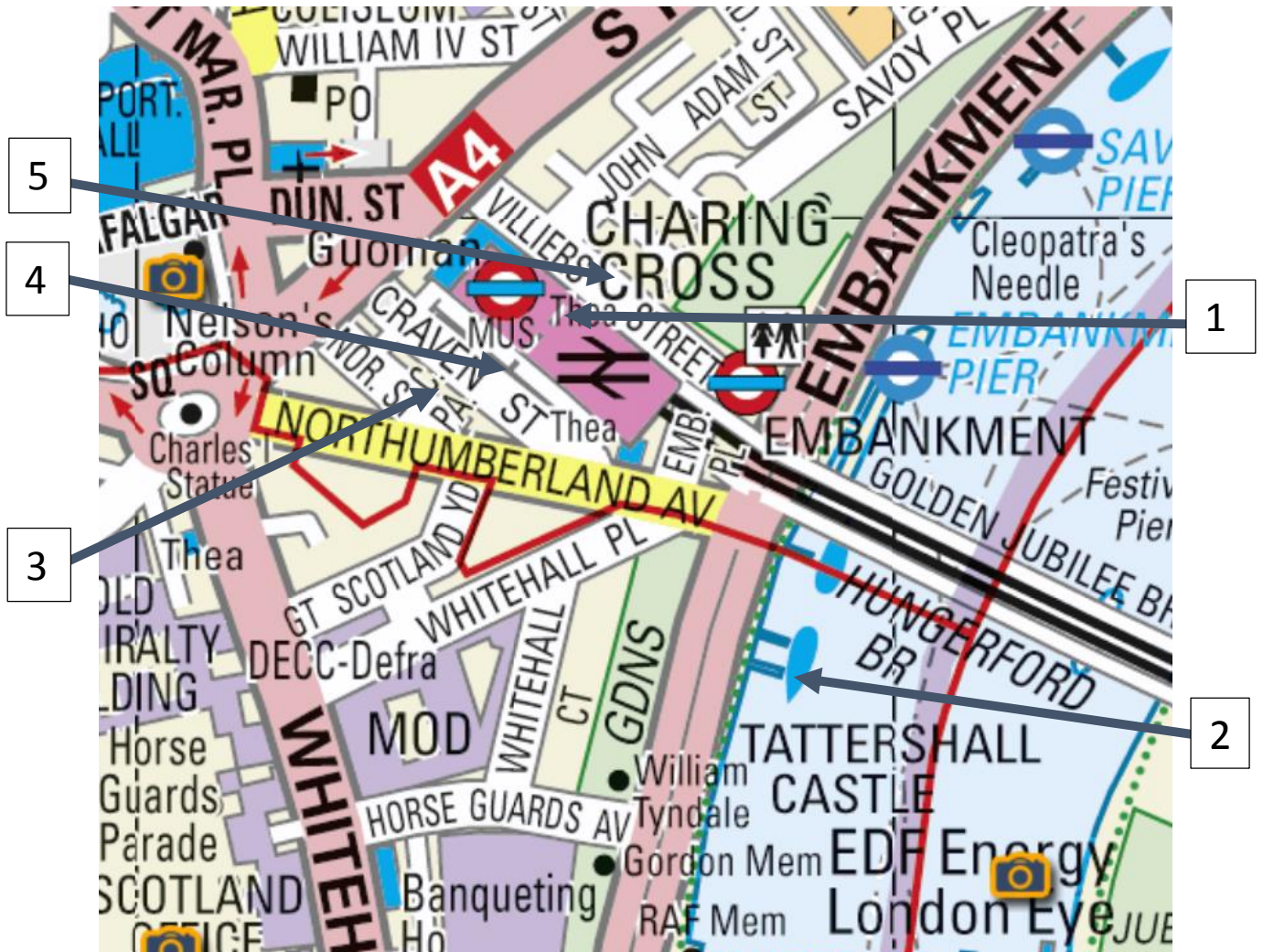


Pub Crawl



Noel Burger is your host for the night.

The Monopoly themed crawl takes us to Northumberland Avenue. There are no pubs on the Avenue itself but some good ones very close by including a floating bar on the river where we can hopefully enjoy the last of summer.

Please note that Bakerloo and Northern line trains are not stopping at Embankment Station. The District and Circle lines are still stopping but otherwise Charing Cross is closest.

Full details of First Friday pub crawls can now be found at www.marquisdegeek.com/ff

1. 6:00pm – 6:45pm. The Beer House, Charing Cross Station, London, WC2N 5HS.

We'll start with a quick visit to this small station bar adjacent to platform 1 on the main concourse at Charing Cross station. Specialising in craft beers including those brewed at the Greenwich based Meantime Brewery. We won't linger long here as it has no loos!



2. 6:50pm – 8:55pm. Tattershall Castle, Victoria Embankment, SW1A 2HR

The original plan to visit the RS Hispaniola has been thwarted by someone booking the entire boat. We will therefore spend longer than intended on the Tattershall Castle, which is not a bad thing at all as the Met Office has promised me great weather courtesy of hurricane Cristobal.

This former passenger ferry from the Humber estuary was the first civil vessel to carry radar. Now permanently moored on the Thames for our enjoyment. The on-deck BBQ offers good value burger with a more extensive menu downstairs. I will almost certainly eat here. A few decent beers but mostly we are here for the view of the London Eye and Houses of Parliament.



3. 9:00pm – 10:00pm. Sherlock Holmes, 10-11 Northumberland Street, WC2N 5DB

As the name implies there is no shortage of Sherlock Holmes related memorabilia inside including a recreation of the sitting room and study from 221B Baker Street. Most of the items date back to the Festival of Britain in 1957 making it a must-see attraction for fans. Greene King range of beers, some rebadged with Sherlock related names. The restaurant should be open until 10pm.



4. 10:00pm – 11:00pm. Ship and Shovell, Craven Passage, Charing Cross, WC2N 5PH

Attractive, listed pub that is uniquely divided into two halves on opposite sides of the passage. We will probably be in the larger side on the left if coming from the Sherlock. Named after Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovell whose portrait hangs in the main bar, along with a description of his fleet's grounding off the Scilly Isles in 1707, drowning him and two thousand of his men. This catastrophe inspired the Admiralty to offer the famous Longitude prize for an accurate timekeeper. Badger beers such as K&B Sussex Bitter and Tanglefoot on offer.



5. 11:00pm – Closing. The Princess of Wales, 27 Villiers Street, WC2N 6ND

Nicholson's pub named in memory of George IV's first wife, married in secret and never to become his queen. Typical range of Nicholson's beers including a few guest ales and close to Charing Cross for the inevitable journey home.

