

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION
Lambeth Walk, Thursday 23 February 2006

This visit has been organised by Kate and Mike Quinton

This will be a walk with many things to see and facts and fiction to talk about, rather than a line dance of the 1930s. So, please come prepared in suitable footwear and clothes affording protection from the weather. A little bit of stepping out may be necessary to keep out the cold. The distance on the map may only be 3km, but all the little deviations will make it 3 miles.

We shall start at London Bridge and make our way through Borough looking at numerous old pubs and artefacts associated with the old road to Dover. After Borough High Street, we shall turn west into Southwark to see buildings of architectural and archaeological interest like the London Fire Brigade Museum and the old forge in Lant Street. We shall cross Blackfriars Road and be reminded about body snatching. Guys Hospital is still not far away! Near here is unusual housing owned by a nineteenth century corrupt MP. We shall pass close to Waterloo East Station towards the Old Vic. In Lower Marsh the street market still exists. Turning into Westminster Bridge Road, we shall see the terminus of the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Company's railway. The walk will finish near Lambeth North Underground Station, a typical Leslie Green design.

After lunch at the "Walrus", "Barbarella's Sandwich Bar" or a pizza place nearby, there are several places of interest for the afternoon: Imperial War Museum, Museum of Garden History. For the really energetic, one could walk on to the real Lambeth Walk, which is now a pedestrianised shopping centre off Lambeth Road. Alternatively, one could go on past the Elephant and Castle to the Walworth Road, where Charles Babbage and Michael Faraday were born within 3 months and 350m of each other. Perhaps that would be better kept for another walk sometime in the future.

Meet for 11.00am start at **Borough High Street exit (east side) of London Bridge Underground**. If arriving by Underground, look for Borough High Street exit signs **at platform level of both Jubilee and Northern lines**. If arriving by main line train, there are signs to Borough High Street at main concourse level. Leave front of station where buses stop. Go along London Bridge Street, at the end, turn left into Borough High Street, cross St Thomas Street at traffic lights and Underground exit is on the left.

Coffee - Approx 11.30am in Café Riva*, by Borough Station.

There is plenty of space to sit beyond the counter and there are loos, but only one of each! Before coffee there is a gents in the corner of the courtyard of the "George"* in Borough High Street, where we will be pausing soon after the start. NB. the only public loos at London Bridge are on platforms 1-6 of the main line station.

- These are good "catch up" points en route. Kate's mobile no is 07950016565.

Lunchtime will to be at around 1.30pm. Numbers in the party will be restricted to 25.