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### Change of VENUE from Mansion House to Saddlers' Hall

Dear City Consort or Guest,

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to our celebration of International Women's Day - particularly if you are not a woman! This event has proved to be very popular with over 150 people attending and we're still counting!

Regrettably we have had to move the venue – not because of our success in recruiting so many people, but because a last minute State visit will be taking place. Because of this we have to vacate the Mansion House, as it is a major part of the State visit itinerary. Although this is very disappointing, we hope to be able to return later in the year and for us this may be helpful, as it gives us an opportunity to visit another Livery Hall.

**Saddlers' Hall is now hosting our event.** The Worshipful Company of Saddlers is one of the very oldest of the City of London Livery companies. The earliest surviving records of a Guild of Saddlers in London date from circa 1160 AD, although the Guild could well pre-date that. HRH The Princess Royal GCVO is Master of the Saddlers. <http://www.saddlersco.co.uk/thesaddlerscompany/development.html>



This is a special opportunity to visit a gem of a Livery Hall with a long history. Saddlery is an ancient trade appreciated by both men and women. We have sole use of the building, including the patio (for snowman building?), the Great Hall, the Livery Room and the Tunnel Room, which is a small museum. The Hall is described as a series of elegant interconnecting rooms filled with warmth and natural light. Amongst the remarkable features of the Great Hall is a charming musicians' gallery, an exquisite silver display case and captivating portraits of Past Masters of the Company. The Hall is accessed by a private courtyard with magnificent stone statuary and a water fountain.

Details can be found on [http://www.saddlershall.com/?page\\_id=28](http://www.saddlershall.com/?page_id=28)

For those of you with an equestrian bent, the Company supports many equestrian activities.

[http://www.saddlersco.co.uk/thesaddlerscompany/equestrian\\_activities.html](http://www.saddlersco.co.uk/thesaddlerscompany/equestrian_activities.html)

The Hall address is Saddlers' Hall, 40 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 6BR. The nearest tube is St Paul's and Barbican is nearby. A map is below. Access is easy – with lifts for those that need or want.



You already know that Carol Harris is our speaker and that her topic is “Two forward, one back - how women won the vote and changed the City” (followed by a seated buffet luncheon) but I thought you might appreciate some more details, for this unique event.

**Arrival:** There will be coffee on arrival – from 11.00am, which will be served in the Livery Room. We hope you will take the opportunity to meet other City Consort members and their guests. Members of our Committees will be at the arrival desks to greet you. The first floor meeting/function rooms can be accessed by a lift. Cloakrooms are on the ground floor.

**Lecture:** The room will be called to order at about 11.25pm, when you will be asked to take your seats, in the Great Hall, for the lecture starting at 11.30. Following which there will be a short time for questions – the speaker will stay for lunch.

**Luncheon:** This will be a buffet lunch and there will be some tables to be seated at. Lunch will be from about 12.45pm and be followed by coffee. Water & soft drinks will be available during lunch. All food provided will be either fish or vegetarian, **BUT if you have any other dietary requirements, please let me know ASAP, but before Friday afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, when I need to confirm numbers. Lunch will be the opportunity to view other rooms in Saddlers Hall. There will be no seating plan, though some places may be reserved.

**Raffle:** This is an event, in part, to raise funds for the Lord Mayor's Appeal. So, although we have included a small donation in the ticket price, we shall have a raffle – and the prizes will be on display in the Livery Hall. We shall sell tickets at £5 a strip during the coffee session (and maybe hassle you during lunch!) and then draw the raffle at about 1.45pm. We have to be clear of the Hall by 2.00 pm, so if you are amongst the lucky ones, please collect your prize as soon as practical.

**Pour Memoire and Entrance** With this letter you should have received a pour memoir. Please could you ensure that your guest(s) have also received one, as you/ they may need this to get into the Livery Hall.

A few more important piece of information:

- Dress is business attire is appropriate
- You may be asked to submit to a bag search
- We shall give you a badge, please wear it



- Personal possessions are the responsibility of individuals. Any items lost or misplaced are not covered by insurance.
- Please switch off mobile phones for the day
- Photography is not appropriate during the lecture.

As I have already said, the change in venue is disappointing, but we hope you will still have a memorable time, meeting others and listening to the most enlightening Carol Harris. If you feel this change in venue will affect your enjoyment **please contact me, Mary Linington, ASAP, but before 3pm on March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you have any changes of guests, please let me know ASAP.

Clearly we hope everyone has a great time.

Looking forward to meeting you

Best wishes

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