

HARWICH and BUOY YARD, TRINITY HOUSE
Thursday 12 May 2011

This meeting has been organised by George Freeman

TRINITY HOUSE maintains lighthouses and vessels and many other aids to navigation. We visited Trinity House, London in February and the Harwich building is the operational base. We will be told of the history of the establishment, see the control room and cross the road to the BUOY YARD where the buoys, lamps, etc are stored and repaired and where their ships sail from. Our guide will be Paul Howe. The timing for the tour is to suit their daily schedule of work.

HARWICH is a very old port at the mouth of the River Stour with many Georgian buildings and earlier. Many of the buildings and services still exist but many were damaged in the war. There was a Naval Port but this is now a commercial one (Navyard Wharf). Our guide, Andy Schooler, will take us around the town and show us some of the features such as the upper and lower light houses (originally used to guide ships into the harbour but no longer used as that route is silted), the double tread wheel for lifting goods and the early electric cinema. The town is very small.

MEET in the cafe on Ha'penny Pier for refreshments (near 8 on the map). Those travelling by train can meet me on the Harwich Town station platform and we will walk to Ha'penny pier.

LUNCH will be at the Crown Post Restaurant, Church Street.

09.00 – 10.22	Train from Liverpool Street Station.
11.00 – 11.30	Assemble in the cafe on Ha'penny Pier for refreshments
11.30	Walk to Trinity House
11.45 – 14.15	Tour of Trinity House and Buoy Yard
14.30 – 15.30	Lunch
15.30 – 17.00	Guided tour of Harwich
17.00 or 18.00	Train to London

TRAVEL

By **TRAIN**: the 09.00 from Liverpool Street Station to HARWICH TOWN arrives at 10.22, changing at Manningtree (5 minutes wait but on a different platform). **MAKE SURE YOU BOARD THE CORRECT HALF OF THE TRAIN.** There are no refreshments on this train. The track goes along the estuary. Look out for the depot of components for off-shore wind turbines. Single tickets for the outward journey should cost in the region of £9.00. The return journey is cheaper and I suggest the train at 16.53 arriving London 18.17. Advance Booking is recommended when the new timetable is published, possibly in April.

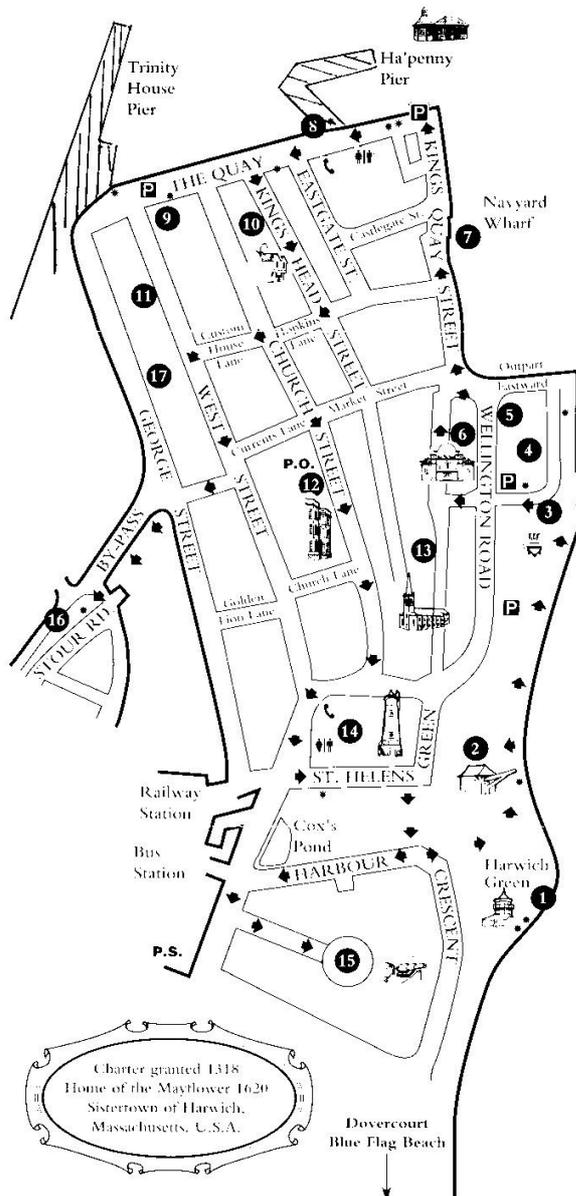
For those travelling by **CAR**, parking on the Quay is about £10 all day. Nearby, on the sea front, some parks are free. Trinity House is CO12 3JW

LATE ARRIVALS Phone me or John

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COSTS: £6 each. For a maximum of 20 Refreshments at cost.



- 1 Low Lighthouse
(Maritime Museum)
 - 2 Treadwheel Crane
 - 3 Lifeboat Museum
 - 4 Angelgate/Timberfields
 - 5 The Mural
 - 6 Electric Palace Cinema
 - 7 Navyard Wharf
(Former Naval Shipyard)
 - 8 Ha'penny Pier Visitor Centre and Quay
 - 9 Trinity House Depot
 - 10 Christopher Jones House
 - 11 Old Custom House
 - 12 The Guildhall
 - 13 St. Nicholas Church
 - 14 High Lighthouse
(Fireless Museum)
 - 15 The Redoubt Fort
 - 16 Bathside Battery
 - 17 Barge Murals
- ☪ Public Convenience
 - Ⓟ Car Parking
 - ☎ Public Telephone
 - P.S. Police Station
 - Information Panel
 - P.O. Post Office

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Massachusetts, U.S.A.

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