

**Tower Gateway to the East
on Thursday 7 May 2015**

This visit has been organised by Kate and Mike Quinton

This is a walk and talk in the area between the Royal Mint and St George-in-the-East followed by a short ride on the Docklands Light Railway from Shadwell to West India Quay, where we'll find lunch and the Docklands Museum.

The walk will start with some railway history of the cable hauled London to Blackwall line. We will look at the architecture and boats in St Katharine Docks, view Hermitage Basin, then follow the edge of what was the Western Dock of London Docks, now an ornamental canal, and on to Tobacco Dock. The shell of Hawksmoor's magnificent church of St George-in-the-East is next, set in its own little park and close to Cable Street, which runs parallel to that railway. Its viaduct is now part of the DLR, which we will join at Shadwell Station.

After lunch we suggest visiting the Docklands Museum, which occupies one of the original warehouses on the edge of West India Dock. Since the museum became part of the Museum of London, entry is free.

Meet for coffee at "The Minories" pub under the railway arches at Tower Gateway Station on the Docklands Light Railway, 10:30 to 10:55. It is close to the start of the walk.

The walk will **start** at 11:00 from the Minories outside the main entrance of Tower Gateway DLR Station. You will need a Travelcard or equivalent both to get there and to get to lunch. If you prefer to walk from Tower Hill or Aldgate, please allow time and take care crossing roads.

There are several places for **lunch** close to the Docklands Museum, which is a short walk along the quayside of West India Dock. We suggest "The Ledger", which is a Wetherspoons pub in a dock building which housed the dock's ledgers, or "The Rum and Sugar" in a Grade II listed warehouse. We will reach them by travelling 3 stops on the DLR from Shadwell to West India Quay in the direction of Lewisham.

Timetable

10:30 – 10:55 at "The Minories" pub. Start walk from main entrance of Tower Gateway DLR Station at 11:00.

11:00 – 13:00 Walk to Shadwell DLR Station and ride to West India Quay Station.

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch by West India Dock. Venues are suggested above.

14:30 onwards visit Docklands Museum (free entry). Take the lift to the third floor and work your way down.

16:30 Home

Size of party: Maximum 20.

Cost £3.00 admin fee.

Contacts: 01923 267274 before the day.

Late arrivals: contact Mike Quinton on 07715 172922 by 11.00 on the day.