

GOVERNMENT ART COLLECTION

Evening visit Tuesday 19 June 2012

This meeting has been organised by George Freeman

The Government Art Collection consists of approximately 13500 works of art by mostly British artists in a vast variety of media. It includes paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, photographs, textiles and video works dating from the 16th century to the present day.

It is used to decorate Government offices in the UK and abroad promoting Britishness. Most of it is in use but approximately 1/3 is in house having been returned and the opportunity is taken to restore or repair it. New members of the cabinet get to choose what they would like in their office. Our guide will be Julia Toffolo and she will tell us of the history of the collection, how restoration takes place and show us some of the works. There is always something of interest being investigated

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The tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours.

I will book tables at a nearby Italian restaurant so, if you wish, we can have a meal together. Please indicate your intention on the booking form.

Meet in the Queens Yard at 179a Tottenham Court Road, W1T 7PA. When last seen the entrance was between two bed shops, Hammonds and Dreams on the east side of the road.

17.00 — 17.25	Meet in Queens Yard
17.25	Check in via security
17.30	Talk & tour of the collection
19.00	Walk to restaurant
19.30	dinner

TRAVEL

The nearest stations are Warren Street, Goodge Street and Euston.

The time is set so we can travel before the rush hour and have time to eat afterwards.

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

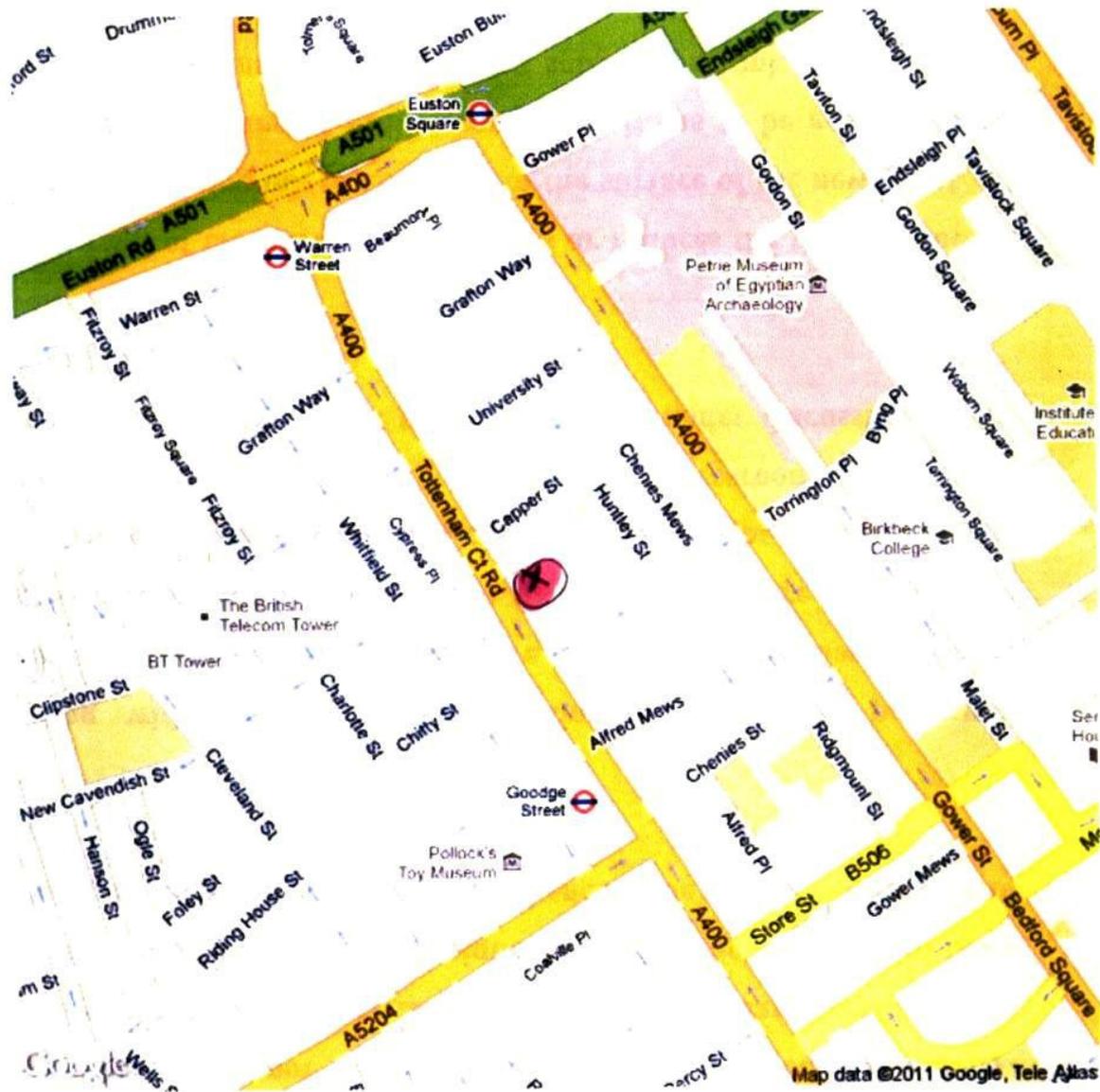
CONTACTS

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COSTS

£3 each with a maximum of 20.



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