



**The old laundry, now the bar**

has changed our ways of seeing and reading. Visitors to the building will quickly become aware of the original shape of the reception area (with its marble memorial stone laid by HRH the Prince of Wales in 1893) and authentic ground-floor rooms. The public reading room, though, was relocated in 2007 to provide a light and welcoming work area with many books immediately available from the shelves and computer and wifi facilities. Those who delve deeper into the building might get as far as the bar in the basement which still has the drying racks originally provided for the bath towels!



**A recent production at the Bridewell Theatre**

Hidden as it is behind the church and buildings from several centuries, the Institute has



**The Salisbury Room**  
**An outstanding example of one of the Foundation's many meeting rooms**

somehow survived the many changes affecting London, including the Blitz. Many who come through the doors for meetings have no idea of its origins but the choirs and the theatre groups, the design students and the academics are all still fulfilling the objectives of the original trustees who fought hard to establish an educational and social resource for their local community.



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