



Aldersgate Ward Club

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4th October 2021

Dear Members,

VISIT TO THE POPPY FACTORY, FRIDAY 12th NOVEMBER at 11.00 a.m.

May I introduce myself. I am currently the Senior Warden at the Aldersgate Ward Club and will become the Master at the AGM on 28th October.

My first event will be on 12th November and I am contacting you now so that you have the opportunity to reserve that day.

I cordially invite you to visit the Poppy Factory in Richmond on Friday 12th November at 11.00a.m. It is an important part of the Royal British Legion and since 1922 it has supported thousands of sick, injured and wounded veterans in England and Wales, in their journeys back to good health and full employment. During our guided tour various case studies will be illustrated and we will also see the different styles of poppies and wreathes that are produced. The more adventurous will be given the opportunity to make their own poppy. The Factory is fully accessible and COVID secure.

Our visit will be the day after Armistice Day and two days before this year's Remembrance Sunday. I believe our visit will prove to be inspiring, meaningful and add to our understanding of this important Annual National event.

Following the tour, members are invited to have a two-course lunch with half a bottle of wine per person at Cote in Richmond. Please indicate on the attached booking form if you wish to have lunch. Those attending will be asked to pre-order from a menu which, Cote advise, will be available from the third week of October. I will email it to you as soon as I have received it.

The cost of the tour is £17.00 per person; the cost of the lunch is £32.00, including service. Therefore the total cost will be £49.00 per person.

May I request you complete the attached booking form **as soon as possible** but no later than **Wednesday 27th October**.

Kind regards,
Allan Fallshaw
Senior Warden

DIRECTIONS TO THE POPPY FACTORY – 11:00 on Friday 12 November 2021

Royal British Legion Poppy Factory, 20 Petersham Road, Richmond TW10 6UR

By public transport

Train

Options are: South Western Railway, London Overground, or District Line Underground.

For those using South Western Railway, I recommend the train which leaves London Waterloo at 10:03 and arrives in Richmond at 10:28.

Whichever form of train is used, I will meet the group at Richmond station and will guide members to the Poppy Factory. I will be in the booking hall and will be wearing a name badge. We will leave the station at 10:35 promptly.

For members making their own way, the directions are:

Exit Richmond station and turn left. Follow the main shopping street. At the mini-roundabout by the Odeon Cinema, cross the road on the zebra crossing at Hill Rise. Continue straight on to a traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing where the design on the road is poppies. Cross the road, turn right and immediately left into the Poppy Factory and follow the sign to Reception.

Bus

The 65 bus route operates between Ealing Broadway, Kew Gardens, Richmond and Kingston.

From Richmond Station it is three stops to the stop called Compass Hill. Walk back about 20m (up a slight slope), turn right into the Poppy Factory and follow the sign to Reception.

If you are coming from the direction of Kingston, alight at Compass Hill and continue in the same direction to the traffic-light controlled pedestrian crossing where the design on the road is poppies. Cross the road, turn right and immediately left into the Poppy Factory and follow the sign to Reception.

By car

The address of the Poppy Factory is 20 Petersham Road TW10 6UR. There is limited parking available. Please let me know (allan-awc@hotmail.com) if you need a parking space and I will endeavour to arrange it.



Any queries prior to the event:
my home number is
020 8681 0501

Any queries on the day:
my mobile number is
07572 68 77 40



BOOKING FORM

Visit to the Royal British Legion Poppy Factory Friday 12th November 2021

Please return this booking form by Wednesday 27th October to:

The Secretary
Mr. John Clark
55 Skeena Hill
London SW18 5PW

Email: skeena55@hotmail.com with a copy to allan-awc@hotmail.com

I wish to visit the Poppy Factory on 12 November

Number of places at £17.00 each

I wish to join the lunch at Cote

Number of places at £32.00 each

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 – Poppies*

OR

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

NAME OF MEMBER ATTENDING

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS

GUEST(S) (full name(s))
