

SKINNERS' HALL & CITY WALK

MONDAY 6 June 2011

This meeting has been organised by George Freeman

SKINNERS' HALL

The Worshipful Company of Skinners can be traced back to 1190. They dealt with the fur trade, mostly Ermine and sable, which were luxury items for the wealthy. Traders lived in the same area of London and worshiped in the same church. They had their first charter from Edward III in 1327 and have had a hall on their present site for 600 years. The Hall was destroyed in the great fire of 1666 and was rebuilt in the 1680s. It has survived wear and tear over the centuries and the bombing of the war.

With the decline of the fur trade it became a company for general trade. Today it is not connected with the fur trade at all and concentrates on its schools, almshouses and charities based on the legacies of its past wealthy patrons.

The beadle, Mervyn Bassett will be our guide, tell us of the history and take us over the main rooms.

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After lunch Anna Fenn will take us on a walking tour of the City with the emphasis on London's wharves and trade.

Meet on the ground floor of The Green Man, the Wetherspoon pub in the SW corner of the modern stripy building called No 1 Poultry. It can be entered via the basement which is connected to exit 9 of the Bank station. The ground floor (street) entrance is a small door on the corner. Don't miss it.

Lunch can be taken in the Green Man or any of the various pubs and cafes in Bow Lane.

Reassemble in porch of Bow Church

10.15 — 10.40	Meet in the Green Man, rear of No 1 Poultry
10.40	Walk to Skinners' Hall
10.45 — 11.00	Refreshments
11.00 — 12.30	Tour of Skinners' Hall with the Beadle
12.30 — 14.00	Lunch
14.00	Reassemble in the porch of Bow Church.
14.15 — 16.00	City walk

TRAVEL

The nearest station is the Bank or Cannon Street mainline or underground.

LATE ARRIVALS. Phone George or John to find out where we are.

From the Bank, take exit 8 for Walbrook, walk down Walbrook and cross Cannon Street into Dowgate Hill. The hall is on the right.

From Cannon Street Station (mainline or underground), leave the entrance in Cannon Street, turn left and immediately left into Dowgate Hill.

CONTACTS

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COSTS

£16 each with a maximum of 25.

Refreshments at cost.