

# ***The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London***

## ***Livery Committee***

**invites you to**

**A virtual tour of London : After the Fire**

**on Saturday 20 February at 1600**

Are you missing the fun and fellowship of Livery Committee events including our traditional walking tours? If so why don't you join us on our first virtual tour. A perfect way to send a winter Saturday afternoon.



Mr Londoner, aka former Museum of London communications director Antony Robbins, explores the legacy of the Great Fire of London. He brings a unique perspective on this tumultuous event during an already turbulent period in our history.

The fire burned for four days, consumed four-fifths of the city and caused £10m of damage. It also created a refugee crisis as 100,000 people fled the flames. What lessons were learnt? How did the capital re-build? And why is this 17th century event so deeply burnished into the consciousness of Londoners to this very day?

It's a popular view that the Fire changed London forever, shaping tastes and heralding in new styles of architecture and novel ways of living. That may be overestimated. Many architects, including Sir Christopher Wren, John Evelyn and others, had grand plans for how a more open-looking continental city of wide boulevards would emerge from the flames. They submitted concepts giving us more of a grid system with streets radiating around circular piazzas. But these dreams were never realised.

Much has been said about the new regulations banning wooden buildings and promoting stone in its place. But wooden construction continued for many years after the fire. Gone however were the overhanging balconies that had encouraged the flames so readily. The Fire may not have changed the City in quite the way the history books suggest but one thing is certain; The Great Fire of London has burned itself into the collective consciousness of Londoners. Today it is part-and-parcel of the city's story, up there with Beefeaters, the Blitz and Dick Whittington and his cat.

To join us on this tour you will need access to Zoom. Details will be sent to those who register, £10 per log in. So your family can join you around your computer or tablet for this afternoon of entertainment.

To book your place and receive the log in details, please email [jane.careyharris@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.careyharris@btinternet.com) by Monday 15 February

and either pay by BACS (details below) or cheque.

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