



Aldersgate Ward Club

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- Event:** London Film Locations Walk with morning coffee and tour of Drapers' Hall followed by lunch in Goswell Road, and an afternoon visit to The Postal Museum & Mail Rail train ride.
- Date:** Monday 26th February 2018.
- Meet:** 9.45am at Tower Hill Underground station. If only joining the afternoon event meet at the Postal Museum by 2.00pm.
- Location:** Tower Hill Underground station or Postal Museum, 15-20 Phoenix Place, London WC1X 0DA.
- Numbers:** Limited to 30 persons only.
- Cost:** £15 – Film walk including tea and tour at Drapers' Hall.
£15 – Lunch at Kennedy's Restaurant, Goswell Street.
£15 – Postal Museum with Rail Mail ride.
You are welcome to apply for either or both visits with/without lunch though preference will be given to those attending both events if oversubscribed.
- Travel:** The morning will be by foot and will cover around 2 miles with a break at Drapers' Hall and finishing at Barbican Underground station. Lunch is at Kennedy's Fish Restaurant, 184-186 Goswell Road EC1V 7DT (Barbican Underground station is also the closest, or No. 4 bus). The Postal Museum is equidistant from King's Cross, Russell Square and Farringdon stations (around a 20 minute walk) but is also served by No. 17, 19, 38, 45, 46, 63 and 341 buses.

The first part of our day will see a gentle walk from Tower Hill taking in film locations familiar to those of you who may have watched *James Bond*, *The Professionals*, *Harry Potter*, *Brannigan*, *Bridget Jones's Diary*, *Downton Abbey*, *Poirot*, *Johnny English* and *The King's Speech* to name a few. There will be a coffee and toilet stop at the truly magnificent Drapers' Hall where the archivist will give us a short tour, before continuing to Barbican where the tour will end at around 12.30.

Lunch is at Kennedy's, one of the few remaining traditional fish and chip shop restaurants left in London. They are fully licensed so you may purchase your own drinks on the day.



The original postal museum, based upon the collection of Reginald Phillips, was opened in 1966 and housed at No. 1 Post Office in King Edward Building (close to Aldersgate Ward). It closed in 1998, but reopened in 2017 in a new purpose-built museum close to the main London sorting office of Mount Pleasant. Among the items on display are a commemorative stamp that would have been used should Scotland have won the 1978 World Cup (Royal Mail could have saved some time and expense here I think!), telegrams from the night the *Titanic* sank, and an original copy of *Ulysses*. We will be free to browse through 500 years of postal history, but there is more

The new site also offers a chance to ride Mail Rail, the first driverless underground railway in the world. It operated between 1927 and 2003 and connected the 9 sorting offices between Paddington and Whitechapel (part of it passing under our ward). The original was just over 10km in length, and today we will be able to travel over 1km of the 2 foot gauge track under central London. The railway featured in the (instantly forgettable) Bruce Willis film *Hudson Hawk* as a secret railway serving the Vatican, and was to have featured in a chase scene never filmed for *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. We must arrive by 2.00pm as our train slot is 2.15pm.

Booking Form

London Film Walk and Postal Museum Monday 26th February 2018

Please return to Dr Antony J Richards

I wish to reserve: ___ place/s at **£15.00 each** for the **London Film Walk**
___ place/s at **£15.00 each** for lunch at **Kennedy's**
___ place/s at **£15.00 each** for the **Postal Museum.**

and enclose a cheque for a total of £___ made payable to Aldersgate Ward Club.

CLOSING DATE – THURSDAY 26th JANUARY 2018

Name:

Name of Guest:

Address:

Telephone: Email:

Kennedy's Lunch

Please indicate your food options below.

___ Cod & Chips with Mushy Peas.

___ Butternut Squash, Leek & Goats Cheese Pie with Mash or Chips and Mushy Peas.

Followed by ...

___ Apple Pie and Custard or Ice Cream.

___ Lemon Cheesecake with Cream.

For a supplement of **£5.00** you may swap Cod for Plaice, Haddock or Skate. If you wish to take up this option please indicate your preference under 'Dietary Requirements' below and adjust your payment accordingly.

Any Dietary Requirements: