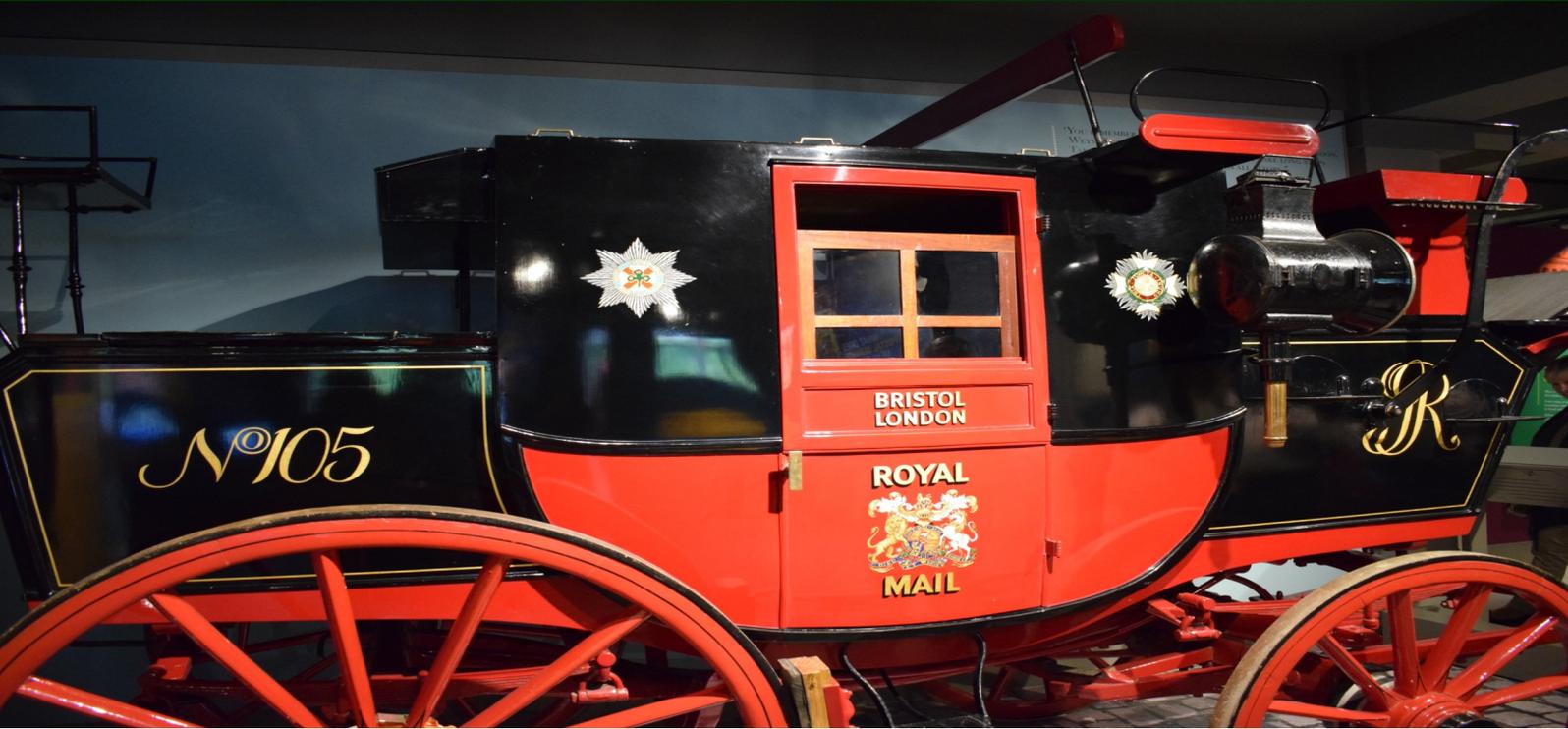


The People's Post

Cranleigh DFAS/ Arts Society

Wednesday 18th April 2018



Coach Company: Gastonia Coaches Ltd.
Contact Number for Day—07591 099 243

Please note there is walking involved on this tour. Please consider only those able to cope with walking /long day are advised to join this visit.

Today we explore a lesser-known London district with a very important place in the history of our nation. We will be told the story of posting a letter from earliest times to the coming of the GPO, visit the brand new Postal Museum and take a ride on the Mail Rail beneath the streets of London.

We meet our Blue Badge guide for 10.30am, where we can stop at a local city pub for morning refreshments, individuals to pay on the day. Once we are all refreshed we start the guided walking tour .

We are going to discover nothing less than how ingenuity of the postal service shaped the world we live in today. From the coffee houses of Samuel Pepys' day to the old inns where scarlet clad , blunderbuss wielding guards announced their departure with a blast of their mail horns.

We will break for free time for lunch in Exmouth Market where there's a thriving lunchtime food market alongside traditional pubs and cafés.

In the afternoon we visit the brand new state of the art Postal Museum where five zones lead the visitor through five centuries of world-class curiosities. From the original sculpture of Queen Elizabeth II used to produce the iconic image replicated on 220 billion stamps to a five-wheeled Victorian post man's bicycle and a priceless sheet of Penny Blacks.

We enjoy a 20 minutes tootle on Mail Rail—the 100 year old Post Office railway with miniature trains, stopping at original and largely unchanged station platforms where impressive displays show how the Post Office Pneumatic Railway once whizzed four million letters a day beneath the streets of London.

Watch the iconic **Night Mail** film with by WH Auden and music by Benjamin Britten and then step into a replica Travelling Post Office and try your hand at sorting the mail just like in the film. There will be time for refreshments before heading home at 4.30pm

Coach Boarding Time 8.15am
Coach Depart time 8.30am
Heading home 4.30pm
Estimated return arrival time 6.30
Tickets: £42 pp (no refunds)

