

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

THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY & BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S HOUSE

Thursday, 4 December 2014

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough.

Description We shall visit the National Portrait Gallery and take a one-hour guided tour focusing on portraits from the Enlightenment, that period in the 17th and 18th centuries when faith and tradition were increasingly challenged in favour of science and reason. Among the portraits, we shall see Enoch Seeman's of Isaac Newton. Following the guided tour, there will be time to view other portraits of your own choosing. For more information see: <http://www.npg.org.uk/visit.php> .

We shall take lunch at the nearby Sherlock Holmes pub in Northumberland St where there will be tables reserved for us. For details and menu see: <http://www.sherlockholmespub.com/index.php> . The pub has a



tableau of the great detective looking intensely thoughtful in his Baker St chambers.

After lunch we walk round the corner to Benjamin Franklin's House, a Grade 1 listed building where we shall undergo the 'Historical Experience' ("Museum as Theatre") and see a demonstration of Franklin's invention, the glass armonica.

Where and when to meet. We meet at 10:30 – 11:00 in the Portrait Restaurant in the National Portrait Gallery where refreshments can be taken.

Getting there: see map. The National *Portrait* Gallery is just beyond the north-east corner of Trafalgar Square behind the National Gallery at St Martin's Place, WC2H 0HE. The nearest tube stations are Leicester Square and Charing Cross. The Sherlock Holmes is at 10 – 11 Northumberland St. To get there walk south from the NPG down the East side of Trafalgar Sq., past St Martin's in the Fields and over the Strand. Go left about 40 m and turn right into Northumberland St (not Northumberland Avenue). The pub is a short walk down on the left. Benjamin Franklin's House is at 36 Craven Street WC2N 5NF just around the corner from The Sherlock.

Lunch: The Sherlock Holmes, Northumberland St. – see above.

Timetable:

10:30 – 11:00	Meet at the Portrait Restaurant in the National Portrait Gallery. Refreshments and toilets for the punctual.
11:00 – 12:00	Guided Tour
12:00 – 13:00	View Gallery
13:00	Form an orderly crocodile outside the NPG to march to lunch
13:10 – 14:30	Lunch at The Sherlock Holmes, Northumberland St
15:00	Benjamin Franklin's House, 26 Craven St
16:30	Depart

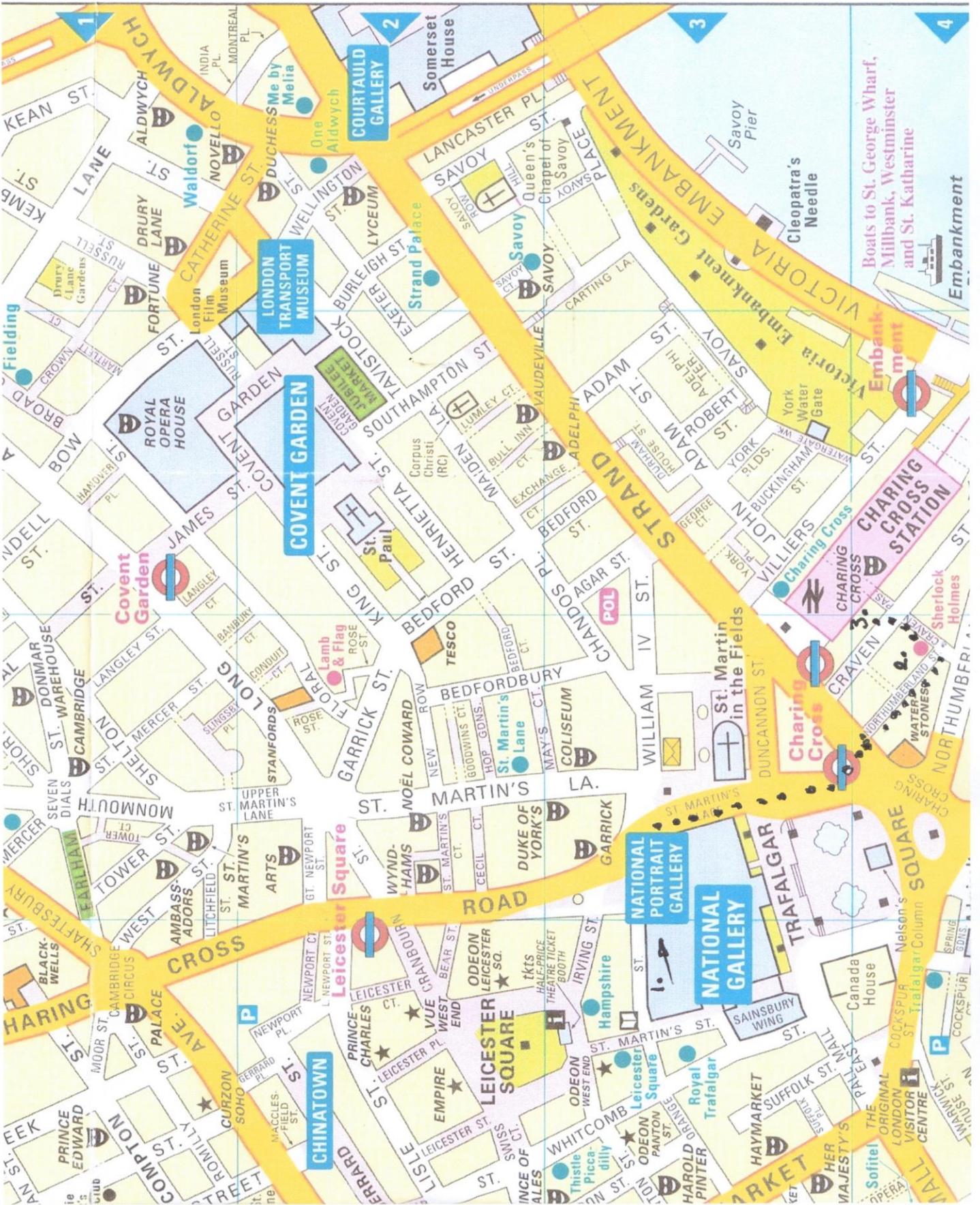


Size of party: 15 – 25. If too few book, we cannot cover our fixed costs. For more than 15, we may need to form two tours at Benjamin's Franklin's House, one at 15:15, one at 16:15.

Cost: £23.00 incl. the guided tour at the NPG and entry tickets to BFH. You pay for food and travel.

Contacts: Before the day, ring Tony Colclough on 020 8398 0766 (if necessary, leave a message on the answer phone). On the day ring Tony Colclough on 07930 171307

Late arrivals: Ring Tony Colclough who will advise. It's always best to carry a copy of the latest flyer.



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