

A day with the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum and the Royal Geographical Society on Saturday 06 October 2007

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For immediate release

The Royal Geographical Society and the British Empire and Commonwealth museum have teamed up to organise a very special event on Saturday 6 October. The event will run from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

This fascinating day will include a visit to the permanent and temporary galleries of the Empire and Commonwealth Museum; a presentation on the new slavery and abolition exhibition 'Breaking the Chains' by Dr Gareth Griffiths the museum's director, founder and visionary and an accompanied tour of Brunel's railway station to discover what lies beneath.

The Brunel tour will include the awe-inspiring passenger shed, engine shed, cavernous underground vaults and the neo-Gothic grandeur of Brunel's Great Western Railway boardroom.

The event is open to absolutely anyone. Tickets can be obtained from Minuteman Press in Bedminster, Bristol. 0117 966 5566.

Approximate schedule

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| 1030 | Brunel boardroom: refreshments and mingle |
| 1100 | Empire and Commonwealth museum floor one: the permanent galleries |
| 1200 | Brunel boardroom: Dr Gareth Griffiths, the museum's director, founder and visionary will present a talk with the opportunity to ask questions regarding the museum and the slavery and abolition exhibition 'Breaking the Chains' |
| 1300 | Brunel boardroom or Caff  Gusto: Lunch! Two options – 1. Bring a picnic and eat in the boardroom or on picnic tables outside. 2. Patronise Caf  Gusto Siesta, housed in the same building as the museum |
| 1400 | Breaking the Chains exhibition – subject to number of attendees, the party will be divided into two groups and this activity and the Brunel Tour will be run simultaneously |
| 1500 | Brunel Tour: escorted by an expert |
| 1600 | End of the event |

Date and time

The event will take place on Saturday 06 October, 2007 at 10.30am.



The Royal Geographical Society

Founded in 1830 to promote 'the advancement of geographical science' and given Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1859. The learned society and professional body for geography currently lists in excess of 13,000 members worldwide. The Society has supported eminent explorers including Charles Darwin, Sir Edmund Hilary, Henry Morton Stanley and Robert Falcon Scott.

The Royal Geographical Society is now established as a world centre for geographical learning - supporting research, education, expeditions and fieldwork, as well as promoting public engagement and informed enjoyment of the world.

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