

The Lamb, Leadenhall Market, London EC3

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It is claimed that the Lamb Tavern has been a feature of London's historic Leadenhall Market since 1780. In 2011 it was the venue for CoreNet Global's UK Chapter Christmas party.



Leadenhall Market occupies the site of the first century Roman basilica and forum. Abandoned when the Romans left, by the early fourteenth century it was once again a market, for the tenants of Sir Hugh Neville, in the grounds of his lead-roofed mansion (the 'leadenhall'). In the early fifteenth century, when it was the most important market in London, it was conveyed by Sir Dick Whittington to the City Corporation. Badly burnt in the Great Fire in 1666, it was rebuilt as a covered market. In 1881 it was rebuilt again of iron and glass as we see it now. Still a busy market today, it was used as Diagon Alley in the film 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' and this year CoreNet's UK Chapter held its Christmas lunch there.



95 members and friends signed up to kick off Christmas in style in spite of the severe economic climate. After much discussion the Programmes Committee had decided that a full-blown lunch would not be appropriate so opted for a more relaxed affair. Committee member, **Lucy Scott**, found the Lamb Tavern and its third-floor dining room, with views over the market below, who would give us a buffet lunch. We took over the whole room and drink, and fish and chips or sausage and mash, fuelled a crowded and noisy party. It was agreed by all to be a great success.