

QUIRKY LONDON VISIT: WEDNESDAY JULY 10th DRAPERS' HALL

We have arranged a guided tour of the Drapers' Hall, in the heart of the City of London, on the morning of Wednesday 10th July.

Founded over 600 years ago, the Drapers' Company is one of the Twelve Great Livery Companies in the City of London. The present Hall, situated in Throgmorton Street, was bought from King Henry VIII in 1543. Destroyed by the Great Fire of 1666, Drapers' Hall was rebuilt between 1667 and 1671. In 1772, it was again rebuilt after a fire which did considerable damage and, in the 1860s, the frontage was changed and the interior altered. Our tour, which will last up to two hours, will enable us to hear about the history of the Drapers' Company, the work of the modern Company and to see the richly decorated function rooms and see some of the many artefacts, the magnificent Company silver and the fine art collection.

The tour can accommodate 24 people and the cost is £6 each, including tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival.

We plan to meet at Preston Road Station at 9.40am and travel down together to Bank Underground Station, from where it is a 5-10 minute walk to the Hall, arriving in time for 10.30am. After the visit people will be free to make their own way home or to linger in the area for lunch.

Please contact Louise Bennett on louisebennett@btinternet.com or 07758 586813 if you would like to come. Further details about travel and payment arrangements will be provided to those attending.