



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master 2021-22: Allan Fallshaw

7th March 2022

Dear Member

VISIT TO H. FORMAN & SON ON WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

You are cordially invited to visit the firm of H. Forman & Son on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 11:30 a.m. They are located at Fish Island, Hackney Wick, E3 2NT. This is where the firm's famous London Cure Smoked Salmon – a gourmet food with protected status – is produced. The firm also produces specialities for leading food retailers and their chefs create restaurant-quality dishes for fine dining establishments across the world.

It is said there is no smoke without fire – except when friction burning oak logs create the perfect amount of smoke required to prepare the salmon. During our tour of the smokehouse we will see fish being filleted, salted, rope hung, smoked and sliced. We will marvel at the Willy Wonka-esque kilns and watch a fish carving demonstration. Prior to visiting the smokehouse we will be provided with protective overalls, and we are all advised to wear warm clothing and closed footwear as it will be chilly in the smokehouse. It will be worth taking your cameras.

The factory is accessible; however, if you need access to the lift please indicate on the attached booking form.

Following the tour those who wish to have lunch will adjourn to the on-site riverside restaurant and bar for a two-course salmon meal and a glass of wine. Please indicate any dietary requirements on the attached booking form.

The cost of the tour is £26.00 and the lunch £29.00, making a total of £55.00 per person. Please return the attached booking form as soon as possible and at the latest by Monday, 28th March.

Travel arrangements

The nearest station is Hackney Wick which is on the Clapham Junction/Richmond to Stratford branch of the London Overground. However, it may be easier to travel to Stratford which is on the Jubilee and Central tube lines as well as the London Overground, TFL Rail, c2c and Greater Anglia rail lines. From Stratford it is only one stop on the London Overground to Hackney Wick. I will be at that station to direct you to H. Forman.

Please be at Hackney Wick station by 11:15 a.m. at the latest to make the 7-8 minute walk to Formans. There are trains scheduled to leave Stratford at 10:59 and 11:05 for the three-minute journey to Hackney Wick.

We anticipate that lunch will finish at approximately 14:45/15:00. It has been suggested that, for those who are interested and weather permitting, we then have a short walk through the adjacent Olympic Park where we can pass the Stadium and the Aqua Centre. This will be a casual walk which will take approximately 30 minutes to Stratford station.

Kind regards

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Allan Fallshaw

ALDERSGATE WARD CLUB

BOOKING FORM

Visit To H. Forman & Son
Wednesday, 6th April 2022

Please return this booking form by 28th March to:

Allan Fallshaw
18 Alloway Close
Woking
Surrey GU21 3HY

Email: allan-awc@hotmail.com

I wish to visit Formans on Wednesday 6th April

Number of places for the tour at £26.00 each

I need access to the lift YES / NO

Number of places for lunch at £29.00 each

Dietary requirements

I have paid £..... by Bank Transfer to
NATWEST BANK, 134 Aldersgate Street Branch, London EC1A 4JA
Sort Code: 60-05-37
Account number: 45430462
Reference: *Surname – Formans*

OR
I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Aldersgate Ward Club

NAME OF MEMBER ATTENDING TOUR

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS

GUEST(S) (full name(s))