

Institute of **Physics**

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

APOTHECARIES HALL and LONDON'S BRIDGES **Repeat visit TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008**

This visit has been organised by George Freeman

The London **Apothecaries** can be traced back to the Guild of Pepperers in 1180. They were joined by the Spicers and in 1428 became the Worshipful Company of Grocers. By the 16th century the Apothecaries were specialising in the preparation of drugs and potions whereas the grocers were traders and eventually in 1617 James I gave the Royal Charter to the Worshipful Company of Apothecaries of London. They created the Chelsea Physic Garden as a teaching ground for Apothecaries and today, in conjunction with teaching hospitals, hold examinations for doctors who want to be GPs.

The hall was rebuilt after the Fire of London in 1672 and is one of the oldest Livery Halls in London. Mr Williams, the Beadle, will tell us about the Company and will show us around the building.
www.apothecaries.org

The history of **London's bridges** is fascinating from the days of the watermen ferrying people and goods to the latest high-tec suspension bridge. Martin Olutniks will be our guide walking us from the Jubilee Bridges to Tower Bridge giving us the history, stories and engineering on the way.

MEET at the Black Friars pub opposite the underground/railway station. From the underground and subway take EXIT 1 which brings you outside the pub. Toilets and refreshments and breakfast (if required). For those arriving late go straight to the Hall – go under the railway and take first turning left into Black-Friar's Lane. The hall is 50 yards up on right.

LUNCH will be taken at the Black Friars pub but there are many restaurants and sandwich bars nearby. The Black Friars pub is Art Nouveau of 1905. They serve Dunkley's pies and have draft and guest beers.

AFTER lunch reassemble outside the pub and catch the tube to our starting point (get an all-zone travel card).

10.30 – 10.55	Assemble at Black Friars pub, refreshments and toilets
10.55 – 11.00	Walk to the Hall
11.00 – 13.00	Talk and tour of Apothecaries Hall
13.00 – 13.05	Walk to the pub
13.05 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 14.30	Tube to Embankment
14.30 – 17.00	Guided walk to Tower Bridge

Please wear stout, comfortable shoes as we will be walking about 3 miles and the streets are very hard.

COSTS FOR 25 PEOPLE MAXIMUM

£ 12 per person, payable in advance.

Lunch and tea at cost.

CONTACTS

Prior to visit – Reinalt Vaughan-Williams, reinalt@physics.org, 020 8946 3399 and 07758 085741

On morning of visit only – George Freeman, 07941 916 944

Late joiners go to the Apothecaries Hall, Black-Friars Lane.