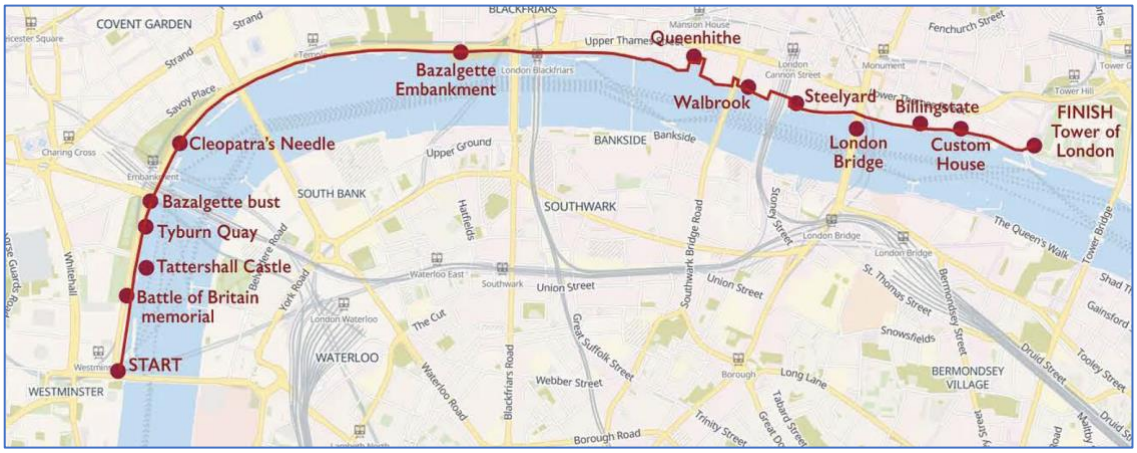
The Photography Group *(Kevin Lucas)*

For the first time in London's history, it is now possible to walk along the north bank of the Thames, from the Houses of Parliament to the Tower of London, without straying more than a few paces from the river. This has been made possible by the opening in January 2026 of the Bazalgette Embankment near Blackfriars Bridge.



The route – 2.4 miles and very easy to follow

In May 2024, London's new super sewer was connected to the Lee Tunnel, which has been in operation since 2016 – completing the full 'London Tideway Tunnel' network. Blackfriars is one of Tideway's largest and most important sites, located on the north bank of the Thames to the west of the Blackfriars Road Bridge.

Bazalgette Embankment is named after the great Victorian engineer Sir Joseph Bazalgette, and accounts for half of the three acres of new land reclaimed from the Thames through the project.

On Thursday 24th September the Photography Group completed this walk which had originally been planned for June, but the very hot temperatures had forced it to be postponed until more acceptable weather. It was a beautiful day and an easy flat walk which we all enjoyed.

If you are interested in doing this walk, leave the ticket hall of Westminster tube station via exit 1 then turn left onto the Embankment. Keeping the river on your right-hand side just walk towards the City!



Some of the Group !!

By the time we had reached Bazalgette Embankment the Group had spread out somewhat, but we wanted a Group photo that included The Shard, which is a regular sight in many of our London walks. My apologies to the Group members who are not included in the photo!

Here is a selection of photographs taken by the Group.



Denise Reddington



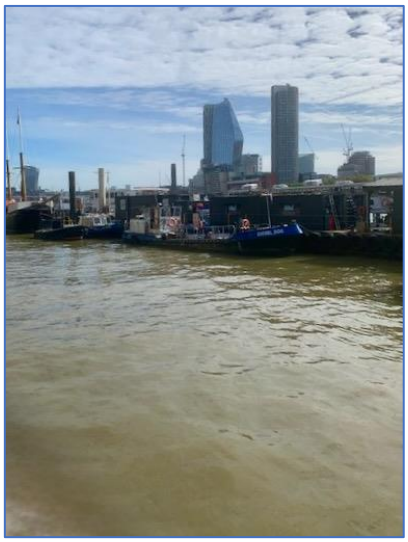
Stephanie Kerstein



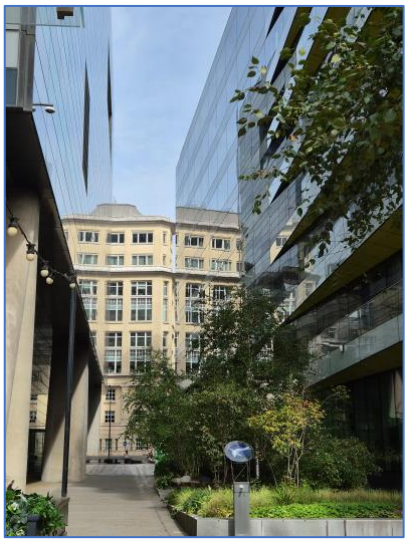
Anne Harriman



Cathy Lee



Sue Bird



Pauline Leadley



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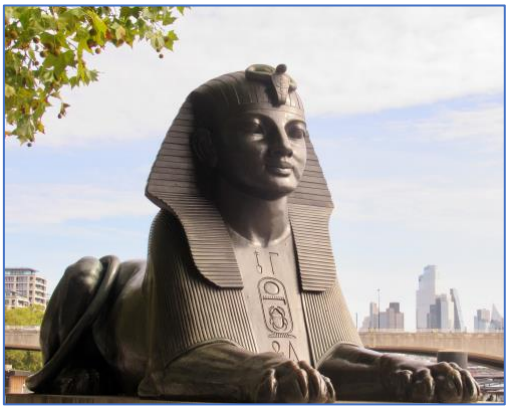

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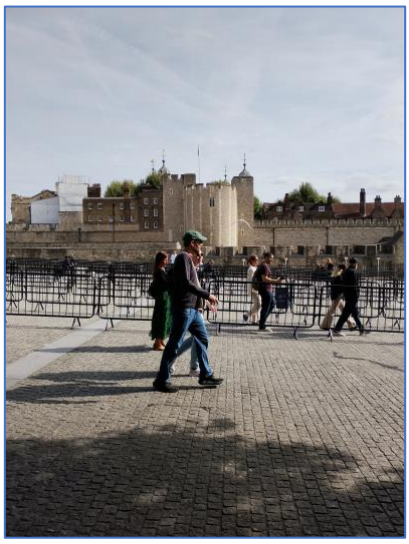

Karen Wood



Fiona Lucas



Lorraine Lynes



Sam Blitz



Yvonne Hall



Kevin Lucas

Due to holidays (again) there is no outing planned for October but all Buckhurst Hill u3a members are invited to take part in an Autumn challenge. Take a photo with an Autumn theme and send it to me at the email address noted below. The best entries will be published in a future newsletter.

The next outing is planned for 26th November and will be a visit to the very atmospheric Brompton Cemetery which we last visited in November 2017! This will be our final outing of the year.

To join the Photography Group, no special expertise or equipment is normally required, indeed, most of the group are now taking photographs using their Smartphones. Members with no interest in photography are welcome to join us purely for the outings. We have visited some very interesting locations in London.

Please contact me for further information.