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THE CANDLEWICK WARD CLUB
Founded 1670 Reconstituted 1739

OUR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IN 2024 - DATES TO SAVE IN YOUR DIARIES! -

Thursday 7th March - The College of Arms

A private evening visit to the College of Arms, at its historic headquarters in the heart of the City of London.

The College is the official heraldic authority for England, Wales, Northern Ireland and much of the Commonwealth. Our visit will give an insight into the fascinating history of heraldry, the role of the heralds, the architecture of the building and the College's practices. We will also see a selection of records dating back to the 14th century.

After the tour, there will be refreshments including wine and a simple supper.

Tues 23rd April - A City Walk and Visit to the Guildhall Art Gallery & Amphitheatre

Candlewick member and City guide, Robert Woolf, will lead a short City Walk followed by a visit to the Guildhall Art Gallery with its wonderful collection of paintings with a focus on works of direct relevance to the capital.

A 1980s renewal of the Gallery to the designs of architect Richard Gilbert Scott led to the discovery of the remains of the London Roman Amphitheatre. The redevelopment incorporated this amazing piece of history which we shall visit as part of our tour.

Arrangements will be made for an informal lunch and refreshments after our tour in a convenient pub or wine bar.

Wednesday 15th May - The Bank of England

A visit to the Bank of England Museum with its unique selection of displays and exhibits covering the Bank's role in maintaining monetary and financial stability through to the banknote gallery and gold vaults.

Preceded by a short City Walk, our tour will allow us to discover the history of the Bank, its buildings and the people who have shaped it over more than 300 years.

An informal lunch will be arranged afterwards at a suitable local hostelry.

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Tuesday 4th June – Candlewick Ward Club Civic Dinner

The Lady Mayoress and both City of London Sheriffs and their Consorts have accepted our invitation to join us at this traditional and formal dinner, a regular but very distinctive item on our Club's annual calendar.

The dinner will take place in one of the fine Livery Halls of the City of London. The Civic party are invited to join our pre-dinner drinks reception and the evening will include a special musical interlude.

Tuesday 24th September – City Giving Day

The Club will once again participate in this annual occasion as part of the City Giving Day events organised on behalf of The Lord Mayor's Appeal.

The day will include a fascinating City Walk led by our encyclopaedic Honorary Secretary Murray Craig followed by an informal lunch and refreshments at a local hostelry.

Thursday 24th October– Old Bailey Tour and Supper

A guided visit to “The Bailey” more formally termed “The Central Criminal Court of England and Wales”, standing on the site of the old Newgate prison and opened in 1907 by King Edward VII.

The working courts of today remain within the neo-Baroque building with its elaborate carved decorations and topped by a 12ft gold leaf statue of a 'lady of justice' holding a sword in one hand and the scales of justice in the other. Our tour will enable us to discover history, famous trials and unexpected artworks of the most famous courthouse in the world.

An informal supper will be arranged afterwards.

Saturday 9th November – The Lord Mayor's Show

Dating from the early 13th century, the Lord Mayor's Show is the oldest, longest, best-loved and least-rehearsed civic procession in the world. It is an ancient show of London's independence, a mediaeval festival of pomp and pageantry, a modern celebration of strength and diversity - and very appealingly, it is free to watch!

Candlewick members will gather at an excellent viewing point. For those who would like to enjoy a convivial lunch afterwards, arrangements will be made at a nearby livery hall.

Friday 6th December – Carol Service & Annual Breakfast

Our annual “flagship” event with a service of carols and readings at St Mary Abchurch in the Ward of Candlewick followed by a drinks reception, a sumptuous feast in the mediaeval Crypts of the Guildhall, musical entertainment and the Club's light-hearted AGM.