

VISIT TO THE VINTNERS' COMPANY
68 UPPER THAMES STREET, LONDON, EC4V 3BG
ON THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER, 2017
AT 11.00 A.M.

The Livery Companies of the City of London can trace unbroken descent from medieval trade guilds. Guilds were craft or trade societies. They protected consumers or employers against incompetence or fraud by training sufficient apprentices, and otherwise controlling their trade, as well as being in the nature of a friendly society, a co-operative, a trade union, and a trade association. The Vintners' Company was one of the earliest of these guilds and was formed by merchants dealing in wine.

A Royal Charter was granted to the Vintners' Company in 1364 and since that date the Company has operated from the same site on the banks of the River Thames in the heart of the City. Wine has probably been imported here since Roman times. The present Hall dates from 1671, the first being burnt down in the Great Fire. However the front of the Hall was altered when Upper Thames Street was widened in 1822. The present façade and entrance date from 1910.

The Vintners' Hall is just round the corner from Southwark Bridge. The nearest tube stations are Mansion House or Cannon Street.

The tour will last an hour and a half and the cost per person is £12.

There is a lift for those of you who may have trouble using the main staircase.

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ON TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2017
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To: Angela Bellwood, Secretary, Gas REA London HQ Branch, 19 St.Anne's Road, London, E11 4BP

I would like..... tickets @ £12.00 per person. Cheques should be made out to Gas REA London HQ Branch

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Please return this slip by Friday, November 3rd, 2017