

THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD
PIRATES – NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM
TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025



Blackbeard the Pirate (Wikipedia)

COST PER PERSON: - £13.00 (20 places available). *Please note that your place on the visit will not be confirmed until payment has been received.*

Pirates, traces the changing depictions of pirates through the ages and reveals the brutal reality behind the fiction. The exhibition explores the perception of piracy in popular culture – from comical characters like Captain Pugwash and Captain Hook to anti-heroes like Long John Silver and Captain Jack Sparrow – and examines why the idea of a pirate's life still fascinates us today. While often portrayed as swashbuckling scoundrels, the real history of pirates is far more complex.

Pirates follows the global history of piracy from the South China Sea to the coast of North Africa and explores the issues of modern piracy facing seafarers today. The exhibition illuminates real-life figures, including Edward 'Blackbeard' Teach, William Kidd, Anne Bonny and Mary Read, and reflects on how perceptions of pirates, both past and present, are shifting.

GETTING THERE: We will catch the 10.20 train from Oxted to London Bridge, arriving at 10.53. Then the 11.01 from London Bridge to Greenwich followed by a 12 minute walk to the National Maritime Museum. We have tickets for 1.00pm so we will have plenty of time for a coffee and sandwich before going into the exhibition.

Please let me know if you decide to make alternative travel arrangements.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: Please contact visits.limpsfield@theartsociety.org or phone 01 883 713205. Pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60 16 09 Account No. 75668327. Account Name TAS Limpsfield giving the reference "*Pirates*" and your surname. Cheques made payable to TAS Limpsfield should be sent to the Visits Secretary, The Arts Society Limpsfield, 36 Silkham Road, Oxted RH8 0NY.

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