



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master 2021-22: Allan Fallshaw

15 January 2022

Dear Member

INVITATION TO THE CUTLERS' HALL ON MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY

You are cordially invited to visit the Worshipful Company of Cutlers in the City of London on Monday 14 February at 11:00am. It is one of the most ancient of the City Livery Companies and received its first royal Charter from Henry V in 1416. It is located at 4 Warwick Lane, London EC4M 7BR.

On arrival, we will be served with coffee or tea and biscuits, and the tour will commence at 11:15am with an introduction by the Beadle, David R. Hasler. He will start by discussing the design and construction of the Hall and its survival through World War 2, as well as the finely carved terracotta frieze on the outside wall which illustrates cutlers working at their craft, grinding, hafting, and furbishing. In the Hall we will see a display of the Company silver and artefacts; a collection of historic swords and cutlery, plain and decorated; and British and Continental cutlery of the 17th/18th centuries. In comparison, there will be a display of similar items reclaimed from the Thames (mudlarking) presented by Graham Du Heame. At the conclusion of the tour there will be a re-enactment of a ceremony held during a Company banquet in which we can all take part whilst we drink a glass of Madeira.

The Hall is fully accessible. A letter from the Beadle states that "the stairs are wide with shallow steps which are not a problem for fully mobile adults. The lift is down a private corridor; use of the lift is by agreement with the Beadle in advance of the function and guests must be accompanied by a member of Staff on every occasion when it is used". Therefore, I should be grateful if you would indicate on the attached booking form if you need to use the lift so that I can make arrangements with the Beadle.

After the tour we will adjourn to Café Rouge, 5 St. Paul's Churchyard, EC4M 8A, for lunch and the opportunity to socialise with other members and guests.

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 I will email it to you.

The cost of the tour is £22.50 per person; the cost of the lunch is £33.50, including wine and service. Therefore, the total cost for the tour and lunch is £56.00 per person.

May I request you complete the attached booking form **as soon as possible** but no later than **Monday 7th February**.

Kind regards,
Allan Fallshaw

BOOKING FORM

ALDERSGATE WARD CLUB
Visit to the Cutlers' Hall
Monday 14th February 2022

Please return this booking form by Monday 7th February to:

Allan Fallshaw
18 Alloway Close
Woking
Surrey GU21 3HY

Email: allan-awc@hotmail.com

I wish to attend the visit to Cutlers Hall on 14th February

Number of places at £22.50 each
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I require access to the lift in Cutlers' Hall

YES / NO

I wish to join the meal at Café Rouge, St. Paul's

Number of places at £33.50 each
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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 – Cutlers*

OR

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

NAME OF MEMBER ATTENDING

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS

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CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS

GUEST(S) (full name(s))

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