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**London Fire Brigade Museum Visit - Southwark SE1 0EG: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012 11.00am**

Your Croydon Committee, from time to time, considers events with a view to interesting our wider membership. Our Members have more recently enjoyed Fish & Chip Lunches (& Suppers), a Canal Boat Trip, a Genealogy Talk and two successful Coach Outings. Also we are aware about a third of our Members are 65 or less, many working part time and perhaps taking Monday and/or Fridays off. We hope by aiming to widen and vary our range of events, days of the week and times it will make our Events appeal to more of our members. We believe it is important to visit this Museum as it will remind Members that it plays an integral part in our own Company's origins and history.

For the Company's recent 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thames Trip, we are pleased to say our Croydon members registered over a third of the 180 attending nationally! Those who enjoyed this Trip will already be well aware of the close heritage links the Company has with the London Fire Brigade's formation following the Tooley Street Fire and in turn CU's own formation. Eyre Massey Shaw, who succeeded James Braidwood who died in the fire, later was its first Fire Chief and the Museum was originally his residence. Subsequent title holders also resided there for many years. We are very fortunate in having **David Rogers**, our Fireboat historian on our Thames Trip, as our Guide to take us around and explain the many historic artefacts the Museum is privileged to hold. The fate of this Museum is, at the time of writing, in the balance awaiting a decision about its funding for the coming year and facing possible closure so don't miss this chance!

The Museum covers many aspects including Early Fire Engines, history of Fire fighting, Eyre Massey Shaw's history and influence, War Efforts as well as modern Fire & Rescue Services.

The Museum is at **94a Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 0EG** and can be reached by:-  
a) **Rail:** London Bridge St. b) **Tube:** Borough c) **Bus:** Route 344 d) Nearest **Car Park:** Library Street.

After our Visit, Members of your Committee will be adjourning to the **historic George Pub** in Borough High St. **SE1 1NH** for a drink and perhaps a meal. Please complete and return slip below together with your cheque and **send to Patricia Pegg (above)**. **Places are limited** so please return ASAP & **no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012**. Please report there to **the Organiser at 10.45am** to collect your Aviva pass and should you require confirmation of your booking please telephone.

We do hope you will support your Committee and we will see you there.

**Chris House** (Event Planner/ Arranger)

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