

**Visit to the Company of Pikemen & Musketeers of**

**the Honourable Artillery Company**

**at Armoury House, City Road, London EC1Y 2BQ**

**13th March 2024**

Dear Fellow Wax Chandlers,

The Master has great pleasure in inviting you to join her for a presentation by the Company of Pikemen & Musketeers, followed by a tour of Armoury House, the historical 18th century home of the Honourable Artillery Company (the HAC). Armoury House, near Moorgate, is set in a uniquely large garden for the area, complete with the City’s only cricket ground.

The HAC, the oldest regiment in the British Army, has a long and fascinating history and our members will have the opportunity to hear all about its history, visit the Museum and other parts of the House, including viewing the elegant wood-panelled Long Room with its fascinating collection of historic paintings.

The Company of Pikemen & Musketeers comprises veteran members of the HAC’s Army Reserve Regiment who will give the presentation, lead you on a tour of Armoury House. We will then visit their armoury where you will have the opportunity to handle a pike and a musket and try on armour if you wish, while enjoying a glass of bubbly and a finger buffet.

Approximate timings are:

* 17:30-18.00 Wax Chandlers gather at Armoury House
* 18.00 Presentation by the Company of Pikemen outlining the origins and history of the HAC and its constituent parts – Army Reserve Regiment, Special Constabulary unit, Pikemen & Musketeers (of which several Members of the Livery are serving members)
* 18:40 the party will split into smaller groups for a tour of the main rooms of Armoury House and the Museum:
* 19.00 Groups meet together in the Pikemen & Musketeers armoury
* 20:00 approx guest leave

We are very fortunate to have this wonderful opportunity to visit such a beautiful and historical building which houses so much of the City’s history and to hear all about it. The cost for this special event is £50/head; maximum numbers are around 30, first come first served. Please register for the event by cutting and pasting the form below back to me please at anthonybickmore@btinternet.com

**Past Master, Anthony Bickmore**

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