

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

REMS Goes to Fleet St – Revised 10/03/2015

On Tuesday 17 March 2015

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough. Our professionally qualified guide will be Tina Hodgkinson (www.guidedwalksinlondon.co.uk or info@guidedwalksinlondon.co.uk). Always consult the latest flyer.

Description: Fleet St is well known for its associations with the newspaper industry and journalism. This guided tour explores the street and its picturesque alleyways and courtyards. We discover the area's rich and colourful history including some surprising royal and religious connections.

We start outside St Mary-le-Bow, famed for its bells, and then enjoy an unexpected view of St Paul's and the magnificent City skyline. On the way to Fleet St we visit the site of the King's Wardrobe and the location of a former Tudor palace.

Exploring the area's connections with printing and publishing, we shall see some of the great newspaper offices as well as discovering some hidden reminders of the former industry. We shall also see where Agatha Christie sat her exams and a famous Wren church known as the Wedding Cake Church.

We shall take lunch at the Old Bank of England, formerly the Law Courts branch of our national bank. In the cellars beneath Sweeny Todd, the demon barber of Fleet St, is said to have conducted his business. Today it is a grandly vaulted Fuller's pub where, among other things, serious pies can be procured – see <http://www.oldbankofengland.co.uk/food-and-drink> (click on Main Menu tab). Tables will be reserved for us.

The tour finishes in Gough St, location of Dr Johnson's House, the only one of his homes to survive and where he compiled the first English dictionary.

Where and when to meet: Gather at Café Below under St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, EC2V 6AU.
Refreshments

Getting there: Nearest underground stations to St Mary's are Mansion House, St Paul's and Bank. Cannon St Overground is also a possibility.



Lunch: At The Old Bank of England, 194 Fleet St. EC4A 2LT

Timetable (times are approximate)

11:00 Gather at Cafe Below under St Mary-le-Bow. Refreshments

11:30 - 13:30 Guided walk

13:30 Lunch at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese in Fleet St.

Size of party: 10 - 30

Cost £15.00. Pay your own food and travel.

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