

THE CHELSEA SOCIETY

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VISIT TO WATERMEN'S HALL

18 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3R 8EF



Friday 23 November 2012 at 10.30 am

Chelsea has a long association with the City through the Doggett's Coat and Badge Race which starts at London Bridge and finishes in Chelsea. Each year the race is organised by the Fishmongers' Company but it is the apprentices from the Watermen's Company who compete for the famous scarlet coat and badge. The Company of Watermen was established by Act of Parliament in 1555 to regulate Watermen and Wherrymen carrying passengers by boat under oars on the river Thames. In an age when there were few bridges this was a vital trade.

The present Hall dates back to 1780, and remains the only original Georgian hall in the City of London, it is a perfect example of eighteenth century architecture.

| The cost of the visit is £15.00 including tea and coffee SEND TO: Paulette Craxford, Basement Flat, 30 Edith Grove, London SW10 ONJ (020 7351 1232) |
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| Please send metickets for the Watermen's Hall Visit on 23 November 2012 at £15.00 per person. I enclose a cheque (made payable to "The Chelsea Society") for £ |
| The Hall is very close to Monument tube station, details will be sent with your tickets |
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