

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

## REMS Goes to Bankside on Tuesday 10 May 2016

This visit has been organised by Tony Colclough. Our professionally qualified guide will be Tina Hodgkinson ([www.guidedwalksinlondon.co.uk](http://www.guidedwalksinlondon.co.uk) or [info@guidedwalksinlondon.co.uk](mailto:info@guidedwalksinlondon.co.uk) ).

### Description

This walk explores Bankside, a historic area south of the River Thames, located just outside of the City of London, and therefore outside its jurisdiction. It developed a rather dubious reputation becoming London's playground offering such entertainments as riverside taverns, bear and bull baiting, theatres and what Shakespeare called 'stews'.



We start outside Southwark Cathedral, a former monastery and parish church which only received Cathedral status in 1905. Walking alongside the River Thames we take in stunning views of the City of London's skyscrapers and the majestic St Paul's Cathedral.

Along the way we will see a replica of Francis Drake's Golden Hinde and hear about his seafaring adventures; and we shall pass a riverside tavern where Samuel Pepys drank as he watched the Great Fire of London in 1666. We will hear tales about the frost fairs that were held on the frozen Thames during the 'mini ice-age' of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and of brothels regulated by the Bishop of Winchester.



We will explore London's Theatreland as it was in Tudor times and will see the site of the original Globe Theatre as well as its replica. Continuing on we will visit Borough Market and see where part of the Covent Garden Opera House has been relocated.



We end the tour with a visit to Borough High Street, formerly a road lined with coaching inns. Today The George is the only surviving galleried coaching inn in London. Dickens visited there when it was a coffee house and it appears in *Little Dorrit*. It is now a National Trust property. We take lunch a short walk away at *Katzenjammers*, a *Bierkeller* under the Hop Exchange in Southwark St. Here the weary traveller can procure fine beer and serious sausages among other good things.

After lunch members may like to disperse or visit other possible Bankside destinations are listed at the end of this flyer.

**Where and when to meet.** Assemble at 10:30 – 11:00 at the Refectory in Southwark Cathedral, Millennium Courtyard, Montague Close, London SE1 (Cathedral Café and toilets)

**Getting there:** Nearest stations are London Bridge Rail and Underground 5 min walk away. For more information see:

<http://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/downloads/visit/directions-to-southwark-cathedral.pdf>

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



**Timetable (times approximate):**

10:30- 11:30	Assemble at the Refectory, Southwark Cathedral. Refreshments available.
11:30	Leave on guided walk
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch at Katzenjammers

**Cost:** £12.00 Pay for your own food and travel.

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

**Late arrivals:** Call Tony on 07930 171 307. Please let me know if you are delayed or are not coming so that the party does not have to wait for you unnecessarily.

**Other places to visit in the area:**

Tate Modern <http://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern>

Bankside Gallery <http://www.banksidegallery.com/>

Golden Hinde II <http://www.goldenhinde.com/>

The Globe <http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/>

Clink Prison Museum <http://www.visitbankside.com/attractions/clink-prison-museum>

Old Operating Theatre Museum <http://www.thegarret.org.uk/>