

Look to your right and you will see the **Remains of the City Wall.**

The Wall was begun in the AD190s. It measured 2 miles and consisted of 85,000 tons of Kentish ragstone. It enclosed an area of around 330 acres. At the fort a thickening was added inside giving it a double wall. There was an external ditch. In the late 3rd century, the river wall was added. Later in the 4th century twenty semi-circular bastions were added to the east side. There were six gates. The gates were: Aldgate, Aldersgate, Bishopsgate, Cripplegate (from the fort), Newgate and Ludgate. Moorgate was added later.



Herb Garden

The Barbers Company was founded 1308. It had a hall near the current site in 1441. In 1666 all but the Anatomical Theatre was burnt out in the Great Fire. The next hall was destroyed by bombs in 1940, and the present hall was opened in 1969. John Gerard was a surgeon and also a renowned plantsman, author, and gardener. His Herbal was published in 1590. The first reference of a herb garden for the company was at a meeting of the Court on 12th September 1597: "fit to make a garden for to plant all kinds of herbs or suchlike as the said Mr. Gerard should think meet".

The present herb garden is situated in bastion 13 of the old City wall. It was begun in 1987 and is designed to present a broad view of the way in which plants has been used from the earliest times to the present day in the practice of medicine and surgery. There are 45 beds here which amongst them contain the likes of chamomile, feverfew, opium poppy, and meadowsweet which lead to Aspirin.

‡ ‡ (walk on continue walking past bastion House and you will find the following)

The Wesley Flame

There is a plaque outside the Museum of London that commemorates John Wesley's 'conversion'. On the 24th May 1738, Wesley had attended a reading of Luther's 'Preface to the Epistle to the Romans' in a Meeting House that stood here. Wesley felt a warmth and a compulsion to organise a separate church. He founded the Methodist movement and travelled over 4,500 miles a year preaching to the labouring poor of England. John Wesley used to preach in the fields close to the church of St Botolph Aldersgate Street and there is stained glass there commemorating him.

