

## Visit to The Tates

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007 forty-eight members of the Society visited the Tates. We went first to Tate Modern where we met our two guides, Valerie Woodgate and Linda Smith, both of whom have lectured to the Society. They took us round the galleries, talking enthusiastically and in interesting detail about a number of paintings and sculptures. The insights they gave helped us to understand the techniques, the stories behind the works, the symbolism and the messages the artists were trying to convey.

After a lovely lunch (ooh, that chocolate dessert!) overlooking St. Paul's, we headed for the river where a boat took us to Tate Britain. More fascinating explanations and stories were given there. Most of us left feeling that we had been walking past much art, especially modern art, with our eyes closed. Our guides sparked a thirst to know more and most of us resolved to go again to the Tates very soon.

Congratulations and thanks to Jill Sturgess, the Visits Secretary, who arranged this excellent day.