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Today the Guild of Freeman of the City of London is an association of about 2,000 men and women who take pride in their City and who participate actively in the Guild's extensive and varied programme of educational, charitable, benevolent and social activities.

All who hold the Freedom of the City of London are eligible to join the Guild and enjoy the benefits of belonging to the largest organisation of its type in the City of London.

'The Freeman', is published in the spring of each year. It includes a record of the many activities and events held by the Guild during the previous year and the programme for the forthcoming year. It is distributed to all members, to many organisations throughout the City, including Livery Companies, Guilds, Libraries and other interested parties.

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The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Alderman The Lord Mountevans



Alderman The Lord Mountevans is the 688th Lord Mayor of the City of London, and is a shipbroker with a career stretching back over 40 years, giving him extensive experience, particularly in the maritime industry.

Alderman The Lord Mountevans was born in Gothenburg, Sweden and is a quarter Norwegian, speaking the language fluently. He was educated at the Nautical College, Pangbourne, and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read Economics. He has worked in the City since 1972, where he joined the shipbrokers Clarksons as a graduate trainee. He was most recently a Director in their Gas department, but in 2014 he stood down to chair the Government's Maritime Growth Study, which examined how the UK should maintain and enhance the UK's position as a leading maritime centre. He has been Chairman of Maritime UK since 2014, is Chairman of Maritime London, and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

He has served as the Alderman for the Ward of Cheap since 2007 and served as Sheriff of the City of London in 2012/13. His leisure interests are all things nautical, cross-country skiing, polar exploration and Scandinavia.

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The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2016



The money raised by this year's Lord Mayor's Appeal will support vital research, paving the way to a cure for type 1 diabetes. It will also support young people across the UK through transformational nautical adventure and training.

The Lord Mayor has seen at firsthand how the Sea Cadets can give young people self-belief and life skills, which can help them to become the leaders, seafarers, innovators, and guardians of communities in the future.



The number of children and adults diagnosed with type 1 diabetes is on the increase, with the steepest rise in the under fives. Supporting the work of JDRF will ensure that development in treatments is driven forward to help cure, treat and prevent it.

Researchers are on the brink of revolutionising type 1 diabetes treatment. This would mean a shift from intensive routines of multiple blood tests, injections and complex calculations every day, to life-changing new automated systems, one-a-day injections and once-a-year cell transplants.

The medical research to deliver these new treatments is already underway, overseen by the best scientists and the brightest minds in the world. Your support is needed to drive the breakthroughs that will change the lives of children and adults today, and pave the way for a cure.



The challenges facing young people today are immense and intense. We need to consider carefully how we nurture them into adulthood. For future generations, it is vital that we keep building on the amazing life-enhancing opportunities Sea Cadets can offer young people. With the funds raised, the aim is to replace two ageing 35ft yachts in the Sea Cadet fleet.

The Appeal will also be investing in the next generation by helping them find confidence and inspiration and develop self-belief and valuable life skills through the Sea Cadets. They are a national youth charity working with 14,000 young people in 400 communities, 45% of which are in economically challenged areas.

As part of their offshore fleet of five vessels they operate two Tradewind 35 yachts, giving 4,600 young people the chance to experience a voyage at sea and gain accredited RYA sailing qualifications.

In a smaller way, the Appeal will also support The Mansion House Scholarship Scheme and the St Paul's Cathedral Chorister Trust.

For further information - www.the lordmayorsappeal.org - e mail info@the lordmayorsappeal.org or call 020 7332 1582

Lady Cooksey OBE DL

**Master of the Guild of Freeman of the City of London
2015-16**

It is the most wonderful thing to have reached the pinnacle of High Office in the Guild of Freeman, and I am also aware of the very great honour I have felt in being elected Master for 2015/16. My partner, Dr Graham Paul, and I have been very grateful for all the support we have received from the membership. It has been a fabulous year.

My programme was designed to suit all tastes and pockets, and we were glad to welcome you, our Members, to have fun together, to raise money for the causes we support, and to further the warmth and friendship which is the hallmark of our Guild.

During my year in office, we celebrated three great historical anniversaries. Firstly, at a dinner on board HQS Wellington, we celebrated the bi-centenary of the Battle of Waterloo. My guest speaker, Professor Jeremy Black MBE, summarised the action which resulted in The Duke of Wellington gaining a memorable victory which brought peace to Europe for 100 years.

Next, we celebrated the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta. With the assistance of an expert guide we viewed the City's copy of that great document, and we were shown other precious emblems that only come out on special occasions – such as the crystal, gold and pearl sceptre, given by Henry V to the City of London in gratitude for providing funds for the battle at Agincourt.

The third anniversary we commemorated was the 600th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt. After a superb dinner in the magnificent Armourers' Hall, Sir Tony Baldry, a Guild Member and a member of the Agincourt 600 Committee, recounted how events had unfolded on that historic day.

During the year we also enjoyed two fantastic holidays. The first, in May, was spent in The Netherlands, and included a day in Amsterdam, a day in The Hague and a day in Rotterdam. Then, in September, we enjoyed another wonderful holiday, based in Padua, during which we explored some of the fabulous buildings and art that abounds in that region of Italy.

There were many other memorable events in my programme. They included the dinner we enjoyed on a balmy June evening whilst cruising down the Thames to Chiswick, in company with HE Dr Ion Jinga, the Romanian Ambassador, and his wife, whilst being entertained by Guild Member and famous wit, John Seaton.

Also in June we spent a day with RNLI Selsey, and in return, in September we sponsored the award of the Freedom of the

City and a day out in London for a number of the RNLI Selsey Branch who had looked after us in June. A high-point in July was the gala dinner at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, which was followed by a thrilling performance of 'Guys and Dolls'.

There were two truly memorable events in October. The first was a visit to Glyndebourne, where, after a talk about what they try to achieve followed by lunch, we watched the final dress rehearsal of Don Pasquale. The second was a day visit to the Castle and Guildhall in Windsor, which concluded with a magical evensong in St George's Chapel.

The weekend of the Lord Mayor's Show followed in mid November. For me, riding in an open Landau in the rain was a first, and I enjoyed all the pageantry of the Silent Ceremony on the day before the Show, the Show itself and finally lunch in the Mansion House.

Later that month we broke new ground in the City by laying on a Saké tasting evening in Tallow Chandlers' Hall. We were delighted to welcome HE Mr Keiichi Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador, and his wife, to this event, and together we tasted some wonderful Sakés.

The highlight of any Master's year is the Banquet in December, attended by the Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their Consorts. My guest speakers were Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger and Dame Esther Rantzen, and as we sat down to dinner, the Lord Mayor turned to me and said: "Well Poppy, just another normal Monday evening!"

One of the many events we laid on in the New Year was a visit to the London Archaeological

Archives and Research Centre. On this occasion it was my great honour and pleasure to welcome our Centenary Master, HRH The Princess Royal, who in her letter of thanks said she had greatly enjoyed her time with us.

My final dinner was in Goldsmiths' Hall, which I shall never forget, with all the fanfare of trumpeters, music before and with dinner, a virtuoso performance of the post horn galop, and finally a selection of arias from familiar operas performed by students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Mr Albert Poggio, the UK Representative of the Government of Gibraltar, was my guest speaker, and it was the finest and happiest send-off any Master could wish for.

Graham and I have been so appreciative of the great affection we have received from the Members and their guests at our events, and our year has been made for us by the Members of the Guild, by Michael in the office, and Judith, who between them have shown exceptional organisational flair, and also Belinda, Michael's wife, who is always on hand to assist where possible. Thank you all for such a memorable year!



Annual General Meeting

105th Annual General Meeting Tallow Chandlers' Hall

Wednesday 18th March 2015

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in mid March every year to discharge the Company's statutory obligations and for the installation of the new Master and Wardens.

Opening Ceremony

After processing into the Hall in company with the Honorary Chaplain and the Wardens, the Master, Dr John Smail, opened the Guild's 105th AGM.

The Clerk read out the names of those who had sent messages of apology and goodwill. Then everyone stood in silence in memory of the Guild Members whose deaths had been reported since the publication of the last Annual Review.

Guild Business

The Minutes of the 104th AGM were read out, approved unanimously and signed by the Master.

The Master then drew attention to the Directors' Report that had been published on pages 3-4 of the Annual Review. He reflected that the programme for the year had lived up to his pursuit of the three F's – fun, friendship and fundraising – and that there had been many highlights, including a glittering banquet attended by two Heads of State, Their Royal Highnesses Princess Margareta, the Crown Princess of Romania, and her husband Prince Radu, and a number of other prestigious guests. Other highlights had included holidays in Salzburg and Glasgow, private visits to No 10 Downing Street, and a memorable Burns Supper.

Next, the Honorary Treasurer reported that the Guild's accounts for the year to 31st July 2014 had been examined by Reeves & Co LLP (now Kreston Reeves LLP) and the financial statements had been published in the Annual Review. After outlining the income and expenditure over the year he reported that the Company's funds had increased by a little over £20,000 – in round figures from £460,000 to £480,000 – due largely to gains in the value of the Guild's investment portfolio. He then cautioned that the accounts showed the actual value of the investments at the closing date of the accounting period rather than the purchase price, so a downturn in the stock market could have a negative impact on the reported value of the Company.

The Honorary Treasurer then reported that the Guild would have to move office later that year and that the Clerk would be leaving in 2017. In order to make financial provision to cover the additional expenses that would be incurred, the Board had decided to raise the annual membership subscription to £130.00, starting from 1st January 2016.

The Honorary Treasurer then reported on behalf of the Trustees of the Guild's Charity. The most significant event during the year had been to present a second pupil at Christ's Hospital. In addition, 41 grants and awards had been made during the year. Overall, as a result of Guild Members generosity and favourable conditions on the stock market, the Charity's reserves had only fallen by £8,000, and at 31st July 2014 they had stood at £763,425.

The Honorary Treasurer concluded by reporting that the state of the Guild's accounts was healthy and recommended their adoption. The accounts were approved unanimously.

Appointment as the Guild's Accountants

The Master reported that the Board had been very pleased with the work carried out by Kreston Reeves LLP as the Guild's accountants, and recommended their reappointment for the year to 31st July 2015. The recommendation was approved unanimously.



Installation Ceremony

The Master then opened the Installation Ceremony by presenting Lady Cooksey as his successor. After a brief introduction he handed over the Guild's Inventory Book and the Key to the Company Seal as symbols of the high office of Master. Lady Cooksey thanked Dr John Smail for his kind words and acknowledged the great honour that had been bestowed upon her. She then installed her Wardens, namely Alderman Sir David Wootton as Senior Warden, Mr Peter Allcard as Renter Warden, Mr John Barber as Junior Warden and Mrs Elizabeth Thornborough as Under Warden.

Presentations

The Master then presented an Illuminated Address to the Immediate Past Master, Dr John Smail, congratulated him on a successful year, invested him with the Immediate Past Master's badge and presented him with his own Past Master's badge. Dr John Smail thanked the Master for her kind words and the presentations.



Mrs Pat Smail presented the Master's Lady's brooch to Lady Cooksey and wished her every good fortune during her year as Master.

Closing Ceremony

Finally, the Master closed the AGM. After the Master and Wardens had processed from the Hall everyone gathered in the Parlour for refreshments.

Beirut/Lebanon *



Amman/Jordan



Hammamet/Tunisia



Villa de France/Morocco



Luxembourg *



El Minzah/Morocco



Sharm El Sheikh/Egypt




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Events of 2015-16

Visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry

Thursday 26th March

The Master opened the programme for her year with a visit to the world famous Whitechapel Bell Foundry, in London's East End. The Guinness Book of Records lists the Bell Foundry as Britain's oldest manufacturing company, having been established in 1570 (during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I) and being in continuous business since that date. In 1670 the foundry was established on its present site, which had been a coaching inn called the 'Artichoke'. It is interesting to recall that the foundry was on this site in 1888, when 'Jack the Ripper' stalked the streets of Whitechapel.

The Foundry is a family run business, and the Guild was privileged to be given a fascinating and highly informative tour of the foundry by its current owner, Alan Hughes. The foundry is little changed since it was established on its present site. We heard about the fascinating history of the foundry and the casting of one of the most famous bells in the world. 'Big Ben' is the biggest bell ever cast at Whitechapel, and the gauge used to make the mould for the bell still hangs on the wall of the foundry moulding shop. Another of the world's most famous bells, the 'Liberty Bell', which is on permanent display in Philadelphia, was cast at Whitechapel over 250 years ago, in 1752. The

foundry also manufactures handbells and bells for many other purposes of all shapes and sizes. After the tour a delightful buffet supper was enjoyed by all in the family home adjacent to the foundry.



Ceremony of the Keys Tower of London

Wednesday 8th April & Monday 20th July

Guild member Yeoman Warder Colin Smith, MBE BEM greeted the Master, Guild Members and their guests at the Tower's West Gate. Colin's tours took us through 1000 years of the Tower's history and concluded with a visit to the charming Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula. We then enjoyed a convivial supper and refreshments in the Yeoman Warders' Club.



After supper we observed the Ceremony of the Keys - a gate closing ritual which has been performed by Yeoman Warders, often called Beefeaters, every evening for over 700 years. At exactly 9.52pm the Chief Yeoman Warder of the Tower emerges from the Byward Tower, dressed in red, carrying a candle lantern in one hand and the Queen's Keys in the other

hand. He walks to 'Traitors' Gate' to meet members of the duty regiment of Foot Guards who escort him throughout the ceremony. The ceremony has never been cancelled and only delayed once when during WWII a bomb knocked a couple of warders off their feet and the Yeoman Warder on duty had to telephone King George to apologise!

At the end of both most enjoyable evenings the Master thanked Colin Smith for facilitating the Guild's two visits to the Tower and for his informative tours, which he enlivened with many humorous anecdotes.



Visit to 10 Downing Street

Friday 17th April

The weather was perfect for our visit to 10 Downing Street where the Master, Lady Cooksey, extended a warm welcome to



Guild Members. Two groups of thirty made the tour, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Older Guild Members recalled when Downing Street was a public street to be strolled through at will. Sadly, our modern age means strict security and 'invitation only' access.

Our tour of the house was a fascinating history lesson with anecdotes concerning past Prime Ministers and their legacy of design and decoration. After lingering to look at the portraits of all past Prime Ministers which line the staircase, we explored the various rooms and could see from the State Room



windows across to St. James's Park and Horse Guards Parade. As a working office and home, each piece of furniture has a story attached to it, which made it a most memorable visit.

The Master then led us by a vintage London Transport Routemaster bus to HQS Wellington, the only floating Livery Hall, where both groups came together for an excellent lunch and an ideal place to reflect upon another exciting Guild day.



Kinship Banquet



The British Red Cross, London is delighted to invite you to its Inaugural Business Banquet held at the historic Guildhall on 21st November 2016. The 2016 theme is celebrating outstanding business practice between China and the UK. The event is hosted by Sir Michael Bear, Representative Lord Mayor and Government Envoy to China with Master of Ceremony Angela Rippon OBE.

The evening will include a fine dining experience from the Royal Warrant holders Mosimann's. This event reaches businesses worldwide who will join the celebrations to network, exchange business innovation and create new partnerships with China and the UK. This event promises to be the perfect opportunity for new enterprise.

The proceeds of this event will go towards the British Red Cross, working with vulnerable and isolated people in London.

Invitations are limited. To ensure your company's attendance and individual ticket availability please contact:

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Events of 2015-16

Visits to the London Archaeological Archives & Research Centre

Tuesday 21st April 2015 & Thursday 18th February 2016

The Master included two visits to the London Archaeological Archives & Research Centre in this year's programme - the first in April 2015 and the second in February 2016. During these visits Guild Members and their guests enjoyed fascinating and most informative guided tours of the Centre, along with a delicious buffet lunch provided by The Cook and The Butler.



The archives are full of London's hidden treasures, with over 5 million artefacts and the records of nearly 8,500 London excavations. As each archive box was opened the mysteries of the capital's past were revealed. Items found within the 10km of shelving and 120,000 brown boxes included shoes dating from Roman times to the present day; a 200-year-old set of false teeth; a selection of 'witching bottles', one complete with human teeth and



toenails; macabre coffin plates from London's cemeteries; and exotic animal bones including whale bones, bear bones, turtle shells and a swordfish bill.

The Guild's Centenary Master, HRH The Princess Royal, joined the group on the second visit - in February 2016 - and Guild Members and their guests were delighted to have the opportunity to chat informally with her over a cup of coffee on arrival and during the buffet lunch. Among the many items of interest that were revealed during the guided tour of the Centre, The Princess Royal remarked on an old Buckingham Palace telephone switchboard, which she recalled had been in use during her childhood.

Annual Service at St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall and Reception & Dinner in Cutlers' Hall

Wednesday 29th April

A spring evening saw the new Master, Wardens, Court Assistants, Guild Members and guests meet at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall for our annual church service which was led by the Guild's Honorary Chaplain The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, who preached a very thoughtful sermon relevant to the upcoming General Election. Once again, the Guild was pleased to welcome the Choir of King Edward's School Witley,



ably accompanied by the church organist, Catherine Ennis. We very much enjoyed the exuberant singing of the Choir whose beautiful voices filled the church with anthems and canticles.

Following the Annual Service a Reception and Dinner was held at

nearby Cutlers' Hall, where Guild Members and their guests were welcomed by our new Master, Lady Cooksey. The choir from King Edward's School



Witley attended the Reception and the Master thanked them for their delightful contribution to the Service and presented a cheque to the Headmaster, Mr John Attwater. The Livery Hall has a



stunning Victorian hammer beam roof and it was under the sparkling chandeliers that Members of the Guild and their guests enjoyed a superb Dinner catered by The Cook and The Butler.

Holiday in The Netherlands

Tuesday 5th May - Saturday 9th May

In early May, a party of Guild Members set off for a holiday in the Netherlands. From our base near Utrecht we first visited the Heerlijkheid Mariënwaerd estate where we were entertained with a tour of the manor house and the extensive gardens, and finally a dinner hosted by Baron van Verschuer. The estate has a number of barns, all renovated for hosting a variety of events, shooting parties in the winter and weddings in the summer. The family have lived here since the 18th century.



The next day we toured the newly refurbished Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam with its great collection of Dutch old master paintings. We also enjoyed lunch during a boat trip and saw all the beautiful houses that stand along the sides of the canals. This was followed by a guided tour of the great Royal Palace in Dam Square, famous for its wealth of marble carvings on the walls, fine statuary, and paintings, and the day was rounded off with a delightful dinner in the Royal Industrial Club.



The second day we went to The Hague to see the Frick Collection in the Mauritshuis (including Johannes Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring), which stands alongside the Parliament buildings and from where one could see the Prime Minister at work in his office. After lunch, hosted by Jonkheer Alexander Beelaerts van Blokland, in the

De Haagsche Club-Plaats Royaal, we visited the stunning Keukenhof gardens, all ablaze with tulips, viewing these gardens at their very best. No trip to see the Dutch bulbfields is complete without a visit there, which is known as 'The Greatest Flower Show on Earth'.

Every year, almost a million people flock from all over the world to see the world's largest bulb garden come to life with displays of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and cherry blossom. We could also admire the colourful arrays of lilies and orchids in huge marquees. There were also ornamental shrubs, blossoming fruit trees and natural woodland.



On our final day we visited Rotterdam to see Het Huys ten Donck, the private home of Jonkvrouw Catharina Groeninx van Zoelen, where we were introduced also to her husband and two young children. Then on to lunch in the Royal Maas Yacht Club, which was followed by a trip round Rotterdam harbour, where we witnessed the massively expanding container freight business they are establishing there, with ships being loaded to go all over the world.



Finally we returned to the hotel to change for our last dinner, which was at the Michelin starred restaurant De Hoefslag. The whole trip was wonderfully thought out by Michael and Belinda, with our hostess Odette Hooft Graafland, whose charming husband was also instrumental in providing the entree to the three exclusive private clubs we visited.

Events of 2015-16

Visit to the Royal Courts of Justice and Lunch in Middle Temple

Thursday 14th May

The Master, Lady Cooksey, led the hugely popular private tour of the Royal Courts of Justice. The building is one of the last great wonders of Gothic Revival architecture in England and, after eleven years of construction, was opened by Queen Victoria on 4th December 1882.



George Edmund Street, R.A. was the appointed architect of the building and designed the whole building from foundation to the varied carvings and spires, which as the architect intended, resembles a cathedral. Sadly, he died before the building was opened. It is believed that the stress of the task may

have contributed to his early death, at the age of 57. The Royal Courts of Justice are home to the Court of Appeal and the High Court of Justice of England and Wales.



Our excellent and extensive tour of the Royal Courts of Justice, led by two very knowledgeable guides, was followed by a short walk across Fleet Street to Middle Temple for a delightful lunch in the magnificent Great Hall. After lunch we were able to observe a court case concerning a well-publicised divorce involving a Russian oligarch and his beauty-queen wife.

We all left the Royal Courts of Justice with a greater understanding of the history of the building and how the work of the Courts fits into the judicial life of the country.

Westward Cruise on the River Thames & Dinner

Wednesday 29th April



The Master, Guild Members and their guests gathered at Tower Pier to board 'The Elizabethan', a replica of an 1890's Mississippi stern-wheeled paddle steamer, which beautifully reflected the style and craftsmanship of a bygone era. As we cruised along the River Thames into the sunset, to just beyond Putney Bridge, our drinks reception on the Promenade deck provided a wonderful setting for us to enjoy the splendid views of London's great landmarks.

The Master and her Consort, Dr Graham Paul, were accompanied by HE Dr Ion Jinga and his wife, Daniela. Dr Jinga, the Romanian Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, was awarded 'Diplomat of

the Year" in the "Political and Public Life Awards 2015, and he was shortly to become Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

The Dinner, which commemorated the 75th Anniversary of Dunkirk was served below deck in grand style and luxury. On the return journey to Tower Pier, the Master introduced Guild Member John Seaton, a comedian, who provided a little light entertainment. At the conclusion of another memorable event, the Master thanked



John Seaton and presented him with a pair of Guild cufflinks. The Master then thanked our Clerk, Michael, assisted by Belinda, for an evening organised to perfection.

Visit to RNLI Selsey & Lunch

Wednesday 10th June

A group of approximately thirty Guild Members and guests assembled on a bright but breezy day at the Selsey Lifeboat station. We were an excited group, as this was the last chance for Guild visitors to experience a launching from the boathouse down a steep slipway.



Twelve of us volunteered to go onto the boat and we had an exciting launch, followed by a demonstration of the speed and power of the boat in rather choppy waters. Some of our party, including the Master, remained dry in the wheelhouse, whilst the rest of us, duly kitted out in waterproofs, clung onto bars and ropes whilst the



lifeboat moved rapidly, often at alarming angles. It was a truly exhilarating experience.

We convened for an excellent lunch at a local restaurant where the former Selsey RNLI Chairman, John Light, introduced our Master, Lady Cooksey, as a great friend and major fund-raiser for the RNLI organisation. We were then welcomed by the current Chairman, Guild Member Colvin Rae, to whom the Master made a presentation from the attendees and the Guild's Charity.

The Master then called for a hearty cheer of appreciation for the work of the RNLI and for the hospitality the Guild has always been given by RNLI Selsey. To round off a perfect day, we were then treated to the spectacle of a launch from shore of a fast RIB, a demonstration of its versatility, speed and tight turning circle, and finally some rescue manoeuvres.



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Charterhouse Musical Tour & Supper

Wednesday 17th June

Guild Members and their guests assembled in the Old Library for drinks and a delicious buffet supper, before setting out on a guided musical tour of the ancient Carthusian monastery situated in Charterhouse Square.



At various locations on the tour an informative description was followed by a piece of appropriate music performed by a professional quartet, the Thomas Sutton Singers.




The tour was treated to a wonderful recital in the Chapel by organist Graham Matthews on the recently restored 1842 Walker organ. We were also surprised to discover three hidden gardens of great peace and beauty in the middle of the City.

The tour finished back in the Old Library, where the Master thanked the caterer and the Thomas Sutton Singers for a superb evening.

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Reception & Dinner HQS Wellington

Wednesday 24th June

The Master welcomed 96 Guild Members and their guests to a reception on the Quarter Deck of HQS Wellington. Our Anniversary Dinner was held below deck in the Court Room, which was once the ship's engine room. The main course was, not unexpectedly, Beef Wellington. The Court Room is an elegant room adorned with the Master Mariners' collection of silver, gold and framed antique charts.



A very interesting after dinner talk was given by Professor Jeremy Black, MBE, Professor of History at the University of Exeter, to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Wellington's victory at Waterloo. Afterwards the Master



thanked the Professor for his excellent talk which was set in the context of British gallantry and history, and presented him with a Centenary Halcyon Days box.

The guests for the evening included Mr Philip MacDonald and his wife, Michelle. Philip is leaving his post as Headmaster of the City of London Freeman's School in July and the Master took the opportunity to formally say goodbye. She also thanked Philip for all he had done for the school and for enhancing the school's relationship with the Guild during his 8 years as Headmaster.

This was a wonderful calm summer's evening which had a great buzz about it, and everyone clearly had an enjoyable time.

Visit to Royal Hospital Chelsea & Lunch

Wednesday 1st July

Guild Members and their guests joined the Master for coffee and croissants in the State Apartments, before Chelsea Pensioner and Guild Member Mike Allen started his tour of the Royal Hospital.

The tour included the Chapel (where Lady Thatcher regularly worshipped), the Great Hall and Figure Court, with the gilded statue of Charles II, who founded the hospital in 1682. The statue, the work of Grinling Gibbons, was presented to the King by Tobias Rustat in 1682.



The Chelsea Pensioners are known to us all as the iconic faces of the Royal Hospital. Some 300 army veterans live at the Royal Hospital, including those who have served in Korea, the Falkland Islands, Cyprus, Northern Ireland and World War II.

The tour finished in the Chelsea Pensioners' Club, where we enjoyed refreshments and a buffet curry lunch. Later the Master thanked Mike Allen for his fascinating tour of the Royal Hospital and presented him with a Guild Plaque.

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City Walks & Supper

Tuesday 7th July & Wednesday 8th July

The Master, Guild Members and guests met in Paternoster Square, where our wonderful guide, Peter Tompkins, began his tour of 'Roman London'.



Peter took us on a walk around the city, pointing out the layout of the Roman roads, Roman influences such as the city gates, market places and Ludgate Hill. Unlike many Italian cities,



where there are plenty of Roman remains, London has very few, due first to the great fire in 1666, and then to the colossal rebuilding that has changed the City over many years. The roads and great cross roads remain, and at the end we did see about 50 yards of the original Roman city wall.

The tour finished in Mincing Lane at the Davy's Wine Bar in Plantation Court, where the Master thanked Peter for his informative tour and handed over a cheque in support of the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Guildhall School of Music & Drama Gala Evening & Supper

Monday 13th July

Another opening, another show – whoops, wrong musical, but apt, as Guild Members and guests joined in this annual fund raising evening to benefit the wonderful work of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. After a delightful reception and drink, overlooking the conservatory, we assembled in the Garden Room for a delicious supper with wine, where the GSMD Principal, Professor Barry Ife, welcomed the Guild.



We were then treated to a very slick, tightly choreographed and brilliantly sung production of the all-time classic "Guys and Dolls". And with an orchestra of 23 instruments, which few West End theatres could match, stunning sets and costumes, the talented cast 'gave it their all'. It almost seems unkind to single out individual performers among such a talented cast, but it would be

wrong not to mention the very talented Luke Dale (Sky Masterson) and Katrina McKeever (Miss Adelaide), while Alexander Knox, playing Nicely Johnson, brought the house down (several times) with his rendering of "sit down you're rocking the boat".



We enjoyed another great evening with the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and a group of very happy Guild Members and guests. What could be better!

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Guildhall Art Gallery 'Magna Carta' Tour & Lunch

Monday 20th July

The Master joined Guild Members and their guests for a pre-tour coffee in the Members Private Dining Room in Guildhall. The Guild's visit, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta, included a talk by an expert on Magna Carta from the London Metropolitan Archives, and a fascinating tour of the Roman Amphitheatre and Art Gallery, which included the exhibition 'No Colour Bar:-Black British Art in Action 1960 - 1990'.



The party was divided into two groups. The first group toured the Roman Amphitheatre and Guildhall Art Gallery, whilst the second group was shown an original of Magna Carta, which is on loan from the London Metropolitan Archives. The two groups then came together in the Members' Private Dining Room, which overlooks Guildhall Yard, for refreshments and a finger buffet lunch, catered by The Cook and The Butler. After lunch the groups swapped over, and repeated the tours from the morning.

From the Master's Diary

Thursday 23rd April

Royal Society of St. George, Guildhall

"Graham and I dressed up in our finery and attended the Annual Dinner of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George, in the Old Library, Guildhall. This was a splendid event, beginning with a reception in the company of many friends. For those up and coming Masters, who will be invited as guests in the future, I will give a brief description. The Militaire Orchestra played throughout the evening. The main event of the four course dinner is the parading of the great fillet of Lancashire beef around the room, for the approval of the Chairman. The speeches were excellent and thought-provoking. Sir David Wootton was to have responded to the 'Toast to our Guests', but was not able to be present owing to a family bereavement. John Garbutt stepped in at the last moment and spoke about 1915 and the war from a City of London perspective. In accordance with custom, the guests were invited to sing the great British songs – Rule Britannia, There'll always be an England and Land of Hope and Glory, which we did with great gusto."

Friday 24th April

Gild of Freeman of the City of York 60th Annual Banquet

"The weekend was the occasion of the 60th Annual Banquet of the Gild of Freeman of the City of York, a special occasion involving their seven Gilds. Graham and I attended an evening of dog racing on Friday night, which was arranged in the Royal York Hotel, where all the events took place; this gave us a good chance to meet the Master and Members of the Gild. On Saturday we were free to see the sites of this wonderful city. The Banquet took place on Saturday night, at which I was asked to give a toast to the City of York, and the Gild of Freeman of the City of York. I wore a long dress and full glamour kit. It was a pleasure to find another Lady Master, Mrs Maureen Eland installed as Master. The Gild's Annual Church service took place on Sunday morning, which involved a parade through the streets fully bonneted and gowned with chains, after which the Mayor, Ian Gillies, hosted a reception."

Thursday 2nd July

City of London Freeman's School Prize Giving Day

"The school is in a really lovely former stately home, surrounded by plenty of grassy areas. The Junior School prize giving took place in the new Sports Hall in the morning, then the Lord Mayor arrived with his Sheriffs, and, finally, in the afternoon the Senior School prize giving took place. There are a great many prizes all given by various friends and Guilds, and by far the most prizes were given by the Guild of Freeman."

Holiday in Italy

Monday 14th - Friday 18th September

This holiday, which was blessed with wonderful warm and sunny weather, provided spectacular insights into the history and countryside of the ancient Kingdom of Lombardy. On arrival at Venice airport, approximately 40 Guild Members and guests transferred by road to Padua, our base throughout the trip.

After settling in on the first evening, we went out to dinner at the Trattoria al Prato. We were introduced to our guide for the tour, Countess Manuela Solaro del Borgo, a friend of Countess Stephanie zu Waldburg-Zeil-Hohenems (known to us all as Nini). Through her we were introduced to the local aristocracy and their grand and memorable villas and palaces. It was indeed fortunate that her friends were all available to conduct the tours of their homes personally.

The next day we visited the Capella dei Scrovegni and the Palazzo della Ragione, and enjoyed a coffee break in the pretty Piazza delle Erbe. The great city square is bedecked with statues of famous people such as Gallileo, who had lived there, and we had a fine lunch in the Caffè Pedrocchi. After lunch we visited the Church of St Anthony and admired the fine and extensive series of fresco paintings by Giotto. That evening we set off for a delightful boat cruise on the River Brenta, with dinner on board, and we visited the Villa Foscari in Stra.



Wednesday began with a tour of the newly restored Villa dei Vescovi, a former residence of the Bishops of Padua. This was followed by a tour of the Baroque gardens of Villa Barbarigo, with its countless trees and shrubs, and the great maze, all planted around 1600. Our tour was conducted by Dr Armando Pizzoni Ardemani. He and 5 gardeners keep it well tended, and the maze alone takes 2 men 2 months to trim.

We had lunch at the Montecchia golf club, followed by a tour of the beautiful Villa Montecchia, conducted by the owners, Count and Countess Giordano Emo Capodilista.



Here the murals with their superb trompe l'oeil were outstanding. Every wall was covered, and the ceilings too. Giordano told us he was the 22nd generation of his family to live there.

We then went to the Villa de Frassanelle, where we met the sister of the owner, Maria Novella, Contessa Papafava Antonini Dei Carraresi, who had grown up there. After a brief tour of the house, we explored its Grotto, which had, in the 18th century, been made for a grotto competition by the then owner, which he won. It was dark and eerie, with a water pool and long dark passages. Finally we had dinner in the Ristorante Belle Parti.

For the last and most magical day, we set off for Vicenza, where our first stop was a tour of the Villa la Rotonda. To most of us this was just a page in a book of famous houses,



and nothing could have prepared us for its magnificence inside. Andrea Palladio originally designed it for one person to live in. Count Nicol Valmarana showed us around and explained its history. His family had bought it at the beginning of the last century, and had set about the much needed renovations. When we saw it the work was almost complete. The great central hall was beautifully decorated with frescos, and as tall as at least three houses. It quite took our breath away.

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We then walked across the road and through woodland to the property of one of Count Nicol's cousins, Countess Maria Carolina di Valmarana, who received us in her pretty garden for a reception and a tour of a house they called La Foresteria. We had a delicious lunch in the Villa Valmarana ai Nani (built in 1669 with frescoes painted by Tiepolo).



From there we went to see Palladio's last work, the Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza, complete with its marvellous stage scenery which contained avenues of houses which could be readily used for any performance.

The last excitement of this day was dinner in the Palazzo Papafava, hosted by Count Alessandro Sforza, whose wife the Countess was in London to meet The Dalai Lama. This was another magnificent palace, tucked away along a narrow side street in Padua. The main reception room

was up a great staircase, on the first floor, and we came into a chamber 30ft high, magnificently decorated with chandeliers and frescos.



We were given a history of the house during a beautiful reception, followed by a great dinner which was served in adjoining rooms. A harpist and a violinist played, and suddenly Countess Maria Novella, whom we had met earlier and who was dining with us, began to sing arias. It was quite lovely and she had a marvellous voice. Alessandro showed us a picture of Winston Churchill, taken with Alessandro's uncle, who was to have been head of Italy's government, but Churchill preferred the Royal family to govern. So, home to bed in Padua for the last time and thank you Manuela Solaro, and Michael and Belinda for another superb foreign trip.

Reception & Dinner in Armourers' Hall

Wednesday 30th September

Most appropriately, the 600th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt was commemorated by a dinner in the beautiful Armourers' Hall. A relatively modern building, Armourers' Hall was, after many years of dilapidation, finally rebuilt in 1840. It contains a most interesting collection of armour and weapons, both English and foreign, which are displayed around the various rooms and halls of the building. Included in the display is the Field Armour of Sir Henry Lee K.G., Queen Elizabeth I's Champion from 1559-90 and Master of The Armouries.

The evening's entertainment began with a recital by Guild Member Mark Grove of the relevant passage from Shakespeare's Henry V. This was followed by a superb dinner in the magnificent Livery hall with its candle-lit chandeliers, and consisted of haddock mousse, Lancashire fillet steak, trio of foraged fruits from Pas-de-Calais and a wild mushroom and goats' cheese savoury. The goats' cheese had been especially brought from the Agincourt



farm at the site of the battlefield by The Cook and The Butler's talented head chef, Jean Deillon.

The guest speaker for the evening was Guild Member Sir Tony Baldry, a member of the Agincourt 600 Committee, who entertained us with a most interesting and well informed talk about the history of the battle which was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

Visit to Glyndebourne & Lunch

Wednesday 7th October

Founded in 1934 by John Christie and his opera singer wife, Audrey Mildmay, Glyndebourne is committed to presenting opera of the highest quality, commissioning new work, developing new talent and reaching new audiences.



Lady Cooksey has long been a member of Glyndebourne and it was whilst attending a sponsorship evening with her daughter Atlanta she met Gus Christie, the Chairman of Glyndebourne. It was through this connection that Lady Cooksey was able to arrange this wonderful visit.



The Master, Guild Members and their guests assembled at midday for a sparkling drinks reception before Andrew Higgins (Director of Development & Fundraising at Glyndebourne) gave an informative talk about Glyndebourne and its origins. After lunch everyone took their seats in the theatre, where the dress rehearsal of Donizetti's comic opera *Don Pasquale* was performed.

Tea and biscuits were served in the interval, which also allowed us the opportunity to wander through the delightful gardens. It was a polished performance and a wonderful production to round off a truly superb and memorable day.

Visit to Windsor Castle & St. George's Chapel

Friday 16th October

Mid-morning a large party of Guild Members and their guests gathered at the King Henry VIII Gate to Windsor Castle, where we were divided into two groups. The first group visited the three chapels, and the second group went to see the Guildhall, which was very beautiful, full of wonderful royal portraits, all given by various monarchs, where they now hold meetings and weddings.



The State rooms were closed as The Queen was holding an Investiture. However, we were able to have a tour of the rest of

the castle and grounds, and then visited an exhibition of photographs of 'The Longest Reign'. We saw Queen Mary's Dolls' House, which is huge, not like an ordinary dolls' house, and then the exhibition of 'Windsor at Agincourt'.

We had lunch together at the Castle Hotel, and then changed tours. The Chapel groups were shown in great detail all the marvellous architecture, items of interest which each succeeding monarch had added, and the tombs of many Kings of England. Tea followed at the Harte and Garter Hotel, and then we returned to the Castle for Evensong in St. George's Chapel, led by the Chapel choir, after which we went on our way having had a splendid day.



We have to thank Guild Member Anthony Farnath for his assistance in organising the trip, and Dr Mitchell for her excellent talk on the Guildhall.

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Reception & Dinner in Wax Chandlers' Hall

Wednesday 28th October

This is the first time the Guild has held a Dinner at Wax Chandlers' Hall, as it is one of the smaller Livery halls in the City. The Wax Chandlers received their Charter in 1484 from King Richard III. Their hall has stood on the site for over 500 years, but was rebuilt after being damaged in WW II.



The evening commenced with a Reception in the Drawing Room, after which the Master processed in with the Guest Speaker Sir Peter Bottomley, MP for West Worthing, and Peter Tompkins, Upper Warden of the Wax Chandlers and well known to Guild Members as the guide on our City



Walks. At dinner we were watched over by the portrait of Past Master Sir Gavyn Arthur, in his robes as the 675th Lord Mayor, who is a Past Master of the Company.

After an excellent meal served by the The Cook and The Butler, the Master introduced Sir Peter Bottomley, MP, who spoke on various topics from Livery Companies to singing sea shanties and to dealing with the media. Sir Peter was thanked by the Master and presented with a £20 silver coin commemorating Queen Elizabeth II as the longest reigning Monarch.



Visit to Watermen's Hall & Lunch

Wednesday 4th November

On a crisp November morning Guild Members and guests arrived at Watermen's Hall for a tour of this beautiful Georgian building followed by lunch.



After a welcoming cup of coffee we were divided into two groups – the first listened to a presentation and slide show by Dr Robert Crouch MVO, HM Bargemaster Emeritus, which covered such topics as Apprenticeships, the Doggetts Coat and Badge Race and Swan Upping - all part of the life of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames. The

former are carriers of passengers and the latter carriers of goods.

We were told that the first Royal Barge on the Thames was in 1215 when King John went to Runnymede to sign The Magna Carta. Of course, we all know the most recent one, Gloriana, which carried HM The Queen downriver in her Diamond Jubilee Year.

The second group was taken on a tour of the Hall by the Assistant Clerk, Carol Ratcliffe, who explained the history of the company and the building - which is the only original Georgian Hall in the City of London. The Hall was extended in 1983, in keeping with the original Georgian style, to adapt to modern-day requirements and re-opened in 1984 by HRH Princess Alexandra.

The oldest of its many treasures is a Barometer, and the Chandelier in the Court Room was gifted by Tate & Lyle 12 years ago after being found in one of their Warehouses. In 1826 the Company was given the right to govern itself and so they followed the Livery ways in their organisation. Later in the morning the groups were reversed so everyone had an opportunity to take in the splendour of the building and hear all about the history and work of the Company.

Visit to College of Arms

Tuesday 10th November

Twenty Guild Members and their guests assembled in the historic College of Arms situated, since 1555, in Queen Victoria Street, where Windsor Herald, William Hunt, arranged a fascinating tour of the College.

Windsor Herald, whose own title goes back to 1364, gave a fascinating insight into the role of the College as the official repository of coats of arms and pedigrees of eminent and prominent people and families throughout England and Wales.

He explained in some detail the large amount of genealogical research undertaken on a daily basis, the process of applying for a grant of arms and how the Heralds of Arms are responsible for arranging state occasions including Coronations, State Funerals and the annual Opening of Parliament. We discovered how coats of arms are claimed, designed and distributed and we were able to take a close look at a number of fascinating historical volumes and to view spectacular examples of the College's work over the past seven centuries.



The evening finished with a buffet supper and Windsor Herald was thanked by the Master and Guild Members for a most informative and enjoyable evening.

From the Master's Diary

Tuesday 6th October

Painters' Hall

"An invitation from the Master Painter-Stainer, Colin Goodman and his Wardens, provided a chance to partake in a reception and private view of the Painters' Fine Art Society's 26th Art in the City Exhibition, in Little Trinity Street. We attended with Mike and Belinda Keun. The Painter-Stainers' have created a new category - 'Painter Scholars', to encourage up and coming artists, some of whose work was on show."

Monday 12th October

Gibraltar Day, Guildhall

"Graham and I, and a number of other Members of the Guild, were invited to an evening reception to mark the 16th Gibraltar Day in the City of London, which took place in the Great Hall at Guildhall. We were greeted by the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, The Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, whom we had met on a previous occasion. We were served an excellent sparkling wine and a generous supply of canapés. During the reception the Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers provided the music. Chief Minister Fabian Picardo made a great speech telling us how the Government of Gibraltar had already met most of their financial targets. The evening was closed with the Sunset Ceremony in Guildhall Yard played by the Band and Corps of Drums of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment."

Wednesday 14th October

The Incorporation of Wrights and Trades House of Glasgow

"I was sworn in to this most ancient of Crafts, the Incorporation of Wrights in Glasgow. As Graham and I were already in Glasgow, we attended the Banquet, for all 14 Incorporated Crafts, in the Trades House of Glasgow. It was enjoyable to meet so many of our Scottish counterparts, and we enjoyed a wonderful dinner. The following day there was a procession through the streets to a church service."

Tuesday 27th October

Trinity House

"I was invited to Trinity House for luncheon. The special guest was Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, with whom I enjoyed a delightful conversation."

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Lord Mayor's Show

Saturday 8th November

On a rainy day, seventy Guild Members and their guests took their places on the South Grandstand by St Paul's Cathedral to enjoy the 800th Lord Mayor's Show, and to cheer the Master, Lady Cooksey, as she passed by in her landau with her distinctive 'poppy' umbrella.



The Master's landau was escorted by the Soldier of the Year, Lance Corporal Walby, and accompanied by three old friends; the President of the City Livery Club, John McCabe; the President of the United Wards' Club, Clifford Rust; and the Chairman of the Royal Society of St. George (City of London Branch), the Reverend Dr Martin Dudley CC.



After the parade, most of us took the short walk to Guildhall for a traditional English three-course lunch catered by 'The Cook and the Butler'. Meanwhile, the Master, with her consort, Dr Graham Paul; the Clerk, Michael Keun and his wife Belinda; and the Immediate Past Master, Dr John Smail and his wife Pat, joined the new Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and other guests for lunch in the Egyptian Hall at Mansion House.

Following the atrocious terrorist attack in Paris the night before, the organisers had taken the decision to cancel the traditional fireworks display. Instead 'as a mark of respect' and as a 'show of solidarity with the victims', Tower Bridge was lit up in the colours of the French flag. It was a very moving sight to see so many pedestrians of all nationalities standing still in silent thought.

It seemed to be an appropriate end to the day.



Saké Tasting in Tallow Chandlers' Hall **Wednesday 18th November**

On a cold and wet evening, Guild Members and guests gathered in a warm and welcoming atmosphere for a Saké tasting. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Japanese Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Keiichi Hayashi and Mrs Hayashi, a visiting Ambassador, Ambassador Ooe, and officials from the Japanese Embassy.



After a welcome from The Master, we were inducted into the world of Saké by Rie Yoshitake, of the Saké Samurai Association. We learnt about the many types of Saké and their versatility as an accompaniment to food and that the more highly polished the rice in the brewing process, the finer the Saké. The highpoint of the evening was a tutored tasting led by representatives of the Urakasumi and Dewazakura Saké Breweries.



This was a truly wonderful treat as we sampled a variety of fine Sakés, including sparkling and vintage Sakés. Sparkling Saké “Tobiroku” can certainly substitute for champagne and Plum Saké “Ume-Shu” is an interesting and refreshing digestive.

The evening concluded with a generous buffet supper and presentations by the Master to our distinguished guests.



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DM Thomas Foundation Ball at the London Hilton Park Lane

Saturday 28th November

The DM Thomas Foundation Ball held at the London Hilton, Park Lane, is one of the most prestigious charity events of the year. The Ball, with which the Guild has long been proudly associated, remains a wonderful and glittering event in the Guild's programme. A group of regular attendees enthusiastically support the work of the Foundation by attending the Ball and supporting the fund raising events on the night.

The mission of the DM Thomas Foundation is to transform young lives. This is achieved by raising money to support a wide range of projects that help disadvantaged young people to Achieve It, Beat It, Live It and Experience It.

Through charitable support, the Foundation is able to reach directly into communities and offer help where it is needed, partnering with smaller charities and organisations to help young people. A number of campaigns and events are organised to help achieve their mission.

There is a special focus on supporting young people with disabilities, supporting employability and training programmes, enhancing the experiences of life-limited children in hospice care and supporting sick children in hospital. The projects provide training, equipment, experiences and support so that young people can reach their full potential. They focus on partnering with local organisations which often struggle to attract support.



The Foundation began life in 2000 as the Hilton in the Community Foundation. Since then the Foundation has delivered a wide range of programmes, and through key partnerships and by providing funding, they invest in brighter futures for young people. In 2015 the name was changed to the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People in honour of the dedication of the founding Trustee Dame Maureen Thomas.



Transforming young lives

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- Music therapy and equipment for children in hospital
- Respite care and equipment for life-limited children
- Activities and experiences for young people with disabilities

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Annual Banquet in Guildhall

Monday 14th December

The Master, Lady Cooksey, with her Consort Dr Graham Paul, welcomed Guild Members' and their guests to a champagne reception, before receiving The Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Alderman & Sheriff Charles Bowman and Sheriff Dr Christine Rigden and her consort.



The Guild was also pleased to welcome the Deacon Convener of the Trades House of Glasgow, the Master of The Gild of Freemen of the City of York, the Master of The City of Coventry Freemen's Guild and the President of The Freemen & Guilds of the City of Chester. It was also pleasing to see as our guest Peter

Tompkins, who had taken Guild Members on guided City walks for 30 years.

The wonderful selection of music provided by The London Banqueting Ensemble encompassed all the usual favourites including; Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory and The Post Horn Galop.

After dinner, the Master, The Lord Mayor, Rabbi Baroness Neuberger, Dame Esther Rantzen and Alderman Sir David Wootton all gave very thought provoking speeches with humorous anecdotes.

Baroness Neuberger is a cross-bench member of the House of Lords, social commentator and writer. She is Senior Rabbi at the West London Synagogue and one of the first two female Rabbis in the United Kingdom. She was chair of the Commission on the Future of Volunteering and the Prime Minister's Champion for Volunteering. Baroness Neuberger regularly appears on BBC Radio 2's Pause for Thought and is passionate about issues surrounding the end of life, asylum, refugees and immigration, volunteering and mental health. She set up the Walter and Liesel Schwab Charitable Trust in memory of her parents, specifically to benefit young asylum seekers.

Baroness Neuberger is the author of several books on Judaism, women, healthcare ethics and on caring for dying people. Her books include, Not Dead Yet – a Manifesto for old age, and Is that all there is? - Thoughts on the meaning of life and leaving a legacy. The Baroness's speech was extremely thought provoking and gave us all many issues to contemplate with regard to our own families and communities.

In reply, The Lord Mayor thanked the Baroness for her inspirational words and for proposing the Civic Toast. He then

reflected on the good-will and traditions of the festive season, and recalled some of the historical re-enactments and tableaux reflecting the City that had been a feature of life in the late 19th Century. He then focussed on the qualities and potential of young people today; he congratulated the Guild on the support provided for the young and the disadvantaged by the Guild's charity; and in conclusion he outlined the initiatives that were being supported through The Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal.

Next to speak was the Senior Warden, Alderman Sir David Wootton. He thanked The Lord Mayor for his address, and then welcomed the Guild's guests, especially the Civic Party, the representatives of Guilds from around the UK, and the Masters and Presidents of the City Livery Companies and City organisations who were present. In conclusion, he proposed a toast to all the guests.

Dame Esther Rantzen then replied on behalf of the guests. She is a journalist and television presenter and is best known for presenting the BBC television series *That's Life!* Dame Esther is



well known for her work with charitable causes and is founder of the child protection charity ChildLine, which she set up in 1986, and The Silver Line, designed to combat loneliness, which she established in 2012.

Dame Esther gave us a passionate speech on the important work undertaken by The Silver Line and the volunteers who are vital to The Silver Line's ability to achieve their aim of reducing loneliness and improving the lives of older people.

Dame Esther frequently reminded us to remember The Silver Line's rhyming catchphrase of 70 80 90. At the end of her speech, many of us felt that we knew a family member or friend who might welcome the advice of The Silver Line.

The Master concluded the evening by presenting The Lord Mayor with a cheque for his Charity she then thanked the Clerk, his wife Belinda and Judith Westall for organising the magnificent Banquet, which showed the City, Guildhall and the Guild at their very best. Finally, she wished everyone a safe journey home and a Happy Christmas.

Events of 2015-16



From the Master's Diary

Thursday 29th October

Westminster Abbey - Battle of Agincourt Service of Commemoration

"In company with Masters of Guilds and Livery Companies and about 2000 other representatives, I attended this very moving service. An old friend, and expert on the Longbow, Robert Hardy read one passage from Henry V, and Alex Hassell, whom Graham and I had recently seen in action at the Stratford upon Avon theatre, gave a great speech, walking about the Abbey as he did so. The disappointment for so many was the choice of hymns that no one knew but I was informed later they were contemporary."

Monday 2nd November

St Paul's Cathedral Churchyard - Opening of the Garden of Remembrance

"This was a poignant November tribute to remember the servicemen and women and their families, past and present, who made the ultimate sacrifice. Masters, their Clerks and others, including the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, Ian Luder, planted crosses. I planted one with the Guild's name inscribed on the cross."

Saturday 9th January

Mansion House - The Lady Mayoress's Tea Party for Children

"It was one of the most joyful experiences of my year as Master. I had great pleasure in taking three of my grandchildren to this wonderful party for some 250 children aged between 6-9, which kept them amused for four hours with games, Punch and Judy, some Reptiles to admire, and tea. The tea party finished with the Hokey Cokey and a Conga around the whole of the first floor of the Mansion House."

Carol Service at the Tower of London

Friday 17th December

The Guild was privileged once again to have been granted permission to hold the Guild's Annual Carol Service in the beautiful Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula, the parish church of the Tower of London, which is a Royal Chapel and a 'Royal Peculiar', directly under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign.



The service was taken by The Revd Canon Roger Hall, MBE, Chaplain to HM Royal Palace and Fortress of the Tower of London. The Choir of the Chapels Royal sang throughout the service and the lessons were read by Guild Members Mr Stephen Osborne, Miss Margaret Martin, and Mr Alan Perry as well as the Master, Lady Cooksey, and The Revd Canon Roger Hall.

The Cook and The Butler provided wine and canapés after the service.



Events of 2015-16

Reception & Dinner in Painters' Hall

Wednesday 27th January

On a wet Wednesday evening we arrived at Painters' Hall - a charming Livery hall tucked off Queen Victoria Street. We



enjoyed a lively reception in the ground floor Court rooms before going to the first floor dining hall, which is a splendid room decorated in a style which reflects the Painter-Stainers' long heritage and history, and was very appropriate to the Master with her knowledge and interest in the world of the arts.

We enjoyed a high quality meal with excellent wines. The great enjoyment of those dining was evident

by the conversation during the evening, and the laughter and amazement at the young magician whose tricks entertained us during the meal. After the loving cup ceremony and the loyal toasts we enjoyed a splendid selection of love songs, requested by the Master and superbly sung by Geoffrey Horton. A first class evening was much enjoyed by all those present.



Mansion House Tours

Thursday 4th February

Mansion House is home to The Harold Samuel Collection of paintings and also of some fine sculptures. The Harold Samuel Collection is formed of 84 pieces and is perhaps the best collection of Dutch 17th century paintings in Britain. Lord Harold Samuel of Wych Cross, a wealthy property developer and entrepreneur, left it to the City of London in 1987, with the express wish that the collection be hung in Mansion House.

The morning tour began with Karen Chester (a City of London Guide and Art Historian) focusing on the fabulous



Harold Samuel collection. After lunch in Guildhall, the afternoon tour was led by the Keeper of Walbrook Hall, Mr John Davies, who concentrated on the house's architecture, furniture and treasures and ended in the magnificent Silver and Gold vault.



The Master thanked Karen Chester for her knowledgeable and illuminating presentation of the paintings and John Davies for his amusing and informative tour of Mansion House.

The funds raised by these events are taken into account when the Guild's Charitable Trustees decide on the donation to the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Reception & Dinner in the House of Lords

Friday 12th February

The Guild is honoured and privileged to be able to hold this annual visit to the House of Lords and it is one of the highlights of the Guild's year.



The evening began in Westminster Hall, where those who wished were divided into groups and taken on the Line of Route guided tours of the Palace of Westminster. The guides were extremely knowledgeable on the workings of the Houses of Parliament and interspersed their tours with amusing anecdotes relating to their Lordships

and the Palace of Westminster. At the conclusion of the tours, the reception was held in the Peers' Guest Room, overlooking a magnificent view of the River Thames. Guild



Members and their Guests were introduced by the Master, Lady Cooksey, to The Rt Hon. the Baroness Garden of Frognal, who had kindly hosted the evening.

After Dinner in the Peers' Dining Room, the Baroness, who has been actively involved with educational and charitable organisations, and is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of World Traders', and a Past Master of the Company, gave an amusing and informative speech.



The Master drew the evening to a close by thanking the Baroness and presented her with a Guild's Centenary

Halcyon Days Box, before wishing everyone a safe journey home.

Reception & Dinner in Goldsmiths' Hall

Thursday 3rd March



For her final dinner the Master, Lady Cooksey, chose the magnificent Goldsmiths' Hall to celebrate the end of her year in office. During the sparkling reception Guild Member Natalie Haverstock (Miss Ballooniverse) entertained the guests with her amazing balloon creations. This was followed by The London Banqueting Ensemble who played a fanfare to announce dinner and provided the musical entertainment throughout the evening, finishing with a stirring rendition of the Post Horn Galop.



Goldsmiths' Hall's four matching chandeliers made from the finest English glass, supplied by Perry and Co. in 1835, and each holding 48 candles, are one of the delights of dining in the Livery Hall. It is a delight to see the crystals twinkling in the candlelight, and to appreciate the magnificent craftsmanship of the gold collection and exquisite antique furniture.

After dinner, The Rose Quartet (students of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama) sang a superlative medley of arias before the guest speaker Mr Albert Poggio (UK Representative, The Government of Gibraltar) spoke. Finally, the Master welcomed new Guild Member Dame Esther Rantzen DBE; she then thanked Albert Poggio for his speech and concluded the evening with an amusing speech as a celebration of her year as Master.

Golfing Society

The members and guests were fortunate to have good weather at all three of our meetings, which were held at Broke Hill Golf Club near Sevenoaks in Kent, West Byfleet Golf Club in Surrey and The Army Golf Club near Aldershot, Hampshire.

Although the numbers attending continue to be low, the golf was enjoyed by all, as was the companionship and friendship during



the day and at the dinners. We were fortunate again at Broke Hill that Past Master Anne Holden and her husband Bob were able to join us for dinner, after which Anne presented the prizes. Our Captain, David Moscrop, entertained us with his humorous anecdotes at both the West Byfleet and the Army Clubs as he presented the prizes to the winners.

We would welcome many more golfers. To all the golfers in the Guild please support the Society and come and enjoy the delightful courses we play and to the non-golfers please come and join us for dinner.

In October we halved the match at the North Hants Golf Club

against the City Livery Club Golf Society for the Square Mile Golfing Goblet but they retained it as winners last year.

Our Captain and a previous Secretary, David Moscrop, announced at the Army Golf Club that he was standing down and I take this opportunity to thank him most sincerely for his service to the society over many years. I am pleased to announce that John Seaton will be Captain.

Results:

Broke Hill 1st Barry Shepherd (guest); 2nd Henry Hobson;
3rd Helen Hobson

West Byfleet 1st Steve Hyland; 2nd Mervyn Piper; 3rd Keith Sinclair

Army Golf Club 1st Len Tutt; 2nd Steve Hyland; 3rd George Elwood.

Guild Trophies:

Secretary's Cup Tony Latham; Kenneth Honey Trophy George Elwood; Ronald Ward Silver Salver Len Tutt and Septuagenarian Salver John Seaton.

Tony Latham, Honorary Secretary of the Golfing Society

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Fixtures for 2016:

Tuesday 26 April - Broke Hill Golf Club

Tuesday 21 June - West Byfleet Golf Club

Thursday 22 September - Army Golf Club

Wednesday 19 October - Match v City Livery Golfing Society at North Hants Golf Club.



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Freedom Ceremony RNLI Selsey Branch

Friday 4th September

Sponsored by the Court of the Guild, Rob Archibald, Dave Lamdin, Colin Pullenger, Phil Pitham, Ros Bonham, Sally Hubbard and Lesley George, members of the RNLI Branch at Selsey, received the Freedom of the City of London on Friday 4th September 2015.

Before the Ceremony the group (together with the Branch Chairman Colvin Rae, and the previous Branch Chairman John Light, friends and spouses) was given a tour of the Guildhall Art Gallery and Roman Amphitheatre. After the Freedom Ceremony a buffet lunch was enjoyed in the Members Private Dining Room in Guildhall. After lunch, to round off the day, Mr John Davies, the Keeper of Walbrook Hall, took everyone on a tour of Mansion House.



253 Provost Company RMP (Reserves) Soldier of the Year *Lance Corporal Stephen Walby*

In 1989 the Guild of Freemen of the City of London cemented a close relationship with 253 Provost Company RMP (Volunteers), a Territorial Army unit based in Tulse Hill, South London. To celebrate this association, every year since 1990 the Master has presented the Soldier of the Year Award to the junior NCO judged to have contributed most to the unit during the year.

On Wednesday 4th November the Master and her consort, Dr Graham Paul, visited the Company at their barracks in Tulse Hill. They were welcomed by the Officer Commanding, Major Lee Horrocks, together with the Commanding Officer and 2IC of the Company's parent Regiment, 4th Regiment RMP.

During the course of the visit the Master received a briefing on the role of the Company and she observed and took part in a number of demonstrations of the Company's specialist

training and equipment. She also presented the Guild's annual Soldier of the Year award to Lance Corporal Stephen Walby "for his motivation, unerring enthusiasm and willingness to contribute over and above that which is expected of a soldier in his position".



Court Events

The Presentation of Addresses

Friday 13th November

After Alderman The Lord Mountevans had been installed as Lord Mayor in the Silent Ceremony in the Guildhall crypt he, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and the full Civic Party attended the Presentation of Addresses ceremony in the Art Gallery.

During this delightful, historic and colourful ceremony a number of delegations from City organisations made presentations to either the Lord Mayor or one of the Sheriffs. The Master (Lady (Poppy) Cooksey), in company with the Immediate Past Master (Dr John Smail) and the Senior Warden (Alderman Sir David Wootton), and accompanied by the Clerk, the Beadle and the Guild's Soldier of the Year, welcomed the Lord Mayor as the

Guild's new Patron, presented him with an engraved silver photograph frame on behalf of all members of the Guild, and wished him and the Lady Mayoress the very best of health and happiness for his year in office.



The Red Cross Christmas Market

Monday 30th November & Tuesday 1st December

The Guild was well represented at this biennial market held in Guildhall on 30th November and 1st December 2015. The committee Co-Chairmen were Guild Court Assistant Neil Redcliffe and his wife Emma who were assisted by the team from the Red Cross. Under Warden Elizabeth Thornborough represented the Guild on the committee and ran the Guild bookstall, having taken over the lead role from Past Master Barbara Newman, who this time helped Liz. Both were assisted on the Sunday in setting up the stall by Past Master Sir Gavyn Arthur, who was a great help, particularly with lifting heavy boxes of books.

On the opening night we received visits to our stall from HRH Princess Alexandra, Deputy President of the British Red Cross, The Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor, The Lord Mountevans, and our own Immediate Past Master Dr John Smail who stood in for the Master and helped out with sales. Past Masters Sir Gavyn Arthur and Anthony Woodhead together with his wife Katy came along too, as well as a number of Guild Members and other well known City figures.



The Market opens up to the general public on the Tuesday and Guild Member Frances Golland joined the stall team to encourage buyers. She is a stalwart volunteer at the Market and has been helping on the Guild stall since 2005.

It is always a jolly affair and the Livery, Guilds and Clubs of The City of London together with the commercial stall holders raise a great deal of money during the 1½ days. This market raised a total of over £175,000 and all proceeds from the voluntary stall holders go to the vital work of the Red Cross, both here and abroad.

Every little helps so if you are 'thinning' your bookshelves please remember us for November 2017. Children's books and those relating to the City of London generally 'fly' off the shelves and are particularly welcome. They can be dropped off at the Red Cross offices in Moorgate for the attention of Laura Deacon who will store them for the next market.

Congratulations

To Guild Member Patricia Campfield, who was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours' list for charitable services to the community in Southend-on-Sea.

To Guild Member Albert Poggio OBE, the UK Representative of the Government of Gibraltar, who was awarded the new Gibraltar Medallion of Honour and Distinction for services to Gibraltar and its people.

To Guild Member Lionel Geoffrey Stewart, who was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List for services to the community in Bedfordshire.

To Guild Member Keith Reginald Hunt, who was awarded the BEM in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List for services to Sport and to the community in Reading and Wokingham, Berkshire.

To Guild Member Yasmin Sheikh MBE, co-founder of the British Community Honours Awards, who was awarded the CBE in the New Year's Honours' list for services to Women and Social Integration.



To Guild Member Sir Tony Baldry on becoming High Steward of Banbury and Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Oxfordshire.

To Guild Member Alderman Sir David Wootton on becoming Master of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

To Guild Member Sir Paul Judge on becoming Master of Tower Ward Club.

To Guild Member Daniel (Dan) Doherty on becoming the second Master of the Guild of Entrepreneurs. The Guild of Freemen was greatly saddened to learn of the subsequent death of Dan Doherty. The Guild's heartfelt condolences are with his family.

To Tony Lofts, husband of Guild Member Anne, on becoming Master of the Worshipful Company of Upholders.

To Guild Member Councillor Richie Miller, elected Town Mayor of Maldon, Essex.

To Past Master Rex Johnson on his marriage to Febronia.

Obituaries

CLIFFORD NEWBOLD

DiplArch FRIBA FCI Arb (1926-2015)

Master 1989-90

Clifford Newbold, who died on 29th April 2015, was Master of the Guild of Freemen in 1989-90. He was born in Islington, London in 1926 and lived and worked in London most of his life. The family home was in Highgate Village. He was educated at Highgate School and on marriage moved from one side of the hill to the other. When he left school in 1944 he went straight into the army "one day wearing a school cap, the next a forage cap".



It was not until 1948 that he was able to pursue his ambition and study architecture full time in London. After his finals he worked for a few months in a small architectural practice before joining Ronald Ward & Partners. Within a year he was invited to become a partner, and stayed with the firm as a senior partner until

the age of 40. Finally, after 14 years with Ronald Ward & Partners, Clifford set up his own practice in Devonshire Square in the City.

For over 30 years he took an active role in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and for 25 years he was a member of the Council and for many years Chairman of the Membership Committee and Fellowship Advisory Board.

His interest in the City was kindled through Ronald Ward and that "it was he who encouraged me to become a Freeman of the City, and I then joined the Guild of Freemen, and was on the Court for over 20 years". In 1960 he became a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Coopers, and was a Past Warden. He had been President of the Bishopsgate Ward Club and of the Society of the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Coopers. He was a member of the United Wards' Club and the City Pickwick Club.

In 1999, Wentworth Woodhouse, a grade one listed country house in Wentworth, South Yorkshire, came on the market. It is the largest private house in the country and it was obvious to Clifford that this wonderful building was in desperate need of saving for the nation. Clifford came out of his retirement to purchase and manage the project of bringing this historic building back to its rightful place in the public domain.

Clifford leaves his wife Dorothy, sons Marcus and Giles, and his daughter Felicity. Sadly Paul his eldest son died unexpectedly in November 2012. He also leaves five grandchildren. Clifford's hobbies included skiing, pre 1945 aircraft and ornamental waterfowl.

DAVID ELDRIDGE

(1935-2015)

Master 1983-84

David Eldridge, who died on 3rd September 2015, was Master of the Guild of Freeman in 1983-84. He was born in Esher in 1935 and educated at King's College School, Wimbledon. On leaving school at the age of 16 he was articled to a law firm and qualified as a solicitor in 1956, becoming a partner in a Mayfair firm two years later. He stayed with the firm for 15 years before taking a short sojourn, joining his brother, for two years in investment banking. "We were caught in the crash of '74", he recalls "so I went back into law, joining a firm in the Temple which later merged with Amhurst Brown".

Widely travelled on business, David covered Western Europe, visited the USA, the Middle East, Poland and Central Africa. He



was director of a number of commercial companies with interests as varied as motor distribution, supply of equipment and services to the offshore oil and petrochemical industries, and hi-fi.

David's introduction to the City came through an old friend, Charles Coward, who took him to a dinner of his livery, the Fletchers. Charles Coward proposed David for membership in 1964, and the following year the new Liveryman became Clerk of

the company, a post he held for six years. He was Master of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers in 1984-1986.

Membership of the City Livery Club and the Guild of Freeman followed his introduction to the Fletchers, and he joined the Court of the Guild of Freeman in 1969. On behalf of the Guild he was a Donation Governor of Christ's Hospital. In another field he was a Trustee of the new Museum of Islamic Art in Jerusalem, which opened in 1974, at which he was host to the then President of Israel. David was the Guild's Honorary Solicitor from 1991 until 2007, providing much needed counsel at times of change.

David felt privileged to have been Master of the Guild during the celebration of the Guilds 75th Anniversary, and was immensely proud and honoured to welcome Her Majesty the Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to Guildhall for the Commemorative Reception.

He married Diana Copp in 1960 and they had a son and two daughters. Diana died in 1981 and David subsequently married Anna Kowalski in 1984. Business and City life took up a substantial amount of his time, but in his free moments he indulged his love of paintings, particularly 19th century watercolours, as well as antiques and watching rugby and cricket. He also admitted to gardening by necessity!

The Guild was shocked and greatly saddened to learn of the sudden death, on Monday 16th May 2016, of Past Master Sir Gavyn Arthur. The Guild's condolences and thoughts are with those people closest and dearest to him and his many friends. An obituary will follow in the next edition of *The Freeman*.

LESLIE LEWIS

FIFM (1922-2015))

Master 2005-06

Leslie Lewis, who died on 13th November 2015, was Master of the Guild of Freeman in 2005-06. He was born in Paddington, London in 1922 and was educated at Tottenham Grammar School, followed by an apprenticeship as an engineering draughtsman.

He was drafted into the Royal Navy to undertake the repair and maintenance of aircraft in the Fleet Air Arm and attended Regent Street Polytechnic for Engineering and Northampton Polytechnic for Electrochemistry.

After the war Leslie joined the family firm of Electroplaters and Silversmiths BJS & Co Ltd., eventually becoming Managing

Director, and in 1986 Executive Chairman. In 1992, the Company was recognised by Her Majesty The Queen in the granting of a unique Royal Warrant for its services as Electroformers, Electroplaters and Silversmiths. He became a member of the Institute of Metal Finishing in 1955, elected a Fellow in 1980, and served as President from 1992-1994. He had a number of technical papers published in the Institute Journal. Leslie has represented the UK and the EU Hall Marking &



Precious Metal Coatings Committee and the International Surface Coatings Union. He was a respected technical expert on reproducing items in precious metals.

Leslie became a Freeman of the City of London and the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths in 1979. With the Goldsmiths' Company he was involved in the creation of the Coronet for Prince Charles when he became Prince of Wales. He became a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths in 1999. He joined the Guild of Freeman of the City of London in 1986 and was elected to the Court in 1993. For his year as Master Leslie chose 'Hedonism' as a theme. With a full programme of Guild events it was unfortunate that Leslie became seriously ill at the beginning of his year as Master and was unable to partake in many of the early events and functions. He rallied later and hosted the Guild Banquet at Guildhall, welcoming The Lord Mayor Alderman Sir David Brewer, The Lady Mayoress and the Civic Party.

Leslie was a great supporter of Barnardo's and would be seen in Wembley going from door to door raising money and support for their work helping children across the UK. In his leisure time Leslie was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed gardening.

Leslie will be long remembered in the Guild for the design and manufacture of the beautiful pair of solid silver loving cups that they procured in 2008 to commemorate the Guild's centenary. And which have been used ever since at the joining and welcoming ceremonies for new Guild Members at all Court meetings.

Leslie married Diana in 1955 and they had a daughter and a son.

DEREK KEMP

(1928-2015)

Master 1992-93

Derek Kemp who took the theme during his year as Master of 'Getting to Know You' came as no surprise to anyone who knew him. From the moment he became involved in the City, it was a source of enormous pride to him. Energetic and keen to share his enthusiasms, he was determined that Guild Members should know more about their City and the City should learn more about the Guild of Freeman.

Derek Kemp, who died on 18th November 2015, was Master of the Guild of Freeman in 1992-93. He was born in Ilford, Essex in 1928 and was educated at Ilford County High School. He married Joan Turner in 1956 and they had a son and a daughter. In 1959 he was one of the first Barbican residents, leaving there in 1974



for a London home in Westminster. An only child, he was at school during the war and did his National Service in the Royal Engineers, which he thoroughly enjoyed. "I grew up" he said simply.

His first job on leaving the Army was as a paint salesman before he moved into the secondary metal industry aged 24. After working for a company specialising in non-ferrous secondary metals for seven years, he decided to set up his own business in 1959.

Here he demonstrated his business acumen and drive. He eventually sold the business in 1987, when it was said to be the largest secondary aluminium metal merchants in the UK.

In October 1984 he was elected Common Councilman for the Ward of Coleman Street. Derek served on the Spitalfields Market and Port of London Health and Social Services Committees and City of London School. He believed the importance of the City should not be under-estimated. He said "We have been in business for 1000 years and I am so very proud to be part of 'the City'".

Derek was a past Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers, and was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Loriners. His City affiliations included being President of Farringdon Ward Club, President of the United Wards' Club, Master of Cripplegate Ward Club and Chairman of Coleman Street Ward Club. He also served as Honorary Secretary, Chairman and Vice President of the City of London Branch of the Royal Society of St. George. Derek was a member of the Honourable Artillery Company, a past Commodore of the City Livery Yacht Club and a member of the aero, motoring and music sections of the City Livery Club. He was also 'Mr Jackson,' a solicitor's clerk, in the City Pickwick Club.

Although Derek belonged to many City organisations, the Guild of Freeman had a special place in his affections. "It is the largest and most wide ranging City organisation. Its members come from a much broader spectrum of people than any livery company or ward club I know of. That is what makes it so interesting and that is what makes it so important." His hobbies were The City of London, motor cars, boats, travel and meeting nice people.

GENERAL SIR PETER WHITELEY

GCB, OBE, DL (1920-2016)

Master 1987-88

General Sir Peter Whiteley, who died on 2nd February 2016, was Master of the Guild of Freeman in 1987-88. He was born in Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex on 13th December 1920, and was educated at Bishop's Stortford College, Bembridge School and L'Ecole des Roches, Normandy. He won a Newspaper Proprietors' Association scholarship to London University. After a year at school in France he went straight into the Royal Marines. It was 1940 and war had begun. In his distinguished military and diplomatic career Sir Peter travelled the world. Yet he was a country and family man at heart.

In 1941 Sir Peter was appointed to 40 Commando Royal Marines and following several promotions became Brigade Major to 3



Commando in 1957. He was awarded the OBE in 1960, and in the same year joined the Directing Staff of Army Staff College, Camberley. A year later he moved to Plymouth as General Staff Officer (Training). But another promotion meant that two years later he was on his way to Malaysia, then in confrontation with Indonesia. He was commanding 42 Commando, and looking forward to long-range jungle operations. Sir Peter was 'mentioned in despatches' for distinguished

services, and was promoted to Colonel in 1966. Two years later a posting to the Department of the Commandant General Royal Marines followed and then six months at NATO Defence College in Rome. There followed promotion to Brigadier and two years in Singapore as Brigade Commander, 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines.

Back in England in 1970 it was not long before Sir Peter was appointed Major General Royal Marines, Commando Forces. An unexpected opportunity arose, an invitation to become chief of staff to the Commander in Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe, the first Royal Marine to hold the appointment. There followed another appointment in the Ministry of Defence as Commandant General Royal Marines. By 1977 he had been appointed a Knight Commander of the Bath, been promoted to General, and following the sudden death of General Sir John Sharp, had become Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Northern Europe.

Following retirement from his military career, Sir Peter became involved with many organisations and institutions including his appointment as Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Jersey.

Sir Peter's City links go back to the early 1970's when the Royal Marines were corporately granted the Freedom of the City of London.

Sir Peter married Nancy Clayden in 1948, who survives him with their two daughters and two sons. He was a linguist who spoke French, Italian, Malay and Norwegian. His recreational pursuits were varied and included collecting pictures, classical music, contemporary ballet, Mozart opera, theatre, sailing and walking the dogs.

The Guild of Freeman's Charity

Report from Anne E. Holden

The Trustees are pleased to report that the Guild's Charity is doing well, despite the dismal returns we are all receiving on our investments, in line with the current global economic conditions.



This year has been a sad one for the Trustees. David Eldridge, Master of the Guild in 1983, Trustee and Chairman of the then named Guild of Freeman Benevolent Fund, died. David also served as a Trustee of the Francon Trust and the British Humane Association, two charities closely associated with the Guild. He had retired from the Committees he served on some time ago, owing to ill health.

Terry Nemko, Master of the Guild in 1999, informed us of his intention to step down as Chairman and Trustee. He had served on the committee in one way or another for 19 years! Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude for this magnificent achievement. His wisdom and care has guided the Charity with sound governance into steady growth. We also thank time-served members Past Master Gordon Gentry and Past Master Barbara Newman for their invaluable, totally voluntary, enthusiastic help. These retirements have meant vacancies and these positions have now been filled. I am delighted to have been asked to be Chairman in Terry's place. We now have Court Assistants Mrs

Ann-Marie Jefferys, Councillor Lisa Rutter and Anthony Miller serving as trustees. Between them they bring to the committee experience in the areas of education, local government and charity work. The Guild's Charity is in safe hands for the future. We meet twice a year.

A special thank you goes to the Guild office. Our Clerk Michael Keun deals with all the paperwork associated with running the Charity, as well as his ongoing commitment to the Guild and the entertainment programme.

As at 30th September 2015 the investment portfolio which continues to be run by Rathbones, amounted to £745,000 and we had available for distribution £35,000. The Annual Review and Summary of Financial Statements for the year ending 31st July 2015 gives a more detailed breakdown and is available to all Guild Members on request from the Guild office.

True to the Guild founders' early objectives, we strive to maintain and grow our investments so that we can continue to provide, via the interest received on our capital, substantial support to those projects close to our ideals, schools, pupils and charitable activities related to the City, Greater London and its surroundings.

None of this would be possible without the support of the Members of the Guild. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Charity, some of you for many years. Please continue to do so. Your gift continues to grow.

Tall Ships Award

Nick Attree

In April 2015 I was lucky enough to take part in a week long sailing experience aboard the Stavros S Niarchos, a 197ft brig with an 18th century style rigging. We sailed from Liverpool to Cardiff, stopping at the Isle of Man on the way, with weather ranging from thick fog, making standing watch very difficult, to blazing sun and clear skies.

The week started with a very nervous arrival in Liverpool, not knowing anyone aboard and wondering if I would enjoy it. However these thoughts were soon forgotten as I laid eyes on what was to be my home for the next 7 days, the Stavros S Niarchos. She was magnificent with two masts towering up 45m, I suddenly found myself thinking "No way am I climbing those". I was wrong! After exploring the ship, I said goodbye to my parents and from that moment on it was literally 'all hands on deck'!

We were sorted into watches; these were the people we shared cabins with, stood all night watch with and our team in the inter watch challenges. I was put in Red watch, one of the three watches, and instantly made good friends. We then were given some basic sailing training, learning to tie knots, brace the masts, and how to tighten and loosen the sails along with many other essential skills. After a hard days training we all met in the mess to relax and compete in the first inter watch challenge, a quiz, which Red watch won.

The next day we were woken up early to put our training



to use and set off from Liverpool. Unfortunately once out to sea we found ourselves sailing in a very heavy mist that stayed with us all day. We also had the second inter watch competition, the boat race, this involved a mini boat attached to a string that you had to roll up as quickly as you could, again Red watch won! However after the thrill of winning again, we were told that we had watch at 4:00 in the morning so we all went back to our hammocks to try to get some precious sleep.

The third day started with us being woken at 3:30 in order to take our watch. After stumbling out onto deck still half asleep we were not surprised that we could not see anything, the fog still surrounding us! However our disappointment didn't last long. After about 2 hours of staring at nothing but fog I spotted a light, quickly calling over our watch leader who confirmed it was a light house. We had arrived at the port of Douglas. We'd reached the Isle of Man! After a well-earned breakfast we were told that another of the Tall Ships organization ships was also in port, a small ketch the Tenacity of Bolton. The morning was spent looking at the other ship and completing jobs on our own such as the dreaded 'Happy Hour' where the ship was cleaned top to bottom. We were given shore leave in the afternoon allowing us to explore Douglas. On getting back we had the third inter watch challenge, a quiz on all we'd been taught about the ship and sailing. We won again, making it three from three for Red watch!

The morning of day four was spent in port where we were given the chance to climb all the way to the top of the foremast. Before I knew it I found myself climbing up the rigging. A terrifying yet exhilarating experience made worse by the fact that the majority was a free climb and you were only clipped on at certain points. The view from the top was awesome as the fog had finally cleared proving a stunning view across Douglas on one side and open ocean on the other. After we were all safely back on deck and had recovered, we had the rowing race, our next inter-watch challenge. We started strong clearly better than the other two watches; however our watch leader directed us wrongly and we failed to go round the buoy and had to turn back. This cost us the race and although we still managed to come second Blue watch had won. We left Douglas after lunch and I was given the opportunity to take the helm whilst we were leaving port, surprisingly we didn't crash and were back at sea, heading to Cardiff.

Another day of sailing greeted us in the morning and we ploughed on towards our destination. After the usual

chores and training we heard the unmistakable whining of the 'man over board siren'. We all rushed to our bracing stations to await instructions. Luckily this was just a drill and it was just a face painted on a buoy that needed saving. As it was a drill the safety boats were not launched and we had to pick it up with a big hoop thing! This proved more difficult than originally thought as we ended up circling the buoy about 4 times before Rocky, the boatswain, finally caught it! During the 18:00 to 20:00 Watch, dolphins were spotted jumping out of the waves at the side of the Ship and most of the crew rushed to get a glimpse. There was a great sunset in the evening and not long after it got dark we arrived at Lundy Island.

The next day we sailed closer to Cardiff, making good time and anchoring off the coast of Barry for the night. This was a very important day as it contained the infamous knot relay where we were tested on the eight knots we had been taught for our competent crew award. Sadly things were not in Red watch's favour as we narrowly lost with Blue watch wining again making it all to play for on the final challenge.

The final day came all too soon, we sailed into Cardiff triumphant but also sad as we knew it was our last day aboard the Stavros. After negotiating the complicated lock systems of Cardiff Bay we were finally docked and our voyage was over. We were given shore leave and spent the rest of the afternoon in Cardiff. We returned to the ship for our final meal but we still had one thing left to do, the decider of the inter watch competition, the egg throw. For this we had to create something that meant our egg wouldn't break when it was thrown from half way up the mast. The team that threw the egg furthest without it breaking won. I was chosen from our watch to throw the egg and so I scaled the rigging more nervous than when I first arrived knowing it all came down to this moment. Once I'd reached the spot I threw our egg contraption hoping it didn't break. It went further than the other watches and remained intact. We had won, Red watch were victorious!

I departed the Stavros S Niarchos the next morning with my RYA competent crew certificate, new friends, many new skills and memories I will cherish forever. I learned a lot on my Tall Ships adventure and would once again like to thank the Guild of Freeman for this unforgettable experience. I enjoyed every moment of it and am incredibly grateful for the opportunity.

Bursary Award

Harriet Ward

Harriet Ward, aged 17, a sixth form pupil at the City of London Freeman's School was awarded £500 to pay for attending the Youth World Sailing Championships in Malaysia.

Harriet competes in a 29er, in which she and her helm were selected to represent Great Britain at the 2015 ISAF Youth

World Championships, which is an event run along the same lines as the Olympics. The boats are smaller versions of the Olympic classes and the rules are the same. All of the equipment and accommodation is provided and security at the race venue is tight. The team of 14 sailors was selected for the British team sailing at a selection event in August, which was a tense affair of tight racing, where the winner takes all. It came to the last race, which the pair won, and sealed their place on the team!

Benevolent & Charitable Activities

The competition was held in Langkawi, Malaysia shortly after Christmas so the team headed out on 20th December to acclimatise. The first week was spent sightseeing, sampling the local restaurants, and taking the world's steepest Cable Car ride. Christmas day was spent having a BBQ on the beach! New Year's Day, a rest day, the team headed into the hills where a fantastic day was spent with wild monkeys and chilling out in some spectacular waterfalls.

The GB team coaches had the sailors into a set routine. Up by 7 am for a weigh in, followed by a Yoga session on the beach and a healthy breakfast. The extreme heat and humidity could take its toll, so weight was monitored each morning and after sailing.



We arrived at the boats on 27th December to rig up from scratch, with the opening ceremony on the 28th attended by the Malaysian Minister of Sport. Racing, which started on the 29th December and finished on the 3rd January, was held in fantastic windy conditions, in warm seas and sunshine.

The competition was fierce and the girls went into the last day lying in 6th place, so were determined to reach their aim of finishing in the top 5. There was only one race on the last day where the girls were 6th, and this, along with two race wins and 10 top ten results, put the GB 29er girls in 5th place at the end of the event, only a few points off the podium, the best result for many years.

Mission accomplished and it was a great experience meeting all the different people from over 76 countries.



Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust

The Guild of Freemen of the City of London prize for best report

Ione Georgakis

My name is Ione Georgakis and I am 21 years old. My yearlong voluntary trip to Honduras was organised by the educational charity, Project Trust. I departed on my year away ready to learn new skills and to experience a world so different from my own. After those life changing months I express my sincerest gratitude for your support.



So what have I been doing? Over the past year I have been based in a small village in Siguatepeque, a mountain town in Honduras. I have been living with a local retired couple in the Honduran village of Agual Del Padre and

teaching in the bilingual school and orphanage Academia La Providencia.

At the project we aim to provide holistic care for some of the most vulnerable children of Honduras, with the ethos of prevention rather than intervention, and attempt to home them before they are scarred or otherwise damaged by the world. There are some shocking statistics based on young people's educational and personal development: only 40% of children in Honduras have the opportunity to continue on to secondary education and a high number find themselves drawn into the very prevalent gang life that is seen everywhere. Prostitution and a life of crime are the futures destined for many.



I independently taught classes of children from 5 to 11 years old and devised the subject curriculum. I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to use creative licence in our lessons, alternative methods of learning and practical uses for their English. In May we practised for three weeks prior to a dental care team joining us from the United States. My

grade 5 class acted as translators for the locals. Needless to say, we were all very proud of the children.

At the start of my year in Honduras I set up an after-school support programme for children. I discovered that special educational needs and learning difficulties can be a taboo subject in Honduran schools. I took steps to help identify learning difficulties and initiated action to support the children in need. We made significant progress over the 12 months and I am proud to say that all of the children who attended have passed the most recent academic year!



During the placement I took the initiative to develop a new subject, entitled 'Global Learning', which taught cultural studies, something I had identified as an area which required development. After presenting my case to the directors of the school together with a 6 months learning plan, they were very inspired by the concept and 'Global Learning' became a module of the English programme, which weighted 20% of the overall mark and will now be kept as part of the school curriculum. During my year I also used my passion for theatre to plan, organise and direct an after-school theatre club with a group of 30 children. This resulted in a production of *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, all in English. The show itself was the first fund raising event held in the community and this innovative action gained a wonderfully positive response. It was a great point of pride for us all as so much of their funding comes from support in the United States. It was a positive step to enable the school to start looking further into self-generating funds within Honduras. We purchased two new book cases for the library with the money raised.

All of these opportunities allowed me to grow in so many ways, giving me a balance of emotional involvement in the work I undertook, as well as remaining professional in a challenging environment. This year has given me more than I could have ever imagined, gaining a real confidence in my abilities and a stronger knowledge of the world around me. I greatly enjoyed developing my understanding of Global Citizenship, in which I have now gained a level three qualification via the Open College Network. I had the chance to learn a new language through being immersed in a different culture and I am now continuing to study Spanish.

The transformation I experienced during my year in Honduras far exceeded my expectations. Before my departure, the circumstances surrounding my family life were extremely challenging. I started to look at my world in a new light - through stimulating my brain, nurturing

my soul and loving myself. I was able to contemplate my difficult past in a safe environment free from the stresses of an often complicated home life. After returning home, I now work in the care sector as a support worker for young people with mental health and learning difficulties. The experience I gained over my 12 months in Honduras has given me the confidence and skills to develop my career in an area in which I have always been passionate.

The challenges and experiences changed my life and I relish the thought of being able to continue along this path. I now seek to help other young people grasp similar opportunities, to develop themselves through travel and volunteering. I have started my own charitable organization Aunty Depressant, to help provide funding for future Project Trust volunteers battling with mental health issues. I now understand the powerful impact these opportunities can have on people who may be struggling in their own environment. I want to help others achieve similar life changing experiences.



I plan to continue supporting the school in Honduras and to generate funding for the organisation that gave me so very much over my time there. I feel honoured to have been asked to return to Honduras as an independent volunteer for another 12 months, and I will return home to work and fundraise for this incredible opportunity.

I can never fully express the value and positive impact that the Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust's support and donations has had to my life, and I hope on the life of those that I have been lucky enough to work with. I never thought I would have the opportunity to experience something like this but thanks to your significant funding I was able to start to flourish in my own world. To find out more and keep updated with future plans and projects please feel free to email me at ione.georgakis@gmail.com.



The Master presented the prize, a cheque and a copy of both volumes of the Guild's history, to Ione Georgakis, at Mansion House on 29th October.

The Master **Alderman Sir David Wootton**

David was born in 1950 into a family of teachers, and brought up, in Bradford, Yorkshire. He was educated at Bradford Grammar School, where he began his love of rowing, and at Jesus College, Cambridge, reading Classics and Law, where he spent a considerable amount of time rowing.



He is married to Lady (Elizabeth) Wootton, a teacher. They have four children, none of whom are teachers, and five grandchildren.

David was the 684th Lord Mayor of the City of London, in 2011-2012. He has been an Alderman of the City of London representing the Ward of Langbourn since 2005, and served as Sheriff of the City in 2009-2010. As Lord Mayor, David led business delegations to 27 countries to promote all UK business: financial and professional services, infrastructure, education and manufacturing. He received leading overseas Government ministers, politicians and business leaders at Mansion House and hosted State Banquets at Guildhall. He received the Royal family in the City, particularly at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. At the London Olympics and Paralympics, he hosted senior Government representatives from overseas and presented medals at a number of Paralympics events, including the cycling at Brands Hatch. He also rowed in Zurich, Buenos Aires and on the 2016 Olympic rowing course in Rio de Janeiro, and presented the prizes at Henley Royal Regatta, of which he is now a Steward. David is now Governor of The Honourable the Irish Society and Chairman of the Trustees of Morden College in Blackheath, institutions set up by the City in the 17th century and conventionally chaired by past Lord Mayors.

David is a lawyer and was a partner in Allen & Overy LLP, the international law firm, from 1979 to 2015, advising on corporate finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, public and private takeovers, capital raisings, Stock Exchange flotations, joint ventures, corporate restructurings and corporate governance.

He is a Magistrate on the Central London Bench, a former President of the City of London Law Society and is an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn. He was Co-Chairman of the Board organising the Global Law Summit, the 'legal piece' of the Magna Carta 800th anniversary celebrations, in London in February 2015. In the business world he is President of the City of London Branch of the Institute of Directors, a Director of The International Dispute Resolution Centre, a board member of TheCityUK, Vice Chairman of the International Trade and Investment Group, the private sector arm of the Financial Services Trade and Investment Board set up to by the Government to promote UK financial and professional services around the world. David is also Chairman of Local Partnerships LLP and a Visiting Professor at London Metropolitan University Business School.

David's other interests include the arts. He is Chairman of Northern Ballet, a Trustee of the National Opera Studio and Vice Chairman of the Trustees of the Charles Dickens Museum in Bloomsbury, and he was a Trustee of the St Paul's Cathedral School Foundation.

In the education field he is a Governor of King Edward's School, Witley and Bradford Grammar School. He is Vice President of The Court of Bridewell Royal Hospital and was a Governor of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the City of London Academy, Southwark.

David is a keen Liveryman, a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers and of the City of London Solicitors' Company; he is Master of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, Senior Warden of the Glaziers, Court Assistant of the Bowyers, the Watermen and Lightermen and the Woolmen, a Liveryman of the Clockmakers, and an Honorary Liveryman of the Security Professionals. He is President of Langbourn Ward Club and past President of Farringdon Ward Club, the Society of Young Freemen, the City Livery Club and a member of the Council of the Royal Society of St George (City of London Branch).

Sir David was made a Knight Bachelor in 2013. He is an Honorary Doctor of Laws of City University, London, an Honorary Doctor of Staffordshire University, an Honorary Fellow of Jesus College Cambridge and of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama ("HonFGS"), one of her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London and a Knight of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.



The Senior Warden **Peter Allcard**

Born in Sheffield in 1946 he was educated at Scarborough College after which he joined the family controlled firm of machine tool manufacturers in Sheffield.

After a number of years he left to pursue other interests, firstly in London where he became a director of a small company of retailers specialising in seasonal fashion and holiday wear, mainly along the south coast. After selling his interest in this business, he returned to his home town in South Yorkshire and to a business manufacturing synthetic products for the equestrian and other related markets.

Following the sale of the family business, he took early retirement to pursue his interests of skiing, golf, travel and his Livery Company, The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, where he was proud to be their Prime Warden in 2001. He also qualified as a private pilot and scuba diver.

Married for some 42 years to Pearl, he has two daughters and five grandchildren, three of whom live with his younger daughter and her husband in New Zealand.



The Renter Warden **John Barber DL MRICS FAISI FGIS**

Born in Ilford Essex John now lives in Epping Upland. Upon leaving school he joined the family run, 1000 branch, estate agency business. He set up his own successful estate agency and property business in East London in 1981 and sold it in 1988. Following this he financed restaurants, owned an art gallery and pursued other business interests in the City, East London and Essex.

In 1991 he became Chief Executive of a charity for the elderly of Newham, a role that he still enjoys and has furthered his interest in the City of London. John was Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths in 2006 and is a member of the The Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars. He is Representative Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London with responsibility for Newham, a Parish Councillor, a Church

Warden and in his spare time enjoys travel, antiques and 20th century modern art.



The Junior Warden **Mrs Elizabeth Thornborough**

Elizabeth grew up in the Home Counties, Norfolk and London and now lives in the City. After completing her education she worked initially in Mayfair, then the Defence Industry and served for 12 years as an Officer in the WRNR retiring to become a full time mother. During this time she helped set up and run the library at her daughter's prep school and worked from home for a magazine for the Military. Her final working role was in Property and Project Management for schools.

She became a Freeman and a Guild Member in 2003 and was invited to join the Court in 2010. Elizabeth is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Upholders, Member of Aldersgate Ward Club, Lime Street and Cornhill Ward Club, The United Wards' Club and The Royal Society of St George, City of London

Branch; a Freeman and Burgess of the City of Glasgow and a Member of the Incorporation of Wrights. Her other interests include travel, walking, cooking and writing for her own pleasure.



The Under Warden **Anthony Bailey OBE GCSS**

Anthony Bailey was born in London in January 1970 and graduated from University College London in 1991 before completing his studies in Hungary and Bulgaria. Anthony is a senior diplomatic adviser and public affairs practitioner to governments, companies and organisations throughout the world. This has included management roles with Burson-Marsteller, IBM, and Eligo International and currently he is Chairman of Anthony Bailey Limited.

Anthony was granted the Freedom of the City of London in November 2004, was elected a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Liners in January 2005 and the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers in 2014. In 2014 Anthony became a council member of the Royal Society of Saint George (City of London Branch). In 2010 he was appointed to the Court of the Guild of Freemen of the City

of London. He is a Governor of the Archdiocese of Westminster and a Board Member of St Mary's University in Twickenham.

He was awarded an OBE in 2008 for services to charity and inter-religious relations and in 2014 was knighted by the Commonwealth Realms of Antigua & Barbuda and Grenada for services to the Crown. In 2007 Anthony married HSH Princess Marie-Therese von Hohenberg from Austria and together they have one son.

The New Master's Message

The Master

Alderman Sir David Wootton



Greetings to you all for a happy and healthy year ahead!

I am delighted and honoured to be Master of our wonderful Guild, which combines the best of City traditions, charity, friendliness and conviviality and brings people together for the best of interesting and enjoyable social activities.

I am privileged to be following the best of Masters: Poppy Cooksey did us proud, as they say, and set a very high standard to follow. Her commitment to the Guild – I recall her telling me that she was determined to be at every one of the events in her year's programme, and she was – combined with her consideration for and attention to other people, her charm, elegance, intelligence and ability to draw on the many achievements and experiences in her life made for a very full and exciting year. We were very well served, and are very grateful to Poppy, and to Graham: congratulations and thank you!

In creating a programme for this year I have been hugely assisted, as have my predecessors, by the great talent, imagination and organisational genius of our wonderful Clerk, Michael, and by Belinda and Judith; constant sources of ideas, guidance and suggestions: touches on the tiller as well as Big Ideas: I am most grateful to them.

All Masters try to bring something of their own to their year, and I have done this with visits to the Little Angel Puppet Theatre in Islington, where my son Christopher is Executive Director; to my alma mater Jesus College, Cambridge; to Henley-on-Thames, scene of the Royal Regatta, at which I rowed when I was a student and which I have attended ever since; to the Charles Dickens Museum in Bloomsbury, where I was chairman of trustees in the year of Dickens' bicentenary, 2012; and a lunch at The Athenaeum, of which I am proud to be a member.



We have some new features: a lunch at The Clink Restaurant, run by prisoners at Brixton Prison; a visit to House Mill in Bromley-by-Bow, the largest surviving tidal mill in the world; a trip to Battle to tour the site of the Battle of Hastings, 950 years on; and a tour of The Globe Theatre in the year of the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

Three terrific holidays: Belgium – based in Ghent and taking in Ypres, for the evening memorial ceremony at the Menin Gate 100 years after the Battle of the Somme, and the remarkable and fascinating cities of Antwerp and Bruges, following the successful visit to Holland last year; Northern Ireland, a place full of history and beauty, and with many connections to the City of London and our Livery Companies; and Barcelona, another place of great interest....and a nice climate!



We have dinners in locations new as well familiar: Girdlers', Farmers' and Fletchers', Watermen's, Carpenters', Grays Inn, House of Lords, Tower Bridge, Burns Night at Trinity House. We have Family Favourites, some younger than others but all good: our Annual Service, our Carol Service, 10 Downing Street, Royal Courts of Justice, Ceremony of the Keys, Old Bailey, College of Arms, Gala Evening at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

I am particularly grateful to Peter Tompkins for again leading us on our City Walks this year, with the timely 350th anniversary theme of the Great Fire of London.

The highlight of the year will be our Annual Banquet at Guildhall: traditional date, Monday, 12th December, the greatest pre-Christmas party with the nicest people in the world: you won't want to miss it!

So, something for everyone.....in fact, quite a lot for everyone, I hope. Liz and I look forward to seeing everybody during the year...which is what we are all about, enjoying each others' company.

Thank you again to Poppy and Graham, and thank you to you all for giving Liz and me the chance to follow them. I send my very best wishes to you all.

Lunch & Show – Little Angel Theatre

Tuesday 05 April 12.15 pm – 4.30 pm

Dress: Blazer / Jacket & Tie

The first event in Alderman Sir David Wootton's programme is a lunch followed by a puppet show in the Little Angel Theatre. After a French-style 2-course meal with wine, members and their guests will take their seats in the nearby Little Angel Theatre for a private puppet show – 'The Magic Beanstalk'. After the show there will be an interval with refreshments, followed by a talk and demonstration by an expert puppeteer. Those who so wish may like to stay and explore the puppet workshop and the unique backstage facilities. Please contact the Guild office if you would like to bring one or more children.

Visit to the Royal Courts of Justice & Lunch in Middle Temple

Thursday 14 April 11.00 am – 2.30 pm

Dress: Suit

This is a repeat of this hugely popular private tour of the Royal Courts of Justice. The building is a marvel of Gothic Revival architecture in England. Opened by Queen Victoria in December 1882, it is home to the Court of Appeal and the High Court of Justice of England and Wales.

During the 90 minute tour we will visit a courtroom and the expert guides will tell us something of the wide variety of work that is done in the building and of the people who carry it out. (Please note that the tour includes some walking and a flight of stairs.)

After the tour members and their guests will make the short walk across the road to the Middle Temple, where we will join members of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in the Great Hall for a sustaining 3-course lunch with wine.

Tour of the Globe Theatre & Lunch

Wednesday 20 April 10.45 am – 2.30 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

The Master plans to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death by visiting the Globe Theatre. The visit will start with a guided tour of the theatre itself, and it will be followed by special demonstrations of dressing in the Elizabethan era and sword-fighting. The Exhibition Centre will be open to all both before the tour starts and after lunch.

After the tour and the demonstrations everyone will walk to the nearby Zizzis Bankside Restaurant to enjoy a convivial 3-course lunch and a glass of wine.

Annual Service – St Lawrence Jewry

Tuesday 26 April 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Dress: Suit

The Annual Service will be held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry. It will be taken by the Guild Vicar, The Revd Canon David Parrott, and the sermon will be delivered by the Guild's Honorary Chaplain, The Very Revd Dr David Ison. The choir from King Edward's School Witley will be supporting us once again.

Reception & Dinner – Girdlers' Hall

Tuesday 26 April 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm

Dress: Suit

It is a rare privilege to hold an event in Girdlers' Hall – one of the hidden gems of the City. Immediately after the Annual Service members and their guests will gather for a Reception and Dinner in this enchanting Hall. During the reception, which, if it is a fine, warm evening, may be held in the garden, we will be joined by the choir from King Edward's School Witley.

Visit, Supper & Ceremony of the Keys – Tower of London

Wednesday 04 May 7.00 pm – 10.15 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

Members and their guests will assemble at the West Gate and will then be taken on a guided tour of the external buildings of the complex, finishing at the Yeoman Warders' Club, where a cold buffet will be served. After supper the Guild's party will be accompanied to Traitor's Gate, to witness the Ceremony of the Keys. After that anyone wishing to do so may return to the Yeoman Warders' Club, which will stay open until about 11.00 pm – operating a strictly cash bar!

Lunch in The Clink Restaurant

Friday 13 May 11.30 am – 2.30 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

The Clink is a high quality restaurant inside Brixton Prison that is run to provide national qualifications, training and work experience for men serving prison sentences in Brixton. The chefs and waiting staff are all prisoners who have chosen to benefit from this outstanding learning opportunity, and the quality of the food and service will not disappoint!

After coffee on arrival, an introductory talk will be given by a senior manager of the project, before sitting down to enjoy a substantial, 3-course lunch, accompanied by non-alcoholic drink.

Holiday in Belgium

Saturday 21 May – Wednesday 25 May

Dress: as shown in the event instructions

For this 4-day holiday members and their guests will be staying in the Sandton Grand Hotel Reylof in Ghent. The programme will include a day visit to Antwerp, a day visit to Bruges, concluding with a special ceremony at the Menin Gate memorial of the battle of Ypres, and finally a day in Ghent, concluding with a gala dinner in the exclusive Falligan Club. (There will be some walking during the trip as some places – e.g. the centre of Ghent – are pedestrian precincts.)

Reception & Dinner on Tower Bridge

Monday 06 June 6.15 pm – 10.00 pm

Dress: Black Tie

The Master has selected Tower Bridge as a fitting location to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday. The reception will be held in the east gantry, looking towards London's docklands. Dinner will be served in the west gantry, overlooking the City and the Houses of Parliament.

This is a fund-raising event, linked to the British Red Cross's annual Jailed and Bailed event – when the Master will be 'arrested' at Mansion House, transported to the Tower of London, and will only be released when 'bail' has been paid, so please add a generous donation (for the Guild to pay to the Red Cross) when you apply to attend.

Visit to House Mill, Bromley-by-Bow & Lunch

Wednesday 15 June 10.30 am – 2.30 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

Built on a pre-Domesday site, this Grade I listed 18th Century House Mill is the largest surviving tidal mill in the world. In addition to milling flour, the mill made and supplied the adjacent gin distillery on the man-made Three Mills Island, supplying gin to London's 19th Century gin palaces.

After enjoying refreshments on arrival, members and guests will be taken on a guided tour of House Mill by experts, stopping on the way for a gin tasting, hosted by a local gin distillery. The event will conclude with a traditional lunch in a memorable part of the old House Mill.

Reception & Dinner, Farmers' & Fletchers' Hall

Wednesday 22 June 6.45 pm – 10.00 pm

Dress: Black Tie

This mid-summer dinner, which also provides an opportunity to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the discovery of gravity by Sir Isaac Newton, the Master has selected the superbly refurbished Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. This will be a traditional City event, with a fine 3-course dinner following on from a sparkling wine reception, and the evening will be rounded off with musical entertainment.

Supper & Show – GSMD Gala Evening

Wednesday 29 June 5.30 pm – 10.00 pm

Dress: Suit

The Guild has secured tickets to enable members and guests to enjoy a gala evening at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama production of the musical 'On the Twentieth Century', a classic 1930s-era screwball comedy set on a train travelling from Chicago to New York. The evening will commence with drinks at 5.30pm, followed by a 2 course supper with wine in the Barbican's Conservatory and Garden Room before the start of the show. A copy of the Programme for the show and drinks in the interval are included in the price of the tickets, which the Guild is offering at the same price that individuals would pay at the Box Office.

Programme for 2016/17

Visit to 10 Downing Street & Lunch

Friday 15 July 11.30 am – 4.00 pm

Dress: Suit

We are delighted to be able to offer members another opportunity to visit 10 Downing Street, with one group in the morning and another in the afternoon, and lunch on HQS Wellington.

Numbers are very limited, so applications will only be considered from Guild Members (i.e. no guests), and even then some Members may be disappointed. (The visit may be cancelled if a national emergency arises.) Although the visits to No 10 will be limited to members only, those who wish to do so may arrange for guests to join them for lunch on HQS Wellington.

City Walk & Light Supper

Tuesday 19 July &

Wednesday 20 July 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Dress: Casual

Once again our City Walks will be led by Peter Tompkins, who has chosen "The Great Fire of London" as his theme. As before, Peter will be hosting the event at no charge, but has asked for a donation to be made to the Guild's Charity – for onward transmission to the Lord Mayor's Charity appeal. These two events will be identical.

Day trip to Henley & Lunch in The Leander Club

Wednesday 27 July 10.30 am – 3.30 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

This fantastic day out will start with coffee in Leander Club, the oldest rowing club in the world, before embarking on a cruise, stopping at Temple Island to visit The Temple itself – a delightful folly, designed as a fishing lodge. Pre-lunch drinks will be served after the Island stop, followed by a delicious 3-course lunch back ashore at Leander Club.

Transport will not be provided, but complimentary car parking will be available at Leander Club, and the railway station is only a 5-10 minute walk from Leander, which is next to Henley Bridge.

Holiday in Northern Ireland

Thursday 08 September – Monday 12 September

Dress: as shown in the event instructions

The Master is currently the Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society, which was created by Royal Charter in 1613 and was originally a sub-committee of the City of London Corporation, responsible for overseeing the rebuilding of the City of Derry and Coleraine, and the development of the County of Londonderry. Guild members and their guests will have the opportunity to visit places not normally open to the public. During the trip a day will be spent in the countryside in the north-east of the Province, including visits to the Giants' Causeway and the Old Bushmills Distillery, a day in Londonderry, including a visit to the Guildhall, and a day in Belfast, including a tour of the Titanic Centre.

Day trip to Jesus College, Cambridge

Friday 16 September 9.15 am – 5.30 pm

Dress: Blazer / Jacket & Tie

Not the standard tourist trip to Cambridge, but a visit to the inside of the Master's alma mater, Jesus College, where he is now an Honorary Fellow. The College was founded in 1496, though some parts of the College are older than that. Coffee on arrival will be followed by a tour led by a very senior member of the College before sitting down to a 3-course lunch in the College Hall, overlooked by portraits of Past Masters of the College.

Jesus is the only Cambridge college within sight of its own boathouse and with all its sports' grounds on site, so after lunch members and their guests will be free to enjoy the College grounds and walk down by the river – or even to visit other parts of this remarkable city.

Reception & Dinner – Watermen's Hall

Wednesday 28 September 7.00 pm – 10.30 pm

Dress: Black Tie

The Company of Watermen and Lightermen was established in 1555 to regulate watermen and wherryman carrying passengers by boat on the River Thames, and the Company remains active in the training and support of watermen and lightermen working on

the River Thames today. This event will be a traditional Livery-style reception and dinner, and will be held in the only original Georgian hall in the City of London.

Day trip to Battle & Lunch

Wednesday 05 October 10.45 am – 3.00 pm

Dress: Casual / Comfortable

To commemorate the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, the Master is laying on a relaxing day-trip to Battle, to enjoy a talk about the site and the battle, and a guided tour of the battlefield and the ruins of Battle Abbey. During coffee after lunch a guest speaker will describe the fortunes of the site from the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries until the present day.

Refreshments will be served in the Pilgrims Rest on arrival, and a 2-course lunch will be served there after the tour of the battlefield and the Abbey. The Pilgrims Rest is a 5-minute stroll from the railway station (which is served by an excellent service from Charing Cross).

Lunch in The Athenaeum

Friday 14 October 12.15 pm – 3.00 pm

Dress: Suit

An excellent 3-course lunch will be enjoyed in the Garden Room at this most distinguished of London Pall Mall clubs, known for its academic, learning, intellectual and professional associations. (The Master is a member!). During this visit members and their guests will have the chance to look round the club, which boasts the largest drawing room in Europe.

Reception & Dinner – Carpenters' Hall

Tuesday 25 October 6.30 pm – 10.00 pm

Dress: Black Tie

The Master is arranging a special dinner in Carpenters' Hall to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London. The Worshipful Company of Carpenters' original hall survived the great fire in 1666, only to be badly damaged by fire nearly 200 years later. The hall was soon rebuilt, only to be totally destroyed in May 1941 during the blitz. Rebuilt for a second time in the late 1950s, at least 18 different kinds of wood were used in the hall, to make it a showcase for the craft of carpentry.

This event will start with a sparkling wine reception, followed by a traditional 3-course dinner. After the Loving Cup Ceremony and the Loyal Toast there will be a short period of musical entertainment and the evening will conclude with speeches by a guest speaker and the Master.

Visit & Supper – Old Bailey

Wednesday 02 November 5.45 pm – 9.30 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

This event remains a popular feature in the Guild's Programme. It starts in Court No 1 and finishes in the cells below the courtrooms. Afterwards the party will go to the Members Private Dining Room in Guildhall for a 3-course supper with wine. As the Secondary will be hosting the evening without charge he would be grateful if a donation could be made to the Guild's Charity – to be added to the Charity's donation to the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund.

Lord Mayor's Show

Saturday 12 November 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Dress: Jacket & Tie

A chance to watch this lively show from the comfort of seats on the stands erected on the south side of St Paul's Cathedral – and to cheer the Master as he passes in the parade! Children are welcome. Please book early to be sure of getting the number of seats you require.

Lunch after the Lord Mayor's Show

Saturday 12 November 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Dress: Jacket & Tie

After the parade there will be a great opportunity to enjoy a traditional English 3-course lunch with wine in Guildhall. Members may book tickets for the show, for lunch or for both, and may combine their applications on one form and pay with a single cheque.

Wine Tasting – Tallow Chandlers' Hall

Wednesday 16 November 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

The Master is delighted to record that he has accepted an offer from an expert in the wine trade – who is also the grandson of a senior Guild member – to host and sponsor this year's wine tasting event. As usual, a selection of quality wines will be described and presented for tasting.

After the formal tasting is over, members and their guests will be able to relax and enjoy a variety of hot and cold snacks, together with wine supplied by the caterers.

DM Thomas Foundation Ball

Saturday 26 November 7.00 pm – 2.00 am

Dress: Black Tie

Once again the Guild is hugely grateful to the DM Thomas Foundation (formerly the Hilton in the Community Foundation) for allowing Guild Members to attend this spectacular evening of champagne, dinner accompanied by fine wines, cabaret and dancing, at a discounted price.

The event will take place in the Grand Ballroom in the London Hilton in Park Lane, and special arrangements can be made for those wishing to stay overnight in the hotel.

Annual Banquet – Guildhall

Monday 12 December 6.15 pm – 10.30 pm

Dress: White Tie

This is the most important event of the Guild's programme and as usual the Master is looking forward to welcoming the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their consorts, as well as a number of other important guests.

The evening comprises a champagne reception, a 4-course dinner, excellent wines, colour and pageantry provided by the Pikemen and Musketeers from the Honourable Artillery Company, a wonderful selection of music and finally high-profile guest-speakers, all combining to show off the City, Guildhall and the Guild at their very best.

Carol Service at the Tower of London

Monday 19 December 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Dress: Suit

The Guild is privileged once again to have been given permission to hold its annual Carol Service in the beautiful Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula, the parish church of the Tower of London, which is a Royal Chapel and a 'Royal Peculiar', directly under the jurisdiction of our Sovereign. The Service will be led by the Royal Chapel's own magnificent choir. It will be a family occasion, to which all are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the chapel after the Service.

Burns Night Supper – Trinity House

Monday 23 January 6.30 pm – 10.30 pm

Dress: Highland Dress / Black Tie

Despite the fact that this event will be taking place two days before his actual birthday, many will welcome the Master's decision to include a Burns Supper in his programme, to commemorate the 257th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's favourite son.

Taking place in the stunning surroundings of Trinity House, with bagpipes skirling and to the accompaniment of traditional narrations and exhortations, members and their guests will enjoy a traditional Burns Night feast, with wines to match, and nudged by a wee dram!

Visit & Buffet Supper – College of Arms

Wednesday 01 February 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Dress: Suit / Jacket & Tie

This annual event comprises a fascinating briefing and tour of the College of Arms. This year, following the retirement of Windsor Herald, the visit will be sponsored by John Petrie, Rouge Croix Pursuivant.

During the evening members will view some of the most spectacular examples of the College's work over the past 7 centuries, and the tour will conclude with a light buffet supper.

Reception & Dinner – House of Lords

Friday 10 February 6.30 pm – 10.00 pm

Dress: Black Tie

Once again, the Guild is honoured and privileged to be able to hold a dinner in the House of Lords. Those who wish to do so may go on the 'Line of Route' guided tours of the Palace of Westminster, starting at 6.30pm. Thereafter those not going on a tour will meet up with the others in the Peers' Guest Room for a pre-dinner reception, starting at 7.15pm. Dinner will be held in the Peers' Dining Room. The Master is hugely grateful to Alderman The Lord Mountevans who has agreed to host this event and to speak after dinner.

Visit to the Dickens Museum & Supper

Wednesday 15 February 5.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Dress: Blazer / Jacket & Tie

To commemorate the 205th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, the Master is arranging for a party of Guild Members and their guests to be given a private, guided tour of the Charles Dickens Museum in Doughty Street, London WC1.

Charles Dickens moved into this peaceful, Georgian terraced house in Bloomsbury in 1837, and it was here that he wrote or completed some of his most famous novels – including *Pickwick Papers*, *Oliver Twist* and *Nicholas Nickleby*.

After a welcome drink on arrival, Guild Members and their guests will be given a guided tour of the house and museum, not only seeing where Charles Dickens and his family lived and worked, but also being shown the collection of rare books, paintings, photographs and memorabilia that are on display in the museum. After the museum tour, everyone will stroll to the nearby *Ciao Bella* bistro in Lamb's Conduit Street for a delicious 3-course supper and a glass or two of wine.

Holiday in Barcelona

Saturday 18 February – Wednesday 22 February

Dress: as shown in the event instructions

To create a break from the chill of the winter, the Master has decided to include a short holiday in Barcelona and Catalonia at the end of his programme.

The Guild's party will be based in a hotel in Barcelona. One day will be spent travelling through the Catalonian countryside, with a visit to the Dali Theatre-Museum in Figueres as one of the highlights. The other two days will be spent in Barcelona itself, with guided tours of the old Gothic city and port, the cathedral and the Gaudi buildings for which the City is so famous. A visit to the Barcelona football club is being planned, and a Flamenco night will definitely be included in the programme.

Any members who wish to do so will be able to arrange with the Clerk to extend their stay at the hotel where the Guild will be based at the same daily rate as the Guild will be paying for the group booking.

Reception & Dinner – Gray's Inn

Friday 03 March 6.30 pm – 10.30 pm

Dress: Black Tie

For his final dinner the Master has selected the banqueting hall of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in South Square, London WC1, to celebrate his legal qualifications and career. Taking full advantage of the elegance and charm of the hall, members and their guests will enjoy a sparkling wine reception followed by a traditional 3-course dinner, before the Master and a guest speaker bring the evening to a close.

Applications for events received after the Ticket Allocation Date will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Places are often available right up to the event itself, so please do not hesitate to apply for tickets after the Ticket Allocation Date.

The availability of places after the Ticket Allocation Date can be checked by contacting the Guild Office.

COURT MEETINGS 2016 – 2017

Tallow Chandlers' Hall
(unless otherwise stated)
4.30pm for 5pm for Court Members
5.30pm for 5.45pm (approx) for joining Members
Ends by 6.30 pm

**Dress: for Gentlemen – Suit;
for Ladies – Day Dress or Suit**

The meetings of the Court of Assistants for the forthcoming year are to be held on the following dates:

Wednesday 13th April 2016

Wednesday 22nd June 2016*

(*Farmers' & Fletchers' Hall)

Wednesday 28th September 2016

Wednesday 16th November 2016

Wednesday 18th January 2017

Applications for Guild membership are presented for consideration at the first Court meeting after they have been received, and every applicant is advised of the outcome within a week of the meeting at which their application was considered. Thereafter, new members are invited to attend a Joining and Welcoming Ceremony, during which they are presented with their Warrants of Membership and they sign the Register of Members of the Guild. This usually takes place at the next Court Meeting. If however this is not convenient, the Clerk will seek to agree a mutually convenient date for the new member to attend.

New members may apply to attend functions from receipt of confirmation of membership, and need not wait until after they have attended a Joining and Welcoming Ceremony.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2017

Tallow Chandlers' Hall
at 5pm

Wednesday 15th March 2017

Dress for Gentlemen: Suit

Dress for Ladies: Day Dress or Suit

ADVANCED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London will be held at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, 4 Dowgate Hill, in the City of London, on Wednesday 15th day of March 2017 at 5.00pm.

In view of the capacity of the Hall, this meeting is restricted to Members of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London. The business of the meeting will be to receive the Report of the Court of Assistants for 2016, together with the audited Accounts to 31st July 2016 and to appoint auditors for 2017. This will be followed by the installation of the Master and Wardens for the ensuing year. A copy of the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st July 2016 with the formal agenda will be sent in February 2017 to all members of the Guild who have paid their membership subscriptions by the time of dispatch.

By order of the Court of Assistants
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Miss Anne Elizabeth Day
Mrs Patricia Irene Hobday
Mr Michael Raymond Nash ACIB
Mr Colin Leonard Newman
Mr John Edward Philip Lovat Nunneley BSc (Hons) MInstP
Mr Michael Roderick Oliver OBE DL
Mr Alan Eric Sugden
Mr Nigel Charles Wilkins MA (Econ) MBA FRSA

February

Mr Obajimi Adefiranye BSc MA
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Mr John William Deverson
Mr Atholl John McInnes
Mrs Louise Caroline Occomore-Kent
Mrs Corinna Amanda Osborne-Patterson BA
Miss Caroline Jane Roddis

April

Mr Mark Howard Alton
Mr Ian Oakley Angell BSc PhD
Mr Alan Burrows
Mrs Natalie Haverstock BA (Hons)
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June

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August

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Mr Richard Mark Wall Dip (AML) MICA
Mr Garry Wykes

September

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The Guild wishes to correct an error in last year's journal which incorrectly recorded the name of new member Dr Antony John Richards CSci MRI AKC, as Dr Andrew John Richards CSci MRI AKC. The Guild apologises for the inconvenience the oversight caused Dr Richards.

From the Honorary Editor

Thank you to all of those who undertook the writing of reports on events. I hope no one will be offended if the final version is not, for editorial reasons, exactly as you wrote or I have had to omit whole sections. As you will see, space is limited and there has to be a balance between words and photographs. I hope I have got the balance right.

I am also grateful to those who provided the written contributions found elsewhere in the journal. I am sure you will find these interesting, particularly those from young people whom the Guild has been able to assist with travel grants.

Thank you to John Barber and his team of events reporters. This year they were - Peter Allcard, John Barber, Poppy Cooksey, Anne Holden, Joe Herzberg, Belinda Keun, Liz Thornborough, Tony Woodhead, and Stephen Osborne.

Once again, thank you to Liz Thornborough, Michael Keun and Judith Westall for all their guidance and advice, in this my first year as Honorary Editor of The Freeman.

Stephen Osborne Honorary Editor

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The Guild of Freemen of the City of London



The Freedom of the City of London was, in earliest times, an essential prerequisite for all who wished to carry on business and prosper in trade within the Square Mile. The privileges attaching to the Freedom were therefore eagerly sought, while the duties and obligations of Freemen were faithfully observed.

Not only did citizens practising specific crafts and trades tend to gather together in their own areas of the City, but they developed their own Guilds and Livery Companies founded on the triple bases of commerce, benevolence and religion. They provided mutual aid and protection for their members, caring for the old and infirm, burying their dead, helping the widows, bringing up the orphans. Through apprenticeship schemes, product control and in other ways, they ensured qualitative standards that enhanced their own reputations and protected the interests of their customers.

The involvement of Freemen in the development of London's government can be traced back to the Saxon folkmoot and to the 'great concourse' of the early Norman kings. As London grew, its population, trade and craft industries expanded to such an extent that it was no longer possible for all Freemen to be directly involved in determining the evolving structure of local government. The direct involvement of Freemen in the government of London thus gave way to indirect involvement through the Masters and Wardens of their Guilds and Livery Companies.

It remains necessary to this day for Liverymen to be Freemen of the City and it is the Liverymen who annually elect the Sheriffs and who participate in the election of the Lord Mayor. Electoral law has changed considerably over the years and all who reside in the City aged 18 or over can now vote in national and local elections as long as they are not subject to any legal disability.

The proud history of the City of London is such that large numbers of men and women rightly continue to regard it as a privilege to be admitted to the Freedom; further, the charitable involvements of Freemen have been maintained in many different ways by a great variety of City institutions.

Amid all the processes of change, it was decided during the nineteenth century to turn back the pages of history so that people could once again seek the Freedom of the City without first having to be linked to one of the City's Livery Companies. This development led in 1908 to the formation of the Guild of Freemen so that Freemen of the City of London could associate together without necessarily having to seek membership of a Livery Company. Over the years, a large number of Liverymen have also chosen to join the Guild, so that it is today uniquely representative of all who enjoy the Freedom of the City.

It has become traditional for each Lord Mayor to honour the Guild by becoming its Patron during his or her year of office, and one of the major events of its social year is the Banquet that the Guild is privileged to hold at Guildhall just before Christmas. The many links between the City and Parliament are marked by dinners held at the Palace of Westminster. An annual service is held in the church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, and Guild members have the opportunity of participating in a variety of social and educational functions, which include events held in the historic halls of City Livery Companies.

True to the earliest traditions associated with the Freedom, the Guild maintains and administers a Charity, which originally was established to assist members in distressed circumstances as well as widows and children of deceased members. In addition, every year, the Trustees of the Guild's Charity give careful consideration to applications from other charities, individuals and organisations which merit the Guild's support.

The Freedom of the City of London is not the prerogative of men alone. A Royal Commission was set up in 1880, known as the City of London Livery Companies Commission. Its Report referred to the fact that nearly all the ancient returns of the Livery Companies bore references to Sisters, from which it inferred that women were equally eligible for membership as were men. Today, irrespective of nationality, all men and women who have received the Freedom of the City of London are eligible to apply for membership of the Guild of Freemen.

Further particulars concerning membership of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London can be obtained by contacting to the Clerk of the Guild at PO Box 1202, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 7XB, telephone 020 8541 1435 or by e-mail: clerk@guild-freemen-london.co.uk.