



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master 2021-22: Allan Fallshaw

14th April 2022

Dear Member

It was disappointing that, due to Covid, I was unable to join the members and guests on the visit to Formans on Wednesday last week, and I thank you for your good wishes. Let us now look forward to the future.

You are cordially invited to visit the Thames River Police Museum at 11:30 on Tuesday 17th May 2022.

The Museum is located on the waterfront at Wapping and is where many exhibits trace the history of the River Thames Police from their inception in 1798 to the present day. The tasks undertaken by today's officers differ noticeably from the problems dealt with by their predecessors. In the past, the apprehension of pirates looting the river shipping, the protection of property on the Thames, and the saving of lives were the main reasons for the formation of the police force. Today, counter-terrorism is one of the biggest challenges. Also the equipment to support the officers is now different; for instance, the long-paddle rowing galleys have now been replaced by fast patrol launches which travel at more than 40 knots.

Our tour will be led by Rob Jeffries, the Hon. Curator, who is a retired officer with many years' experience policing the river. He will refer to old and new artefacts and will offer many anecdotes. Although the museum is relatively small, our visit will be full of interest and amusement. The tour will last for approximately 90 minutes with the opportunity then to take a closer look at the exhibits.

The Museum is accessed by a flight of 10 stone steps and is not suitable for wheelchairs.

The cost of the tour is £17.00 per person.

Following the tour, those who wish to have lunch will adjourn to Il Bordello, 70 Wapping Wall, E1W 3SS. Those attending will be asked to pre-order from a menu which I will email to you. This will enable the chef to have everything ready for us and save any delays on the day. As there is no set-price menu in this restaurant, the cost of the meal is not included in the total cost of the day. A deposit of £10.00 per person is payable at the time of booking and each person will be asked to pay the balance for their food, drinks and service charge.

Please complete and return the attached booking form as soon as possible and at the latest by 9th May

Directions

The nearest station to the Museum is Wapping which is on the London Overground branch which runs between Highbury & Islington and West Croydon

I suggest the group meets at Wapping Station at 11:10 in order to make the short walk to the Museum, where Rob Jeffries will meet us at 11:25 to start our tour at 11:30 sharp.

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BOOKING FORM

Visit to Thames River Police Museum
17th May 2022

Please return this booking form by 9th May to:

Allan Fallshaw
18 Alloway Close
Woking
Surrey GU21 3HY

Email: allan-awc@hotmail.com

I wish to visit the Thames River Police Museum on Tuesday 17th May 2022

Number of places for the tour at £17.00 each

Deposit of £10 for lunch at Il Bordello – number of places
(Balance of food, drink and service charge payable on the day)

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 – River Police*

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))