
Things are hotting up for the Guildhall charity curry lunch

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The biggest al fresco feast that Guildhall has ever seen is in preparation for later this month. More than a thousand people will sit down under a marquee in the yard there for a curry lunch on April 24, in support of the Army Benevolent Fund. This is of necessity a lot more high profile today in raising funds for disabled veterans, given that we are currently fighting two wars at once, and a City advisory group has been formed by the fund to prise money out of the financial sector.

A curry lunch is something of an army tradition and tickets to the event are being sold at £95 a pop, and disappearing fast. Sir Gulam Noon is on the advisory group, and his Noon Products is providing the food free. The organisers tell me they hope to raise £200,000 or more by means of auctions, and a couple of celebs, including the actor Ross Kemp, will be there, as will the Prince of Wales. The Guildhall was acquired after a personal approach to David Lewis, the Lord Mayor.