Led by Oliver Cromwell.**
- 1660 Monarchy was restored by the army.





Eton College Library
Built between 1725 and 1729



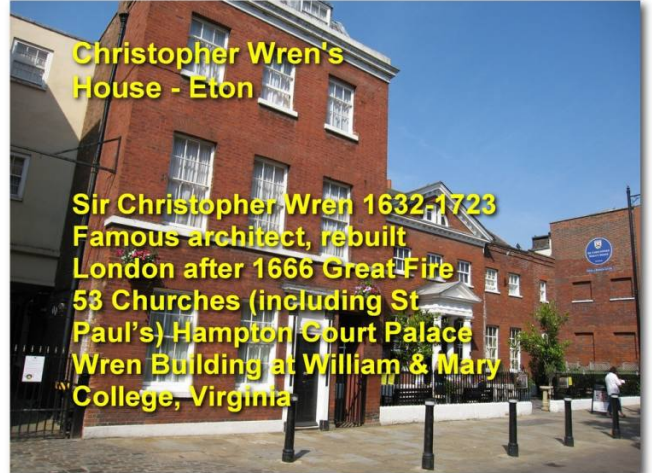
Eton College



Eton College
Regarded as the #1
"public school" in UK.
In the US, a "public
school" is called a
"private school"!



**Christopher Wren's
House - Eton**



Sir Christopher Wren 1632-1723
Famous architect, rebuilt
London after 1666 Great Fire
53 Churches (including St
Paul's) Hampton Court Palace
Wren Building at William & Mary
College, Virginia

HARRY POTTER STUDIOS

**Warner Bros Studio Tour
Leavesden Studios**
About 20 miles north of London.



**Every Harry Potter Movie
was filmed there.**

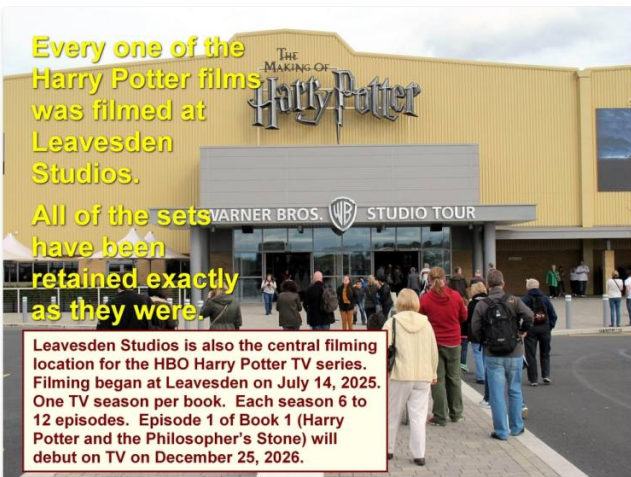
**This bus takes you to
Leavesden from London.**

**Must book in advance.
6,000 people a day.**

**Every one of the
Harry Potter films
was filmed at
Leavesden
Studios.**

**All of the sets
have been
retained exactly
as they were.**

Leavesden Studios is also the central filming location for the HBO Harry Potter TV series. Filming began at Leavesden on July 14, 2025. One TV season per book. Each season 6 to 12 episodes. Episode 1 of Book 1 (Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone) will debut on TV on December 25, 2026.

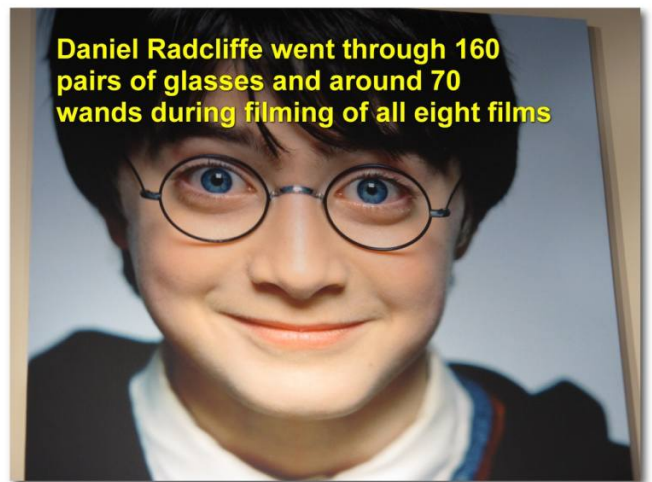


Harry Potter studios entrance





Naturally there's a shop



Daniel Radcliffe went through 160 pairs of glasses and around 70 wands during filming of all eight films



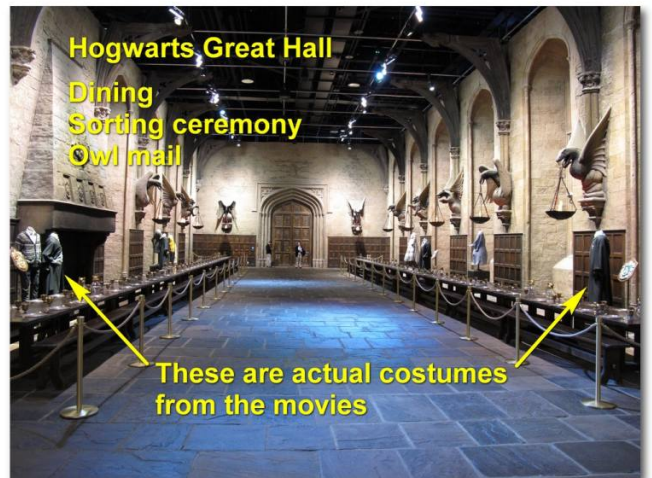
The Dursleys' House
On Privet Drive



Harry's "Room"
under the stairs
at the Dursleys'
house



Entrance door to Hogwarts Great Hall



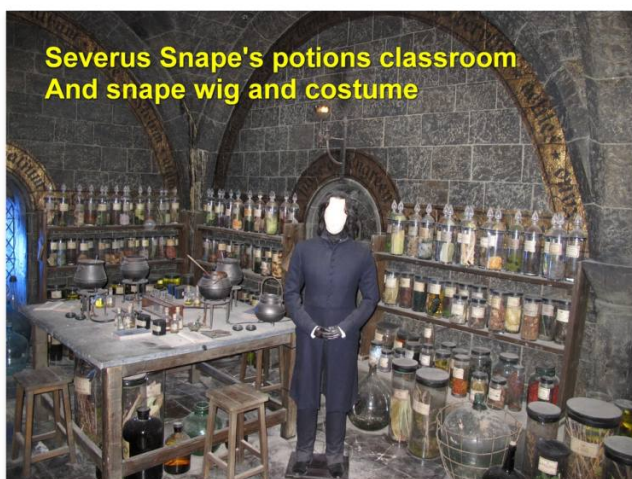
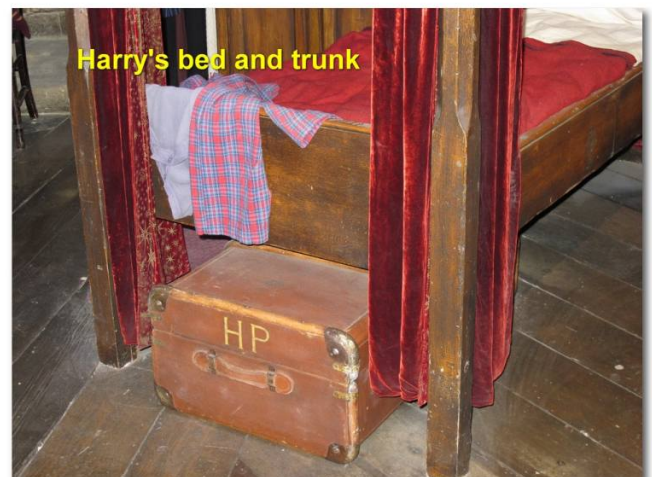
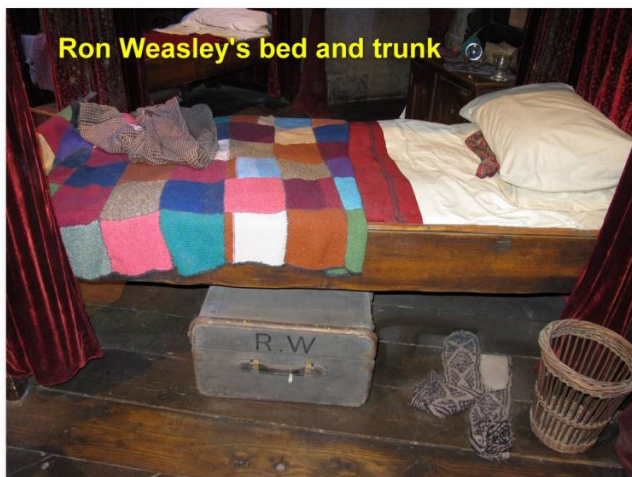
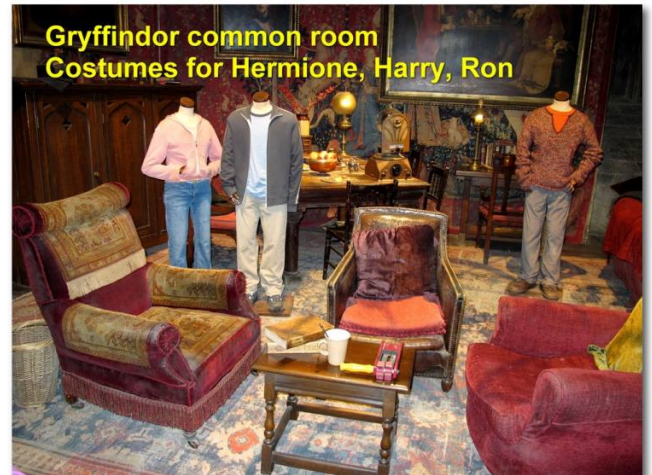
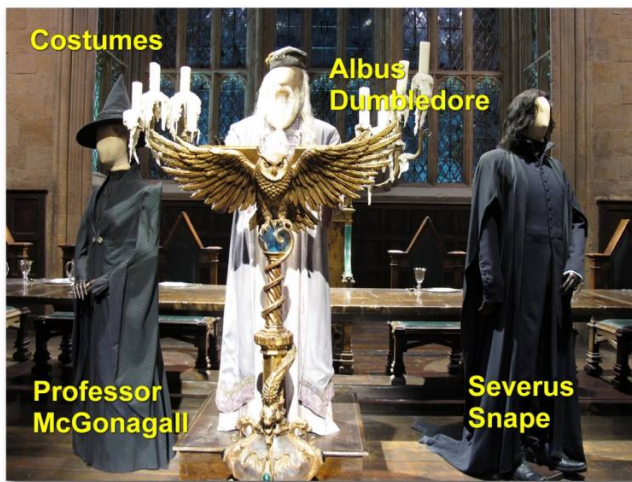
Hogwarts Great Hall

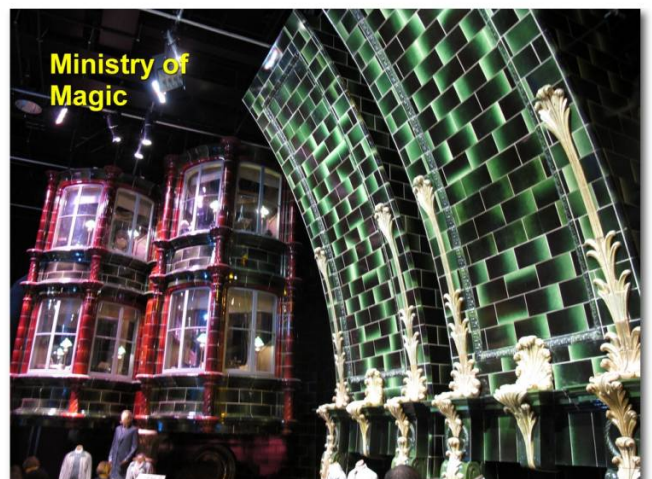
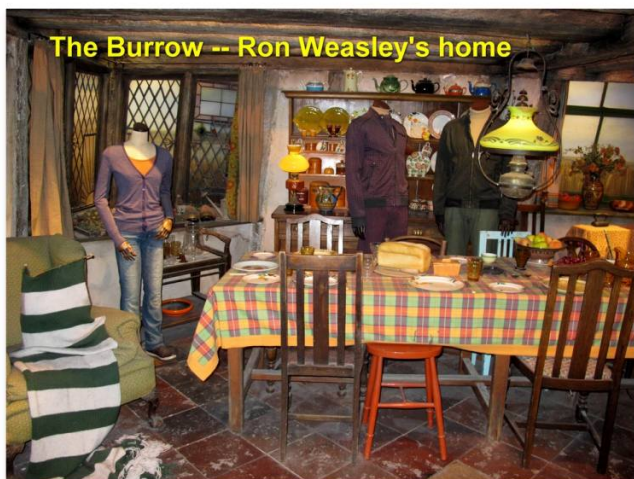
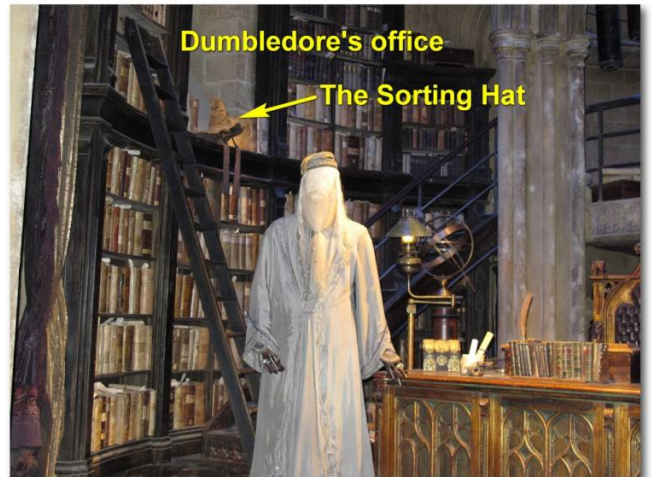
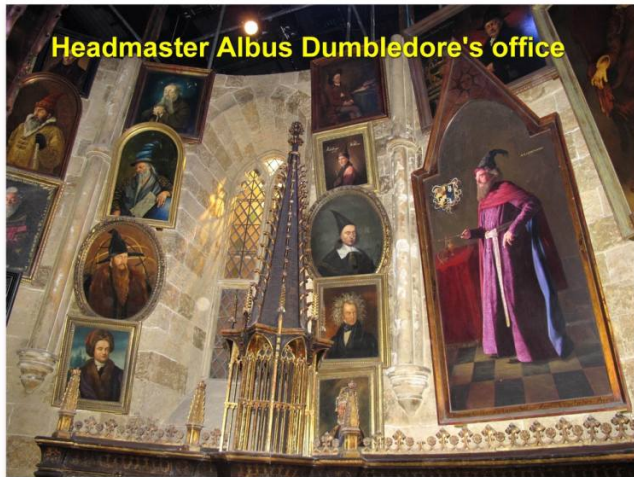
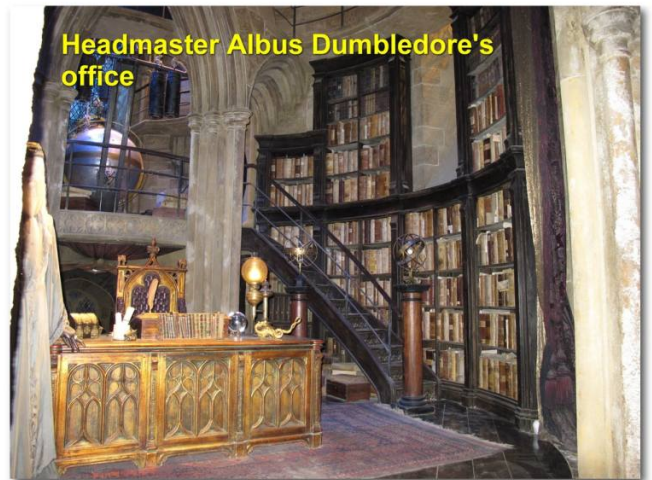
Dining
Sorting ceremony
Owl mail

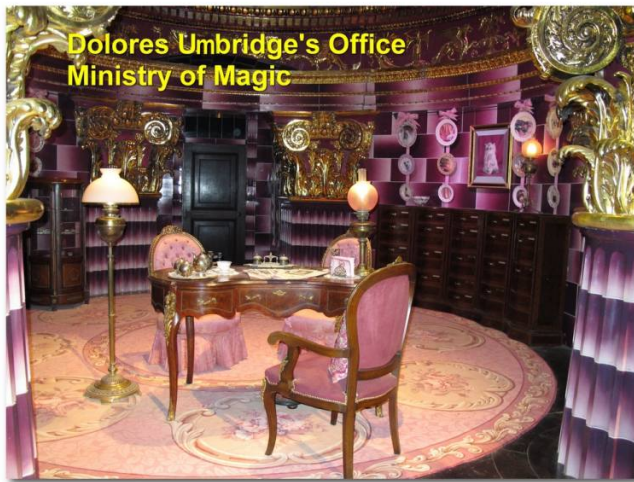
These are actual costumes
from the movies



Hagrid's
costume







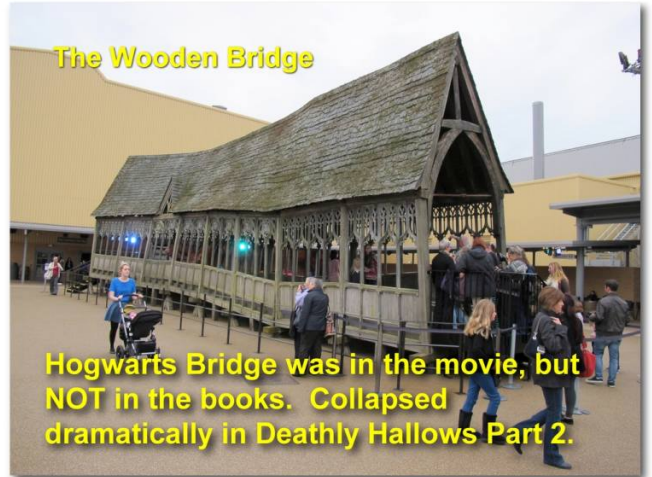
**Dolores Umbridge's Office
Ministry of Magic**



**Moving staircase in
Hogwart's Tower**

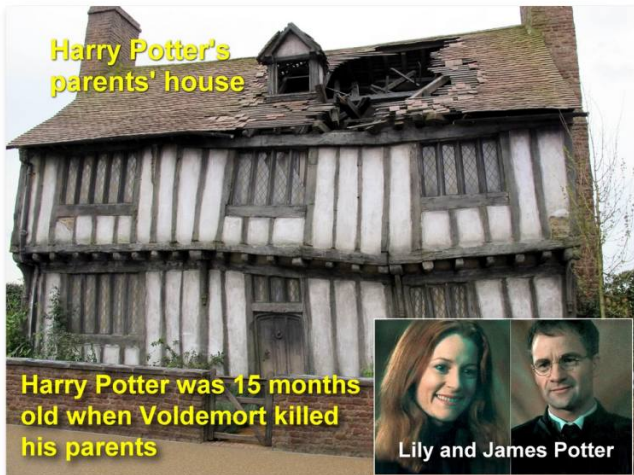


The Knight Bus



The Wooden Bridge

**Hogwarts Bridge was in the movie, but
NOT in the books. Collapsed
dramatically in Deathly Hallows Part 2.**



**Harry Potter's
parents' house**

**Harry Potter was 15 months
old when Voldemort killed
his parents**



Lily and James Potter



Character models



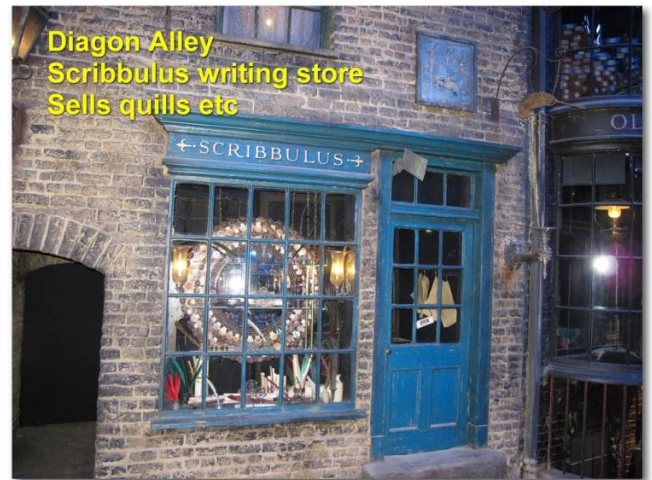
Hedwig



**Diagon Alley
Street in London accessible
only to wizards**



Gringotts Bank
Diagon Alley

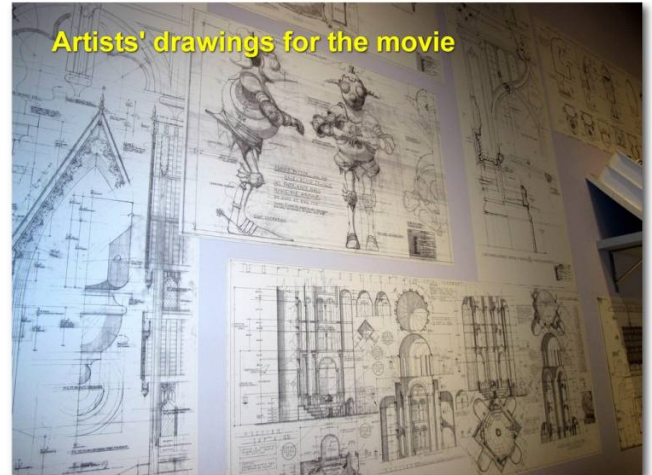


Diagon Alley
Scribbulus writing store
Sells quills etc

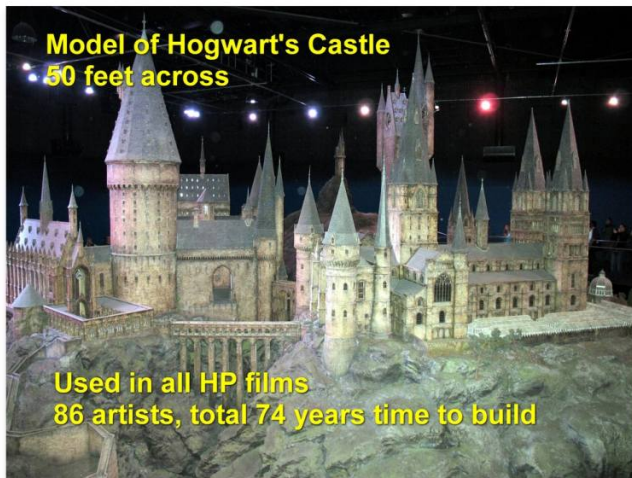


Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes
Weasley twins' shop
in Diagon Alley

Puking
pastilles
candies

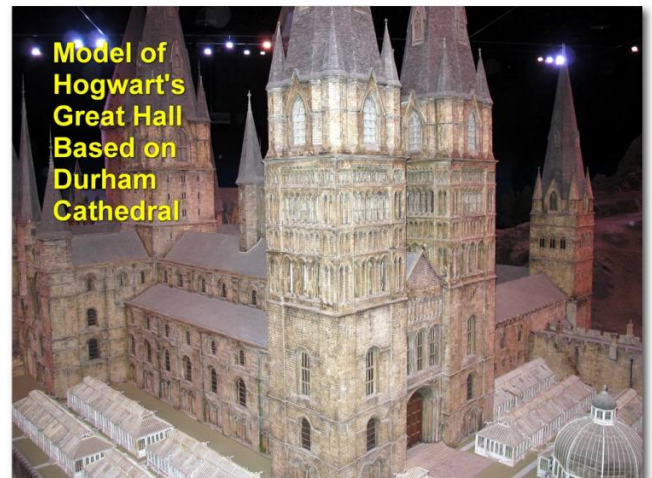


Artists' drawings for the movie



Model of Hogwart's Castle
50 feet across

Used in all HP films
86 artists, total 74 years time to build



Model of
Hogwart's
Great Hall
Based on
Durham
Cathedral



OXFORD



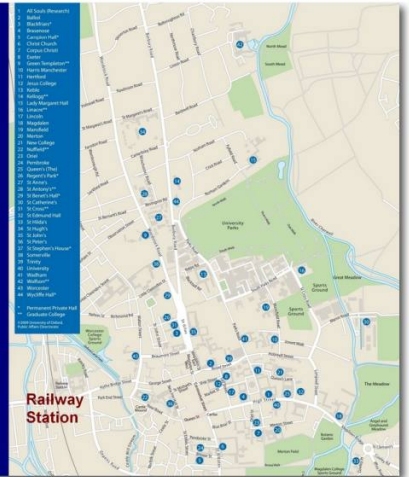
Train Paddington to Oxford
About one hour



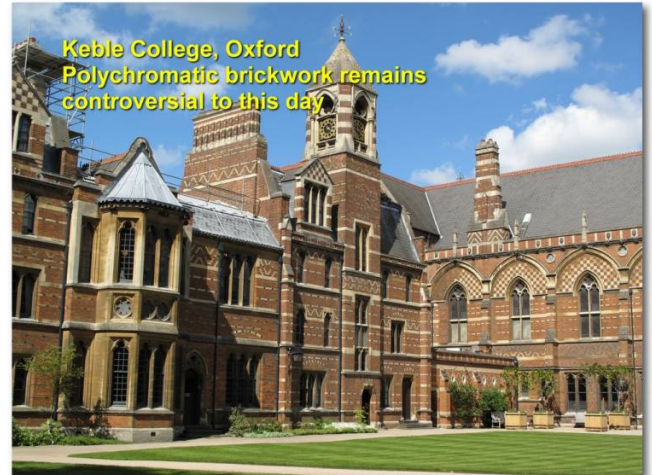
Randolph Hotel
Historic 5-Star Hotel, Oxford

Oxford University has:
 – 39 colleges.
 – 3 societies (colleges without royal charter).
 – 4 private halls (religious institutions).

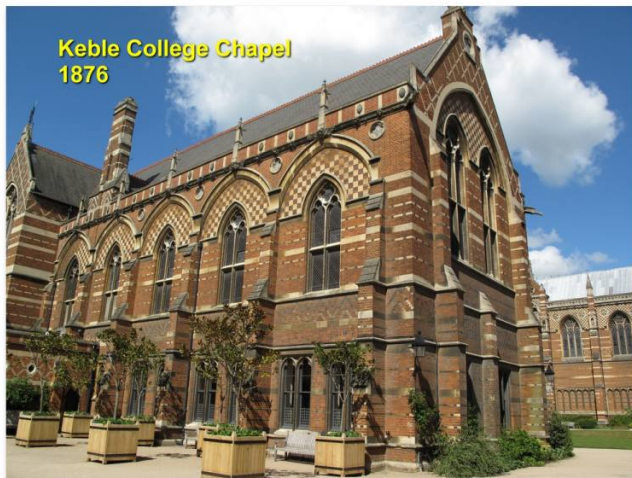
Oldest university museum.
 Largest university press.
 Rhodes scholarships.



Keble College, Oxford
 Founded 1870 (quite recent)
 Today has about 700 students
 (Pronounced Kee'-ble)



Keble College, Oxford
 Polychromatic brickwork remains controversial to this day



Keble College Chapel
 1876



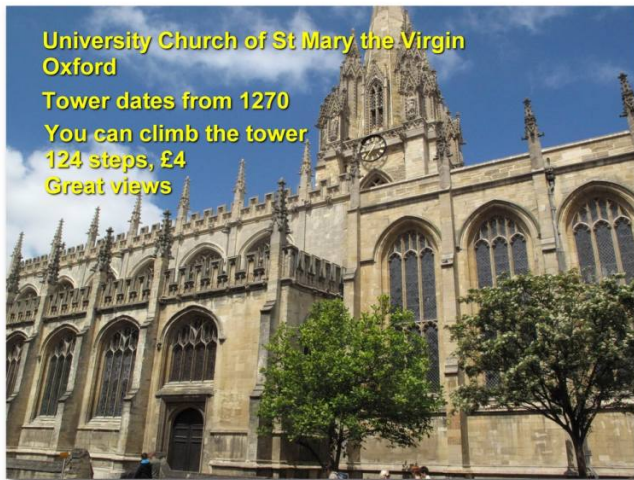
Keble College, Oxford



St John's College, Oxford - Founded 1555
 Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1997-2007), is an alumnus



The "Bridge of Sighs", Oxford
 Joins two parts of Hertford College
 1914



University Church of St Mary the Virgin
Oxford
Tower dates from 1270
You can climb the tower
124 steps, £4
Great views



University Church of St Mary the Virgin
Most of the interior was rebuilt in the
15th and 16th centuries

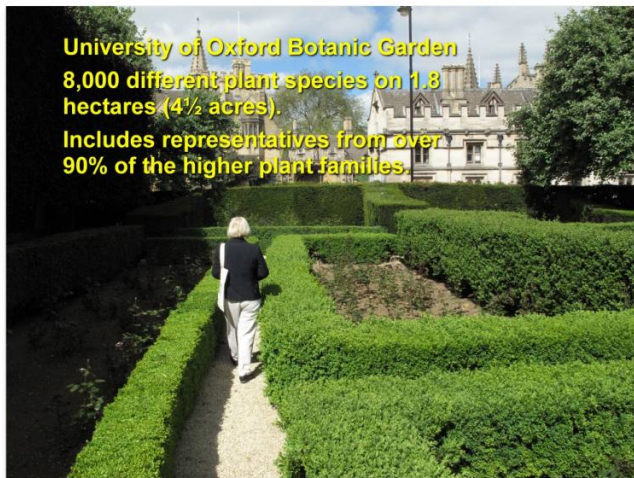


Punting on the River Cherwell
Oxford

These boats are called punts.
Pushed by pole.



Punting on the River Cherwell, Oxford
About £30, 2 people, half-hour "chauffeured"



University of Oxford Botanic Garden
8,000 different plant species on 1.8
hectares (4½ acres).
Includes representatives from over
90% of the higher plant families.



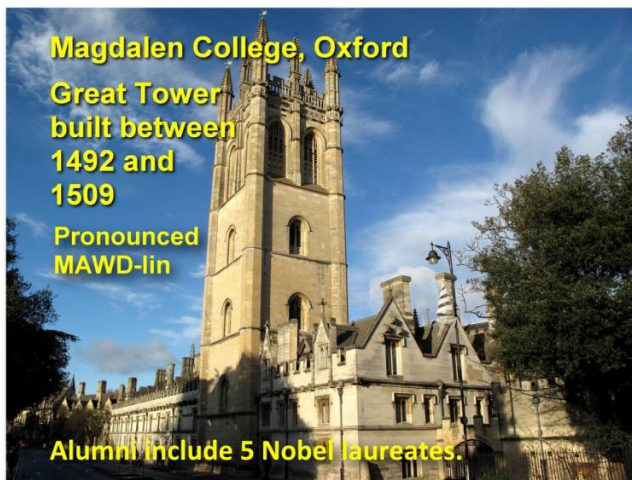
Victoria cruziana (Santa Cruz water lily)
Up to 2m (7 feet) wide



University of Oxford Botanic Garden
Started in 1621 for research on medicines



University of Oxford Botanic Garden



Magdalen College, Oxford

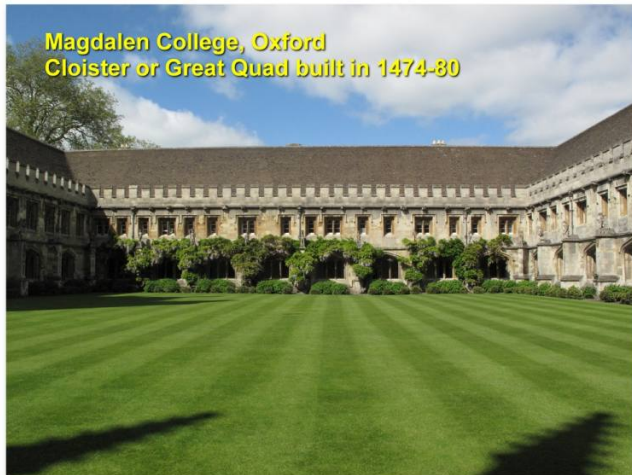
**Great Tower
built between
1492 and
1509**

**Pronounced
MAWD-lin**

Alumni include 5 Nobel laureates.



**Magdalen College
Founders Tower
New Quad**



**Magdalen College, Oxford
Cloister or Great Quad built in 1474-80**



Magdalen College Dining Hall



**Queen's College, Oxford
Found 1351
Around 500 students today
Rowan Atkinson (Mr Bean)
is an alumnus**



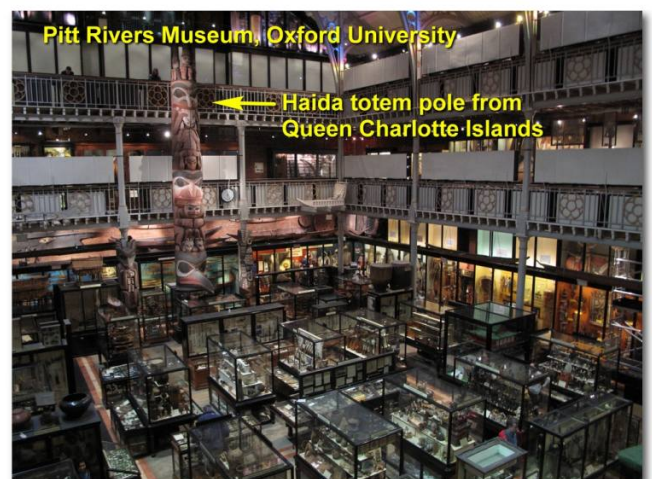
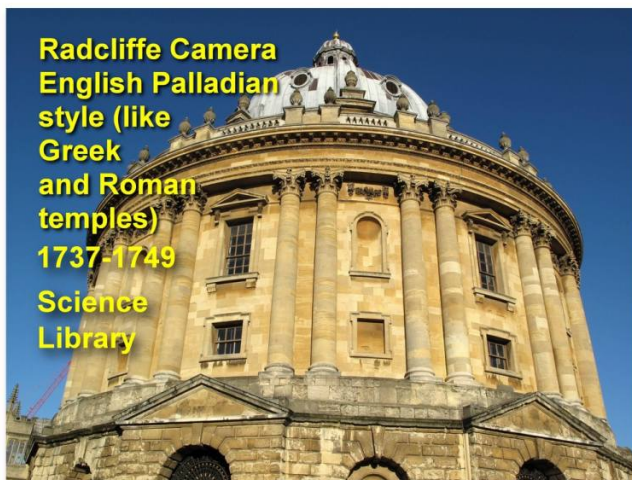
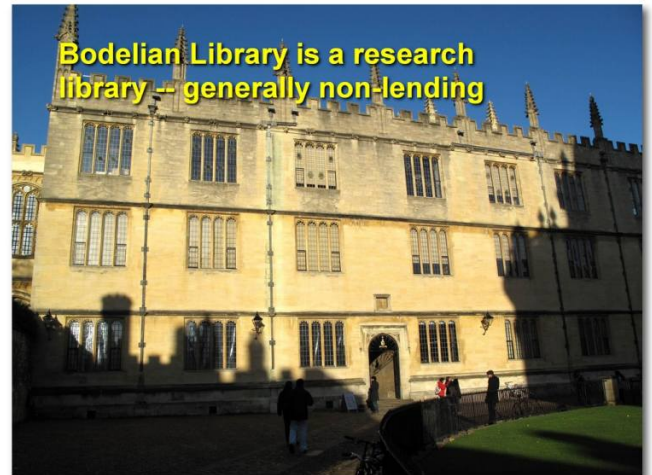
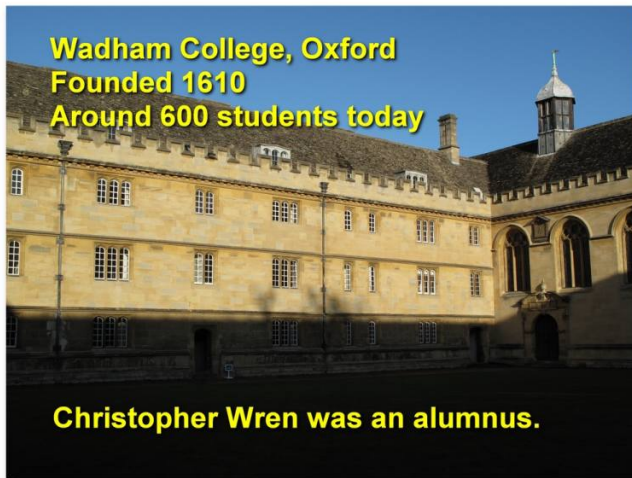
**Queen's College, Oxford
Main Quad**



**Sheldonian Theatre
Designed by Christopher Wren
Built from 1664 to 1669
Visitors can climb
to the cupola
Used mostly for concerts,
lectures, ceremonies**



**Balliol College, Oxford University
Founded 1263
Today around 700 students
Alumni include:
— 3 Prime Ministers
— 5 Nobel Laureates
— Boris Johnson
and Aldous Huxley**





Pitt Rivers Museum - Masks



**Pitt Rivers Museum
Human Skulls used in rituals**



**Pitt Rivers Museum
Shrunken Human Heads**



**Pitt Rivers Museum
Fertility**



**Covered Market, Oxford
Right in the centre of town**



Covered Market, Oxford



**Covered Market,
Oxford**



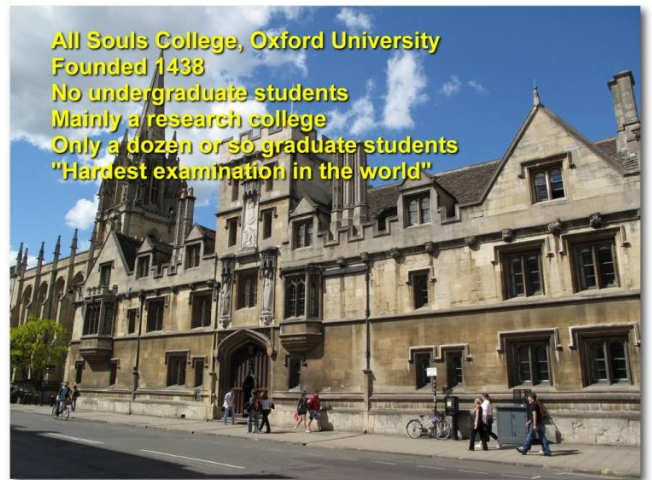
**Traditional English breakfast as served in Oxford.
The only thing missing is black pudding.**

Black Pudding: Pork fat, pork blood, oatmeal, fried!

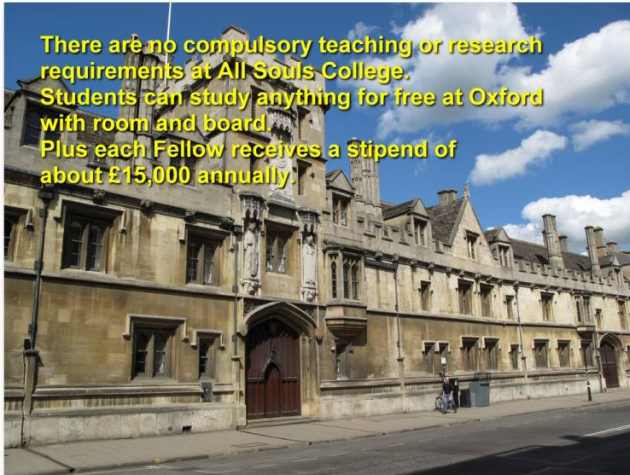




All Souls College
Founded 1438
Visitors Not Allowed



All Souls College, Oxford University
Founded 1438
No undergraduate students
Mainly a research college
Only a dozen or so graduate students
"Hardest examination in the world"



There are no compulsory teaching or research requirements at All Souls College.
Students can study anything for free at Oxford with room and board.
Plus each Fellow receives a stipend of about £15,000 annually.



Oxford University Museum of Natural History
Building 1886

Collections include:
 — Palaeontology
 — Minerals and rocks
 — Zoology
 — Entomology
 — Archives



Oxford University Natural History Museum
Next to Pitt Rivers Museum

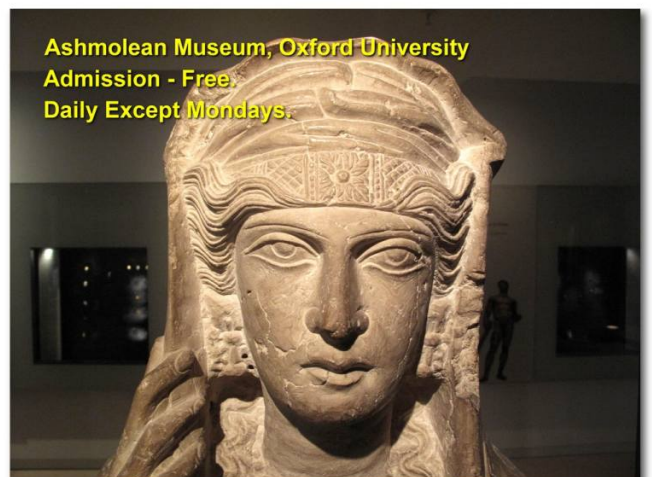


Ashmolean Museum - Founded 1677
World's first university museum
First building was erected in 1678-1683
Current building dates from 1841-45



Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University Galleries

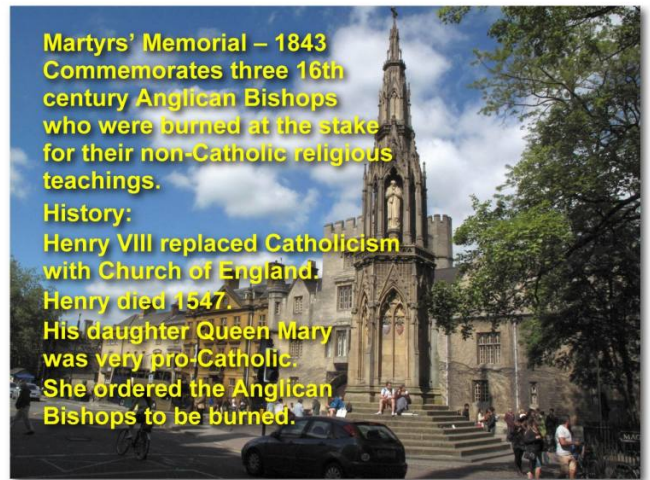
18th-century Art	Eastern Art Paintings	Medieval Cyprus
19th-century Art	England 400-1600	Mediterranean
Aegean World	European Art	WorldMoney
Ancient Cyprus	European Ceramics	Mughal India
Ancient Egypt & Nubia	European Goldsmiths' Work	Music & Tapestry
Ancient Near East	European Prehistory	Oil Sketches
Ark to Ashmolean	Exploring the Past	Pissarro
Arts of the Renaissance	German & Flemish Art	Pre-Raphaelites
Asian Crossroads	Glass	Reading & Writing
Baroque Art	Greek & Roman Sculpture	Rome
Britain & Italy	India from AD 600	Sickert & his Contemporaries
Cast Gallery	India to AD 600	Silver
China from AD 800	Islamic Middle East	Still-life Paintings
China to AD 800	Italian Renaissance	Textiles
Chinese Paintings	Italy before Rome	The Greek World
Conservation	Japan 1500-1850	West meets East
Crossing Cultures	Japan from 1850	
Dutch Art		
Early Italian Art		



Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University
Admission - Free.
Daily Except Mondays.

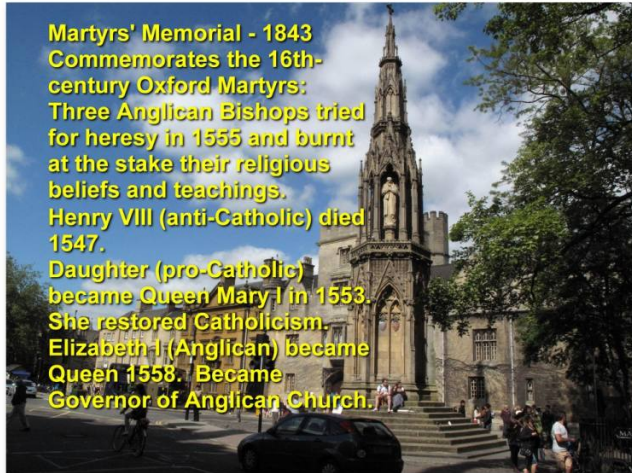


Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University



Martyrs' Memorial – 1843
Commemorates three 16th century Anglican Bishops who were burned at the stake for their non-Catholic religious teachings.

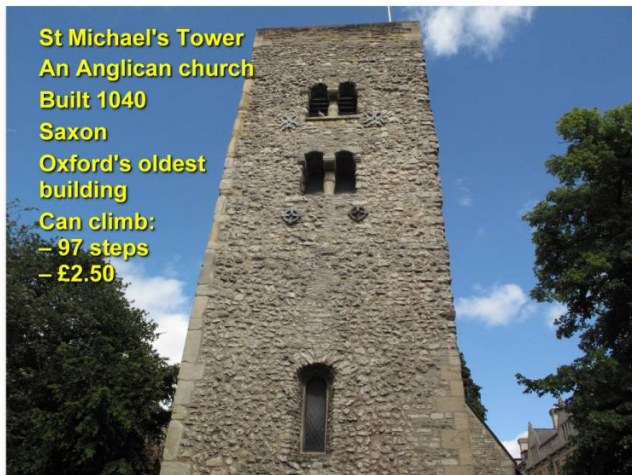
History:
Henry VIII replaced Catholicism with Church of England.
Henry died 1547.
His daughter Queen Mary was very pro-Catholic.
She ordered the Anglican Bishops to be burned.



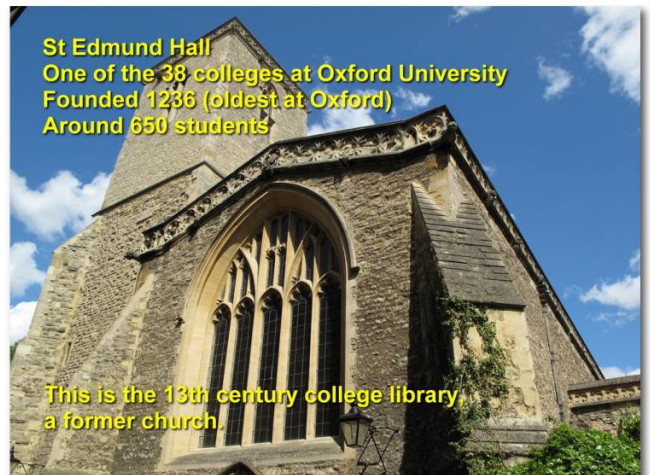
Martyrs' Memorial - 1843
Commemorates the 16th-century Oxford Martyrs: Three Anglican Bishops tried for heresy in 1555 and burnt at the stake their religious beliefs and teachings.
Henry VIII (anti-Catholic) died 1547.
Daughter (pro-Catholic) became Queen Mary I in 1553. She restored Catholicism.
Elizabeth I (Anglican) became Queen 1558. Became Governor of Anglican Church.



St Mary Magdalen Church, Oxford
Church 1194
Tower 1513

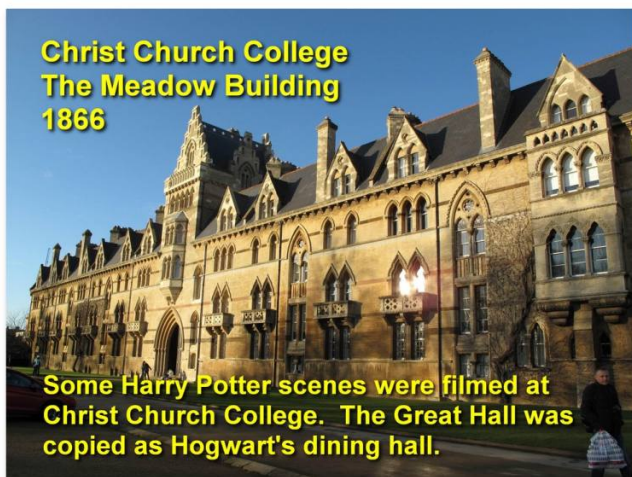


St Michael's Tower
An Anglican church
Built 1040
Saxon
Oxford's oldest building
Can climb:
– 97 steps
– £2.50



St Edmund Hall
One of the 38 colleges at Oxford University
Founded 1236 (oldest at Oxford)
Around 650 students

This is the 13th century college library, a former church.



Christ Church College
The Meadow Building
1866

Some Harry Potter scenes were filmed at Christ Church College. The Great Hall was copied as Hogwarts's dining hall.



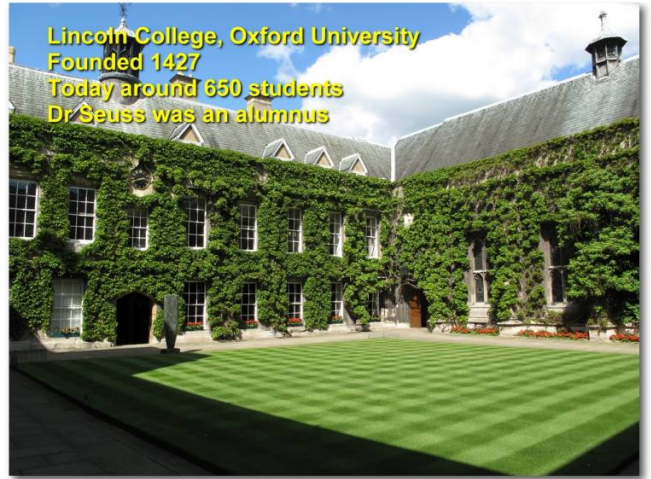
Christ Church College, Oxford
Great Quadrangle
aka "Tom Quad"
Largest college quad in Oxford
264 feet x 261 feet

Founded 1546. 13 British Prime Ministers have studied at Christ Church College.

Christ Church College Cathedral
1160-1200 - Interior



Lincoln College, Oxford University
Founded 1427
Today around 650 students
Dr Seuss was an alumnus



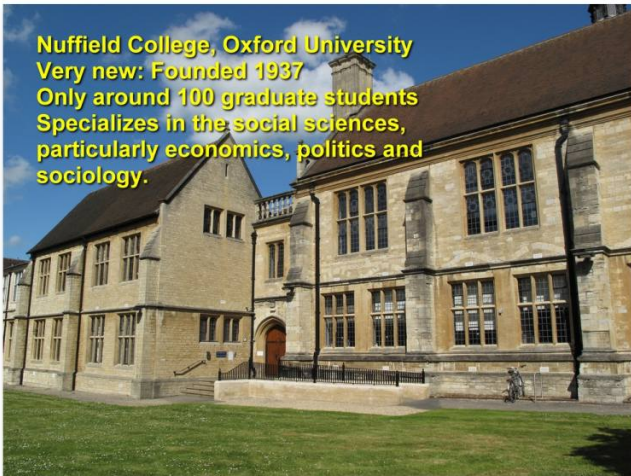
Lincoln College
The buildings were unlocked,
so we wandered.
This is The Hall, built 1437



Lincoln College - The Hall
Fireplace added 1889.
Initials RF and TR are
for Richard
Fleming and
Thomas
Rotherham,
the two
college
founders.



Nuffield College, Oxford University
Very new: Founded 1937
Only around 100 graduate students
Specializes in the social sciences,
particularly economics, politics and
sociology.



St Cross College, Oxford University
Very new: Founded 1965
Buildings are older: 1880s to 1920s
Only graduate students - around 500
Wide range of subjects
(arts, science, etc)
70% of the students coming from
outside the UK



Mansfield College, Oxford University
Established 1838
Integrated into Oxford University 1955
Today around 350 students
The Victorian buildings
were completed in 1889

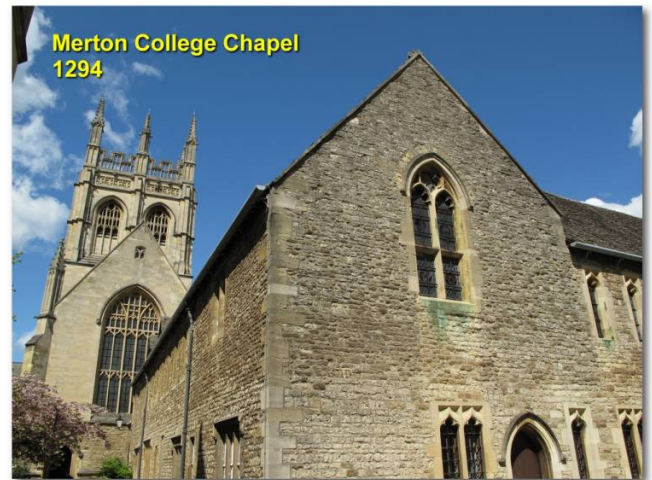


Mansfield was the first Nonconformist
college at Oxford University.
"Nonconformist" means students
were not required to conform to
the Church of England.

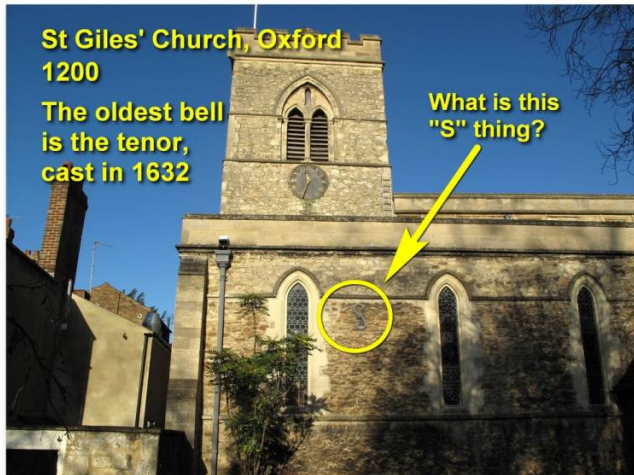




Merton College
 Alumni include
 four Nobel Laurates
 and writer J R R Tolkien



Merton College Chapel
 1294



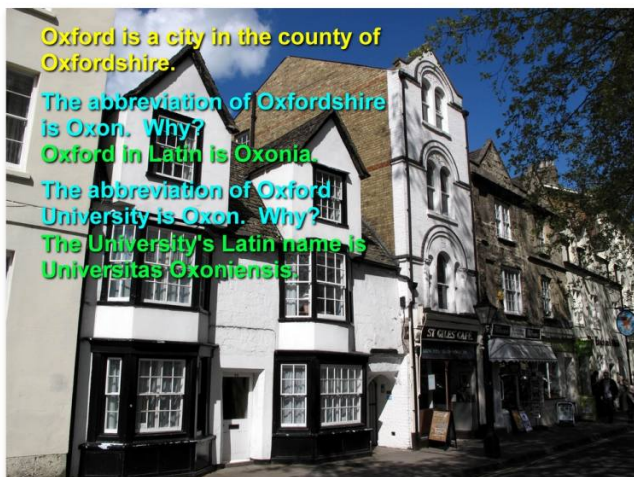
St Giles' Church, Oxford
 1200

The oldest bell
 is the tenor,
 cast in 1632

What is this
 "S" thing?



The rest of the Oxford photos
 are photos of the town of
 Oxford.



Oxford is a city in the county of
 Oxfordshire.

The abbreviation of Oxfordshire
 is Oxon. Why?

Oxford in Latin is Oxonia

The abbreviation of Oxford
 University is Oxon. Why?

The University's Latin name is
 Universitas Oxoniensis.



Eagle and Child Pub
 Nickname: "Bird and Baby"

Owned by Oxford University since 17th century.

Famous regulars at the Eagle and Child:

— J R R Tolkien: The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings

— C S Lewis: The Chronicles of Narnia, Space Trilogy



Oxford Town



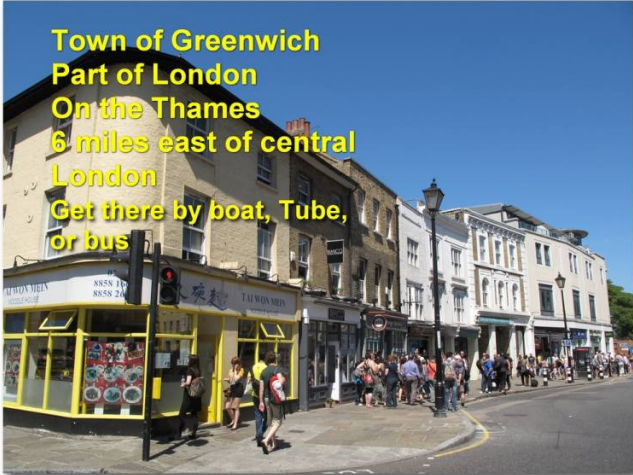
Oxford Town

Oxford Town

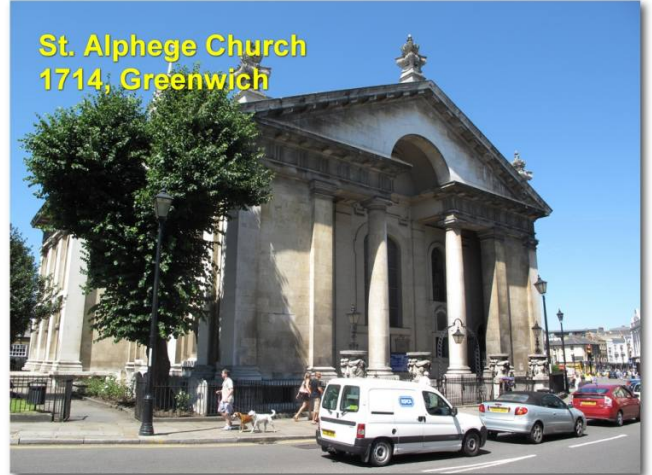


GREENWICH

Town of Greenwich
Part of London
On the Thames
6 miles east of central
London
Get there by boat, Tube,
or bus



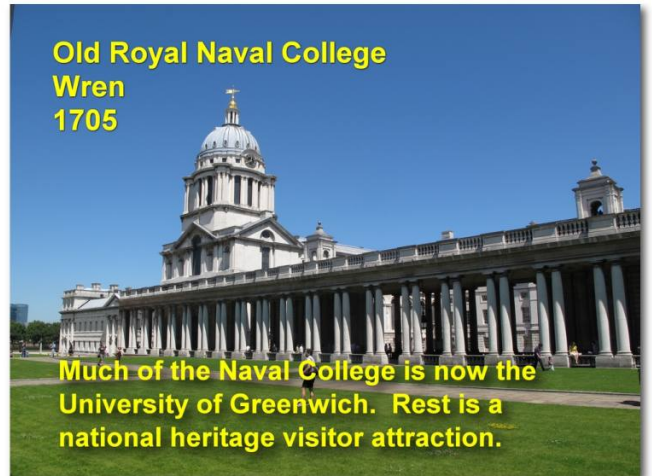
St. Alphege Church
1714, Greenwich



Greenwich



Old Royal Naval College
Wren
1705



Much of the Naval College is now the
University of Greenwich. Rest is a
national heritage visitor attraction.



Wren's dome
for St Paul's
London 1711

Wren's dome for
Greenwich 1705

Old Royal Naval College
Greenwich
1705
Open daily, free





**Old Royal Naval College
Greenwich, 1705**



**Painted Hall
by James Thornhill**
Intended as a dining room for retired sailors but never used because it was too elegant. Became tourist attraction.



Memorial to Americans who served in British Navy in WW2.
15th JUNE 1941
On this day came three citizens of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The first of their countrymen to become Sea-Officers of THE ROYAL NAVY
IN MEMORY OF THOSE AMERICANS WHO, BETWEEN 1939 - 1941 WHEN THE FATE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND OF THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM HUNG IN THE BALANCE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE IN THE ROYAL NAVY



**Royal Naval College Chapel
1705, Wren**



Chapel designed by Wren but not completed until 1742. Rebuilt 1779-89 after a devastating fire.



Stone at Old Royal Naval College

THIS SITE STOOD THE TUDOR PALACE OF GREENWICH
BIRTHPLACE OF
KING HENRY VIII IN 1491
AND HIS DAUGHTERS
QUEEN MARY I IN 1516
AND
QUEEN ELIZABETH I IN 1533
BUILT BY KING HENRY VIII

Anglican
Catholic
Anglican



**National Maritime Museum
Greenwich**
Largest maritime museum in the world.



**National Maritime Museum
Greenwich**



Greenwich Park

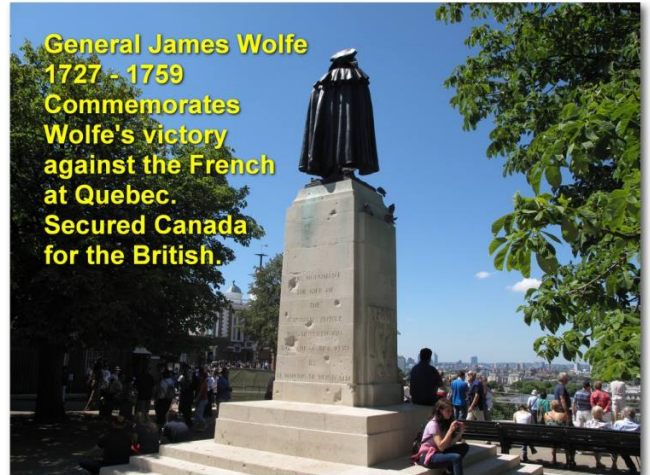


**Royal Observatory
Wren, 1676
Astronomical observatory
on the Prime Meridian**

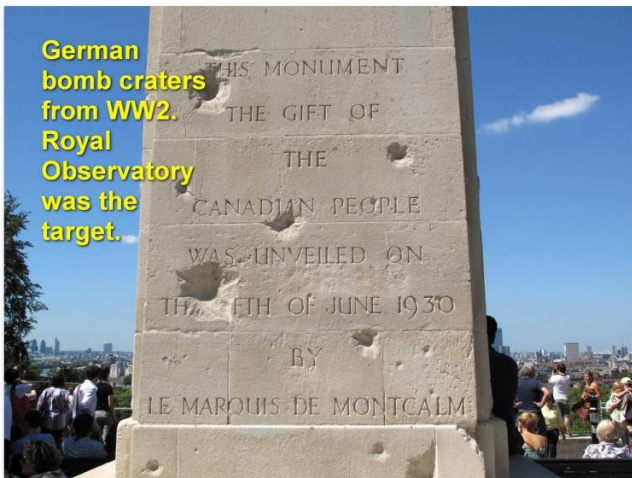
The Zero of Longitude



Astronomers at Royal Observatory Greenwich

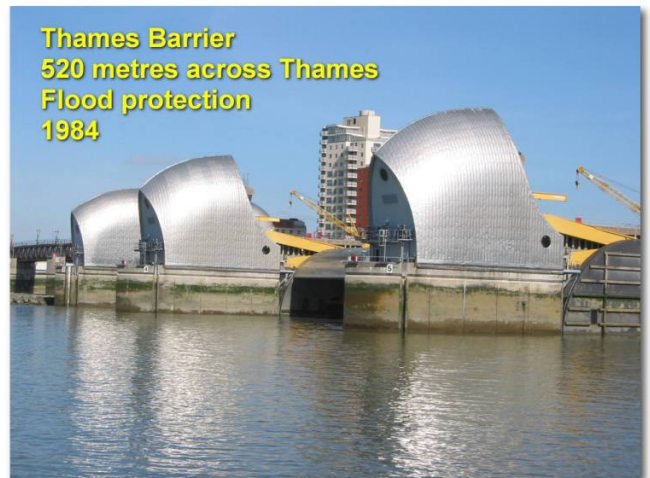


**General James Wolfe
1727 - 1759
Commemorates
Wolfe's victory
against the French
at Quebec.
Secured Canada
for the British.**



**German
bomb craters
from WW2.
Royal
Observatory
was the
target.**

THIS MONUMENT
THE GIFT OF
THE
CANADIAN PEOPLE
WAS UNVEILED ON
THE 11TH OF JUNE 1930
BY
LE MARQUIS DE MONTCALM



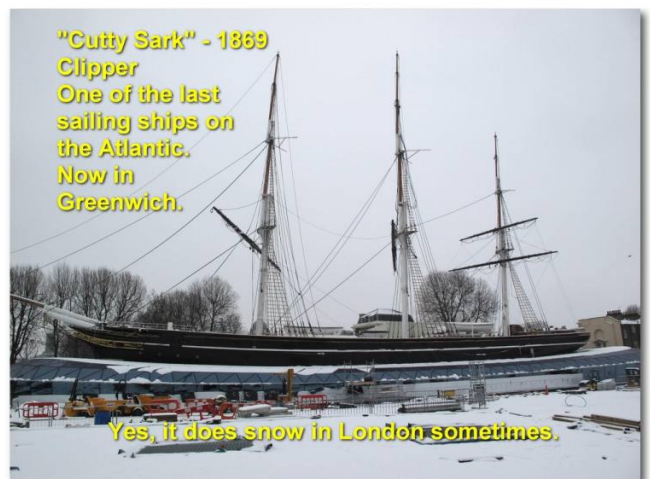
**Thames Barrier
520 metres across Thames
Flood protection
1984**



**These curved barriers come down
to stop flood waters.**

Motors

**Thames tides rise 20 feet or
more in central London**



**"Cutty Sark" - 1869
Clipper
One of the last
sailing ships on
the Atlantic.
Now in
Greenwich.**

Yes, it does snow in London sometimes.

STONEHENGE

Stonehenge Neolithic monument
2000 to 3000 BC
Near Salisbury, 90 minutes from London

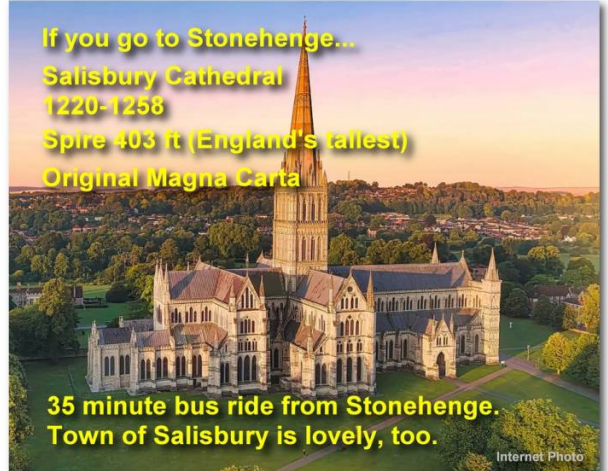


90 minute bus ride from London.
I find the visit a bit boring.
Or take train to Salisbury (great)
and visit Stonehege as side trip.



Internet Photo

If you go to Stonehenge...
Salisbury Cathedral
1220-1258
Spire 403 ft (England's tallest)
Original Magna Carta



35 minute bus ride from Stonehenge.
Town of Salisbury is lovely, too.

Internet Photo

Day Trips from London

Part 1

Windsor Castle
Eton
Harry Potter
Studios
Oxford
Greenwich
Stonehenge

Part 2

Hampton Court Palace
Cambridge
Leeds Castle
Kew Gardens
Richmond
Rochester
Hatfield House
Winchester
St Albans
Ham House

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