

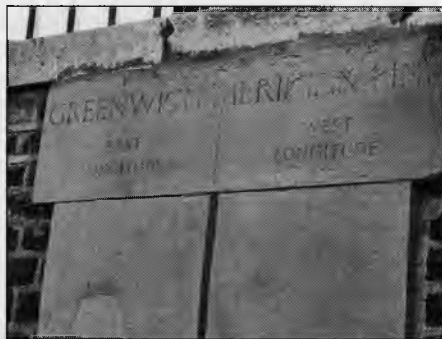
# Visit to Greenwich

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The trip to Greenwich proved to be most enjoyable and weather wise it was a very pleasant day. Some members were dropped off in the town where they were able to browse around the many antique shops and take a look or shop in the bustling market place. Others decided to be driven to the top of the hill and work their way down, where they were able to visit The National Maritime Museum, The Royal Observatory and The Queen's House. There were many other attractions for both groups of visitors as well; all remarked that they had a lovely day.

We were unable to go onto the Cutty Sark, because of the refurbishing work taking place, but we did manage to peek through a hole. That was all. Unfortunately, that weekend there was a fire on board, and much of it was destroyed. I hasten to add, "It was not one of us," (or if it was, no one has owned up to it)!!

Greenwich is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its architectural, scientific, maritime and royal associations. As the home of the world's Prime Meridian - Longitude 0° - and of Greenwich Mean Time, its scientific importance in the development of navigation is inestimable. Greenwich has played a key role in the story of Britain's seapower for over 400 years. These attributes, combined with close links to England's Tudor and Stuart sovereigns give Greenwich a unique identity. This, along with Greenwich Park, the oldest of London's royal parks, means that there is much to see, as it really is an interesting place but it needs more than one trip to take in all its treasures.



*The Line Marker outside the Royal Observatory*



*A view of Greenwich*

*General Wolfe statue*



*The group arrived back in Dover weary but happy, having spent a wonderful day out and would like to thank Pat for her skill and hard work in organizing the trip.*

*Editor*