

# The CRY UK 2012 River Thames Valentines Night Walk



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**Saturday 31 March 2012 - Prompt 4.30pm start for briefing**

**Meeting Point** – Outside MI6 building, Vauxhall Bridge Road, Vauxhall, London SW8

[Very near Vauxhall underground (Victoria line) and mainline stations]

## Important Safety Notes

Stay with the leader

Only cross busy roads at traffic lights

Be polite to the public and not too noisy

Stay out of the river

Always walk on pavements

Stick to the route

Drink plenty of water

At the end register completion

On the day phone 07930 387 889 or 07940 589 732 in case of an emergency

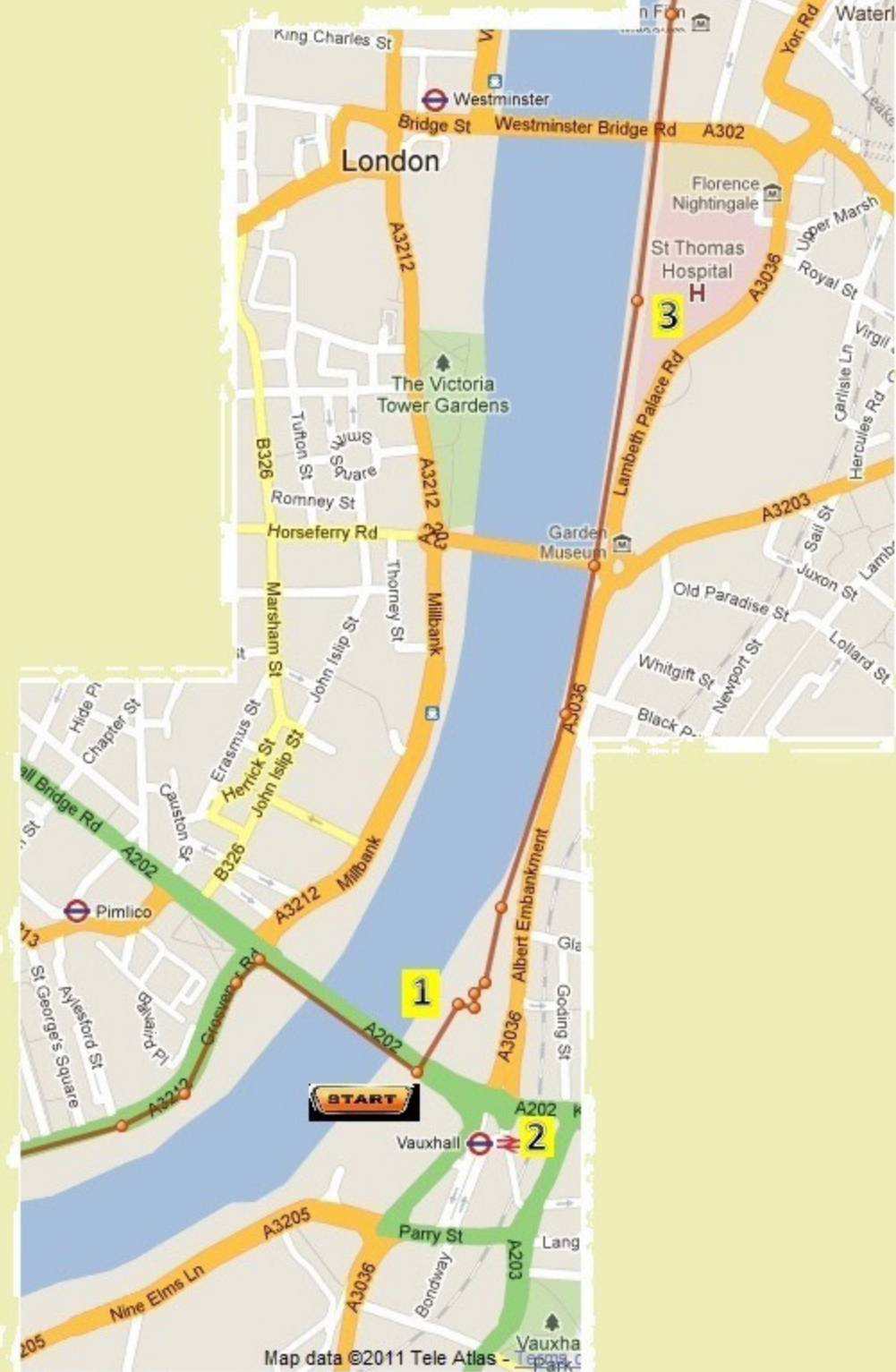
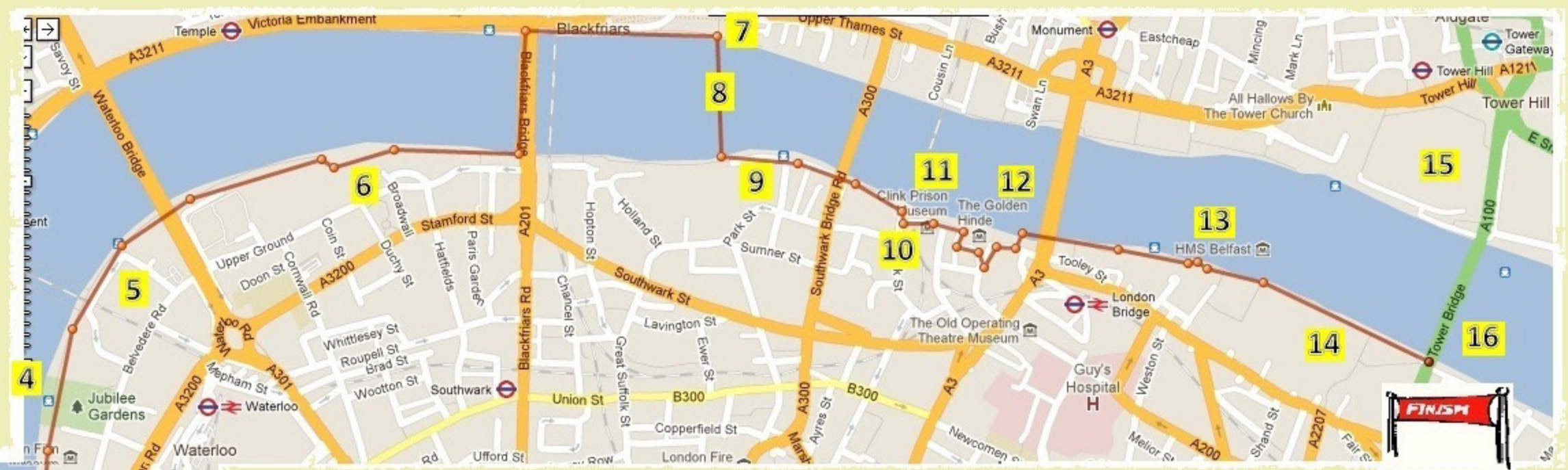
## Distances in kilometres

1.70 Vauxhall to Westminster

0.85 Westminster to Waterloo

2.50 Waterloo to London

0.85 London to Tower Bridge



- 1** MI6 first derived from the Secret Service Bureau, founded in 1909 was a joint initiative of the Admiralty and the War Office.
- 2** Vauxhall Interchange has a dramatic solar panel 200 m long roof angled like a ski slope, is made of stainless steel and cost £4 million.
- 3** St. Thomas' Hospital has provided health care freely or under charitable auspices since the 12th century.
- 4** Houses of Parliament The first royal palace was built on the site in the eleventh century, and residence of the Kings of England until a fire destroyed much of the complex in 1512.
- 5** The London Eye is the tallest observation wheel ever built. It carries some 15,000 visitors a day in 32 capsules, taking 30 minutes to go around.
- 6** The South Bank is built on the site of the 1951 Festival of Britain. It contains the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Hayward Gallery
- 7** The Oxo Tower The company wanted illuminated signs advertising the name of their product but permission was refused. Instead the tower was built with four sets of three vertically-aligned windows, each of which in the shape of a circle, a cross and a circle, cleverly spelling out OXO.
- 8** Millennium Bridge Londoners nicknamed the bridge the "Wobbly Bridge" after participants in a charity walk felt an unexpected, and, for some, uncomfortable, swaying motion on the first two days after the bridge opened. The bridge was closed later that day for two years.
- 9** St. Paul's Cathedral is a Church of England cathedral dedicated to Paul the Apostle. It sits at the top of Ludgate Hill, the highest point in the City of London. It is reckoned to be London's fifth *St Paul's Cathedral*, all having been built on the same site since AD 604.
- 10** The Globe Theatre In 1613 the Globe Theatre went up in flames during a performance of Henry the Eighth. A cannon, set off during the performance, misfired, igniting the beams and thatching. No one was hurt except a man whose burning breeches were put out with a bottle of ale.
- 11** The Clink Prison area contains the oldest prison for both men and women dating from the 12th century. Burned down during the Gordon Riots of 1780 it was never rebuilt. The murals under the bridge depict London's first Frost Fair, held on the ice when the Thames froze over in 1564.
- 12** The Golden Hind This handsome replica has also circumnavigated the world. She was originally known as the Pelican, but renamed by Drake in mid-voyage in 1577, as he prepared to enter the Strait of Magellan. He returned from his year-long voyage laden with amazing treasures.
- 13** HMS Belfast A veteran of the World War II Normandy Landings had its final battle with the German battleship Scharnhorst
- 14** City Hall is the home of the Greater London Authority costing £65million. It has a 500m helical walkway, ascending the full height of the building.
- 15** The Tower of London has served variously as an armoury, a treasury, a menagerie, the home of the Royal Mint, a public records office, and the home of the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom.
- 16** Tower Bridge. A popular urban legend is that in 1968, Robert McCulloch, bought the old London Bridge that was shipped to Lake Havasu City, Arizona, believed that he was in fact buying Tower Bridge.