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

Germany, Memories of a Nation – British Museum Exhibition

**Lunch at Katzenjammers
on Monday 12 January 2015**

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough.

Description: Neil MacGregor, Director of the British Museum, has been giving a much acclaimed series of talks on BBC Radio 4 on German history which of course stretches back well before the smoke and noise of the 20th century. He starts with the founding of the Holy Roman Empire ca. 800 AD when Karl der Große (Charlemagne) was crowned by the Pope in Rome. No such Europe-wide order had existed since the departure of the Romans in about 400 AD.



Among many succeeding developments were Luther's declaration and the Reformation, the rise of the Hanseatic League which reached as far west as London, the overrunning of the German-speaking lands by Napoleon in 1806, the revolutionary turmoil of 1846 from which the black-red-gold German flag emerged, Bismarck's unification of many small states in the 1870s to produce one German-speaking state, two world wars which divided the state and the fall of the Berlin wall 25 years ago marking the start of a new unification. MacGregor's history is structured around significant artefacts shown in this exhibition which has recently been extended due to its popularity. REMS will just get in



before it finally closes on 25 Jan. *Hire of the excellent audio guide for £4 is recommended.*

Twelve Monday concessionary tickets are reserved for us. We shall be admitted in three groups of four at 12:00, 12:10 and 12:20. Additional tickets cannot be guaranteed, but we can ask if demand from members is high..

MacGregor's learned discussion of the role of beer and sausage in German culture can be heard in his Radio 4 talk, 'One People, Many Sausages'. To enjoy this, click on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04k6rcj>. We shall pursue this important theme further at the Katzenjammers Bierkeller near Borough Market where we take lunch – see <http://www.katzenjammers.co.uk/>.

Where and when to meet: we gather at the Gallery Café on the ground floor of the British Museum from 11:00 for refreshments. The British Museum is in Great Russell St WC1B 3DG (see map). We may travel together from the BM to Katzenjammers for a late lunch (see the other map).



Getting there: To the British Museum: Go to Tottenham Court Road Station and emerge at EXIT 3 signposted to the British Museum. Turn right and walk a little way north up Tottenham Ct Rd. before turning right into Gt Russell St. Walk ahead crossing Bloomsbury St, until you come to the BM on your left. Enter and turn left immediately to walk straight ahead as far as you can until you come to the Gallery Café. **To Katzenjammers:** From the BM walk back to Tottenham Ct Rd Station and take the Northern Line south to Waterloo. Then take a Jubilee Line train two stops east to London Bridge. Emerge at the exit signed Borough High St (West Side)/Southwark St. Walk the short distance along Southwark St until you come to the Hop Exchange and Katzenjammers on the right.

Lunch Katzenjammers at the Hop Exchange at 24 Southwark St SE1 1TY



Timetable (approximate times)

11:00	Assemble at the BM's Gallery Café. Refreshments.
12:00	Start tour of Exhibition
13:00	Leave together for Katzenjammers
15:00	Finish lunch and go home

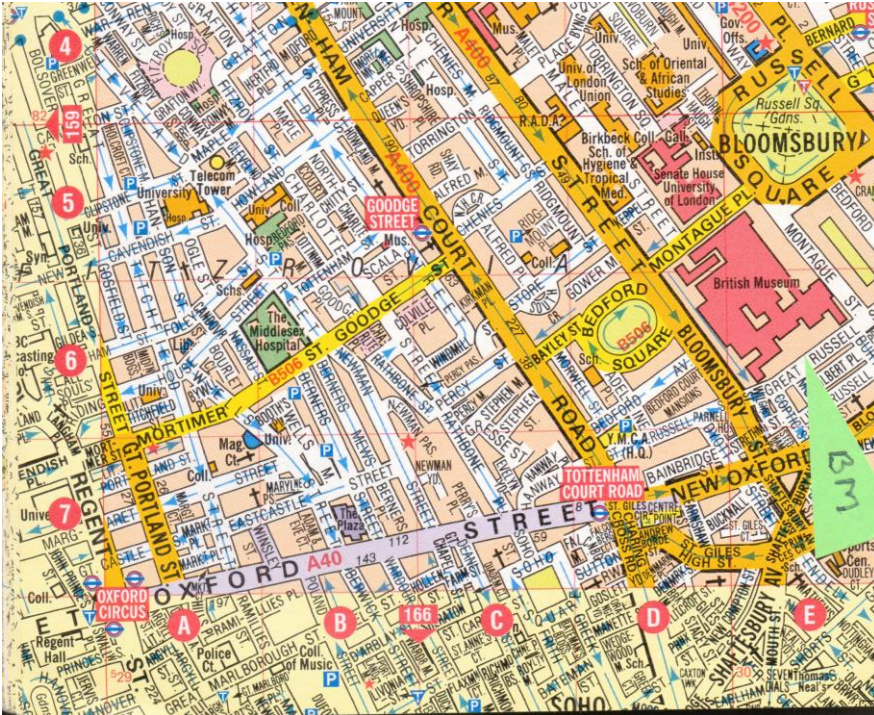
Size of party: 6 - 12

Cost £7.00 Members pay for their own audioguide (£4), food and travel. A Travelcard may be a good idea.

Contacts Before the day: contact Tony Colclough at tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk or on 020 8398 0766. On the day: call 07930 171 307.

Late arrivals Call Tony on 07930 171 307 who will advise you to catch up with the programme.

To the British Museum



To Katzenjammers

