



Aldersgate Ward Club

Founded 1860 Revised 1909

Master: Dr Antony J Richards

Website: www.aldersgatewardclub.co.uk

- Event:** Billingsgate Market with breakfast.
Date: Thursday 19th April 2018.
Meet: 6.30 **am** in Committee Room 1 (1st Floor) Billingsgate Market.
Location: Billingsgate Market, Trafalgar Way, London E14 5ST.
Numbers: Maximum of 22 persons.
Cost: **£29.50** – inclusive of breakfast.
Travel: Closest station is DLR Poplar (with walkway direct to Billingsgate – 5 minutes). Also accessible from DLR Blackwall (7 minutes) and Canary Wharf (10 minutes walk). There is no public parking at the site.



This trip may not be for everybody given the early morning start, but if you are able to attend you are in for a rare treat. There has been a Billingsgate Market, noted for its fish, bad language and bobbing hats (named after the charge made by the porters to carry the fish from the wholesaler to the retailer with the hat based upon those used by the British at Agincourt), since 1698. However, the site of the original market at Lower Thames Street, which was redesigned and enlarged several times over the centuries, was never large enough. Consequently on 19th January 1982 the new Billingsgate Market was opened in Docklands on a 13.5-acre site around a renovated warehouse in West India Docks. Although the leather hats have been replaced by fork-lift trucks, and the Billingsgate clock is now a fibreglass replica, the site retains a unique atmosphere.

We will gather in Committee Room 1 where the market superintendent will tell us about the history of the market and give us a tour of the market floor. Then at 8.30 it will be back to the Committee Room for a slap-up private breakfast before departure at 9.30 (allowing ample time not only for breakfast but to catch some bargain fish at the end of the trading day!).

Booking Form

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Please return to Dr Antony J Richards.

I wish to reserve: ___ place/s at **£29.50 each** for the **Billingsgate Market** tour and enclose a cheque for a total of £___ made payable to Aldersgate Ward Club. If more convenient you may pay by BACS direct to the club.

CLOSING DATE – MONDAY 9th April 2018

Name:

Name of Guest:

Address:

Telephone: Email:

Confirmation (or rejection in the event of a ballot) will be sent by e-mail on 9th April 2018. If you wish to have a hardcopy confirmation please send a SAE envelope with your application.