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Dear Members and friends,

A Very British Evening on 28th September 2011

Now that Eid has started may I suggest a very British evening to start the autumn season? A fascinating historical walking tour of Jack The Ripper's haunting ground near the City of London followed by dinner in a 'Tavern' which has been there since 1757. The 'Autumn of Terror' of 1888, has become one of the greatest unsolved mysteries in history as the infamous murderer was never caught....

Our 'Morse' guide Lindsay Siviter has been researching Jack the Ripper for over twenty years and for the last ten years has worked for Discovery Tours in London as one of their well respected Ripper tour guides presenting enjoyable and historical tours around the Ripper locations in the East End. As a historical researcher Lindsay has also assisted on many Jack the Ripper projects, having written various articles, numerous lectures and contributing towards many conferences on the subject. She is a member of the Metropolitan Police History Society and as an historical adviser on the subject she has appeared in numerous television programmes including the latest documentary 'Jack the Ripper : The Definitive Story' which was screened earlier this year on Channel Five. As an acknowledged expert she has researched a variety of people and places connected with the case and continues to research the first ever biography of Ripper suspect Sir William Gull (1816-1890).

The tour will last 1 hour 45mins and is only a few minutes walk away from "Simpson's Tavern" at 39 1/2 Cornhill (near the Bank of England). I have been a regular for 45 years and am never disappointed. Food is traditional English; Steak and Kidney Pie or Fisherman's Pie or Goats Cheese with leaks in Filo pastry. Puddings are a traditional steamed sponge or, Simpson's Stewed Cheese (a bit like Welsh Rarebit) or a truckle of Stilton plus coffee. (Wine may be ordered off a very reasonable wine list- I quite like the wine from a maker called "House Red or White")

30 years ago I took some refugees from Iran (the wife of a banker and her two teenage sons) to lunch at Simpson's and they loved it; they were so pleased to see that the London of Dickens (who visited and also at the George and Vulture close by) is still there if you look for it.

We would meet at 6pm and dinner would start at 8pm. The cost, including the tour, is £38 per head.

Yours sincerely


Noel Rands, Secretary

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I /we would like to go on the Jack the Ripper trip and to Simpson's on 28th September 2011 at £38 per head and enclose a cheque for:-

Name & guests:

Address:

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Signature:

Date:

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