

# Institute of Physics LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH

## REMS SECTION

VINTNERS' HALL and St Katherine Dock + Tower Bridge  
Thursday 26 November 2015

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This visit has been organised by George Freeman

### Programme

**The Vintners' Company**, with its first charter in 1363, is ranked eleventh out of the Twelve Great Livery Companies of the City of London. The Company regulated the wine trade from the early times and continues strong links with the wine trade today. We will have a guided tour and after lunch explore Tower Bridge.

The Vintners' Company is on the site it has occupied since the 15<sup>th</sup> century, reaching from Upper Thames Street to the river. The site, and hence the building, has changed as widening the road took some of the early buildings away. The façade and entrance dates from 1910. Much of the interior dates from the rebuilding after the Great Fire and the building escaped with little damage from the war.

The Vintners and Dyers own some of the swans on the Thames between Eton and Abingdon. Both take part in the Swan Upping in the third week of July.

[www.vintnershall.co.uk](http://www.vintnershall.co.uk)

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The seal of the Company dated 1436



Our guide will be Major Stephen Marcham.

**After lunch**, Martin Olutniks, a blue badge guide, will take us around St Katherine Dock and the Tower Bridge. He will tell us the history of both and guide us over the bridge and take us to see the old lifting mechanism.

**MEET** at the Vintners' Hall for tea/coffee and biscuits and toilets. Go to the main entrance and enter under the flagpole. Cost included.

**LUNCH** can be taken in The Dickens Inn, Marble Quay, near Tower Hill E1W 1UH. Tower Hill station is two stops from Cannon Street underground Station. See map

10:30 – 11:00	Meet in Vintners' Hall for refreshment
11:00 – 12:30	Introduction and tour of hall
12:45 – 12:55	Tube to Tower Hill
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00	Assemble at the Dickens Inn and meet Martin
14:00 – 16:30	Afternoon tour and tea

### COSTS

£35 per person Minimum 15, maximum 30 people.

Lunch and tea at cost.

## CONTACTS

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