

# New guides launch a new walk!

A group of guides who qualified this year have hit the headlines with a brand new walk they have devised and launched. Their Dedicated Follower of Fashion Walk has already been featured on [vogue.com](http://vogue.com) and [lastminute.com](http://lastminute.com).

New guides Pam Hodgson and Anne-Marie Fahy came up with the idea of a walk that takes visitors to the heart of London's fashion world, its trend-setting shops and today's top designers. Fellow new guides Themis Halvanti, Maitland Simpson, Mary Carroll, Natasha Rao, Michael Robinson and Diane Flint joined them to research and present the walk that they launched on July 5.

"We saw a gap in the market and devised a guided walk that is stylish, fun and entertaining. It provides a little bit of history but also gives up to the minute information on current fashion

trends and those involved in the business," said Diane Flint.

Visitors learn about the origins of a tuxedo and what it means to have a bespoke suit made as they look into the windows of the leading tailors in Savile Row.

They hear about the art of cutting and fitting a suit for royalty and celebrities and visit the studio that belonged to the Queen's dressmaker - where her wedding dress and coronation gown were designed and made.

The walk, designed to take 1 hour 40 minutes, also takes in the temple of fashion, the headquarters of Vogue magazine; Louis Vuitton, the newest glittering fashion house on the block and ends outside Selfridges, recently crowned the world's best department store.

The guides have formed themselves into a group called Guides of London and have their own website:

[www.guidesoflondon.com](http://www.guidesoflondon.com) Together with other members of the group, David Kershaw, Leo Conville, Konrad Wolkowiński and T.J. Kim, they plan to launch several more new walks including the Best of British and a medical walk.

The fashion walk will be repeated on several dates throughout the summer on a turn up and go basis and it can also be booked through the group's website: [www.guidesoflondon.com/html/walks.html](http://www.guidesoflondon.com/html/walks.html) The walk costs £8 per person.

In August the walk will take place on Thursday 12 at 6.30pm and Sunday 29 at 3pm and in September on Thursday 9 at 6.30pm and Sunday 26 at 3pm.

*Diane Flint*

## LETTER

Dear friends and colleagues

My book "London's Docklands - An illustrated History" which quickly went out of print, has now been re-printed. I am quite happy to sell to guides at the discounted price of £7.50.

If you are interested in ordering a copy kindly send me a cheque for this amount to: Geoff Marshall, 25 High Beeches, Banstead, Surrey, SM7 1NB and it will be posted to you without delay.

With best wishes,

Geoff Marshall

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**AGM will be on Monday 24 January in Holborn.**

**15 December 2010 Carol Concert - all details will be advised in due course.**

## BOOK REVIEW

### Hong Kong Travel Guide Review

*Wheel Away Disabled Travel - £17.99*

Sometimes we're asked to review books for the Disabled Persons Railcard website based upon recommendations. This is true of the excellent Hong Kong Guide written by Sarah Fuller.

Sarah's father is a wheelchair user and this well researched book takes you through every aspect of Hong Kong - from arrival at the airport to explaining which tourist sites are accessible.

I must admit when I visited Hong Kong four years ago it looked like a nightmarish place for wheelchair users or anybody with a mobility impairment. Sarah's book gives an invaluable insight into restaurants, hotels, how to use the Star Ferry, shopping (a must in HK) and much more.

Hong Kong is one of my favourite places in the world. It's as exciting as New York but about half the price. There's great food, friendly people and a fantastic skyline. Armed with the Wheelaway guide you'll be able to

make the best of your visit. An absolute must for anybody who is mobility impaired and is thinking about a trip to the former colony.

See *Wheel Away Disabled Travel* website for more details.

You can buy copies of the *Wheel Away Hong Kong Guide* for £17.99 at Waterstones stores nationwide or online at [Waterstones.com](http://Waterstones.com).

- Sarah Fuller is a qualified Blue Badge Guide who lives and works in Hong Kong.

