

A guided walk with Charlie Forman
WHO NEEDS DOCTORS ANYWAY?
A HISTORY OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN LONDON
from Regent's Park to Shaftesbury Avenue
11.00-1.00pm, Wednesday 23 October 2024



London's population tripled between 1800 and 1860. There was no precedent for managing the public health demands of the explosion, which led to diseases from cholera to typhus, festering sewage, unburied bodies, sulphurous smogs and food unfit for human consumption. On our walk from the Royal College of Physicians we will meet inspirational individuals like John Snow and the enlightened vestries who joined the struggle against disease. Vestries were an early form of local government connected to local churches, working within parish boundaries, appointing church wardens and sextons who buried the dead and collecting and administering the poor rate, a tax on property levied in each parish which was used to provide poor relief. In this walk we will cover the vestry of St James's Piccadilly, which made a significant contribution to improving public health in the area.

The walk costs £16 p.p. The loo/refreshment break (not included in the cost) will be at the Photographers' Gallery in Ramillies St about two-thirds through the walk, which will be led by Charlie Forman. **Bookings must be received and paid for by Wed 2 October** and we need at least 15 people to go ahead. Friends and family are welcome.

Please meet for an 11.00 start in St Andrew's Place outside the Royal College of Physicians where Park Square East joins the Outer Circle (map overleaf). The nearest tube is Great Portland St; Baker St and Regents Park are also nearby. The walk ends near Piccadilly Circus.

There will be a flight of stairs to negotiate but there is a wheelchair alternative.

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EITHER: BOOK AND PAY ONLINE

Email Christine at info@theartssocietydulwich.org.uk with

- The names of those coming on the walk
- Your/their emergency contact details (if we don't have them from previous walks or visits)
- Confirmation that you have paid The Arts Society Dulwich £16 per person: account no. 20268097; sort code 20-94-48; reference OCTWALK

OR: BOOK BY CHEQUE AND POST

Complete form and send with your cheque for £16.00 per person payable to The Arts Society Dulwich to Christine Brandon, 48 Alleyn Park, London SE21 8SF

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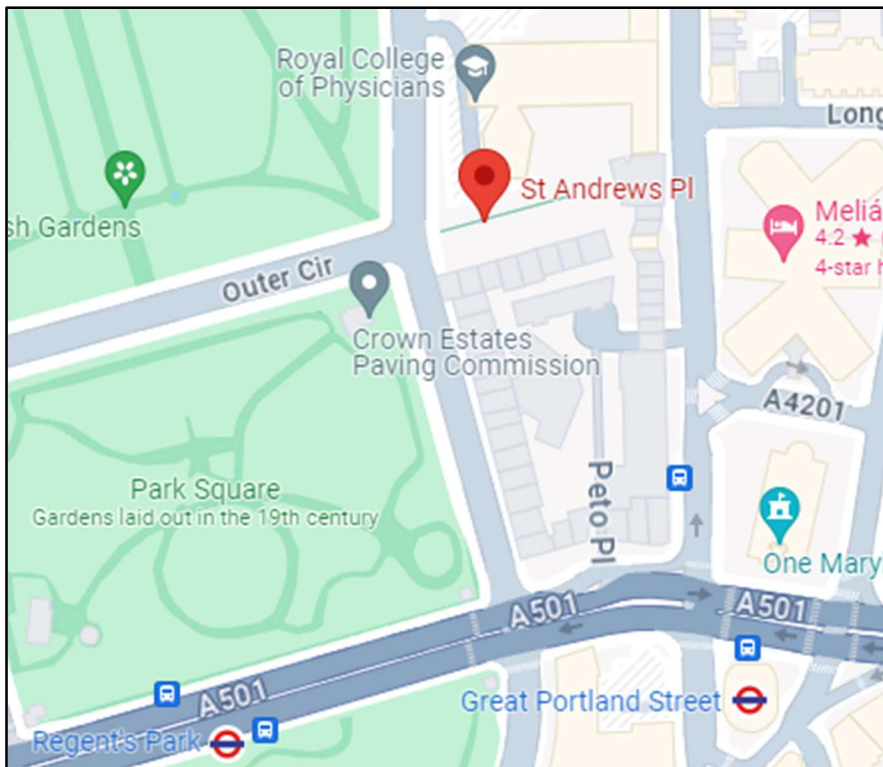
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Contact on the day: Christine Brandon 07771 974 635