



Cripplegate Ward Club

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Master: Mrs Christine Nevard, MBE

A Tour of The Assay Office at Goldsmiths' Hall

with Lunch at *The Slug & Lettuce*

TUESDAY 19th APRIL 2016



Meet at Goldsmiths' Hall in Foster Lane, London, EC2V 6BN at around 10.15am for a welcoming cup of tea or coffee in the *Exhibition Room*, before commencing our guided tour and presentation at 10.30am.

The Assay Office has been providing its "mark of excellence" since 1300 and it is from here that hallmarking began in 1327. The Assay Office now covers not only gold and silver, but also other precious metals, such as platinum and palladium.

Our visit will be split into two separate activities: an illustrated presentation; and a walk around the testing and hallmarking laboratory.

We will see the different ways that metals are tested, how articles are hallmarked and watch apprentices and skilled operatives at work. If we are lucky, we may even get to see a bar of scrap gold being poured into an ingot! We'll also hear about the long history of the Goldsmiths' Livery Company and learn about the 'Trial of the Pyx' (checking Coins of the Realm), verification of antiques and issues of fraud. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask and get answers to all your questions.

After a fascinating morning we will make our way around the corner to *The Slug & Lettuce*, a very popular City establishment, where we will enjoy a wine reception in our sectioned-off area, followed by a 2 course pre-ordered menu with further wines.

Please make your MENU selections on the Booking Form



- Very limited places available, so please book early to secure your ticket !
- Meet at 10.15am - Tour begins at 10.30am, finish at 12.40pm
- Please note: no coats or bags are allowed on the tour (including handbags)
- Nearest Tube: St Paul's (3 minutes walk)
- DRESS: Smart Casual
- Carriages at 3pm

COST: £42

(includes guided tour, wine reception and 2 course lunch with all wines)

**Please complete and return the Booking Form by Tuesday 12th April 2016
Refunds for cancellations after this date cannot be provided.**

Confirmation will be sent out by Email when bookings have been received. If you require confirmation by post, please include a stamped addressed envelope with your booking form.

**Our next Event: Wednesday 18th May 2016
A Visit to the City of London's Police Headquarters in Wood Street**

For further information on this and all other events, see the website at: www.cripplegatewardclub.org

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