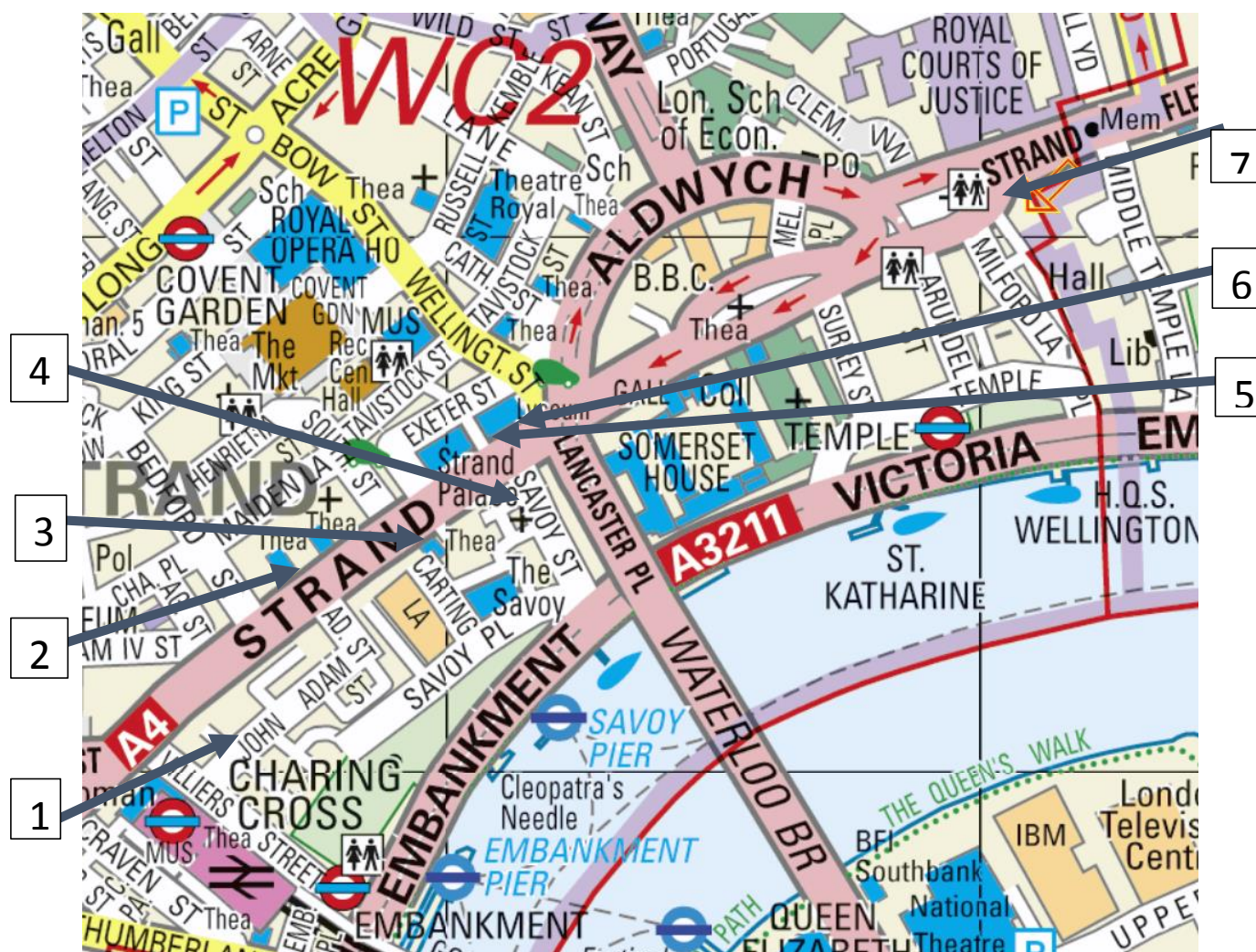


Stand Pub Crawl

Friday, 3rd January 2014



- 1. 6:00pm – 6:50pm. Theodore Bullfrog, 26 – 30 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HL**

A good starting point due mainly to its close proximity to Charing Cross. Food looks reasonable so might be a good choice for anyone who wants to eat early but most of the other pubs on the crawl also do food. A good selection of ales available too.

- 2. 6:50pm – 7:40pm. Nell Gwynne, 1-2 Bull Inn Court, Strand, London, WC2R 0NP**

Tricky pub to find as down an alley off the Strand (around 408 Strand near the Santander Bank) but one of London's hidden gems, the Nell is a small but homely boozer and not as touristy as its location and cosy size would make you think. It is tiny so hopefully the weather will be allow for overflow into the alley. Usually three or four decent ales on tap. Be careful when heading to and from the loo, the staircase is just as tricky as the North Face of the Eiger.

3. 7:40pm – 8:40pm. Coal Hole, 91-92 Strand, London WC2R 0DW

Large and busy Nicholson's pub very close to the Savoy Hotel. Beer selection is varied – reflecting Nicholson's commitment to real ales. Food looked good and the portions were large. I will probably eat here so have added a few minutes to our time here.

4. 8:40pm – 9:30pm. The Savoy Tup, 2, Savoy Street, Strand, London, WC2R 0BA

Lurking just off the Strand and just out of sight of most tourists is the Savoy Tup. I don't think they do food but have a few decent beers on the hand pumps. It's not a pub that'll feature in the annals of pub history, but it does the job pretty well for this area.

5. 9:30pm – 10:20pm. Lyceum, 354 Strand, London WC2R 0HS

A busy Sam Smith's pub – so cheap drinking and food available. They still have the cask bitter which not all Sam Smiths pubs do. Token homage is paid to the origins of the pub's name with the display of some theatre-related imagery around the walls.

6. 10:20pm – 11:10pm. Wellington, 351 Strand, London WC2R 0HS

Popular Nicholson's pub with the Edwardian interior and much improved in recent years. A good selection of real ales is available. By all accounts this is the best pub on the crawl so we might well stay here until closing time at 11:30pm.

7. 11:15pm – 12:00. The George, 213 Strand, WC2R 1AP

For those looking to stay out a little later The George stay open later than the surrounding pubs. The wonderful timber-framed building hints at a long and colourful past. Unfortunately, the inside doesn't quite live up to the exterior. However, it's claimed that this used to be Samuel Johnson and Horace Walpole both drank here.