

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section Lambeth Palace and Tate Britain Thursday 12th April 2018

This visit has been organised by George Freeman

In the morning we will have a guided tour of Lambeth Palace (www.lambethpalace.org.uk) and after lunch we will see some selected paintings in the Tate Britain gallery (www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain). In both places there are several staircases for us to negotiate.

Lambeth Palace has been the London home and office of the Archbishop of Canterbury since the 13th century. The Palace serves as the central office for his national and international ministry to the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion. We will have a guided tour of the Palace taking in the State Rooms, the medieval Chapels and the Great Hall which houses Lambeth Palace Library.

The Archbishop of Canterbury established his presence at Lambeth Palace to be close to the King at the Palace of Westminster. The oldest parts of the palace are the 800-year old chapels. The impressive Tudor gatehouse, Morton's Tower, was built in the 1490s. Another Tudor tower was built for Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, who served Henry VIII, embraced the reformation and assisted the King in his "Great Matter". In the early 19th century Archbishop William Howley renovated the compound and his accommodation block is now the main frontage of the Palace. Our tour will include the magnificent nine-acre garden, which is open to the public once a month throughout the summer.



This painting shows Morton's Tower with Westminister Bridge, Westminister Hall and Westminister Abbey in the background. Probably painted by students of Canaletto, it is thought to be a depiction of the busy River Thames in about 1760, some 10 years after Westminister Bridge opened. With Kind permission of Lambeth Palace.

Tate Britain houses the national collection of historical and contemporary British art. As well as globally famous names such as Turner, there is sometimes an appealing idiosyncrasy about the hanging - where else can you step in a few yards from Hogarth to Tracey Emin? Martin Olutniks will provide a selection of the most interesting examples of British art from the last four centuries or so - a stroll through some of the highlights of this vast collection.

MEET in the cafe of the Museum of Garden History (Lambeth Road, London SE1 7LB) which is next-door to the Lambeth Palace. The Palace does not have its own cafe,

GETTING THERE: Lambeth Palace and the Garden Museum are on the south bank of the River Thames halfway between Vauxhall and Waterloo stations. **Closest stations:** Waterloo (mainline, Northern, Bakerloo and Jubilee lines), Vauxhall (mainline and Victoria lines), Westminster (Jubilee, Circle and district lines) and Lambeth North (Bakerloo line). The 77 bus serves Vauxhall and Waterloo, and stops at Lambeth Palace in both directions, while the 507 bus shuttles between Victoria and Waterloo stations all day, also stopping at Lambeth Palace in both directions. It's a 10-minute walk north from Vauxhall Station (Exit 1) along the Thames Path.

LUNCH: Upstairs in the Spy Room of the Morpeth Arms on Millbank, London SW1P 4RW. The Morpeth Arms is a Young's pub with views of MI6 over the river, a 'haunted' former cell corridor and a spy-themed upstairs bar. It is located between Tate Britain and Vauxhall Bridge and about 15 minutes walk from Lambeth Palace. Martin will join us there.

10:00 – 10:30	Assemble in the cafe of the Museum of Garden History
10:30 – 12:00	Guided tour of Lambeth Palace
12:00 - 12:15	Walk to pub
12:15 – 13:50	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Tate Britain
17:00	Close

START Please note we start 30 minutes earlier than usual to suit the Palace's routine.

COSTS

£25 pp for a maximum of 30. If there are more than 20 then we will be divided into two groups for the Palace tour.

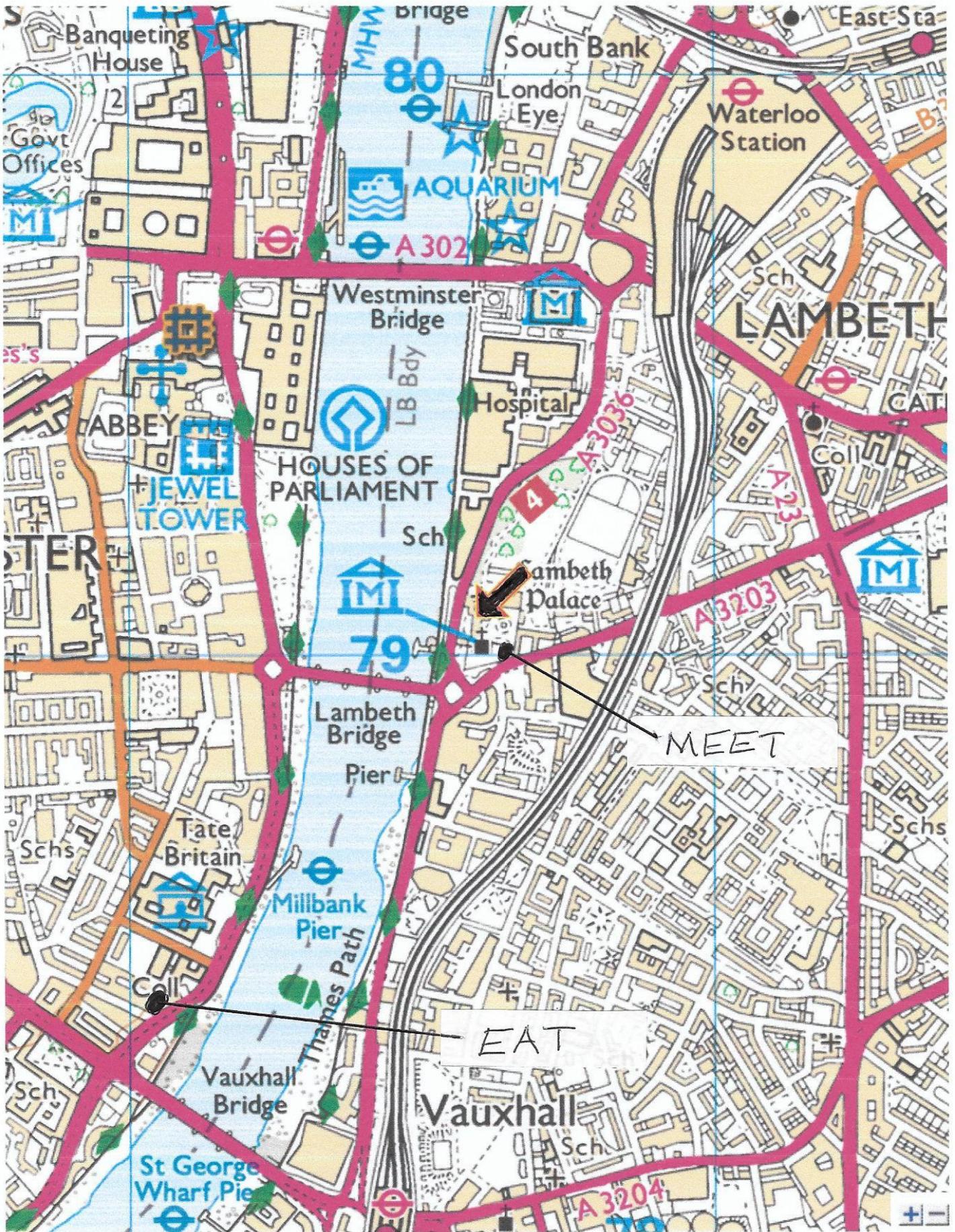
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LATE JOINERS - please phone George to find where we are.

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