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Prime Ministers

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Apsley House: The Wellington Museum

Hyde Park Corner, W1V

020 7499 5676

www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/apsley

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16, 19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

facilities: disabled access & wcs; sales desk; guided tours on application

opening: Tue-Sun 11.00-17.00

admission charge

originally known as No.1 London Apsley House was built by Robert Adam between 1771 and 1778 for Baron Apsley. It was the home from 1817 to 1852 of Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, the hero of the Peninsular War & Waterloo and a leading British statesman and Prime Minister. The interior decoration was restored by the Victoria and Albert Museum and is an example of revived Louis XIV style popular in the early 19th century, with ornate plasterwork, beautiful chandeliers and solid silver candelabra.

paintings of Old Masters adorn the walls including the famous Goya painting of Wellington on horseback. Other interesting items about or collected by the Duke include a series of caricatures of him and some of his uniforms and garter robes

Cabinet War Rooms

Clive Steps, King Charles Street, SW1A

020 7930 6961

www.iwm.org.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: audio guide in 6 languages; disabled access; shop

opening: daily Oct-Mar 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15), Apr-Sept 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15)
admission charge

on display are the rooms where major decisions regarding the 2nd World War were taken. Included are the telephone room, map room and Sir Winston Churchill's Office and Bedroom. Churchill (1874-1965) is known as a war leader, orator, painter and writer and was the leader of the coalition government between 1940 and 1945

Downing Street, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

No.10 has been the famous residence of British Prime Ministers since 1732 when it was presented to the 1st Lord of the Treasury Sir Robert Walpole, by King George II

because of security the nearest view you can get is through the gateway on Whitehall although you may be there at the right time to see the Prime Minister going to the Houses of Parliament

Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese pub

Wine Office Court, 145 Fleet Street (off Shoe Lane), EC4
020 7353 6170

transport: Blackfriars u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 11,15,26,45,63,76,100,172,341

opening: Mon-Fri 11.30-23.00, Sat 11.30-14.00, 17.30-23.00, Sun noon-16.00

this old pub proudly possesses leatherbound visitors' books with signatures of prime ministers and peers of the realm

Chequers pub

16 Duke Street, St James's, SW1

020 7930 4007

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Green Park u/g; buses 3,6, 9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

this pub sign shows Chequers, the Prime Minister's country home in Buckinghamshire and replaces the old sign painted with a chequer board used for playing chess or draughts

Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington

opposite Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16, 19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

this equestrian statue of 1887 by Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm was cast from captured guns. It shows the Duke (1769-1852), mounted on his horse Copenhagen. Around the statue are the guardsmen figures of a Grenadier, a Royal Highlander, a Welsh Fusilier and an Inniskilling Dragoon. See entry under Apsley House for description of Duke

Albert pub

52 Victoria Street, SW1H

020 7222 7606

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,211

facilities: bar food (11.00-22.30), restaurant (noon-22.00); sells t-shirts, mugs & ashtrays

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00; Sun noon-22.30

this interesting pub has, on the staircase, pictures of British prime ministers from Lord Salisbury (Robert Cecil; PM 1885-1902) to Tony Blair (PM 1997-date)

Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

a larger-than-life statue of 1973 to the great British statesman, politician and prime minister (1874-1965) by Ivor Roberts-Jones. It shows him in his military greatcoat holding a walking stick

Edward Geoffrey Smith Stanley, 14th Earl of Derby

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

Derby (1799-1869) was Conservative Prime Minister in 1852, 1858-9 and 1866-8. His major achievement was the Reform Bill of 1867

this statue of 1874 by Matthew Noble has reliefs on the plinth that show Derby speaking in the House of Commons in 1833, in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford where he was Chancellor of the University (1853) and at a meeting of the Central Executive of the Cotton Famine Relief Committee in 1865. The fourth side shows St Stephens Chapel where the House of Commons met before the 1834 fire that destroyed most of the building

Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

erected in 1883, this statue by Mario Raggi is of the statesman and novelist Disraeli (1804-8) who was Conservative Prime Minister in 1868 and 1874-80

Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

a statesman and Liberal Prime Minister between 1856 and 1865 this statue of Palmerston (1784-1865) was erected in 1876 and is by Thomas Woolner

Sir Robert Peel

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

Robert Peel (1788-1850) is probably better well-known as the Founder of the Police Force (who, incidentally, became known as 'Peelers' or 'Bobbies') than being Prime Minister (1834-5 & 1841-6). A member of the Tory party he had also been Ireland Secretary and Home Secretary and had been involved in the repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846 and the Catholic Emancipation Act. The statue, erected in 1850, is by Matthew Noble

Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

this time a 1956 statue of a South African PM (1919-24,1939-48) by the sculptor Sir Jacob Epstein. Smuts (1870-1950) was a statesman and general and was instrumental in the founding of the League of Nations, the predecessor of the United Nations

Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill

165 New Bond Street, W1

transport: Bond Street & Oxford Circus u/g; buses 3,6,7, 8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,94,98,113,137,139,159, 176,189

this statue of 1995 shows Churchill seated on a bench with Franklin D.Roosevelt, 32nd President of the USA between 1933 and 1945. Entitled 'The Allies' it commemorates 50 years of peace since the 2nd World War and is by Lawrence Holofcener

Physical Energy

west bank of Long Water, Kensington Gardens, W2

transport: Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 12,94

a 12ft (3.6m) high bronze equestrian statue, by George Frederick Watts, representing Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902), colonial statesman, prime minister of Cape Colony, South Africa (1890-6) and founder of De Beers Consolidated Mines Co.(1888). The naked male on the rearing horse symbolises energy and is a replica of part of a memorial to Rhodes at Groote Schuur, near Cape Town, South Africa

William Pitt the Younger

opposite St George's Church, Hanover Square, W1

transport: Oxford Circus & Bond Street u/g; buses 3,6,7, 8,10,12,13,15,23,25,53,55,73,94,98,113,137,139,159, 176,189

the statesman Pitt the Younger (1759-1806) was Britain's youngest Prime Minister at the age of 24 (1783-1801, 1804-6) and greatly liked by the King, George III. This 1831 bronze is by Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey

Jawaharial 'Pandit' Nehru

India Place (formerly Montreal Place), between Strand and Aldwych, WC2

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13, 15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

set on a column this is a bust of the Indian statesman and Prime Minister. Born in 1889 he died aged 75 having been PM and Minister of External Affairs from 1947-64

William Ewart Gladstone

St Clement Danes Church, Strand, WC2

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13, 15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

a statesman and leader of the Liberal Party, Gladstone (1809-98) served as PM three times (1868-74, 1886 & 1892-4). During that time he established a system of national education (1870) and undertook parliamentary reform. This statue of 1905 shows him in the robes of Chancellor of Exchequer. The female figures represent Education, Courage, Aspiration and Brotherhood. The entire sculpture is by Sir William Hamo Thornycroft

William Ewart Gladstone

Bow Churchyard, Bow Road, Bow, E3

transport: Bow Church DLR, Bow Road u/g; buses 8,25, D8, S2

another statue of Gladstone, this bronze is dated 1882 and is by Albert Bruce-Joy. It was erected to mark Gladstone's fifty years as a Member of Parliament

Clement Richard, 1st Earl Attlee

outside former Limehouse Library, Commercial Road, Limehouse, E14

transport: Limehouse DLR & rail; buses 15, D3

formerly Mayor of Stepney and member of parliament for Limehouse, Attlee (1883-1967) went on to become Labour Prime Minister between 1945 and 1951. He established the National Health Service, nationalised several industries and granted independence to India (1947) and Burma (1948)

Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill

Bracken House, Cannon Street, EC4

transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,100,172

over the doorway of this building is a 3.2 ft (1 m) diameter, bronze astronomical clock with a mask face of Sir Winston Churchill in the centre. It was designed by Frank Dobson in 1959

Edward Geoffrey Smith Stanley, 14th Earl of Derby

Great Windmill Street, Soho, W1

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Leicester Square u/g; buses 3,6,12,13,14,15,19,23,24,29,38,53,88,94,139,159,176

a stone bust sits in a 1st floor niche of St James's and St Peter's School. Derby (1799-1869) was Conservative Prime Minister three times (1852, 1858-9. 1866-8)

Chatham House

10 St James's Square, W1

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14, 15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

several famous people have lived in this lovely Georgian house. It was home to William Pitt The Elder between 1757 and 1761, to Lord Derby between 1837 and 1854 and to William Gladstone in 1890. It is now the home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs

St Luke's

185 Charlton Church Lane, Charlton Village, SE7
020 8858 8175

transport: Charlton rail; buses 53,54,380,422,486

opening: Tue, Thur 10.00-14.00, Sat 10.00-noon

there is a bust and plaque to the Right Honorable Spencer Perceval (1762-1812) who is buried in the churchyard. Solicitor General in 1801, Attorney General 1802, Chancellor of Exchequer 1807 and then Tory Prime Minister between 1809 and 1812, Perceval was assassinated in the House of Commons in 1812

Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston

Pickering Place, SW1

transport: Piccadilly Circus & Green Park u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

a stone bust marks the house in Pickering Place where Palmerston lived

Churchill Arms

119 Kensington Church Street, W8
020 7727 4242

transport: Notting Hill Gate & High Street Kensington u/g; 12,27,28,52,70,94,328

facilities: bar & restaurant (noon-14.30, 18.00-21.30)

opening: Mon-Sat 11.00-23.00, Sun noon-22.30

this appropriately named pub has portraits of Winston Churchill at all ages

Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill

The Green, High Road Woodford Green, Essex

transport: Woodford u/g, Highams Park rail; buses 275, W14

a bronze statue of 1959 by David McFall was erected here to mark Churchill's 40 years as Member of Parliament for Wanstead and Woodford

Sir Robert Peel

above Crystals Express, Bishopsgate, EC2

transport: Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,42,47,48,78,100,133,149,153,214,242,344

above a coffee shop near the Bishopsgate Police Station you may be able to spot a portrait in tiles of Peel with his dates (1788-1850). It can only be assumed that this was once the site of a pub with a related name

Westminster Abbey

Deans' Yard, Parliament Square, SW1
020 7222 5152 www.westminster-abbey.org

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g, Victoria & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

facilities: audio guide & leaflets in 7 languages; guided tours (Apr-Oct Mon-Fri 10.00,10.30,11.00,14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00,12.30; Nov-Mar Mon-Fri 10.00,11.00,14.00,15.00, Sat 10.00,11.00,12.30)

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-16.45 (last admission 15.45); Sat 09.00-14.45 (last admission 13.45); closed Sun except for worship; Cloister daily 08.00-18.00; Chapter House daily 10.00-17.30 Apr-Oct, 10.00-16.00 Nov-Mar admission charge

in this magnificent cathedral, a fitting venue for Royal events, you will find graves and memorials to politicians, empire builders and prime ministers including Lord Palmerston (1784-1865), George Canning (1770-1827), William Pitt the Elder (1708-78), William Pitt the Younger (1759-1806) and William Gladstone (1809-98)

Hampton Court Palace

East Molesey, Surrey, KT8
020 8781 9500 www.hrp.org.uk

transport: Richmond u/g, Hampton Court rail; buses 111, 216,411,416,461,513,727,R68; boat Hampton Court
facilities: audio guides in 6 languages; disabled access (wheelchairs available); disabled wcs; parking; Tiltyard Tearoom or Privy Kitchen Coffee Shop, ice cream kiosks; 4 themed shops (Base Court, Garden, Tudor Kitchen, Barrack Block); costumed guides and family trails; free group tours (choose from daily programme)

opening: daily mid Mar-Oct Mon 10.15-18.00, Tue-Sun 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15); Nov-mid Mar Mon 10.15-16.30, Tue-Sun 09.30-16.30 (last admission 15.45) admission charge

this former Royal Palace was the home from 1651 until his death in 1658 of the Parliamentarian Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658). Cromwell came to prominence during the English Civil War (1642-8) and created the New Model Army. After the execution of King Charles I England became a Commonwealth with Cromwell its Chairman and Lord Protector (1653-58)

Houses of Parliament

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1
020 7219 4272 (Commons), 020 7219 3107 (Lords)
www.explore.parliament.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier

facilities: Aug/Sept tours to be booked 5 days in advance (020 7344 9966)

opening: debates in House of Commons Mon-Wed 14.30-22.00, Thur 11.30-19.30, Fri 09.30-15.00; debates in House of Lords Mon-Wed from 14.30, Thurs from 15.00, Fri from 11.00

as may be expected here in the seat of government there are several statues of famous British prime ministers and political leaders. There is a bronze of Sir Winston Churchill by Nemon; one of Lloyd George by Uli Nimptsh and others of Clement Attlee, Neville Chamberlain, Arthur Balfour, Henry Herbert Asquith and Benjamin Disraeli in the House of Commons Lobby and of William Gladstone (by Pomeroy) in the Central Lobby. A bust of Oliver Cromwell stands in the Lower Waiting Hall

Charles James Fox

Bloomsbury Square facing Great Russell Street, WC1

transport: Holborn u/g; buses 7,59,68,91,158,188

this statue of 1816 by Sir Richard Westmacott shows Fox (1749-1806) seated holding a copy of Magna Carta. Fox was Whig Foreign Secretary in 1782, 1783 and 1806 and lent his support to the American and French Revolutions. He was a good debater but also an obsessive gambler. In 1783 he became Prime Minister for a short time in a coalition with Lord North

St Giles without Cripplegate

4 The Postern, Barbican, EC2
020 7638 1997

transport: Barbican u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56, 100,153

opening: Mon-Fri 11.00-16.00

this church saw the marriage of the Parliamentarian Oliver Cromwell in 1620

Chartwell

Westerham, Kent, TN16

01732 866368 infoline, 01732 868381 off

transport: Edenbridge & Edenbridge Town rail (4miles); buses Metrobus 246 from Bromley South Station

facilities: parking; gift shop

opening: Mar-Nov Wed-Sun 11.00-5.17.00 (last admission 16.15)

admission charge

although slightly further afield this lovely house is worth a visit if you are interested in Sir Winston Churchill. His home from 1924 for 40 years it is filled with mementoes, uniforms & hats, and paintings

Oliver Cromwell

outside Westminster Hall, St Margaret's Street, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

this statue of 1899 by Sir William Hamo Thornycroft shows the Parliamentarian Cromwell (1599-1658) in uniform, bareheaded with a bible and sword

Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington

front of the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, EC3

transport: Bank u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,133,242

another equestrian statue of the Duke (1769-1852) shows him riding stirrupless. Begun by Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey it was completed by Henry Weekes in 1844. See entry under Apsley House for a description of the Duke

Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquis of Salisbury

87 Knightsbridge, SW1

transport: Knightsbridge u/g; buses 9,10,14,19,22,52, 74,137

the 1902 bust of Cecil (1830-1903) was placed over the 1st floor window to commemorate King Edward VII's coronation. Cecil was Conservative Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary from 1885-92 and 1895-1902. During his early years as a member of parliament he served as Indian Secretary (1866,1874) and Leader of the Opposition (1881)

St James's

197 Piccadilly, W1

020 7734 4511

www.st-james-piccadilly.org

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14, 15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

facilities: Aroma café (Mon-Sat 08.00-19.00, Sun 10.00-19.00)

opening: daily. Market Tue 10.00-18.00 (antiques), Wed-Sat 10.00-18.00 (crafts only)

the records of this church show the baptisms of William Pitt the Elder and Philip Stanhope the 4th Earl of Chesterfield

St Andrew's

St Andrew Street, Holborn, EC4

020 7353 3544

transport: Chancery Lane u/g, Farringdon u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,17,25,45,46,63,242,341

opening: Mon-Fri 08.00-17.30, Wed 08.00-14.00,18.00-21.00

here Benjamin Disraeli (1804-81) was baptised

Guildhall

Aldermanbury, EC2

020 7606 3030

transport: Bank & Mansion House u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: daily May-Sept 10.00-17.00; Mon-Sat Oct-Apr 10.00-17.00 (advisable to check opening as often closed for events)

admission free

outside the Guildhall Art Gallery is a bust of Oliver Cromwell by Tim Crawley. Other statues at the Guildhall include major political figures - Sir Winston Churchill, Admiral Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington and William Pitt the Elder

No. 2 Sussex Square, W2

transport: Lancaster Gate u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 7,12,15,23,27,36,94

this was the home of Sir Winston Churchill from 1920-4 when he was Secretary of War

Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield

St Michael's Church, Hughenden, Buckinghamshire

transport: road M40 junction 4 to High Wycombe, then A4128 north

the grave of Disraeli (1804-81), novelist and Conservative prime minister from 1874 to 1880, is adjacent to the east wall of the chancel. A marble memorial can be found in the chancel

Disraeli lived in Highenden Manor between 1848 and 1881. The Victorian manor house and garden is now owned by the National Trust and is a museum to his political career (house open Wed-Sun Apr-Nov noon-17.00; garden all year)

Intrepid Fox pub

97/99 Wardour Street, W1

020 7494 0827

transport: Oxford Circus & Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3, 6,7,8,10,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,25,38,53,55,73,88,94,98, 139,159,176

carved in this pub's wall is the figure of the 18th century politician Charles James Fox (1749-1806), rival to William Pitt and prime minister in a coalition with Lord North for a short time in 1783

Trinity House

Trinity Square, Tower Hill, EC3

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

opening: occasional open days.

this building houses the body responsible for lighthouses throughout Britain. In the Luncheon Room are full-length portraits of past Masters while the Reading Room has a painting showing Sir Winston Churchill and Franklin D Roosevelt signing the Atlantic Charter in 1941. Portraits of various other famous people including the naval administrator and diarist, Samuel Pepys, adorn the walls of other rooms

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