

# Apothecaries' Hall



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# History of Apothecaries' Hall



The home of the Society of Apothecaries, Apothecaries' Hall in Blackfriars dates back to 1672. Built on the site of the Dominican Priory of Black Friars and famed for being the venue where Katherine of Aragon gave evidence as to the validity of her marriage to Henry VIII. This eventually led to their divorce and the King marrying Anne Boleyn, breaking away from the Catholic Church and forming the Church of England.

Much of the original building was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666, including the Friary guesthouse, which constituted most of the venue. A new hall was built on the same site but parts of the interior pre-date that with the sweeping staircase thought to date back to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century.

The Hall houses an amazing collection of the antiquities and artefacts charting the history of the Society including the Register of Examinations signed by a young Agatha Christie who studied to become a qualified pharmaceutical assistant in 1917.

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## A venue steeped in history but delivering events for the twenty first century.

Our three principle spaces are full of period grandeur, dating back to the early 18<sup>th</sup> century the rich history of the hall and the Society of Apothecaries can be seen in the antiques and art displayed around the venue.

Few venues can boast a history like the Great Hall, with its high ceiling and stain glass windows, it transports guests back in time. Ideal for larger dinners, conferences and receptions.

For more intimate events, the Court Room is a charming room. Dark oak panelling and portraits of past Masters peer down on guests from their gilded frames. Whilst the adjoining Parlour with its cabinets of apothecary jars is perfect for pre-dinner drinks or smaller meetings.

Walking through the new entrance and 'The Shop' you pass the Halls best secret, its secluded courtyard. Accessed through French doors, it's the perfect place for summer reception.

# Capacities

## The Great Hall

RECEPTIONS	200
DINNERS	150
CONFERENCES	150

## The Court Room

RECEPTIONS	50
DINNERS	25
CONFERENCES	30

## The Parlour

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DINNERS	25
CONFERENCES	30

## The Courtyard

RECEPTIONS	200
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The Court Room



The Parlour





## 'The Shop' the latest addition to our venue



From 1672 until 1922, the Society of Apothecaries manufactured medicinal and pharmaceutical products onsite, and sold some of their products from a retail outlet known as 'The Shop' opening onto Water Lane (now Blackfriars Lane). Much of the manufactured drugs were to supply clients of the society which included the navy and the army.

Reimagined, the new Shop opened its doors in September 2021 as an elegant entrance and foyer to the hall complete with a Champagne bar and roaring fire. French doors open to the courtyard making it ideal for summer pre dinner drinks and receptions.

The bar takes its inspiration from the original dispensing counter and drawers whilst original apothecary jars decorate the walls.





## The Society of Apothecaries charitable work

As a Livery Company, the Society has been helping its community for four hundred years.

The Masters Fund was established to carry on this legacy and the Society gives a grant to one or two medical students at every medical school in England and Wales, and to a small number of pharmacy students each year. Without this help many students would drop out of medicine which wastes talent, money and lives.

Hosting your event at Apothecaries Hall goes a small way to help continue this valuable work and the investment made in the medical staff of the future.



# Catering



### Party Ingredients

Great food and attention to detail are at the heart of every successful event. For over 40 years we have been creating perfectly styled and expertly executed events and here are a few reasons why:

### The right people with the right experience

We are a team of specialist event professionals - chefs, managers and waiting staff with experience of catering at the very highest level. Our clients expect the finest seasonal produce, sourced from local suppliers in Royal Palaces, at State Banquets, and for Private Clients and we would bring that same level of service to your event.

### Elegant Styling

Your event co-ordinator will work with you to create your ideal event, with advice on décor, linen, flowers and table settings.

# SAMPLE MENU

Gin Cured Gravadlax,  
Shaved Fennel & Radish , Dill Crème Fraïche

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Poached Fillet of Hereford Beef, Beef Cheek Tortellini, Baby Vegetables,  
Basil Salsa

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Lemon and Yuzu Meringue Pie,  
White Peaches, Lemon Verbena Gel



# SAMPLE MENU

Courgette Flowers  
stuffed with Feta and Pinenuts, Honey Dressing  
*This dish is suitable for Vegetarian guests*

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Mosaic of Salmon, Halibut and Monkfish,  
Dill Beurre Blanc, Balsamic Reduction, Fine Bean Bundle,  
New Potatoes  
*Supplement £6pp*

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Rich Chocolate & Sea Salt Pot,  
Blackcurrant Sorbet, White Chocolate Rosemary Soil



# Approved Suppliers

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