



Aldersgate Ward Club

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Master: Mrs Joanna Cadman

Trinity House

Monday 9th September 10.45am

Having had a short break to enjoy the August sunshine, our next outing is to the *Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond*, also known as Trinity House, which is the official authority for lighthouses in England, Wales, the Channel Islands and Gibraltar. Trinity House is also responsible for the provision and maintenance of other navigational aids, such as lightvessels, buoys, and maritime radio/satellite communication systems and is an official deep sea pilotage authority, providing expert navigators for ships trading in Northern European waters



There is so much that I could tell you about Trinity House, most of which I will leave for the very expert guides, including that it is a maritime charity, but I was fascinated to learn that, during WW1, the corporation served a number of functions: it buoyed shipping lanes and naval operations, moved lightvessels, and laid hundreds of buoys. During the Second World War, Trinity House kept sea lanes marked and lighted for Allied convoys. The Pilotage Service guided ships to their ports under hazardous conditions; at the time of the Dunkirk evacuation, a number of pilots helped in piloting vessels to and from the beaches. In preparation for the D-Day landings on 6 June 1944, Trinity House laid 73 lighted buoys and two lightvessels to indicate a safe route for landing craft. Trinity House pilots were responsible for all commercial vessels involved and many of the service vessels. In the month following D-Day, nearly 3,000 vessels were handled by 88 river pilots and nearly 2,000 ships by 115 sea pilots working day and night.



Following the tour, which will include coffee on arrival and a souvenir booklet, we will walk the short distance to **The Corn Exchange** on Mark Lane, where we will enjoy a reviving glass of wine and a lunchtime buffet and, as always, the pleasure of each other's company.

Spaces are limited for the Trinity House tour, so please be sure to have your booking with me by the 26th August.



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BOOKING FORM

Trinity House

Lunch at *The Corn Exchange*

The Corn Exchange's lunchtime buffet promises a delicious choice of meat and vegetarian options, as described below, and will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person.

Beef, Jolly Hog™ Streaky Bacon & Monterey Jack Cheese Burger Sliders

Chicken, Jolly Hog™ Streaky Bacon & Avocado Sandwich

Crispy Chicken Wings

Crudités & Dips (V)

Garlic Bloomer Bread (V)

BBQ Jackfruit Soft Tacos (VG)

Pork, Chunky Pulled Pork & Caramelised Onion Sausage Rolls

Roasted Pepper & Soya Burger Sliders (VG)

Vegetable & Sesame Gyoza (VG-M)

Please reserve places at £52.00 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. Quote "TH" followed by your first name and surname. Please confirm that you have completed an EFT for the above amount

Member: **Telephone:**

Address:.....

Email: **Post Code**

Guests:

Post or email this form and your cheque to arrive on or before **26th August** to:
Mrs Joanna Cadman, Rumbeams Cottage, Ewhurst Green, Nr Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7RR

Email: joanna@joannacadman.com

Tel: 07711 566458

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

Refunds for cancellation after the final booking date cannot be given.