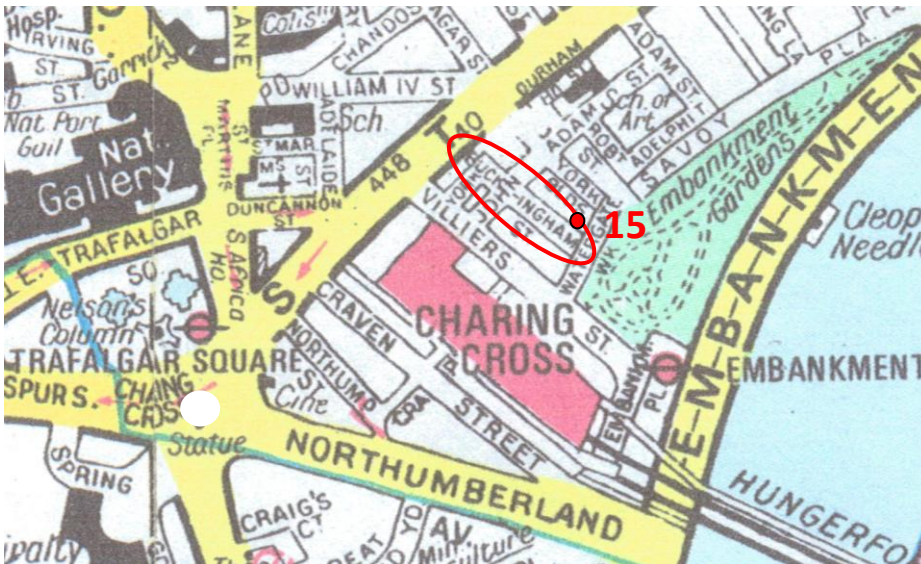


COMMEMORATING WILLIAM SMITH AT 15 BUCKINGHAM STREET, WC2N 6DU  
HIS HOME FROM 1804-1819

23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 at 16:30. Sir David Attenborough to Unveil Memorial Plaque

William Smith lived at 15 Buckingham Street from 1804 to 1819. To commemorate him, a plaque is being unveiled on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 at 16:30 on the modern building occupying the same address. Sir David Attenborough will unveil the plaque. All are welcome to attend. Following the unveiling the Geological Society is holding a Bicentenary Lunch for Sponsors which is now a free, but 'ticketed' event. At the Lunch there will be an opportunity to see a recently discovered 1815 map and a presentation of a new and very impressive website, William Smith's Maps-*Interactive*. Please contact [annie.sewell@geolsoc.org.uk](mailto:annie.sewell@geolsoc.org.uk) for tickets. The Geological Society is 1km or 20-30 minute walk from Buckingham Street and the Bicentenary Lunch opens at 17:30 for a 18:00 start.

The nearest tube stations are Embankment and Charing Cross. The best approach is via Watergate Walk reached by a short stairs down from Villiers Street. In Smith's day, his house sat at the river's edge by York Watergate. The latter remains, within the reclaimed land of Embankment Gardens. London's oldest wine bar would be a convenient shelter; it is situated on Watergate Walk between Villiers and Buckingham Streets.



Sketch of 15 Buckingham Street as William Smith knew it.



2014 view of present 15 Buckingham Street from Watergate Walk.