

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

GEORGIAN RICHMOND WALK

THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2008

Note the early start

This visit has been organised by George Freeman

There has been a settlement at **RICHMOND** since the medieval times with records going back to the 10th century. It was originally called Shene and many kings had a palace there with Henry VII building the last one and, in 1501, renaming the area Richmond as it reminded him of his property in Richmond, Yorkshire. Queen Elizabeth liked staying there and died there in 1603. The town became a fashionable place to live and there are many fine houses around the Green, along the riverside and on Richmond Hill. The views from the terrace are very fine.

John Moses, a Georgian Period expert, has very kindly organized an itinerary for us and will be our guide. He will show us some of the more important Georgian Houses around The Green with possible visits to view the outside and gardens of Asgill House, a Neo-Classical Villa (*with kind permission of Fred Hauptfuhrer*) and Trumpeters House, with Palladian additions (*with kind permission of Baron van Dedem*). After taking us along the river with a brief visit to the museum he will take us up Richmond Hill for some more houses and the famous views. Richmond Park is nearby and we will have a late lunch at Pembroke Lodge where Bertrand Russell spent much of his childhood. The views from Henry VIII Mound (possibly a signalling point between the Tower and Windsor Castle) can be good so let us hope we have a clear day. Bring binoculars.

www.pembroke-lodge.co.uk

If the day is fine and you want more, after lunch I will take you on a walk in Richmond Park.

MEET from 10.00, for a **10.30 start**, on the upper level of Richmond Station. Toilets, refreshments.

TRAVEL The station is on the mainline from Waterloo with two fast trains (for Reading) per hour taking about 20 minutes and two slow ones taking 30 minutes. The District line (five trains an hour) and the North London Line (four trains an hour) terminate there.

Many buses stop at the railway station.

Parking is difficult so please use public transport if you can. If you must drive, there is a public car park on the A316 (west bound) between the roundabout and river bridge. There is no right turn from the east bound carriage way. Walk to the SE corner and onto The Green and then to the station.

A late **LUNCH** (possibly about 14.00) will be taken at Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park.

AFTER lunch you will be guided back down the hill to Richmond Station or taken around the park.

Please wear stout, comfortable shoes.

COSTS

£ 4 per person Maximum 30 people.

Lunch and tea at cost.

CONTACTS

Prior to visit – Reinalt Vaughan-Williams - email reinalt@physics.org; 020 – 8946 3399

On morning of visit only – George Freeman 07941 916 944

Late joiners phone me for directions. We will start on Richmond Green and be near Asgill House about 11.15.

