Pills, Plants and Poisons

Exploring London's Pharmacy History

3-5 March 2027

Wednesday 3 March 2027

Morning: Apothecaries Hall

Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ

9:15-9:45	Welcome and Registration – Master's welcome	
09:45-10:15	Intro – why is an apothecary not a pharmacist?	Briony Hudson
10:15 –11:15	Tour	John Ford Janet Payne Archivist, WSoA
11:15-11:30	Tea & Coffee	
11:30-12:15	Collections Session (2 stations) • Exploring Agatha Christie, the Dispensing Qualification and the Manufacturing Laboratory • Botanical pharmacy, the Chelsea Physic Garden and herbal collections	Briony Hudson Janet Payne Archivist, WSoA
12:15	Depart from Apothecaries' Hall	

Afternoon: Royal College of Physicians Museum & Archives

11 St Andrews Pl, London NW1 4LE

13:45	Welcome and Introduction	
14:00-14:50	Physic Garden tour	
15:00 – 15:50	Group A historical tour	Group B collections session
15:50-16:10	Refreshments: Tea/Coffee/Biscuits	
16:10-17:00	Group B historical tour	Group A collections session
17:00 onwards	Optional drinks – Venue to be confirmed	

Thursday 4 March

Morning: German Historical Institute

17 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2NJ

9:30-9:45	Welcome and Arrival with refreshments	
9:45-10:45	Tour of the GHI - former headquarters of the pharmaceutical society (1841-1976)	Matthias Amonn GHI Library Team
10:45-11:30	UCL Collections on the Origins of the Pharmaceutical Society	Abi Heath UCL School of Pharmacy
11:30-12:15	Pharmacy History walking tour of Bloomsbury	Briony Hudson

Afternoon: Royal College of Pharmacy Museum & Library

66-68 E Smithfield, London E1W 1AW

13:45-14:00	Welcome and Arrival	
14:00 – 15:00	Curator led Museum tour	Roxanne Baxter Curator
15:00-15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15-16:00	Rare books session	Karen Horn Librarian
16:00-16:30	Drug Jar Collection session	Briony Hudson
16:30 onwards	Optional drinks in St Katherine's Dock – The Dickens Inn	

Friday 5 March

Morning: Wellcome Wolfson Building, Science Museum

165 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5HD

9.30-9.50	Welcome and Arrival	
9.50-10:35	Talk: collections or a recent pharmacy-related project (Title TBC)	Selina Hurley Curator of Clinical and Research Medicine
10.35-11:15	Tea/Coffee Break	
11.15-12:15	Tour of 'Medicine: The Wellcome Galleries'	

Afternoon: Economic Botany Collection, Kew

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB
Meeting Point: Herbarium gate by Elizabeth Gate, Kew Green TW9 3AB

14:00-14:15	Arrival at the **Herbarium Gate Meeting Point**	
14:15 – 15:15	Pharmacy-focused Tour of the Economic Botany Collection	Dr Kim Walker Biocultural Historian
15:15- 15:45	Walk over to Queen's Garden	
15:45-17:00	Coffee and free time to explore the gardens (Signposted to find most notable pharmacy material)	
1700	Departure	