

# Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

## The Household Cavalry Museum & Trafalgar Square

**NB CHANGE: Lunch at The Lord Moon of the Mall, 16-18 Whitehall  
on Thursday 17 September 2015**

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This visit has been organised by Jack Simmons.

**Description:** On this 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, we shall visit the Household Cavalry Museum at the rear of Horse Guards. (Horse Guards is the large Palladian building facing Whitehall, pictured to the right, and Horse Guards Parade lies behind it.) At the battle of Waterloo, the Household Brigade participated in a distinguished action to hold Wellington's line against a powerful French onslaught. This was but one heroic chapter in their long history of service to the realm to which many artefacts in the museum bear witness. Among those related to Waterloo is the snuff box, with a lock of hair, fashioned from a hoof of Napoleon's charger Marengo which he rode on the day of the battle. Also on display is the bugle used by 16-year old trumpet orderly John Edwards to sound the charge of the Household Brigade.



We shall have an opportunity to see a changing of the guard before entering the Museum following which we shall be given a guided tour which will last about an hour. After that we will be free to view the exhibits until



we depart for lunch. Following lunch, our more energetic members will be led via Horse Guards Parade, The Mall and Admiralty Arch to see the statues in Trafalgar Square and, in particular, the new temporary exhibit on the fourth plinth. This is The Gift Horse recently chosen by the Mayor's Fourth Plinth Commission. We then take refreshments in Garfunkel's, Cockspur St, just off the Square and disperse.

**Lunch:** Tables have been reserved for us at The Lord Moon of the Mall at 16 - 18, Whitehall, less than five minutes' walk away.

**Where and when to meet:** From Whitehall, pass through the central arches of Horse Guards into Horse Guards Parade where you will see the Museum on your right. We gather in the Museum forecourt at about 10.45 am to witness a changing of the guard, and then move into the Museum proper at about 11.00 (If the weather is bad, we can simply meet directly in the entrance hall of the Museum.) Those in need of refreshments etc. might like to visit Little Frankie's at 7, Whitehall or MacDonald's at 45 – 47 Whitehall before we assemble. Both are just a short walk away.



**Getting there:** The Museum is at Horse Guards, Whitehall, SW1A 2AX. The nearest stations are Charing Cross, Westminster and Embankment.

### Timetable (approximate times)

10:45	Assemble in the Museum forecourt, Changing of the Guard.
11:00	Start guided tour of Museum
13:30	Leave together for lunch at The Moon
15:00	Finish lunch. Commence guided walk.
16.30	Refreshments at Garfunkel's, Cockspur St. Disperse.

**Size of party:** 10 to 20

**Cost** £10.00 Members pay for their food and travel.

**Contacts** Before the day: contact Tony Colclough at [tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk) or on 020 8398 0766. On the day: call 07930 171 307.

**Late arrivals** Call Tony on 07930 171 307 who will advise you to catch up with the programme.

### Map of the Area

