

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

A historical walk from Whitehall via Westminster and St James Park and on to Mayfair Thursday 20 April 2006

This visit has been organised by David Pick

This walk will start from Eleanor Cross, which is situated on the forecourt of Charing Cross Station. It is the point from which road distances from London are measured. Queen Eleanor was the wife of Edward 1 and the cross is one of many erected at points on the journey where her body was rested on its way from Lincoln to Westminster for burial. The walk will be lead by Robin Densem.

The itinerary will be flexible depending to some extent on attendees' questions and discussion. The planned route is Eleanor Cross, Charing Cross, Whitehall taking in the exterior of Banqueting House and other points of interest - Horse Guards, Exterior of Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall Jewell Tower, exterior of Westminster Abbey and possible free entry to Westminster Abbey Cloisters.

Lunch will be in a convenient pub close to the Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster. After lunch the walk will continue through St James' Park, with a view of Downing Street and Buckingham Palace, St James' Palace, Spencer House, Exterior of some Gentlemen's Clubs Piccadilly Hyde Park from corner of Curzon Street and Park Lane, Shepherd's Market, and a beer for any of us with any energy at all left. We might finish at about 4pm or later, and of course members would be free to peel off to leave for home at any stage. The possible itinerary may look a bit long, but will be taken at a gentle pace and as with Haydn's farewell symphony we could always curtail it on the day when there is nobody left! Numbers are limited to 30. Meet at the Costa Coffee Shop in Charing Cross Station for a 11.00 start. Cost is £3 pp.

