

## CAB GUIDE COURSE

The Cab Guide Course run by The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers is proving more and more popular. Those who have taken the Course not only enjoy the benefit of being able to earn more by offering tours to passengers, but they also learn a lot about the city they drive in everyday. So even if passengers are not on a tour, drivers are able to answer questions passengers may ask. The next course will begin in September, with the timetable of subjects and dates detailed here.

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### CABGUIDE COURSE TIMETABLE

#### Autumn 2008

DATE	SUBJECT
WEEK 1 Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept '08 Tutor Graham Woodhouse	<b>The City of London: - Romans; Saxons &amp; Normans; Guilds, Trade, &amp; the Corporation; the Great Fire of London &amp; The Blitz; and St Paul's Cathedral.</b> What did the Roman ever do for us? As for the Normans, apart from Castles & the Domesday Book, what did they do? And Guilds/Livery Company's, what do they do? 5 Churches have stood on top of Ludgate Hill, the present one was finished in 1710. On the 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1940, the City was hit by its biggest air-raid of World War 2.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept '08	<b>Walk: 10:30 – A walk through the City (Practical guiding – Exam route)</b>
WEEK 2 Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept '08 Tutor Graham Woodhouse	<b>The Tower of London: - A Palace, a Prison, a place of execution; and a world heritage site.</b>  <b>Southwark: - Trade, Entertainment &amp; Poverty + some Southwark Oddities.</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> London settlement of the Romans, London home of the Bishops of Winchester, Shakespeare & Mediaeval sleaze; also London's Larder. Great Fires were not only confined to the City!
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept '08	<b>Walk: 10:30 – A walk around the Borough &amp; Bankside (Practical guiding)</b>
WEEK 3 Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept '08 Tutor Graham Woodhouse	<b>The City of Westminster: - Saxons, Normans &amp; Tudors. Palaces &amp; Power, and Westminster Abbey.</b> The power moves to Westminster, both politically & spiritually.  <b>Ceremonies &amp; Pageantry: -</b> They clog up the traffic, business punters in a rush hate them, but tourists think they're great! But what are they doing?
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept '08	<b>Walk: 10:30 – A walk around Whitehall (Practical guiding)</b>
WEEK 4 Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept '08 Tutor Graham Woodhouse	<b>Lost Rivers &amp; Villages of London: -</b> We've all heard of them, but where were & are they?  <b>The Thames, it's Bridges &amp; its Docks: -</b> London's 'Life Blood' & its famous crossings. If it weren't for the Thames, London wouldn't exist. The Romans wouldn't have settled here, trade wouldn't have come here, and iconic bridges wouldn't have been built. Some of the biggest air-raids of the Second World War were aimed at London's Docks & the poorest parts of London.
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct '08	<b>Walk: 10:30 – A walk across &amp; along the river (Practical guiding)</b>
WEEK 5 Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct '08 Tutor Paul Taylor	<b>Architecture: -</b> A cab drivers guide to Buildings.... Don't PANIC!!!!
WEEK 6 Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct '08 Tutor Kevin Jenden	<b>Hospitals, Asylums &amp; Prisons: -</b> The Sad, the Mad & the Bad.
WEEK 7 Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct '08 Tutor Bryan Gorin	<b>Mayfair, Belgravia, Kensington, and the Great Exhibition: -</b> Great Families, Grand Squares, and a Great show that drew crowds & developers alike; and changed the face of west London.
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct '08	<b>Walk: 10:30 - Mock Practical</b>
WEEK 8 Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct '08 Tutor Malcolm Linskey	<b>History of the Taxi Trade.</b>
<b>Saturday 1st<sup>th</sup> November '08</b>	<b>EXAM</b> 10 am SHARP, for 10:30 start for written exam. 1 pm start of Practical exam
	Topics to be covered are as above, but actual dates may vary as tutors have yet to confirm their availability on published dates.

## RICOH ARENA HOSTS ANNUAL TAXI SHOW

This year's Taxi and Private Hire Show will be taking place at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry on Wednesday 28th May and Thursday 29th May. For free admission to the show, you can pre-register at [www.phtm.co.uk](http://www.phtm.co.uk) or by telephoning 0161 688 7777. LTI Vehicles will amongst those exhibiting at the Show and anyone taking a TX4 for a test drive at the Show will be given a free gift. Last year's Show will be remembered by many of the visitors for the stilt walking showgirls who were walking around the exhibition. The event is organised by Private Hire and Taxi Monthly and is sponsored by Swinton Taxi Division.

## TAXI DRIVING TEST FEES INCREASE

The Driver Standards Agency (DSA) carries out taxi driving assessments on behalf of the Public Carriage Office. Their fees increased on 1 April 2008. A taxi driving test and wheelchair test is now £80.50 and the Wheelchair test only is £23.00 during normal working hours. On Saturdays and evenings this increases to £97.00 and £28.00 respectively inclusive of VAT.

The number for the DSA booking line has changed to 0300 200 1122. Call charges will range from 0p to no more than 3p per call minute depending on the supplier.

## DANISH TELEVISION PROGRAMME "WITHOUT A TRACE" LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP

Without a Trace is a programme on Danish tv which helps people to find relatives lost to them. This includes biological fathers or mothers who gave their baby away years and years ago and where the now grown up child is seeking answers and looking for roots; or it may be a brother or sister who emigrated to a far away place and communication ceased. Children who are results of brief encounters are also looking for their fathers. All of these people feel that something in their life is missing. Maybe they are about to have children and wish to know their own origin. There are never claims involved, only the search for roots. The person searching travels with the programme to the country where the makers think they can find the relative and then they ask around, finding and following traces. Hopefully the programme ends with a reunion.

Currently the programme is hoping that London taxi drivers can help them. The person they are looking for was a taxidriver in London in 1969. He was from Gambia and he was called Jack and he was young. Not much information, but maybe there is someone among Taxi Globe readers who drove in those days and remembers Jack from Gambia. Someone in Denmark is looking for him.

If you can help, please get in touch with Vibe by e-mail [vibe@stv.dk](mailto:vibe@stv.dk) or by telephone 0045 20 60 10 73 or by writing to STV, att. Vibe Norgaard/Sporlos Laplandsgade 4 A DK 2300 Copenhagen S Denmark.