

GUIDED VISIT TO 575 WANDSWORTH ROAD, SW8 3JD
at 1pm and 3pm, Wednesday 21 May



575 Wandsworth Road is an early 19th century terraced house acquired by the National Trust in 2010 because of the striking interiors created by Khadambi Asalache, a Kenyan-born poet, novelist, philosopher and British civil servant. He bought the house in 1981 while working at the Treasury and over a period of years he turned his home into a work of art.

Prompted by the need to disguise persistent damp in the basement, he initially fixed pine floorboards to the dining room wall. He went on to embellish almost every wall, ceiling and door in the house with exquisite fretwork patterns and motifs, which he hand-carved from reclaimed pine doors and floorboards found in skips.

The house stands as he left it with his painted decoration on walls, doors and floors. Rooms are furnished with his handmade fretwork furniture and carefully arranged collections of beautiful objects, including pressed-glass inkwells, pink and copper lustreware, postcards and his typewriter.

This guided visit costs £15p.p. Because the property is small and the interior is fragile, only six people at a time can visit. Hence we have arranged two visits: 1pm and 3pm. Chose on booking form overleaf. For getting to the property, visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/london/575-wandsworth-road.

You will need to take off your outdoor shoes to protect the hand-painted floors. Please come prepared with your own grippy socks or rubber-soled slippers.

Photographs are not allowed and there are no toilets.

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EITHER: BOOK BY EMAIL AND PAY ONLINE

Email visits organiser Angela Finch angelaфинch999@gmail.com with:

- Your choice of **1pm OR 3pm**
- The **name/s** of those coming
- Your/their **emergency contact details** if we don't have them from previous visits or walks, and
- Confirmation that you have **paid £15pp** to The Arts Society Dulwich: account no. 20268097; sort code 20-94-48; reference WANDSWORTH21525

OR: BOOK BY CHEQUE AND POST

Complete form and send with cheque for **£15.00 pp** payable to The Arts Society Dulwich to Angela Finch, 9a Venner Rd, London SE26 5EQ

*** Please circle: **1pm** or **3pm** visit ***

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Contact on the day: Angela Finch 07837 938 482