

**A Walk in Bloomsbury and Visit to the Cartoon Museum
on Thursday 13 September 2012**

This visit has been organised by Kate and Mike Quinton.

Our proposed walk with many purposeful stops will take us around the following attractive London squares: Red Lion, Bloomsbury, Queen's, Russell and Bedford. We will see how the area changed from cattle droving, to slums, to elegant Georgian housing. Since then Bloomsbury has been traversed by tramways, underground railways and soon by Crossrail. There are statues and blue and green plaques to remind us of the many artists, scientists, politicians, socialites and others who made the area notable.

Please note that, although we shall cover a relatively small area, there is a fair amount of walking involved. It is recommended that we wear suitable footwear and to bring protection from the weather be it hot or wet.

The Cartoon Museum has a fascinating collection of cartoons from Gillray through Gerald Scarfe to the present day. There are many comics to bring back memories: Dandy, Beano, Eagle... Please pay at the door (£5.50 for adults, £4.00 for concessions).

It is also possible that Nicholas Hawksmoor's final ecclesiastical masterpiece, St George's, Bloomsbury, may be open from about 1.00 to 3.15pm, depending on the availability of church volunteers. We may be able to slip into this grade I listed building before lunch.

Timetable

Meet from 10.30am at the Fleet River Bakery, 71 Lincolns Inn Fields, for coffee. It is on the corner of Twyford Place and Gate Street, tucked behind Holborn Station. From the station walk down Kingsway towards Aldwych and take the second on the left, Twyford Place.

11.00am start of walk from Holborn Underground Station (Piccadilly and Central Lines and numerous buses)

Lunch: there are several pubs including the Museum Tavern (Harveys), restaurants, eg Pizza Express, and cafés close to the Cartoon Museum.

Cost: £3.00 admin fee

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After 8.30am on the day, Kate's mobile phone number: 07908 156160.

For late comers our first stop after Holborn will be in Red Lion Square, where there are several things to see.