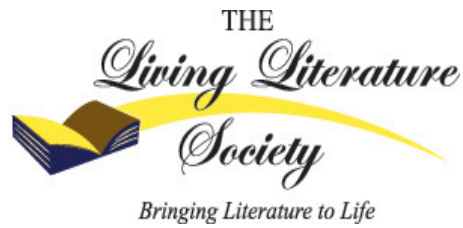


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## At Home with Benjamin Franklin

Bringing to life the dramatic story of the celebrated philosopher, scientist, statesman, inventor and signatory to the American Constitution.

At his beautiful former home  
In Craven Street, just off Trafalgar Square  
Where he lived for 17 years during the reign of George 111



' The rapid progress true science now makes occasions my regretting sometimes that I was born too soon'.

The house today is more than just a collection of artifacts. Through a unique, intense historical experience you'll come away with a sense of the complexity of the man, his passions and the uncertain times in which he lived.



Drinks, canapés and a short talk precede the presentation and a unique theatrical tour of the house. Optional dinner follows.

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The historical experience conveys the excitement and uncertainty of Franklin’s time in London using a unique ‘museum as theatre’ approach-which seamlessly integrates live theatrical performance with lighting, sound and visual projection - to remove the distance between the visitor and history.

Our guide is Polly Hewson, daughter of Franklin’s landlady and Franklin’s ‘second daughter’. She is assuming that we the visitors are here to see Franklin on his last night in London. The Stage is set. The year is March 20<sup>th</sup> 1775. He has lived here since 1757. The dramatic story with the words of Franklin woven throughout and characterise his time in Britain gives a true sense of what life was like here over 200 years ago

Franklin was one of the most remarkable men of his age. During the time he lived here he carried out numerous experiments in the field of optics, music, health and heating. While as Colonial Agent, mediating unrest between Britain and America, he published a newspaper called The Craven Street Gazette and lived at the hub of high society London forging a good social life and close friendships with the leading figures of the day.

Today, Franklin’s scientific work at 36 Craven Street attracts students and academics the world over. The Student Science Centre offers younger visitors the chance to explore the science behind Franklin’s work. Our guests will also have the opportunity to see and listen to Franklin’s unusual musical invention the Glass Armonica, which was played by Beethoven and Mozart. Or perhaps to examine more careully the original bi-focal lens, also his discovery along with his better known invention and lasting contribution to science, the lightning rod.

**Members: £57.50 Guests: £67.50**

To include drinks reception with canapés, talk by the curator, theatrical presentation and tour of the house with dinner afterwards

Reception with canapés, presentation & tour of the house only (Limited availability)

**Members £29.50 guests £37.50**

For comfort, we are limited to a maximum of twenty-five guests.  
Our evening ends at around 10.30pm

**RSVP by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

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