

**.Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section  
Vintners' Hall and London's Bridges  
Thursday 2 November 2017**

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This visit has been organised by George Freeman

We will be guided over The Hall of the Worshipful Company of Vintners in the morning and, after lunch, be taken on a walk up the River Thames from London Bridge to Vauxhall or possibly further.

The Worshipful Company of Vintners is one of the twelve Great City Livery Companies. They have had a building on Upper Thames Street since the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and earlier, which, like all of the City, got burnt down in the Great Fire. The new building was operational by 1675 but has had alterations in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and later.

The purpose was to regulate the wine trade over the centuries but now also has various charities that it runs, including alms houses. They are also involved with the Thames Swan Upping.

We will be shown over the hall and told of its history by Steve Meacham. [www.vintnershall.co.uk](http://www.vintnershall.co.uk)

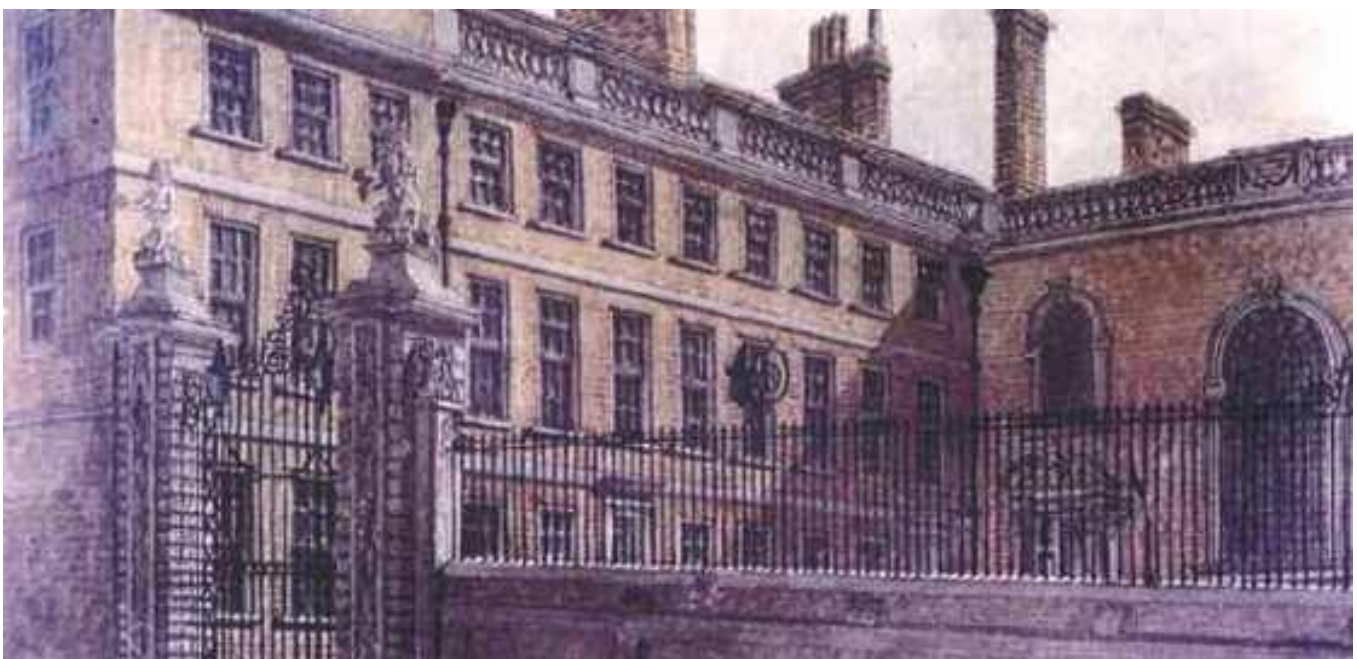
Bridges over the river have always been important with old London Bridge being the first near the City. Until there were several bridges, crossing the river was by boat which was precarious. Martin Olutnics will guide us and tell us some of their history, structure, etc.

**Meet** in the The Sir John Hawkshaw (Wetherspoons pub) in Cannon Street Station from 10:30. We will walk to the Vintners' Hall at 10:50 for a start at 11:00.

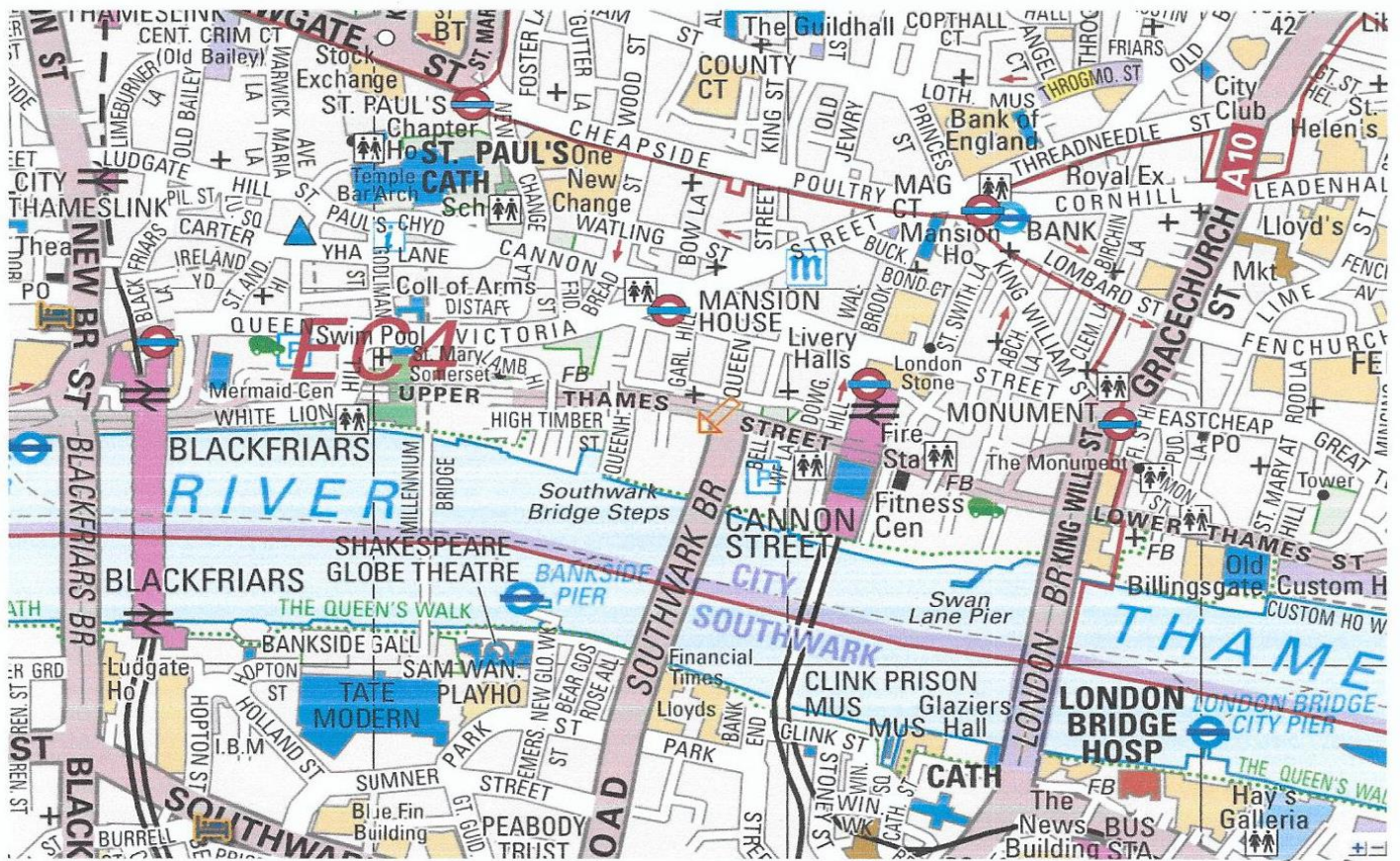
The tour should be finished at 12:30 and we will walk to lunch

**Lunch** will be in either The Sir John Hawkshaw or the Cross Keys in Gracechurch Street (much bigger). Martin will meet us there.

**Cost** £20 pp



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