



BRIDGE WARD CLUB

founded 1930

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Visit to Fishmongers Hall

Friday 22 January 2010 – approx. 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Members who have been to the Club's annual Civic Luncheon in recent years will know that Fishmongers' Hall is one of the City of London's most outstanding Livery Halls. Former Halls include the one burnt down in the Great Fire and the one built after the Fire which survived until the construction of the new London Bridge in the early 1830s. The present Hall built at that time is one of the rare examples of an English Greek Revival town building, free-standing and largely unaltered, although it suffered serious damage in the Blitz. In the 19th century, the building's interior was decorated in darker colours which reflected Victorian taste but in the 20th century brighter colouring and Regency elegance was revived to restore the Hall's original character as a bright precise building from the time of William IV.

A visit has been arranged for members of the Club and their guests which will provide a wonderful opportunity to learn under the guidance of the curator about the unique and colourful history of the Hall. This will comprise a two hour tour of the Hall which begins in the formal Court Room dominated by the Coats of Arms of past Prime Wardens. From there visitors will be shown around the building seeing the beautiful rooms with wonderful paintings and artefacts in impressive surroundings. This will be followed by afternoon tea and a souvenir Brochure and History Booklet will be provided.

The programme will be:

- 1.30 pm Arrival with tea and coffee
- 2.00 pm Tour begins
- 3.30 pm Afternoon tea with freshly baked Plain and Fruit Scones (*served with Cornish Clotted Cream and English Strawberry Preserve*), assorted mini pastries and a choice of classic teas
- 4.30 pm Guests leave

There is a maximum of 30 places for this visit. Applications with a cheque for £19.00 per person should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday 13 January. For security reasons the names of members and guests must be supplied to the Hall in advance.

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Please reserve ____ places for the Fishmongers' Hall
(cheque for £19.00 per person payable to Bridge Ward Club).

Name: _____
Guests: _____
