

THE TOWER OF LONDON and TRINITY HOUSE
Monday 7 February 2011

This meeting has been organised by George Freeman

THE TOWER OF LONDON was started by William I on part of the Roman London Wall. The White Tower was completed by William II and the outer defence wall in the next century. Since then most centuries have had major buildings put up. We will see these, hear the history and stories and look at the crown jewels. At one stage the Royal Mint was there and for a few years Newton was Master of the Mint, sorting out technical problems. Our guide will be Martin Olutniks

TRINITY HOUSE has, for four hundred years, been responsible for protecting and guiding shipping from all nations to our shores. It is responsible for maintaining lighthouses and light vessels, and many other aids to navigation ranging from buoys and beacons to satellite navigation services. The headquarters are in Trinity House, a very good Georgian building, and the operational base is Buoy Yard in Harwich which we hope to visit in May. It is a charity relying on "Light Dues" paid by ships entering UK ports. Our guide will be Edgar King, House Manager, and he will tell us of the history and operations and show us the main rooms. The visit ends with tea and biscuits.

This tour may have to be cancelled at the last moment if the House is required by corporate clients.

MEET in the Liberty Bounds, a Wetherspoon pub, refreshments and toilets (15 Trinity Square – North of the Tower and opposite it)

LUNCH will be at the Liberty Bounds.

10.30 – 11.00	Assemble in Liberty Bounds
11.00 – 13.00	Tour of the Tower of London
13.30 – 14.50	Lunch in Liberty Bounds
15.00 – 16.30	Tour of Trinity House

TRAVEL

The nearest underground station is Tower Hill

LATE ARRIVALS Phone me or John to find out where we are.

CONTACTS

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On the morning only - George Freeman 07941 916 944 or John's mobile.

COSTS

£26 each. For a maximum of 25 Refreshments at cost.

I will be buying the entry tickets to the Tower on 24 January so no cancellations after that date please.

In the Tower there are lots of stairs to climb so please wear appropriate shoes.