



Consorts' Livery Halls Walk - 17 April 2018

On 17 April 2018, a group of 20 current, past and future Livery Consorts assembled on board HQS Wellington, Livery Hall to the Master Mariners, at the start of a busy day touring 39 of the 40 City Livery Halls - plus the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales, which we learned is not the Chartered Accountants' Company's Livery Hall – they don't have one!

The morning group travelled just over four and a half miles, visiting 20 halls old and new, including Apothecaries, Cutlers, Salters, Founders and Girdlers. A huge thank you is due to Alan, the Beadle of the IT Company, who invited the whole group in and gave them an unexpected extra tour not on our itinerary, and to the Barber-Surgeons, who also invited the group in for an unplanned stop. No wonder they were late for lunch at ICAEW!

Fortified by that fabulous lunch, with the yummiest fudge brownies ever, the afternoon group of 25 set off on their five mile loop, taking in 19 more halls including Painter-Stainers, Skinners, Merchant Taylors (where they were at sixes and sevens – geddit?), Drapers and Furniture Makers, where they stopped for tea and more cake. The final leg was completed with Fishmongers, a very traditional hall on the north side of London Bridge, and Glaziers, a modernised hall on the south side of the bridge. "Is it in the City?" I hear you cry. Well yes, because its north wall is directly on the Thames, which counts!

Special thanks are due to Liveryman Sean Canty of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners for guiding our consorts safely through the City while educating them about the Halls and the companies that reside in them. He was ably assisted by his wife Juliet and fellow WCEC Liveryman Phil Smith - thank you one and all. We hope that the £160 we raised from the prize draw will find a useful home with the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners Charitable Trust. We also hope our winner enjoys her bottle of fizz!

Thanks finally to the venue managers and catering teams at HQS Wellington, ICAEW and Furniture Makers for feeding us so well, especially Mark Grove, Master of the Worshipful Company of Cooks, for arranging our morning coffee, and to all my colleagues on the City Consorts Events committee for their support, both running up to, and during, the day. We even laid on the sunshine!

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