

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

The Cartoon Museum & The Courtauld Gallery on Thursday 23 November 2017

This visit has been organised by Tom Jacobs

We start our day at The Cartoon Museum which has been described as ‘A rare London Gallery where you are encouraged to laugh out loud’. After a pub lunch, we proceed to the Courtauld Gallery with a fine collection including early Renaissance, Impressionist and post-Impressionist works.

Description: In 1988 a group of cartoonists, collectors and lovers of the art form came together as The Cartoon Art Trust with the aim of founding a museum dedicated to collecting, exhibiting, promoting and preserving the best of British cartoon art. After a decade of exhibiting in smaller venues, in February 2006 the Cartoon Museum opened to the public at its current home in central London, very near the British Museum.



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After lunch we will take the short walk to Somerset House. (WC2R ORN), entering this impressive building from The Strand (S.H. was authorised by Parliament in 1776 as an office block, see below*). The entrance to the Courtauld Gallery is immediately on your right under the portico. The Gallery is an independent College of the University of London and world- leading centre for the study and conservation of art and architecture.

Again, don't pay, just announce yourselves & I (Tom) will pay for all of us.

*Early offices in Somerset House were The Salt Office, The Stamp Office, The Tax Office, The Navy Office, The Navy Victualling Office, The Publick Lottery Office, The Hackney Coach Office, The Hawkers and Pedlars Office, The Auditors of Imprest Office, The Pipe Office, The King's Bargemasters House and several Duchy of this and that Offices.

Where and when to meet: We will meet at 10.30am in the Cartoon Museum, which is in Little Russell Street (WC1A 2HH) just south of the British Museum and close to Tottenham Court Road and Holborn Tube Stations. I (Tom) will pay for all of us. Please announce yourself at the till as being from the IoP, and go up the rather narrow staircase to the large room on the first floor. There will be coffee and biscuits, and the curator who will give us a short talk about the museum.

Getting there: The nearest tube stations are Tottenham Court and Holborn.

Lunch: We will lunch in The Pig and Goose restaurant, which is on the first floor above The George Inn, located opposite the Law Courts at 213 Strand. Bus number 171 will take us from round the corner of the Cartoon Museum to a stop near the Law courts. Lunch at the P & G currently costs £18.50 for two courses, £23 for three. Drinks are extra.

Timetable (times approximate)

- 10:30 Meet in the Cartoon Museum and take tea and biscuits
- 12:30 Take bus 171 to The Pig and Goose above The George Inn for lunch
- 14:00 Walk to Somerset House and the Courtauld Museum
- 16:00 Notional departure time.

Size of party: maximum of 15

Cost: £12.00. Pay for your own lunch

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