



LONDON'S VILLAGES IN QUESTION
THREE WEDNESDAYS IN MAY, JUNE AND SEPTEMBER

BOROUGH

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

Borough was originally the only borough outside London, and its medieval street pattern is still evident. St Thomas' hospital was founded here in the 12c; Talbot Yard once housed the Tabard inn, whence Chaucer's pilgrims set off for Canterbury in the late 14c. The George Inn, built after the 1676 fire is London's only galleried inn, and is where we have lunch. Dickens father was imprisoned in the Marshalsea Prison for debt. Borough architecture ranges from hop warehouses to arts and crafts cottages.

MEET 11 am Borough Underground Station END 4 pm London Bridge Station

CLAPHAM

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

At the entrance to Clapham Library a Roman stone records Clapham High Street as a diversion from the Roman Stane Street, which ran from London to Chichester. In Domesday Book Clopeham was held by Geoffrey de Mandeville. Samuel Pepys spent the last two years of his life here. The abolitionist Clapham Sect based around Trinity Church included William Wilberforce and Granville Sharp. Notable residents of fine houses in the village and on Clapham Common included Henry Cavendish, the scientist, Sir Charles Barry, Edvard Grieg and Graham Greene.

MEET 11 am Clapham Common Tube station ENDS 4 pm Clapham Common station

HENDON

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Hendon was certainly Roman, and then Saxon, while the fabric of the church dates back to the 13c, with a Norman font and amazing baroque tombs. The village has fine Georgian, Victorian and Arts and Crafts houses; while the Council Chamber of the late Victorian Town Hall also survives intact. Famous for its hay, its Tilley Lamps and the British Newspaper Library, Hendon is also where Nicholas Friend was born.

MEET 11 am Hendon Central Tube station ENDS 4 pm Hendon Central station

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