

## KINGS CROSS REGENERATION TRIP



Thankfully the weather was dry for our guided visit around the Kings Cross area. This visit was the first trip that your Social Committee has arranged using public transport. 50 members met by the iconic statue of The Meeting by Paul Day, with our blue badge guides, Christine and Sean, who explained the significance of this piece of sculpture. On a lower level there

is a life size statue of the poet John Betjeman who campaigned so vigorously to save our Victorian Heritage.

The newest square in London is situated here and named Granary Square, the large warehouses now home to St.Martins School of Art. Just two of the many gasometers which were between St. Pancras and Kings Cross Station have now been re-sited and the old St. Pancras Coal and Goods Yard has now been turned into the Camley Street Nature Reserve. Another building currently being refurbished will become a Jamie Oliver cookery school. Google too are planning to build their new European Headquarters by Kings Cross Station.

The afternoon was left free, some members taking advantage of visiting The House of Illustration a new Art Gallery, The British Library to do some research, and the newly opened Frances Crick Institute as the Visitor Centre has just recently opened on Thursday afternoons only. A few of us walked along the canal towpath enjoying the sunshine.

Due to the success of this outing the Social Committee is planning a visit to Historical Spitalfields in September.

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