



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master 2024-25: Phillipa White

7 September 2025



"Please, sir, I want some more"

Dear Friends

We hope you will join us on Wednesday 22 October for a visit to Charles Dickens House and Museum. This is an additional event to those initially published and replaces the RNLI visit which has been postponed. The house is Dickens only surviving home in London and gives an insight into both his life and work. He wrote both *Oliver Twist* and *Nicholas Nickleby* when living at the house, and the layout and furnishings are, as close as possible to how they were in Dicken's day.

The Charles Dickens Museum, which is next door to his house, holds the world's most important Dickens collection with over 100,000 items including manuscripts, rare editions, personal items, paintings and other visual sources.

We shall meet at 48 Doughty St. London WC1N 2LX at 11.00am and depending on group size we may be split into two subgroups as the house can only accommodate 15 people at any one time. There is a gift shop and café too if you arrive early or are waiting to go round the house. As a nineteenth century house, the stairs are mostly carpeted and the route around the house is one way. The building has a platform lift, operated on request, which accesses four of the five floors. The design and age of the building means the lift cannot access the servants' quarters and nursery in the attic however these rooms can be viewed via an interactive digital tour. Visitors exit the historic house through the museum next door.

The visit is expected to last one to 1.5 hours, after which we shall take a short walk down the road to the Lady Ottoline pub at 11a Northington St WC1N 2JF for lunch. The inclusive cost of the visit is £55 which includes both Dickens House and the Museum, and a two-course lunch with wine, beer or a soft drink. Please include your choices for main course and dessert from the attached menu, and also indicate if you are NOT over 60 years of age.

I would appreciate you letting me know if you will be joining us by Tuesday 30 September so that I can confirm numbers to the Museum.

Many thanks and best regards.

Phillipa White
Master 2024-25

Lady Ottoline Pub Menu

MAINS

1. Beer-battered haddock, chips, mushy peas, pickled onion and tartare sauce
2. The Lady Ottoline Beef Burger, bacon, cheese, lettuce, relish, pickle, chips
3. Crispy chicken burger with a buffalo glaze, spicy coleslaw and chips
4. Pie of the day, mashed potatoes, greens and gravy

DESSERTS

5. Seasonal crumble, crème anglaise
6. Chocolate brownie, vanilla ice cream
7. ICE CREAM. Chocolate, Salted Caramel or Vegan Vanilla

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BOOKING FORM

Visit to the Charles Dickens House and Museum Wednesday 22 October 2025

Please reserve places at £55 each. I enclose a cheque payable to Aldersgate Ward Club for £
Alternatively you may send the amount via Electronic Fund Transfer to : Aldersgate Ward Club account number
45430462 sort code 60-05-37. Reference your first name and surname. Please confirm that you have completed an
transfer for the above amount

Member:Telephone:

Address:.....

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Email:Post Code

Mobile phone number:

Guests:

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Please state menu choices + dietary requests for yourself or your guests:

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Post or email this form and your cheque to arrive on or before **Tuesday 30 September** to:

Mrs Phillipa White, Flat 149, 4, Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EP

Email: philliparichards@aol.com

Tel: 020 7839 9212

PLEASE NOTE your place is not assured until Phillipa has acknowledged receipt of your Booking Form
and confirmed that you have a place.