



BRIDGE WARD CLUB

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Tour of the Old Bailey: Tuesday 22 June 2010 – 5.45 pm Conducted by Mr Charles Henty, The Secondary of London and Under Sheriff

The Old Bailey is the common name given to the Central Criminal Court, the building standing at the corner of Old Bailey and Newgate Street. In its 18 courts are tried the major criminal cases from Greater London and occasionally from elsewhere. No. 1 Court has been the location of many of the most famous trials of the last century.

The Club is privileged that Mr Charles Henty has agreed to give a group from the Club a conducted tour of the building. Mr Henty is the City of London Corporation officer who administers the Old Bailey and who works alongside the Judges, HMCS staff, Crown Prosecution Service, City of London Police and many other practitioners within the building. He is the holder of the titles of Secondary of London, Under Sheriff and High Bailiff of Southwark

The Old Bailey occupies the site of the main Roman West Gate to the ancient City of London which was renamed New Gate in the 12th century. Until the late 18th century up to 50,000 prisoners were sent west on carts for hanging at Tyburn (at the far end of Oxford Street). From then until 1868 hangings took place in public outside Newgate.

Both Newgate prison and the nearby Sessions House were demolished in 1902 and on the site was built the present building, designed by E W Mountford and opened by King Edward VII in February 1907. The two Sheriffs of London reside at the Old Bailey during their year in office in recognition of their 1,000-year-old role in supervising law and order.

There is a limit on the size of the group and applications with a cheque for £20.00 per person should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than Tuesday 15 June. The sum includes a donation of £10 to the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund which aims to improve communities and help ex-offenders. It will also provide for light refreshments at a nearby hostelry after the tour.

Attendees should arrive at the Lord Mayor's Entrance in Warwick Square by 5.45 pm. The tour will last for about 1½ hours.

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Please reserve ____ places for the tour of the Old Bailey
(cheque for £20.00 per person payable to Bridge Ward Club).

Name: _____
Guests: _____

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