

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

APOTHECARIES’ HALL and Foundling Museum

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This visit has been organised by George Freeman

The Apothecaries go back to 1180 and became responsible for the preparation of drugs and potions. They are still part of the examination system for doctors. The Foundling Museum tells the story of Coram’s hospital and holds the art works that were donated to it.

The London **Apothecaries** can be traced back to the Guild of Pepperers in 1180. They were joined by the Spicers who, in 1428, became the Worshipful Company of Grocers. By the 16th century the Apothecaries were specialising in the preparation of drugs and potions whereas the grocers were traders and eventually in 1617 James I gave the Royal Charter to the Worshipful Company of Apothecaries of London. They created the Chelsea Physic Garden as a teaching ground for Apothecaries and today, in conjunction with teaching hospitals, hold some of the examinations for doctors. The hall was rebuilt in 1672 after the Fire of London and is one of the oldest Livery Halls in London. Mr Howe, the Beadle, will tell us about the Company and will show us around the building. EC4V 6EJ. www.apothecaries.org

After lunch we will take a pre-paid taxi to the Foundling Museum to hear about Coram’s work with abandoned children, the first UK children’s charity. To increase income, social evenings were held regularly with music and works of art by Hogarth, Mozart and others being donated to the organisation creating the first public art gallery in the 1740s. All this is now in the museum. Later this spring the photographic exhibition will be “Childs Play”. We will have tea there and have free time to explore the building. WC1N 1AZ www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk www.coram.org.uk

MEET at the Black Friar pub EC4G 4EG opposite the underground/railway station. From the underground and subway take EXIT 1 which brings you outside the pub. Toilets and refreshments and breakfast. For those arriving late go straight to the Hall – go under the railway and take first turning left into Blackfriars lane. The hall is 50 yards up on right.

LUNCH will be taken at the Black Friar pub but there are many restaurants and sandwich bars nearby. The Black Friar pub is Art Nouveau of 1905. They serve Dunkley’s pies and have draft and guest beers. Seating in the restaurant is 20 maximum and with places in public area.

TEA can be taken in the Foundling Museum Cafe.

AFTER lunch reassemble outside the pub for the taxi

10:30 – 10:55	Assemble at Black Friar pub, refreshments and toilets
10:55 – 11:00	Walk to the Hall
11:00 – 13:00	Talk and tour of Apothecaries’ Hall
13:00 – 13:05	Walk to the pub
13:05 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Taxi to the Foundling Museum
14:30 – 15:30	Guided tour of Foundling Museum
15:30 onwards	Tea and free time

COSTS

£27 per person, includes the taxi fare. Minimum 15 and maximum 25 people. Coffee, lunch and tea at cost.

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Late joiners go to the Apothecaries' Hall, Black-Friars Lane.

