

Toddington U3a – Victoria Embankment 5-mile walk – 18TH October

We will be travelling by train from Harlington train station, and I would strongly advise you to purchase your train tickets for London Stations no later than Friday 15th October. As the ticket office is not open on a Sunday, you would then have to use the ticket machines outside the station, which may or may not be working.

Group save & discount rail cards should be used wherever possible.

For best prices on rail travel, I would suggest buying your tickets from the online National Rail Enquiries web site.

If you enter Flitwick as the leaving station and London Blackfriars as the destination station, you will be able to get a group save ticket for three persons or more for £38.00, which = £12.70 each.

If you enter Harlington as the leaving station, the cost for three persons rises to £48.60, which = £16.20 per person, as Harlington is now classed as a premium station as tap & go is now available, so prices have gone up and not all discounts are now available.

You should be able to have the tickets forwarded straight to your mobile device wallet or be able to collect them from the ticket machine outside the station.

A ticket with a senior rail card can be brought either online or from the station ticket office (if it is open), and again these tickets can be sent straight to your mobile device wallet or be able to collect from the ticket machine outside the station.

Parking at the train station on a Sunday is £3.90 for all day. You pay by the APOCA cashless parking app, which you must download, or use the scan & pay system. No on-site cash payments can be made. Alternatively, the village hall car park may have some spaces if football is not on.

We will be catching the **09:48** service from Harlington leaving from platform 1 to Blackfriars arriving at **10.47**.

We will be travelling in the rear end carriages.

Upon reaching London Blackfriars & when leaving the train, take a left turn and go up to and pass through the ticket barrier, where we will meet directly at the bottom of the escalators in the station lobby.

Toilets are located here and I would suggest that you use the facilities while they are available,

Once in Blackfriars, we shall commence our walk around various locations of interest, and a short commentary will be given concerning each location.

I would advise that you take some 20p & 50p coins with you as some of the facilities you may wish to use are payment operated.

Some of you may wish to stop for refreshments and there are many opportunities along the way.

Hopefully we will have nice weather, and I plan to stop for a picnic lunch in Victoria Tower Gardens for approximately ½ hour, where seating is available.

We then continue our tour, making our way back along the South Bank and onto Blackfriars for our return to Harlington.

Please note that this walk is undertaken at your own risk.

Suitable clothing & footwear should be worn for city walking along with any medication you may require during the day.