

Dear Old Chigwellian,

We are pleased to invite Old Chigwellians and guests to a tour of **Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen St, London WC2B 5AZ**. The date will be set when we have determined how much interest exists, but it will probably be in late spring or early summer 2019. The event will start at **5:30PM** sharp and will conclude at approximately **7.00PM**. The intention is, for those interested, to retire to one of the many local hostelries at the end of the tour.

It's more than 300 years since four London Lodges met in a room above the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house in St. Paul's Churchyard to establish the world's first Grand Lodge for Freemasons. Today there are over 6 million freemasons worldwide. **Freemasons' Hall** has been the centre of English Freemasonry for 230 years. It is the meeting place for over 1,000 Masonic Lodges and is the headquarters of the United Grand Lodge of England, the oldest Grand Lodge in the world.

Freemasonry means different things to each of those who join. For some, it's about making new friends and acquaintances. For others it's about being able to help deserving causes – making a contribution to family and for society (one of the UK's top charities raising over £33 million p.a.). For most, it is an enjoyable hobby.

The current art deco building is richly decorated; it is listed Grade II\* and dates from 1927-1933. An architectural competition was chaired by Sir Edwin Lutyens awarding the winning design to architects H V Ashley and F Winton Newman. Initially it was known as the Masonic Peace Memorial.

This is a rare chance for members and guests to have a **private guided evening tour** of the Grand Temple and ceremonial areas. More information here: <https://www.ugle.org.uk/freemasons-hall/tours>



**Attendance fee is just £10** (out of which a small sum will be donated to the Freemasons' charity)  
**Members may bring guests. Please express your interest by e-mail to: [nick@e-garnish.com](mailto:nick@e-garnish.com)** stating how many places you would like and names of any guests. Space at this event is on a first come, first served basis, as we will be limited to a maximum of 50 people. Payment instructions will be sent on receipt of your booking.

Dress code: Business attire/casual  
Cameras: People are welcome to take pictures  
Location: For directions please click here > <https://goo.gl/maps/teU5amikp1u>  
Timing: Reception and tour starts at 5:30PM and will continue until approximately 7.00PM  
After Venue: Local pub within walking distance in Covent Garden area to be advised

Yours sincerely,

Nick Garnish  
Past President, Old Chigwellian Association