

The Musical Museum 18th March 2022

It was a glorious spring day as a small (very!) but select (also very!) group of us met in the pleasant cafe of the Musical Museum, by the Thames in Brentford. Our walk from Gunnersbury station to the museum had been via the towpath at Strand-on-the-Green and we were cheered by the sight of people sunbathing in the warm sunshine.



Led by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteer, the museum offers its visitors a guided tour of the many exhibits, from tiny musical boxes via player pianos and violins, to the mighty Wurlitzer. The mechanical musical instruments on display had their operation and their historical and mechanical contexts, comprehensively described. Quite a number were also put through their paces (at least one of the piano rolls having been "recorded" by Chopin himself)

Altogether a fascinating afternoon and well worth the trip. As the museum is located close by other attractions such as Kew Gardens and the London Museum of Water and Steam, a full day out in the area becomes an attractive proposition, particularly as the days lengthen and the weather warms.

