

Coleman Street Ward Club



Founded 1862

President: Alderman & Sheriff Peter Estlin

Chairman: Peter O'Donoghue, Esquire

Secretary: Dr Richard Fynes

**Visit to the Assay Office, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane. London EC2V 6BN
10.45AM for 11.00AM Tuesday, 21 February 2017
Followed by Lunch at Haz St Paul's, 34 Foster Lane, London EC2V 6HD**

Our Chairman, Peter O'Donoghue, Esquire, invites members and their guests to join him on a visit to the fascinating hidden world of the Assay Office at Goldsmiths' Hall, which has been providing its "mark of excellence" since 1300. It is where hallmarking began in 1327 and now covers not only gold and silver, but also other precious metals such as platinum and palladium.

Renowned hallmarking expert and head of training and education at the Assay Office, Dave Merry, with over 44 years' experience, will provide the tour. We will hear about the long history of the ancient livery company of Goldsmiths and see different ways that metals are tested, from the ancient 'touch testing' to high tech X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy; how articles are hallmarked; the verification of antiques; the exposure of counterfeit and fakes, and how the vast quantity of jewellery and silverware that is hallmarked every day is processed. If we are lucky, we may even see a bar of scrap gold being poured into an ingot in the laboratory!

After the visit, we shall proceed to the nearby Haz St Paul's, a Turkish restaurant where members will be able to choose from a set three-course menu of meat and vegetarian dishes. Coffee is included in the price and members will be able to purchase further drinks at their own cost.

The inclusive cost of the visit and lunch is £55 per head.

We are limited to 20 places for this visit so please book promptly if you would like to attend. Members are asked to limit their invitations to one guest only for this event. While members are encouraged to pay by BACS, cheques, payable to Coleman Street Ward Club, certainly remain acceptable. Please confirm with the Secretary that places are available before paying by BACS.

Closing date for applications: 16 February 2017

Dress: Jacket and tie

Richard Fynes
Hon. Secretary, Coleman Street Ward Club

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Please return this slip to: Dr Richard Fynes

Please reserveplace(s) at £55 each. I have enclosed my cheque for £..... payable to Coleman Street Ward Club. Members wishing to pay by BACS to the Coleman Street Ward Club account 20-32-00; 50427721 are requested to use the reference **AO17Your Initials & Surname**. Please email a copy of this form to the Secretary if paying by BACS.

Name:..... Name(s) of Guest(s).....

Member's Address:.....

Mobile phone no:.....Email :.....

Dietary Requirements:.....

Tickets will not be issued for this event. Please assist the Secretary and Treasurer by NOT stapling your cheque to this form.