



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Visit to Drapers' Hall on Friday 6 November 2026.

Ron Wood, Senior Warden, invites you to the first event of his year as Master.



Drapers' Hall in Throgmorton Street was bought from King Henry VIII in 1543, having previously been the home of Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex, before he was executed in 1540. It was destroyed by the Great Fire of 1666, and rebuilt to designs by Edward Jarman. A second fire in 1772 did considerable damage and the Hall was once again rebuilt, this time to the designs of John Gorham. Further changes were made in the 1860s and again in 1898-9. On each occasion the Hall was new-fronted and the interiors altered, notably the Drawing Room and Court Dining Room in the 1860s and the Main Staircase and Livery Hall in the 1890s. The stunning red portrait of King Charles III by Jonathan Yeo was commissioned by the Drapers' Company.

Our visit will commence with tea and coffee from 10.30am. At 11.00am we shall begin a guided tour of the building, lasting approximately two hours. Afterwards, we shall adjourn for lunch at the nearby Brasserie Blanc in Threadneedle Street.

We are limited to 25 places for this visit, so if you would like to attend, please complete the attached booking form and return it as soon as possible. The closing date is 23 October 2026.

I look forward to seeing you on this, my first event after being installed as Master at the AGM on 28 October.

Ron Wood

Senior Warden.

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BOOKING FORM

**Visit to Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street EC2N 2DQ
followed by
Lunch at Brasserie Blanc, 80 Threadneedle Street EC2R 8HP
Friday 6 November 2026**

Please reserve places at £80 each.

Pay the total amount via Electronic Fund Transfer to :
Aldersgate Ward Club, account number 45430462, sort code 60-05-37.
Reference your first name and surname.

Alternatively, send a cheque payable to Aldersgate Ward Club for the total amount to:
Ron Wood, 6 St Hilda's Road, London SW13 9JE.

Member: **Telephone:**
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Address:
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Email:
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Guests:
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Please complete the attached Menu Choices + dietary requests for yourself (and your guests).

Email your details on this Booking Form and your Menu Choices to
ronalexwood@yahoo.co.uk

Or post to Ron Wood, 6 St Hilda's Road, London SW13 9JE.

To arrive before 23 October 2026

**PLEASE NOTE: your place is not assured until Ron has acknowledged
receipt of your booking and confirmed that you have a place.**

Brasserie Blanc
3 Course Lunch Menu

Please tick or circle the item you wish to order

Soufflé au Fromage - *twice baked soufflé, coastal Cheddar sauce*

Terrine de Betterave - *beetroot terrine, horseradish sorbet*

Croquette de Crabe du Devon et Mâis - *crab and corn croquette, watercress & apple salad*

Soupe à l'Oignon - *French onion soup, Gruyère cheese, croutons*

Ballotine de Poulet - *chicken, truffled celeriac mash, wild mushrooms, French beans*

Cabillaud à la Grenobloise - *cod, mashed potatoes, brown butter, capers, persillade*

Pavé de Rumstek (+£5 supplement) - *8 oz rump steak, pepper sauce, French fries*

Crêpes Franc-Comtoise - *spinach, mushroom & Swiss chard pancakes, cheese, salad*

Crème Brûlée - *creamy vanilla custard, caramelised sugar topping*

Baba au Rhum - *Rum Chantilly cream, marinated mini figs*

Mousse au Chocolat noir - *Callebaut dark chocolate mousse, chocolate shards*

Selection de Glaces (3) - *vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, raspberry, mango, lemon*

WINE

(included up to half a bottle each)

White - *La Loupe Grenache Blanc, Pays d'Oc*

Red - *Garrus Rouge, Languedoc*

Please detail any allergy or dietary requirements