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The historic right of Londoners to claim the Freedom of their City was restricted to members of Livery Companies by a Charter of Edward II in 1311. In the 19th century the Corporation of London decided that the Freedom should no longer be restricted in this way.

It was against this background that in 1908 the Guild of Freemen came to be formed. It became a focal point where the influx of new Freemen joined with the Freemen of the Livery Companies to develop and uphold the City's historic traditions and maintain its good works.

Today the Guild of Freemen 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 usually 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 Patron

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny

Vincent Keaveny is the 693rd Lord Mayor of the City of London. During his year as Lord Mayor, Alderman Keaveny will act as a spokesman for the City, leading overseas business delegations to key international markets on behalf of the UK financial and professional services industry.

In the role he will meet government representatives, alongside business leaders and policy makers both at home and abroad. He will look to strengthen economic ties with the UK, identify new business opportunities and promote the UK as a top global destination for foreign investment.

Alderman Keaveny will be reinforcing the message that the City of London is a national asset for the UK, accounting for billions of pounds in revenue and taxes and creating millions of jobs across the country – as well as being a unique, cultural and diverse institution.

During his year as the Lord Mayor he will promote his theme of People with Purpose. This will champion a purpose-led and people-focused UK Financial and Professional Services sector; growing the global competitiveness of the UK as a world leader in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and sustainable finance and home to the best and most diverse global talent, driving social mobility at all levels.

In 2013 Vincent was elected as Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Within and served as Sheriff of the City of London in 2018-19. He is a Liveryman of the City of London Solicitors', the Woolmen's, Distillers', Spectacle Makers', Stationers', Framework Knitters', Upholders' and Security Professionals' Companies. He served as Master Solicitor in 2014/15.



The Lord Mayor's Appeal



Funding for Place2Be provides the dedicated mental health professionals across primary and secondary schools in England, Scotland and Wales.

Mental health support and counselling in these schools helps to improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils, families, and staff, equipping them with tools and training they need to help overcome any future challenges.

During a time when young people are facing many challenges, the life-changing experiences offered by a DofE programme have never been more vital. DofE programmes are tailored to unlock the unique skills and interests of each young person, supporting them to understand their limitless potential.

During COVID-19, doing DofE has offered young people mental health and wellbeing support to get them through the pandemic and give them the tools to succeed beyond it.



OnSide believe that all young people need is a chance to discover what they've got and where it could take them. Potential is everywhere. But while some young people get every opportunity to explore theirs, others do not.

It is a national charity that fund, build, launch and support a national network of state-of-the-art, multimillion-pound Youth Zones in the UK's most economically disadvantaged areas.



In these challenging and uncertain times, Samaritans volunteers have spent over one million hours responding to calls for help from people struggling to cope.

The Samaritans volunteers have been there to listen, 24 hours a day, even throughout lockdowns. The Lord Mayor's Appeal's partnership has allowed the Samaritans to also support people in new ways in 2021, as well as future-proofing this vital service.

The Guild acknowledges the City of London Corporation as the source for the background information and images on The Patron and The Lord Mayor's Appeal

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The Master's Address

Alderman John Garbutt JP, FRSA, FRGS, FCIS, BSc (Econ)



At the time of writing this message to all Guild members, I have just recently been installed as Master. This is a singular distinction and privilege, as well as an honour to follow my year as High Sheriff of Greater London.

Ann-Marie Jefferys, my predecessor as Master, will be a hard act to follow. She fought courageously and successfully to provide some semblance of normality during the past COVID-19 time. For that effort we must be extremely grateful to her, as well as the Wardens and the Court of Assistants during her period of office which was extended to cover some 21 months as Master. I am also personally most grateful for the help and guidance which she has given me in my prolonged run up as Senior Warden.

In addition, my wife Solangela and I much enjoyed the company of the Master and her husband David over this period. I would also like to thank the various Committee Chairs and Committee members for the considerable amount of time they continue to devote to the Guild.

In fact, for much of Ann-Marie's period as Master she used technology to provide us with a series of wonderful "virtual" events, including afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor, the admission of Captain Sir Tom Moore as an Honorary Guild member, plus various City tours and delicious food and drink experiences. Among the physical events she managed to achieve following the lifting of lockdown, were the Guild's holiday in Malta, sailing on the Solent and a night-time cruise on Regent's Canal.

COVID-19 permitting, I hope to be able to continue in my year with a more conventionally balanced programme, and one which particularly involves using my City connections. The programme focuses on my interests in culture, tradition, and history. It will still involve a few virtual events but primarily physical ones I trust, with the emphasis on "money cannot buy" venues which are not normally open to the public. Events in this category already arranged include visits to the barracks of the oldest regiment in the British army, a privately-owned castle, and an operational RAF station. We also have a fun Guild holiday in Croatia.

I hope I have established a particularly varied programme, perhaps with a few "specials" yet to come if I can book them. Please look out for the newsletter regarding these new events if and as they emerge.

At this point I would like to thank our temporarily returning Clerk, Christine Cook, this time as "interim", who is now managing the Guild on a day-to-day basis until the new permanent Clerk, Kate Pink, starts with us in March. I would also like to express my appreciation to Judith Westall for her loyal service of almost 20 years, who has now left her position as Assistant Clerk. This position has been filled by Martin Budds, who has already begun working with Christine.

Of course, whilst the events programme is the backbone of the Guild's membership benefits, we do a lot more besides. After all, our aim is to offer all Freeman of the City of London a welcoming association, where they can support the City by contributing to its welfare, celebrating its history and helping to shape its future, whilst enjoying an active social programme.

For example, our charitable activities continue apace. I hope during my year we will be able to maintain support to the "City Civic" via the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund, but also to the various schools connected to the City through educational grants and prizes. I am also looking forward to promoting the Guild around Great Britain at the various annual events held by our sister Guilds, "Gilds" and Trades Houses in Chester, Coventry, Glasgow, and York.

The other area of critical importance to the sustainability of our Guild over the long term is, of course, the continued growth in its membership. Here in particular I want to support our "member get new member" (141) initiative. This is where, over the coming 12 months, each one of us tries to bring into the Guild at least one new person we know, perhaps a friend or relative who we feel would both enjoy membership and could contribute in some way, if simply through attendance at Guild events.

For someone who is not already a Freeman of the City of London, we can help with that (just contact the Clerk). If successful, this new membership drive would transform the Guild's future. I would truly appreciate all existing members who are reading this message now giving thought as to how you personally might achieve this aim.

Well, on that ambitious note and on behalf of my wife and myself, I would like to wish you good health and hope to see you all in 2022.



Events of 2021

Virtual Chocolate Tasting Evening

Thursday 11th March



On a cool Thursday evening in March approximately 40 Guild members and guests were treated to a flavoursome evening of chocolate tasting.

Jennifer Earle of Chocolate Ecstasy Tours led us through a tasting session with 6 different chocolates. One a Gold Award winner in 2017 and another a Silver Award from the Academy of Chocolate, where Jennifer is one of the judges and at the International Chocolate Awards.

Jennifer also taught us how to judge chocolate, or at least how a judge evaluates and rates chocolate: listen to the sound (of a piece being broken off), smell, sample, the melting (in your mouth of course) and ascertaining the favours in a sample. The flavour guide we were given arranges tastes into 10 broad areas which subdivide into over 135 different flavours!



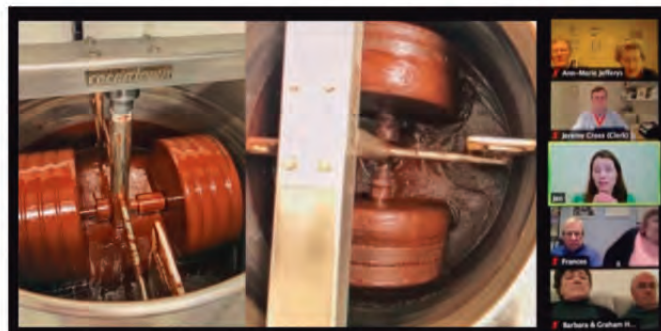
We started with cacao nibs – pieces of cocoa beans which have been fermented, dried, roasted and cracked.



The various chocolates that we tasted ranged from a bitter 100% pure cocoa (with no sugar content at all) through various other cocoa contents down to 40%.

We learned that two chocolates with the same percentage of cocoa can taste very different. We were also informed that any individual chocolate can be perceived to taste different at different times and under different conditions.

Jennifer provided excellent answers to the many keen questions that the members asked. After a wonderful 90-minute mouth-watering session the Master, Anne-Marie Jefferys, sadly noted that it was time to return to the more restrained period of Lent.



Guild Member, Al Perry

LinkedIn

Did you know you can follow the Guild LinkedIn page for regular updates with Guild news?

www.linkedin.com/company/guild-of-freemen-of-the-city-of-london

Also, the Guild Clerk continues to edit a Group on LinkedIn called "Freemen of the City of London".

You can join LinkedIn to follow Guild and City news in this way.

www.linkedin.com/groups/9032392

Virtual Tour of Lloyd's of London

Wednesday 24th March

With lockdown still in force the Master and 100 Guild Members were taken on an entertaining and informative virtual tour of Lloyd's of London by Robin Erswell who not only is a Lloyd's official guide but also worked at Lloyd's for almost 40 years.

Starting in 1688 in a coffee house run by Edward Lloyd in Great Tower Street, this shop and its booths were frequented by sailors, merchants and shipowners coming from the Pool of London. They exchanged information about their ships and cargoes and arranged insurance with individuals taking a share of the risk for payment of a premium. They would write their names on the policy, one side of the paper containing all the details of what was to be insured and the other side the names of individuals taking the risk, hence the term underwriters. Mr Edward Lloyd just charged a rent for the booths, so that traders could carry on their own business.



A very good attendance online for this very interesting talk (images below and above)



Soon one coffee house became six but as business grew so Lloyd's moved. First to The Royal Exchange (for 150 years), then to two sites in Leadenhall Street (58 years) and in 1986 to the ultra-modern headquarters in Lime Street. This 12-storey building designed by Richard Rogers, with open trading floors and a large glass atrium roof, has been given many names; "The oil rig on Lime Street", "The inside/out building" (because all services including the lifts are on the outside of the building) and "The coffee percolator".

Lloyd's itself conducts no insurance business but provides the building, regulates its occupants, and holds the licences to trade. The day-to-day business is carried out by 80 syndicates managed by 54 managing agencies and collectively wrote £35.9bn of gross premiums in 2019. Its name is recognised across the Globe as the leading and most respected institution with whom to place risk. Not only was Robin full of knowledge and facts (including many celebrities' legs that have been insured) but he had some fascinating slides of how Lloyd's has grown.



Fascinating insights into the trading (above)



Robin showed us the open plan trading floors; the famous 1799 "Lutine" Bell which is now only occasionally rung; the Adam room, which had been designed by Robert Adam and purchased from Bowood House in 1956. This room has been dismantled twice to accommodate moves and then lovingly restored with glass chandeliers added. Finally we saw the Old Library and the Nelson Collection which contains part of HMS Victory's flag and the logbook from HMS Eutalyus. This is opened at the page recording Nelson's message "England expects that every man will do his duty".

This was a really enlightening talk and slide show and, as the Master summed up, we now know how Lloyd's works, its place in history and its importance to the City of London and the UK economy. The Master hoped very much, when life returns to normal, that the Guild might be able to actually tour the building and ride on the famous glass wall lifts.



Guild Member, Roger Moore MBE

Events of 2021

Virtual Tour of the Royal Exchange

Wednesday 14th April

Peter Cave was our guide for this Zoom visit to the Royal Exchange and the area nearby. Peter, who is a liveryman in the Company of Insurers, is no stranger to the Guild as his wife Daphne is a member.

Peter introduced us to the history and some of the famous (and even infamous) people. He linked back to the recent visit to the Lloyds building by explaining Lloyd's connections with the building, and explained that this year marks the 450th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I naming it "Royal".

Sitting on the corner between Cornhill and Threadneedle Street, with Mansion House across one road and the Bank of England across the other, it used to straddle the boundary between Broad Street and the Cornhill Wards, but now is fully within Cornhill (the highest of the three City hills).



Peter led us through the connections with the Gresham family, early philanthropists, with a particular interest in education. This is reflected in the establishment of Gresham's School in Holt, Norfolk, and in Gresham College in the City. The result of Thomas Gresham gifting his house and income in perpetuity provides a 50/50 split between the City funds and the Mercers' Company for maintenance of their college.



Gresham was a successful trader, knighted for his service and served as Lord Mayor in 1537. He built the first Royal Exchange that was the first formal trading exchange in London. It was built to rival the Antwerp Bourse and featured similar design style, with clear trading areas, the "Walks" within its courtyard and arches, each dedicated to a geographic area or a product or service.

Queen Elizabeth I was so impressed by the style, and especially by the bazaar of products on the top floor, she decreed that it should be known as the "Royal Exchange".



The building was destroyed by the Great Fire in 1666 and was quickly replaced with the second building also facing onto Cornhill. This building had several symbols on its towers, including the grand grasshopper symbol of the Gresham family. This piece, recently restored, now adorns the top of the current building.

The Royal Exchange was a centre for commerce and trade, and insurance became one of its mainstays, especially as the posh retail bazaar fell out of fashion. Royal Exchange Insurance was established in 1740 and Lloyd's became a more formalised operation there in the 1770s. The Lord Mayor's Court was set up there to deal with City contract and tort disputes.

This building was also destroyed by fire when in 1838 an unguarded coal fire in the Lloyd's offices spread rapidly behind closed doors and could not be contained.

The current building is the third in succession and was built facing west towards St Paul's Cathedral. It was opened by Queen Victoria in 1844, and she too insisted that it be called the "Royal Exchange".

The Lloyd's floor was fully established within this building, operating within the similar structures that Lloyd's of London does today. The building now has a Fortnum and Mason restaurant and other upmarket shops, as well as a stunning art gallery.

Peter introduced us to other premises and monuments in the area and reminded us of some of the royal and state proclamations made on the steps of the Royal Exchange.

As you would expect there were several questions, all handled by Peter at the time, or via a follow up email to the attendees. The Master expressed the gratitude of us all for an excellent and informative hour-long tour and talk.



Guild Member, Andrew Johnson

Virtual Smoked Salmon Tasting

Wednesday 28th April

Hot on the heels of the chocolate and cheese tasting, using Zoom, coupled with the somewhat older technology of a doorstep courier service, some eighty of us Guild members all enjoyed a socially isolated and distanced smoked salmon talk and tasting. It was a good test of will power listening to the talk whilst waiting to sample the seven, quite different, varieties of smoked salmon. The talk was given by Lance Forman, fourth generation CEO of H. Forman & Son, who was ably backed up by his assistant Zoe in Canada.

H. Forman & Son has been producing smoked salmon in the East End of London since 1905. Over a century of perfecting their craft.



We got to taste the following products: London Cure Smoked Salmon (lean), London Cure Smoked Salmon (fatty), Gin & Tonic Smoked Salmon, Dill Gravavlax, Beetroot Gravavlax, Royal Fillet and Salmon Jerky; all of which were delicious.

After the tasting was a lively question and answer session and I am sure everyone learned something new. I personally found out the main difference between Norwegian and Scottish salmon is freshness, essentially needed because of the travel time. All questions were answered, and I am confident that everyone was left with a legacy of enhanced knowledge, a wonderful taste in the mouth and the opportunity to buy more of their favourite smoked salmon at a well reduced price.



Guild Member, Robert Field

Guild Merchandise

Order Guild merchandise by completing the online order process or by downloading and submitting an order form at www.guild-freemen-london.co.uk/shop

- Jewellery is supplied with a presentation box.
- Items are usually dispatched within two weeks of receipt of the order.
- Prices include packing, postage within the UK, and VAT. For overseas or signed for (insured) delivery please contact the Clerk for a quote.

Rhodium Plated & Enamel Brooch

Supplied in a presentation box, approximately 3cm (1.25 inches) high and has a detachable safety chain. **£95.00**



Pewter Scarf Ring

Handmade by Glover & Smith in lead-free pewter, supplied in a gift box with a silver organza bag. **£22.50**



Shield Design Cufflinks

These traditional cufflinks comprise the Guild shield in enamel and have a toggle fitting.

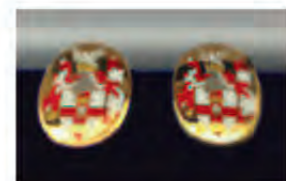
Hallmarked silver gilt. **£95.00**
Gilt metal. **£49.00**



Oval Design Cufflinks

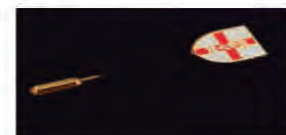
These cufflinks comprise the Guild's coat of arms on an oval plate, with enamel inlay.

Hallmarked silver gilt double ovals linked by a chain. **£95.00**
Gilt metal with a toggle fitting. **£49.00**



Enamel Stickpin

This stickpin, displaying the Guild's crest, is in red and white enamel. The shield is approx 1.6 cm in height and is supplied in a presentation box. **£20.00**



Events of 2021

Virtual Guide of the Tower of London

Wednesday 12th May

Garry Wykes, Jewel House Warden (Retired) and Guild of Freeman member, gave a virtual talk and slide show entitled "Treasures of the Tower".

We were treated to a very interesting presentation covering a brief history of the Tower followed by a description of the Crown Jewels interspersed with many anecdotes from Garry's 12 years of experiences in the Jewel House.

We were informed that the coronation regalia dates from the restoration of the monarchy under King Charles II after Oliver Cromwell melted down and sold off many of the original items. Some of the famous jewels were re-acquired and the Coronation Spoon, dating from the 11th century was given back to King Charles by a courtier who saved it from destruction.

The St Edward's Crown 1661 weighs 5lbs of gold and contains four hundred and forty four semi-precious stones. It has been worn at many coronations for 20 minutes only. The Sovereign's Sceptre was redesigned in 1910 to include the First Star of Africa, a 530 carat diamond cut from the Cullinan diamond presented by the Transvaal government to Edward VII on his birthday in 1905. For security reasons a rumour was put out that the diamond was being transported from South Africa to London by boat whereas it had, in fact, been sent by ordinary parcel post!



St. Edward's Crown 1661 (above)

A small diamond crown less than 4 inches across was made for Queen Victoria by Garrards, the Crown Jewellers. Victoria's small diamond crown was subsequently worn by Queen Mary, consort to George V, but went missing until 1940 when it was found in a cupboard at Windsor Castle! The Queen Mother's platinum crown includes the 106 carat Koh-I-Noor (Mountain of Light) diamond found in India and belonging originally to various Sikh, Persian and Afghan rulers. The Imperial State Crown, worn at the latter part of the coronation ceremony and traditionally at the opening of Parliament, although now carried in front of the Queen, was remade for the coronation of George VI in 1937. It includes famous gemstones, some taken from earlier crowns:

The Second Star of Africa diamond (317 carats), the Black Prince's ruby (actually a large spinel), the Stuart sapphire, St Edward's sapphire and Queen Elizabeth's pearls.

The beautiful Imperial Crown of India containing 6,004 gems was made by Garrards the Crown Jewellers. It was worn only once by King George V as Emperor of India at the Delhi Durbar of 1911 in front of a crowd of a quarter of a million of his Indian subjects and will most probably never be worn again.



Imperial State Crown 1937 (above)

The Coronation ring and Consort Ring made for William IV and Queen Adelaide in 1821 have been worn by subsequent monarchs and their consort, although a small Coronation Ring had to be especially made for Queen Victoria. It had been measured to fit her little finger but during the coronation ceremony had been forced onto another finger and her hand had to be bathed in iced water before it could be removed.

An item much admired by the Jewel House Wardens is the Grand Punch Bowl. Made in 1829, it weighs 500 pounds, but the Wardens are more interested in its potential capacity of 144 bottles of red wine which they would like to enjoy on a suitable occasion! To date, their wishes remain unfulfilled!

Garry gave a concise, detailed and expert account of the Tower's history together with a graphic account of the contents of the Jewel House accompanied by some excellent illustrations and interspersed with good-humoured anecdotes which went down very well with Guild members.

Garry Wykes, greeting HRH The Prince of Wales (below)



Past Clerk, Jeremy Cross

First Luncheon at Watermen's Hall

Wednesday 2nd June

It was exciting to attend the first face-to-face event of Master Ann-Marie Jefferys' year, which has been heavily affected by COVID-19.

We were welcomed by staff and taken to our tables. We had the drinks reception at our tables which was a novelty! It did mean that we quickly got to know everyone. We had sparkling wine and individual platters of nibbles; nuts, olives and crisps. It was good to see Peter Holland in attendance taking photographs of all the guests.

Before the meal the Master welcomed our special guest, the Beadle. She then said grace, giving thanks for us all being able to meet up again and remembering those we would not be seeing again.

The meal was delicious, starting with a plate of smoked fish, followed by a rosette of new season lamb, the dessert was summer trifle and shortbread biscuits. This was accompanied by excellent white and red wines. We had a choice of port or brandy with coffee or Cornish grown tea and chocolate truffles.

After the meal the Master greeted everyone and said how great it was to actually meet face-to-face for the first time since she was elected in 2019. She gave a brief history of the Watermen's company which was founded in 1514 after Henry VIII passed a law governing the ferrying of passengers on the Thames. In 1700 the Lightermen joined the company, they ferried goods up and down the Thames. The hall is still an original Georgian style that was constructed in 1780.

There have been regular Zoom events for members over the time Ann-Marie Jefferys has been Master which have been enjoyed by many members, including those who live abroad. These have been presided over by our new clerk Jeremy Cross who was also present and able to meet members in person for the first time. The Master welcomed the new Clerk.

Future events were filling up as we all become more used to the "new normal". The Master finished by giving a toast to the Guild of Freemen. A vote of thanks was given to the Master by Past Master Terry Nemko. We caught up with news from old friends who had been seated on other tables.

A good end to a really lovely occasion, and hopefully the start of many more face-to-face events to come.

Guild Member, Pam Lorraine



Events of 2021

Second Luncheon at Watermen's Hall

Monday 7th June

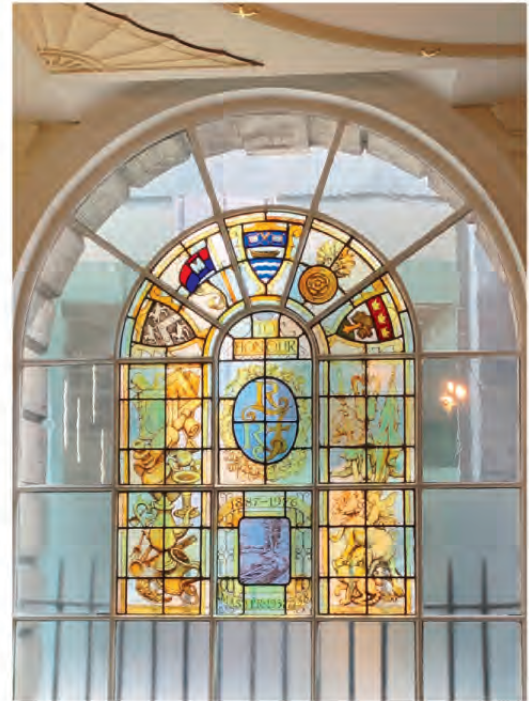
With the "Lockdown" beginning at last to end, another excellent function organised by the Guild was the Guild Lunch on 7th June at the Hall of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames.

Watermen's Hall is in an interesting part of the City in St Mary at Hall Street which runs down quite steeply to Lower Thames Street opposite the former site of the Billingsgate Fish Market.

An excellent lunch was provided at Watermen's Hall obviously much appreciated by the attending Guild members and guests all hosted by the Master Anne Marie Jeffreys.

One might ask of the "Company of Watermen and Lightermen" what is the difference between the said "Watermen" and the "Lightermen"? Well it seems the Watermen do the sailing of the cargo vessels on the Thames, whilst the "Lightermen" do the unloading from the vessels onto the quayside and also provide a ferry service to the public on the river.

The Company of Watermen and Lightermen was established by an Act of Parliament of 1555 "to control and regulate what had been an unruly profession". They are not technically a "Livery Company" but, being formed by Act of Parliament, they no doubt they regard themselves as something similar.



Guild Member, Ron Gulliver

Guild Luncheon at Bakers' Hall

Wednesday 23rd June

How good it was to once again enjoy the conversation and fellowship of congenial fellow guild members and their guests, albeit with reduced numbers in attendance. Normality beckoned!

Some 30 members and their guests (the maximum allowed under prevailing legislation) gathered in Bakers' Hall. Directed by the Clerk to our table, we all sat down fairly quickly so we could remove our masks and were quickly served with sparkling or soft drinks but what was unusual was to find a plate in front of you, wrapped in cling film, containing your personal nibbles!

Things then became more normal as conversation at the tables flowed, along with the wine, whilst we enjoyed some good food and finished the meal in a traditional fashion.



In her address, these steps towards normality after the pandemic were welcomed by the Master. During the pandemic we had enjoyed a number of remote events on Zoom but, of course, that just was not the same as meeting up in person. The Master told members of the historical relationship between the Guild of Freeman and the Bakers' Company. From 1921 until it was destroyed by fire during the blitz of December 1940, the Guild of Freeman used the Court Room at Bakers' Hall and sometimes the hall itself and also maintained an office there. Many valuable records and the Guild's library – much of it irreplaceable – were lost in the fire and the Master recommended to members the excellent history of the Guild of Freeman which it has published.

The occasion was most enjoyable and underlined the desire and hope of us all to soon return to more of the splendid events organised by the Guild.

Guild Member, Christine Coultrup

Apothecaries' Hall Dinner

Wednesday 30th June

The Master held her first formal dinner post lockdown at the Apothecaries' Hall, and the event was very well attended. Everyone arrived at allocated times to conform with 'Social Distancing' rules, with masks worn as Master Ann-Marie and Dr. David Jefferys greeted members and their guests.

The members dined in three separate rooms connected via a video link to enable the Master and the Guest Speaker to be seen and heard by everyone. After a very enjoyable meal the Master welcomed all those present and introduced Colonel Jane Davis who gave an interesting talk about the life and work of Florence Nightingale, and the history of nursing.



The Master then thanked everybody present and asked the Clerk to present a bouquet of flowers to Audrey Tibbles, who was celebrating her 95th birthday.

The hall of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London is magnificent. In the Parlour there is a valuable collection of Apothecaries jars together with heart and hexagonal shaped pill slabs.

The Apothecaries' craft guild is unique in that it is both a Livery company and has a Royal Charter dating back to 1617.

The Society traces its origins back to 1180 when it was part of the Company of Pepperers of Soper Lane. Apothecaries' wardens in the Pepperers' and Grocers' Companies not only dealt with medical preparations but also perfumes and spiced wines.

In November 1617, the Society was granted its own charter from King James 1, and purchased their own Livery Hall in 1632. The hall was formerly a guest house of the Dominican Friars that burnt to the ground in the Great Fire of 1666. It was rebuilt in 1672, where it remains until today.



At first, Apothecaries could only make up prescriptions that were ordered by Physicians, but in 1703 the House of Lords ruled that Apothecaries could prepare their own prescriptions. This became the forerunner of today's General Practitioner.

The Apothecaries Act of 1815 gave the society the legal right to grant licences to practise medicine in England and Wales and the General Medical Council was established in 1858. After the Medical Act was passed in 1886, the society's licence became a fully registrable qualification in medicine, surgery, and midwifery.



Court Assistant, Alistair J Mitchelhill

Events of 2021

Installation of the Master

Wednesday 30th June

They say that all good things come to those who wait and our Installation of the Master this year was no exception. The pandemic and resulting Government restrictions, and a change to the Guild's timings for its annual events, meant that the Installation was delayed by fifteen months, but it was worth the wait.

After a Court Meeting, chaired by the Master, and some changing of robes in the Parlour, the Court re-emerged into Tallow Chandlers' Hall, our home Hall. It was good to have Immediate Past Master, Neil Redcliffe, in the Chair, who explained about the delay for the Installation from March 2020, and talked about his year and its highlights which included holidays in Yorkshire and Marrakesh.

Neil installed Ann-Marie Jefferys as Master of The Guild of Freemen of the City of London, and the robes that had just been swapped over were swapped back. It felt odd putting the robes back on that had just been taken off, but it was all beautifully executed by our fantastic Beadle of thirty-three years, John Hollingsworth.

The Master's badge of office was given to Ann-Marie, as were the good wishes of the Immediate Past Master. The Master thanked the Past Masters and Court for the faith and trust they had placed in her, and thanked members for their support during the previous difficult year, including at virtual events, and at in-person events which had begun again.

Following the Installation of the Master, the names were announced of the Wardens for the year and badges of office were presented to each one: Alderman John Garbutt as Senior Warden, Chris Walton as Renter Warden, Cllr Lisa Rutter as Junior Warden and Adrian Waddingham CBE as Under Warden, Congratulations were extended to each Warden and their new role, and each made a short acceptance speech.

Once the Wardens had moved to their correct seats the Master read and presented the Illuminated Address to the Immediate Past Master, Neil Redcliffe, JP. The Illuminated Address highlighted some of the events that Neil had done during his year, and some of his many links to the wider City.

The Master presented Neil with the Immediate Past Master's badge of office which had originally been presented to Past Master Elliot Sparks in 1914. Neil was also presented with a personalised Past Master's badge. This was of particular significance as the badge of office had been engraved with Neil's name, and was provided by his Grandfather, Bernard Morgan, who was Master in 1985.



This Past Master's badge is given and worn during the Immediate Past Master year and in subsequent years, in recognition of the outstanding contribution made to the Guild during their year as Master.

The glittering occasion continued with the passing of the Guild's diamond brooch by Neil Redcliffe, on behalf of his wife Emma, to the Master's Consort, her husband, Dr David Jefferys, although this was soon passed to the Master to wear during her year.



The Master declared the Installation closed and the Master, Wardens, Past Masters and Court of Assistants left the Hall and retired to the Parlour where members could meet the new Court more informally over a glass of wine, and catch up with friends old and new.

Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys

First Sailing on Lutine

Monday 12th July

I joined the Guild not long before the first lockdown, so to say that I was excited about my very first social event on the wonderful Lutine yacht is an understatement, especially as it was also my first time to sail on a proper yacht! My guest was an experienced sailor and a member of the Lloyd's Yacht Club, the owner of the Lutine, but had never sailed in her either, so we were both very much looking forward to the day.

The day started grey and overcast, but at least it was dry. We quickly met up with Jeremy Cross, the Clerk, at the Haslar Marina office in Gosport and went down to the boat to join our fellow guests and admire the yacht at close quarters.

After some introductions all round, I was relieved to discover I was not the only non-sailor on board, and that we were all here for the experience and a lovely day out. Jeremy told us how the day would unfold, and our able and very friendly crew got us underway as we set sail in the Solent.



It was lovely to sit and enjoy the light on the water, the gentle breeze, the passing scenery and the places of interest, including Gosport, Portsmouth, Ryde, Fishbourne and Osborne House, from a totally different perspective. Even better, a couple of hours after we started, the grey clouds started to disappear and were replaced by a wonderful blue sky, as Jeremy's pictures show!

We dropped anchor in Osborne Bay, where a lovely sandwich lunch was enjoyed in the now warmer weather. Everyone on board was very friendly, and we were all chatting away throughout the day getting to know each other.

After lunch we sailed around for another couple of hours, before turning round and heading back to Gosport. Anyone who wanted could also have a turn at the helm whilst we were sailing, so we could pretend to be in charge of this amazing vessel!

All in all, it was an experience not to forget, and a wonderful chance to do something completely different. I would recommend it to Guild members to try, even if you have never been on a yacht before or you're less able - there's something really magical about being on the water on a beautiful day in such a superb vessel.



Guild Member, Beverly Hurley

Events of 2021

City Walk - City Gardens

Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st July

Our group met at Temple Bar, the entrance to Paternoster Square by St Paul's Churchyard, and we were treated to a most informative and enjoyable walk and talk from our excellent and knowledgeable guide Peter Tomkins.

His theme for the evening was City Gardens and we had no idea that there were a total of 170 throughout the City. Our first was the Festival Gardens, laid out in 1951 as a contribution to the Festival of Britain.

During the walk Peter pointed out items such as a ginkgo tree from China and at the side of St Paul's Cathedral reverse wisteria, which were planted a distance from each other and trained to join and intertwine.



We moved on to see a sunken garden sculpture by Georg Ehrlich. It was impressive how much space was devoted to green areas for City workers to sit and enjoy their lunch or just to relax.

Peter pointed out a statue of Sir Rowland Hill who in 1835 reformed the postal system which led to the creation of the first postage stamp. We entered Postman's Park, opposite St Bart's Hospital, which was so named because the postmen of the day would sit and spend time there during their working day.

We saw banana plants growing there and Peter informed us that the area never has frost so they are able to grow more exotic fruits. This park is known for its wall of commemorative plaques dedicated to brave individuals who have given their lives whilst rescuing others.

We then passed a stone trough created by the grandly named Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association. This was set up in the nineteenth century to provide free drinking water for people and cattle through the erection of fountains and troughs. The first of these fountains was so popular that it was used by 7,000 people a day. The alternative up to then was very unsavoury.



The association survives today as the Drinking Fountain Association and in 2000 received a National Lottery grant to build more fountains and to restore existing ones.



We proceeded along London Wall, first viewing the sunken garden which was laid out by the Worshipful Company of Gardeners. It was dedicated to the barber surgeons of the day (so called because the barbers possessed razors so were called upon to practise surgery!) after which we moved on to the High Walk of St Alphage.

We passed the now modern building housing the Salters' Company, one of the great twelve Livery Companies of London. Opposite was the Brewers Hall Garden, laid out with raised beds and seating areas. The statue of 'The Gardener' by Karin Jonzen, was relocated here from Moorgate c.2005.

We finished our most enjoyable walk with a garden in St Mary Aldermanbury which was dedicated to Shakespeare. It was subsequently purchased by Americans who rededicated it to Churchill.

The memorable evening ended with refreshments at the Tokenhouse Pub in Moorgate.

Guild Member, Laurence Slater



The Swan Upping

Wednesday 21st July



On a very hot summer's day at Henley upon Thames we were all welcomed on board the Waterman cruising boat for our Swan Upping excursion. Being treated to a cool glass of sparkling wine was the first relief, followed by a welcome announcement that the gentlemen could dispense with jackets. Soon we were underway, and the gentle breeze on the upper deck was a very welcome relief from the thirty-two degrees of heat.



Unfortunately, a medical emergency caused a hold up at Hambleden Lock, so the Swan Uppers fleet had been delayed getting through the lock. Our Captain took this opportunity for a gentle cruise down the river, taking in the beautiful scenery and the picturesque Temple Island.

After about half an hour we turned about and started motoring back towards Henley. The crew took this opportunity to serve our buffet lunch, with wine, which was both wonderful in its presentation and taste.



We turned about twice more, before passing Temple Island for the third time as the Swan Uppers fleet appeared and the marking of the swans began. I had always imagined there would be a large number of swans and competition between the three Swan Upping crews to get the cygnets ringed. But the three crews belonging to the Crown, the Vintners' Company and the Dyers' Company worked together in a very impressive show of comradery and teamwork.

The smaller open boats were used to corral the adults and their cygnets, so that they could be captured for a health check to be carried out, as well as weighing and ringing. The days of marking the beaks of the swans is long gone, as leg rings are now used instead. We witnessed two full catches and in each case the swans surrendered peacefully, together with their cygnets. In each case the signets were brought ashore for the health checks, weighing and ringing, before being reunited with their respective cob and pen.



Although the actual Swan Upping was limited, by time and circumstances, the pleasant company on-board made the day very pleasant and rewarding.

I would like to thank our Master, Ann-Marie, for putting on this special day and the Clerk for his efforts in organising the event. I would also thank the Captain of the Waterman and his crew for all their hard work and for making everyone's day a success.



*Captain Andrew Matthews MN (retd.)
Liverman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners*

Events of 2021

Jewels of the Duchess of Windsor

Wednesday 4th August

Fifty-six people joined Janie Ramsay for her Zoom talk about the Jewels of the Duchess of Windsor.

Janie started her first Antique shop in Tunbridge Wells in 1975, and worked hard to become a member of the London and Provincial Antique Dealer's Association. She eventually joined Sotheby's, at their Head Office in Bond Street, and became a Director of the Company in 1998. Retiring in 2008, she continued to work as a consultant until December 2014.



In the Zoom talk we were introduced to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, whose love affair shocked the world and resulted in the only abdication of a ruling monarch of the British Royal Family. Always controversial, they nevertheless set the fashion for more than a generation.

Janie told us about the impressive jewellery collection that the Duke of Windsor gifted Wallis throughout their marriage. The collection was so extensive that it was given the nickname "the alternative Crown Jewels."

The Duchess had many extravagant jewellery items in her royal life, including a ruby, emerald and sapphire flamingo brooch and an 18-carat gold and gem-set bib necklace by Cartier (both shown below).



Wallis's collection had many emeralds, including a massive diamond and emerald necklace and her engagement ring – a 19.77-carat rectangular emerald set in platinum. It was made by Cartier, and the Duke of Windsor (then King Edward VIII) had "We are ours now 27 X 36" engraved inside the ring.



After the Duchess of Windsor passed away in 1986 her collection of jewels went on sale the following year in Geneva, achieving \$50 million (approximately £30 million) in total. Around 200 pieces were sold in the world record-setting auction, including the famous engagement ring. The proceeds of the sale went to the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

The two-day sale was hosted by Sotheby's outside the Beau-Rivage hotel on 2 and 3 April 1987 and included a ruby and diamond bracelet the Duke of Windsor purchased for Wallis before she divorced Ernest Simpson; a cigarette case by Cartier that featured a map of their trips in the Mediterranean; a diamond brooch in the shape of a plum that was purchased by Elizabeth Taylor, and a 31-carat diamond ring that sold for £2 million.



Jewels from the Wallis collection



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Second Sailing on Lutine

Tuesday 17th August



A very warm welcome awaited us as we jumped aboard Lutine, the 55-foot performance sailing yacht operated by the Lloyd's Yacht Club. Skipper James, Assistant Amanda and Clerk Jeremy were full of enthusiasm as we drank tea on deck, discussed the day's sailing plan and had the safety brief. Although many had brought their own waterproofs, the opportunity to borrow the Lutine team's quality jackets added to the experience and ensured we would stay toasty warm, and dry and, of course, look the part. So, with a forecast of light cloud and a moderate breeze, we set off into the Solent.

The new 'crew' got on famously and during the day each took a turn or two at the helm, steering and assisting with tacks and jibes, with a team effort to move the fenders when mooring in Haslar Marina in Gosport. At other times, the crew could be found drinking tea, dangling their legs over the side, or propped up in varying positions from upright to lying down, but always taking in the extraordinary sights. It was great to enjoy nature at its best and watch the bow of the Lutine cut gracefully but powerfully through the waves, occasionally heeling over in the wind to give us a thrill.

Tacking and jibing in the Solent did mean that on occasions, as we looked up quickly, we were disorientated as to which was mainland and which was the Isle of Wight, and we did have an amusing moment when we all believed we had Osborne House in our sights only to find it a while later in another bay, somewhat larger and in a more imposing position.



During the day we kept a close eye on the depth gauge located on the mast and were surprised that even though we were surrounded by sea, we often registered just over 2 metres below the keel. Monitoring the location of the intertidal sandbanks and mudflats was incredibly important and we learned of a time when, for one of our crew, it had all gone very wrong on Ryde Sands!

We all enjoyed viewing the beautifully appointed cabins and galley below, but for us all the day was spent outside on top deck with one-another. Friendships were made, skills learned, laughs had, and we were all incredibly grateful for the opportunity to sail aboard Lutine.

We journeyed inland later that day feeling tired from a day at sea and with a low step count on Fitbit, but with memories to cherish.



Guild Member, Jo Briggs

Events of 2021

Joining Ceremony

Tuesday 14th September

The Guild of Freemen of the City of London decided against online Joining Ceremonies during the COVID-19 lockdown because it was felt they would not be as special as “in-person” ceremonies.

On this day there were three Joining Ceremonies at Tallow Chandlers’ Hall which allowed fifty new Guild members to collect their Warrants and meet the Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys, and other Court members over a sparkling reception.



Christine Hawthorne (above) and Christine Cook (below) receive their Warrants



Tudor Baron (below) receives his Warrant



Maurizio Bragnagni, the Hon. Consul for San Marino proudly displays his Warrant with the Master (above) and Larry Davis celebrates his membership with the Master and Clerk (below)



Court Supper

Saturday 18th September



Guild of Freeman Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys, and Court members and partners enjoyed a wonderful Court Supper in the beautiful setting of Tallow Chandlers' Hall.

The Master, Court Wardens, Court Assistants and guests were able to thank Past Master Neil Redcliffe for his wonderful year in office as Master. Also, Christine Cook, was given a special invitation to the supper, along with her husband David.



Guild of Freeman Members Become Sheriffs of the City of London

Guild of Freeman members Alderman Alison Gowman and Alderman Nicholas Lyons were installed as Sheriffs on Tuesday 28th September 2021, in the Guildhall witnessed at the Admissions Ceremony and afterwards at the Sheriffs' Breakfast by Guild of Freeman Court members Alderman Sir David Wootton, Neil Redcliffe JP, Alderman John Garbutt JP, Adrian Waddingham CBE, Chris Hayward CC, Alderman Tim Hailes JP and Keith Bottomley CC.

Alderman Alison Gowman is the elected Alderman for the Ward of Dowgate in the City of London. She lives in the City of London and has worked there for 40 years as a solicitor and then partner at the firm of DLA Piper UK, where she is now a consultant. As well as serving on numerous City Corporation committees, including as Chair of the City Bridge Trust, she is a Governor of the Museum of London and Museum of London Archaeology. Alison is also a Director of the Green Finance Institute and is promoting green finance with a particular engagement in Latin America. Alison was Master of the Plaisterers' Livery until July 2020 and Master of the Glovers' Livery in 2013-2014. She is a Liveryman of the Solicitors' Livery, is on the Court of the Chartered Surveyors' Livery and an Honorary Liveryman/Member of the Upholders, Fuellers and Constructors. She was President of the City Livery Club in 2009-10 and Chairman of the Royal Society of St George (City of London Branch) in 2017-18.



Alderman Nicholas Lyons has worked in the City of London for over 35 years. He has extensive experience in commercial, investment and international banking, as well as the insurance and reinsurance industry. He worked at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Salomon Brothers FIG. From 1995-2003 he worked at Lehman Brothers in several high-profile roles and as a member of the European Investment Banking Executive Committee, Global Co-Head of Firmwide Recruitment and Development (2001-2003) and member of European Operating Committee. He has held numerous non-executive directorships and is currently Chairman of Phoenix Group and a non-executive director of both BUPA and Convex Group. He also has a vice-chairmanship of a prominent school, trusteeships of a children's hospice association, an educational trust and local community memorial trust. He is co-founder of the Board of Patrons of the East Anglian Art Fund, a Fellow (Governor) of St Columba's College in Dublin, Governor at King Edward's, Witley and of St Dunstan's College, Catford and Trustee of the Honourable the Irish Society and of the St Paul's Cathedral Choristers' Trust.

Events of 2021

Sheep Drive and Luncheon

Sunday 26th September



The Master secured enough spaces for seven teams of ten Guild members and guests to drive their sheep over Southwark Bridge, with each person paying £65 for the privilege, and all proceeds going to the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's Charitable Trust.

There was a Livery Fair and a luncheon was held at The Banker pub on the North Bank of the Thames, between London Bridge and Southwark Bridge.



Holiday to Malta

Wednesday 29th September to Sunday 3rd October

The Master arranged an interesting schedule for a Guild holiday in Malta, with members and guests staying in the 5* AX Palace Hotel in Sliema.

The tour was accompanied by Michael Orr, Past Master Glover and military historian, who has a home in Malta and is a Trustee of Heritage Malta. Michael lectured in War Studies at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, before becoming a Senior Lecturer in the Soviet Studies Research Centre, a Ministry of Defence sponsored academic institution that studied the USSR and Warsaw Pact military systems. He is the author of a number of books, articles and chapters on the history of the British Army.

Malta was awarded the George Cross after the Second World War. The members and guests heard about how the island gave it all during the war by visiting various museums, including seeing the George Cross letter from King George VI.



Further excursions included the Megalithic temples at Hagar Qim, the St John's Co-Cathedral with its Caravaggio paintings and various sights in Valletta. There was also a tour to the fortified city of Mdina, the Maltese capital until the end of Medieval times and famed for its glass.

There was ample opportunity to sample the excellent wines and food of the island. The well organised evening meals included a fish restaurant in St Paul's Bay, a Gala Dinner and dinner in the spectacular Saluting Battery overlooking Valletta harbour.



Events of 2021

Dinner at Trinity House

Wednesday 20th October

The opportunity to view the inside of the wonderful Trinity House before enjoying dinner in the Library was a treat that 130 members and their guests were looking forward to, despite the inclement weather on the night. The menu card presented an excellent offering of food and wine, including a main course of venison.

The evening was attended by the Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys, and her husband Dr. David Jefferys, together with The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, his wife, The Reverend Hilary Ison, and Commodore Toby Williamson MVO RN, who is a retired Second Commodore of the Royal Navy and Clerk to the Fishmongers' Livery Company.

The Master "called" the members and guests to dinner by ringing the bell of the Royal Yacht Britannia, that is located on the wall of the Quarterdeck, just outside the Court Room where we all assembled for pre-dinner drinks.

Grace was said by The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, and there were excellent speeches made by Commodore Toby Williamson and the Master.

Honorary Editor, Steven Morson



Tour and Lunch at the College of Arms

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd November



An ever-popular annual event comprised a fascinating talk and tour of the College of Arms by John Petrie, Windsor Herald.

Entering via the magnificent wrought iron gates that were installed in 1956, we were guided to the hall, now known as the Earl Marshal's Court. This was used as a library until at least 1699, when it was furnished as the Court of Chivalry, as it remains today.

Here John started our tour by introducing us to the realms of Chivalry and the Granting of Arms. This talk continued in the Waiting Room and on into the Record Room where John gave members and their guests the opportunity to view some of the spectacular examples of the College's work from the past 800 years. The tour concluded with a light buffet supper.

The site of the present College of Arms was a mediaeval house called Derby Place. This house was presented to the heralds in 1555 and became the Heralds' College until 1666. In 1666 the old Heralds' College was destroyed by the Great Fire. The records were saved and taken to the Palace of Westminster for temporary safe keeping. In 1670 Francis Sandford, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, and Morris Emmett, the King's bricklayer, proposed the new design which was erected slowly and in stages, probably due to difficulties with funding. The heralds contributed considerably out of their own pockets, but they also sought subscriptions among the nobility. The names and pedigrees of these benefactors were entered into a series of lavish volumes known as the Benefactors' Books, which still survive at the College.

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Carol Service at St. Margaret Lothbury

Monday 6th December

The Carol Service took place in the church of the Master's mother Livery, The Worshipful Company of Glovers, at St. Margaret Lothbury. The church was rebuilt between 1686 and 1690 by Sir Christopher Wren, after the Great Fire, and contains some fine 17th century woodwork by Grinling Gibbons. The organ was built by George Pike England in 1801. It was restored in 1984, stands in its original case and contains nearly all of its original pipework.

The Lothbury Singers added their fine voices to the occasion and there was a good support from members and their guests. The blessing of Christ's glorious birth was celebrated with joy and there were refreshments in the church afterwards.

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Events of 2021

Annual Banquet

Wednesday 1st December

The occasion of the Annual Banquet in ordinary times is an exciting prospect as part of the build-up to the Christmas festivities. This year, like so many things, with the continual upheaval to our lives, restrictions, lockdowns, regular testing and other associated COVID-19 changes, a sense of even greater anticipation was palpable.

A visit to the historic centre of the City of London is a treat for many, especially the new members and the guests who have never entered Guildhall before. The oldest surviving mediaeval building dating back to 1411, the Guildhall has acted as the centre of the City's administrative functions for several hundred years. Its high ceilings, 27m high in the Great Hall, inspire a cathedral-like awe. Even for the regular visitors, having had to wait for two years for this splendid occasion, it was a delight to see the smiles on the faces of everyone queuing to be greeted by the Master in the Art Gallery.



Everyone in their finery – the gentlemen in white tie (always such a treat to see the gentlemen dressed correctly) and the ladies in beautiful sparkling gowns, some adorned with tiaras, gloves, stoles and other special occasion paraphernalia.



There is something special about ascending that stairway into the Art Gallery lined with the Guard of Honour, provided by our affiliated Army Reserve unit, 253 (London) Provost Company Royal Military Police. The uniforms and shining buckles of the Reservists, then the traditional uniforms of the Pikemen and Musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) provide colour, and the centuries old pikestaffs and musketry remind us of the history of the City, inspiring wide-eyed wonder in those to whom these are a novelty and a sense of familiar normality for those of us who have longed for a return to what we have known.



Guests are handed a beautiful crested A4 booklet, adorned with a tasseled red cord, containing menu, seating arrangements and the programme for the evening. This makes a wonderful souvenir of the evening for all. Glasses of sparkling wine in hand, everyone mingles in the Old Library after their presentation to the Master and her Consort, and the sound of happy chatter and laughter is a delight after our months of solitude and endless lonely lockdowns. The photographer scoots around like a worried terrier, catching groups who want a special individual souvenir of this glittering occasion.



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The fanfare announces the arrival of the Civic Party and the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, Past Master of the Guild, Alderman Sir David Wootton, and the Sheriffs enter the throng. Soon after there is a drum roll from the Honourable Artillery Company, another fanfare and an announcement for dinner. Happily, the excited guests begin to wend their way into the Great Hall. The London Banqueting Ensemble have quickly moved from the Old Library into the Hall to provide further musical entertainment throughout the evening. Meanwhile a procession has formed and once the main body of guests are assembled at their tables, another fanfare and the playing of the March from Handel's Scipio announces the arrival of the Master, her Consort and the principal guests.



After grace by the Dean of St Paul's the banquet begins, the Pikemen and Musketeers withdraw and the Banner Bearer also departs. Four delicious courses of food are efficiently served and cleared, all accompanied by plenty of wine. The team of servers move like an army, all in unison. From this writer's seat there is a fabulous view of the musicians whose delightful programme lifts the spirits and cheers the guests. The Master reads the heart-warming message from Her Majesty The Queen and the Loyal and Civic toasts are drunk.

During coffee, accompanied by delicious chocolates in the shape of a holly topped Christmas pudding, we are treated to the popular favourite – the Post Horn Gallop. Our two horn players vie and tease each other, making this performance into a real treat of music and fun. There is riotous applause – and then the encore tops it off, with the little surprise at the end!



Another great treat was to join in singing, not just the Sung Grace, which is a traditional part of many Livery and other City dinners, but also the singing of Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory. This unexpected bonus felt like being at the Last Night of the Proms, with the waving of napkins instead of flags, a huge boost to the sense of well-being at the end of the evening.

Speeches by Senior Warden, Alderman John Garbutt, proposed the toast to the Lord Mayor, the City of London Corporation and the Sheriffs. The response by the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, was followed by the Master's address. She welcomed us all with heartfelt greetings after our long time apart and after her toast to the guests, she introduced Charlie Ross who made a very amusing speech recounting tales of his antics in the pursuit of antiques on television and other anecdotes from his interesting career. His toast was to the Guild and its Master.



Our Master wished us all a safe journey home and a Happy Christmas. This was a memorable evening enlivened by delightful company, delicious food and uplifting and rousing music. It is a credit to all who worked so hard to assemble the many components of the complex operation behind such a wonderful event, and we all owe the staff of the Guild office, Christine and Judith, plus the caterers and the Guildhall staff enormous thanks for a great evening.

Court Assistant, Dorothy Saul-Pooley

The Master's Events

Visiting Other Guilds

From the mid-year onwards, the Master had the opportunity to represent the Guild at several events, including the Annual Banquets of other Guilds of Freemen around the country. It has always been a high honour of those Guilds to be able to invite our Master to their premier event, and make the speech in reply to the honoured guests and to toast the Master of that Guild.

(Coventry Guild Banquet pictures below and top right)



(Chester Guild Banquet Weekend pictures above and below)



The Annual Banquet Weekend of the other Guilds, to which our Master is invited, also includes a Sunday Service. The Service begins with a parade through the streets of that City, to which our Master and Consort are always privileged to lead the group of visiting Guild members. It is a wonderful opportunity to represent our Guild outside London, and maintain the strong links with other Guilds.

Honorary Editor, Steven Morson

The Lord Mayor's Show

On Saturday 13th November 2021, the Master attended the Lord Mayor's Show, with her husband Dr. David Jefferys.

The Soldier of the Year, Lance Corporal Robert Hinwood, was on hand as the flag bearer and the Master and David thoroughly enjoyed the pageant.

Although there was no official seating in front of St. Paul's Cathedral this year, the Master was greeted by many Members of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London on their way around the route.

Their Royal Mews carriage was shared with the Presidents of The City Livery Club, United Wards' Club and Chairman of The Royal Society of St. George (City of London branch).



The Master's Events

Jailed and Bailed Charity Event

Monday 6th September



The Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys, with fellow 'felons', raised £45,810 for the British Red Cross charity in order to be let out of the Tower of London during the 'Jailed & Bailed' event.

The "felons" arrived at the Old Bailey for tea and coffee at 10.30am before being "arrested" and charged in Court Number One by the two Sheriffs of the City of London, Aldermen Michael Mainelli and Christopher Hayward.

Everyone was then taken to the Tower of London in a vintage bus where the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers kindly allowed them to hold a private lunch in their Regimental Headquarters, during which our felons will be provided with 'water' courtesy of Pol Roger. To avoid indefinite detention, release was considered only once a bail of £1,000 (minimum) had been paid by the Master's loyal sponsors.

The Master sends a big "thank you" to all of the Guild of Freemen members who contributed to this worthy cause. Thankfully, the day ended well for the Master, who was released from Tower of London with all "fines" paid.

New Clerk and Assistant Clerk

The Master is delighted to announce that our new staff team has been appointed. The new Clerk will be Kate Pink, who is currently Clerk to the Fletchers' Company, and joins us on 21st March 2022. The new Assistant Clerk is Martin Budds, who joined us on 17th January 2022.

The Clerk



Kate Pink began her professional life in the media; first in television and then publishing.

From 2006 until 2021 she worked on a part-time basis for an Italian entrepreneur, providing secretarial support, keeping track of his investments, managing his UK charity as well as his UK and overseas properties.

In 1999 she joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, which remains an important part of her life, and from 2005-11 she was the Corps' Training and Operations Major, as a result she became a selected member of the RFCA City Liaison Committee.

In 2012 a member of the Fletchers' casually mentioned to the Committee's Chairman, that his Livery Company was seeking a new Clerk. The Chairman suggested to Kate that she apply. She is currently serving her 10th Master, is Deputy Chair of the Clerks' Fellowship and a member of the Livery Committee and Pan Livery Steering Group. Having added as much value as she believes possible to the Fletchers', where she has been very happy, she is looking forward to becoming Clerk to the Guild, meeting and getting to know its membership, and building on the Guild's established position in the City.

To relax Kate enjoys gardening and cookery, visiting galleries and exhibitions, as well as theatre and poetry. She and her partner, Roy are members of the Artists Rifles Clubhouse at Bisley, and they both enjoy sailing.

The Assistant Clerk



Martin Budds joins us with years of professional experience, including membership management, events management, merchandise and finance management.

Martin started his career in J Sainsbury PLC, rising to lead a whole area of stores, then moving on to lead memberships, merchandise and events in Mark Masons Hall, making a great impact in modernisation of the systems of the organisation. He has also led a number of projects and operational improvements for small start-ups.

Martin is interested in continuous improvement and self-development. He is just completing his MSc in Technology Management, and he is really excited to join us at The Guild of Freemen of the City of London to use his experience and skills, as well as to learn more from us.

Privately, Martin is a keen supporter of children's charities, and completed the London Marathon in 2016 for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital in Jerusalem.

Martin is also an avid reader and currently lives in Surrey with his wife and two cats, rediscovering the joys of nature and gardening.

253 (London) Provost Company

Annual Report

Reflecting back on our 2020-2021 training year, like the rest of the UK it was a lot of Zoom calls as we adapted everything we do to the online world. We did this extremely well and were commended for our efforts and our leading role in this area, living up to the Royal Military Police motto of 'Exemplo Ducemus'. Thankfully, the 2021-2022 training year has looked very different, as we have been able to move back to face-to-face training, whilst incorporating the lessons learned and virtual training where possible.

What we found on emerging from lock down, as you can expect, was that there was skill fade throughout the company – too much time watching Netflix will do this to anyone! To counteract this there was a concerted effort from the military as a whole to go 'back to basics' and retrain those skills that we all previously took for granted.

What has this training year looked like for 253 (London) Provost Company so far? So far this training year we have run four field-based exercises, building on our skills each time. These started with the basics at section level and moved up to platoon level tactics in a test environment under arduous conditions, testing both infantry and police skills. Unsurprisingly, the officers and soldiers at 253 (London) Provost Company surpassed expectations and all performed to an exceptionally high standard.



253 (London) Provost Company at the Lord Mayor's Show

As well as this, we also got back to basics with our shooting, building up from basic weapons drills to an exciting live firing range package surmounting with the annual shooting assessment. There has also been a big push to get everyone back to a high level of physical fitness. Our Physical Training Instructors have worked hard to deliver incremental training to ensure that everyone can safely pass the arduous fitness tests, as we get used to carrying military kit again. This has been extremely important as it is an area of training which was greatly affected by the pandemic (not only in the military) and it is paramount that we can move effectively around the battle field whilst carrying what we need to perform our varied tasks as a member of the Royal Military Police.

This year also saw a great use of 253's specialist skills as a team of reservists who operate in civilian police forces in

their primary occupation came together to help review and enhance the regular RMP's policing capability. Over a period of eight months these officers and SNCOs under the command of our OC, Major Jamie Gordon (who is a Chief Inspector in the Metropolitan Police), shadowed, reviewed and mentored all three of the Regiment's regular companies. Their efforts led to wide changes across the Service Police and the entire team were subsequently awarded Counter-Terrorism Commander's Commendations by Commander Richard Smith for their contributions to UK Law Enforcement and interoperability. The team consisted of Maj Gordon, Maj Roberts, Lt Whitehouse, SSgt Bennett, SSgt McNamara, Sgt McCoy and Sgt White.

An extremely important part of any year is the recognition of those who have gone above and beyond their roles within the Company. The Commanding Officer of 3 Regiment Royal Military Police visited the unit to promote the following individuals: To the rank of Lance Corporal; LCpls Brobyn, Ogilvie and Randall, to the rank of Corporal; Cpls Cooper, Gatward, Hitchen, Nottingham, Ward, Cassis and Kronis, to the rank of Sergeant; Sgts McCluskey and White, to the rank of Second Lieutenant; 2Lts Musaoir and Pennington, and to the rank of Lieutenant, Lt Jaime Whitehouse.

Additionally, recognising the outstanding achievement of Operation Marius team, Sgt Ferguson, Cpl Cassis, Cpl Kronis and LCpl Hinwood for their support to the Company and to the Royal Military Police. The CO awarded each a special regimental coin.

Soldier of the Year

Wednesday 6th October



The Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys, her husband, Dr David Jefferys and Assistant Clerk, Judith Westall, visited 253 (London) Provost Company in their Barracks in South London.

The Master presented the Soldier of the Year award to Lance Corporal Robert Hinwood (*below*) who is a dedicated, determined and enthusiastic soldier, who has proved his worth to the Platoon, Company and the British Army.



Lance Captain Robert Hinwood

The New Guild Banner

Past Master Dr John Smail JP has presented the Guild with a new Banner as a token of thanks for the privilege of serving as Master 2014-2015.

Prior to commissioning this Banner he carried out a detailed research and found some interesting facts. The Guild's Coat of Arms was originally granted by the College of Arms in 1910 but was not received from the College of Heralds until 1912 when it was framed.

It appears that there was some misunderstanding with regard to the Motto on the Coat of Arms as that presented to the Guild read 'Londini Defendi Tuos Deus Optime Cives', but the motto that the Guild had used from the onset began with 'Londini Defende' and it was in this form that all our Badges of Office, stationary etc were inscribed.

In 1930 the Master, Cyril Wittich, presented the Guild with a banner and although there were some minor discrepancies in comparison to our Coat of Arms it did bring to light the obvious discrepancy in the Motto. As a result our Clerk initiated correspondence with the College of Arms in 1931 and the College then conceded that the proper rendering of the motto required it to be 'Londini Defende' and not 'Londini Defendi', but regrettably made no formal amendment to the original Coat of Arms. As a result the duplicate of the Grant prepared by the College in 1970 had the motto precisely as in the original Grant of 1910-12 of 'Londini Defendi'.



In further correspondence with the College of Arms the Garter Principal King of Arms agreed that 'Defende' should replace 'Defendi', but felt also that 'Londinii' rather than 'Londini' was more appropriate so that our Motto then read 'Londinii Defende Tuos Deus Optime Cives', with the same translation throughout of 'O, Most Gracious Lord, Defend Thy Citizens of London'. I would hope our Latin scholars would agree that as currently written this is correct.

A framed copy of this Coat of Arms is displayed in the Parlour at Tallow Chandler's Hall at our Court Meetings and our new banner which replicates this in detail hangs in the Great Hall there behind the Master and in a similar position in Guildhall at our Annual Banquet.

It is also worthy of note that Past Master Harold Gould OBE DL, who became a Court Member in 1967, was present over the period when the wording of our Motto was finally resolved. He then became Master of the Guild in 1977 and has served as our Senior Past Master for over 20 years until he retired from this position in October 2021. Another legacy of which we can be justifiably proud.

Past Master, Dr John Smail JP

High Praise for Two Excellent Members of Staff



Having retired in January 2021, Christine Cook stepped in to become the Interim Clerk in September 2021 and is due to continue in this role until April 2022.

Judith Westall (*left of picture*) has given loyal service to the Guild for almost twenty years and has retired from her most recent position, as Assistant Clerk, in December 2021.

Both have been excellent members of staff and rightly praised by our Master, Past Masters, Court Wardens, Court Assistants and the staff of Livery Companies, as well as by so many members of the Guild.

Their loyal service has been rewarded by being gifted a life membership of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London.

On behalf of our members, The Freeman would like to wish both Christine and Judith every happiness and we look forward to seeing them, with their husbands, at various events in the future.

Benevolent & Charitable Activities

The Guild of Freeman's Charity

The Guild's charity has made a real difference to the lives of the many applicants, especially this year with the hardships and the continued impact of the pandemic affecting the charity sector and the more vulnerable in our society. Your Trustees are pleased that charitable giving has remained at the heart of the Guild's activities, and the charity continues to support a range of charitable organisations within, or associated with, Greater London and a number of schools linked to the City of London, with special emphasis on work associated with the impact of the pandemic.

The Trustees receive many applications for support, and this has been especially the case this year. They are carefully examined and discussed before decisions are made. Sometimes visits are made by the Trustees, where possible, to give further insight into where our money would be most impactful. It has been a pleasure to visit Reed's School where we support their Foundation for orphaned children from London at this caring and supportive school set in beautiful countryside, and we had a virtual event featuring the London Air Ambulance, another of our charity beneficiaries. Our aim is to support those where our limited resources make the most impact.

The Trustees maintained the charity's educational support of two new presentees at Christ's Hospital, one in Year 7 and one in the Sixth Form, and we also awarded bursaries or prizes to students at the City of London Freeman's School, the City of London School, The City of London School for Girls, King Edward's School Witley, and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

In the year to 31 December 2021 the charity awarded 32 grants totalling £58,950 to give educational, welfare and social support to the needy. This was a considerable increase on the

previous year. These included the City Farm in Spitalfields, the Guild of Nursing charity which supports specialist training for newly qualified nurses, a charity in west London working with young people potentially in danger of being drawn into a gang culture, and hospices supporting the dying and especially bereavement services for families. Our management fees are kept to a minimum to maximise our giving, and our gratitude must go to the Guild's office for their continued support with all the paperwork associated with the charity. Our Clerk, Jeremy Cross, and Assistant Clerk, Judith Westall, ensure that all financial giving is correctly administered, alongside their ongoing commitments to the Guild.

During the year to 31 December 2021 the charity raised £18,224.00 through the generosity of Guild members and legacies valuing £6613.16, for which we are very grateful. This was a welcome increase on the previous year as joining ceremonies have returned which generate a high number of donations. The income generated by the charity's investment portfolio meant that the overall value of the charity has increased to £1.2 million this year which is amazing considering the difficult year this has been. The charity's Trustees' Annual Report to 31 December 2021 is available to Guild members in a separate document from the Guild's office.

None of the work done by the charity would be possible without the generous support of the members of the Guild, who continue to give. Your kind donations make such a difference to the recipients. If you would like to donate to the work of the Guild's charity please do so with a one off donation through the website, or by cheque to the Guild office, or perhaps consider a regular annual or monthly donation, or a legacy. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed during this challenging year.

Immediate Past Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys

Reed's School

Reed's School was founded as a school for orphans in 1813 by Rev. Dr. Andrew Reed. He believed that all children, regardless of circumstances, deserved the right to access a good education to break the cycle of disadvantage. Although now a successful independent school, 10% of pupils are still 'Foundationers', having lost the support of one or both parents through family trauma; facing extreme financial and social hardship as a result.

The Andrew Reed Foundation is at the heart of the school. We are not a school with a Foundation, we are a Foundation with a school. Since it was founded, nearly 13,000 children have had the opportunity to benefit from the life-changing opportunity of a Reed's education. Many of those are now successful adults who give back to the Foundation. Robust processes for admissions ensure that children meet our strict criteria. Each case is considered on an individual basis with the child's best interests at the centre of the discussions.

Whilst at Reed's, pupils receive outstanding support from our pastoral team who are trained to deal with situations that may arise. Our Foundation Pastoral Manager supports the children and their families through their lives at Reed's and, at times, through some traumatic circumstances. Foundation pupils receive extra support in many areas. This year we're proud to have extended that support to assist with life beyond Reed's for one of our students who obtained a bursary from The Black Heart Foundation to cover their years at university.

Our extensive Outreach Programme has partnerships with over 40 primary and secondary schools in disadvantaged

areas. This programme helps to bring us together with other charities to extend the reach of the Andrew Reed Foundation. Amongst these are The Tim Henman Foundation, an old Reedonian and tennis legend, Tim Henman OBE, who directly supports Foundation pupils at Reed's as well as our Outreach Programme. We also work with Rackets Cubed who run integrated squash, tennis, STEM/Maths education and nutrition programmes for local inner-city children.

We offer a programme of activities and events throughout the year which enrich the children's current curriculum and raise aspirations. They are exciting and attainable for the schools and the pupils, hosted at Reed's using our own staff, pupils, and facilities. An added benefit of the programme is that by working closely with teachers at these partner schools potential Foundation pupils can be identified and provided with the opportunity to attend Reed's.

Our Founder's ethos of compassion and care for others continues to this day, which, in turn, has created a Reed's community that embraces all the positives that having a charitable foundation at its core can bring. The passion of our staff, the energy of our pupils, the support of our parents, the vibrancy of our alumni network and the long-term loyalty of our external supporters and partners.

For further information please visit:
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Olivia Abel, Foundation Relations Manager

Benevolent & Charitable Activities

The Organ Donation Register

What is the greatest gift of all?

To some it is good health, or love or having time to do the things you want to do, but for the Cox Family, it's definitely the Gift of Life.

In 1989 Rosemary Cox's son and Christine's brother, Peter, was tragically diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour. He was just 24 years old. No organ would save him but it was Peter's dying wish that he should donate his organs for the benefit of others. Seventeen people benefited from his gift of life, including a grandfather who lived for another 12 years thanks to Peter's heart.

Rosemary, together with her husband John and Christine, wanted to make something positive come out of their tragic loss and prevent other families suffering the death of a loved one just for the lack of an organ. With 7,000 people on the waiting list for a transplant and many dying each year due to the shortage of organs, their aim was simple. To increase public awareness for transplantation and change the law to Presumed Consent. They had no idea their campaign would take over 30 years to complete.

In 1990 the Cox family started by writing letters, producing articles for magazines, meeting politicians and addressing any groups that would listen. There was no social media in those days and the campaign took a lot of hard work. The first step was to get a Register set up of people willing to donate organs. There was a register of patients needing transplants, but not one for donors.



An opportunity arose in 1993 for Christine to address the Health Debate at the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool and this led to a pivotal meeting with Tom Sackville at the Department of Health. A year later the Cox family were delighted when their request was accepted and in October 1994 the NHS Organ Donor Register was set up. This allowed the public to opt in and record their wishes so in the event of them being able to donate their organs, their next-of-kin could be counselled accordingly.

Sadly, the demand for organs outstripped the supply and the Cox family realised that a change in the law, would indeed be necessary to resolve the problem. There were many reasons why it took so long to change the law but finally, they were rewarded on 20 May 2020 when Max and Keira's Law (Presumed Consent) went on to the statute book.

This means that the freedom of choice has not been taken away, but it is imperative that everybody records their wishes to donate or not to donate on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Also, it is vital that they discuss their decision with their next-of-kin so their families do not rescind their wishes.

The subject of organ donation is not one that the Cox Family would have known anything about had it not been for Peter. Although John died in 2007, Rosemary and Christine carried on with the campaign and are delighted that there are now



more than 28 million people on the NHS Organ Donor Register and over 77,000 transplants have taken place since its inception in 1994.

Rosemary and Christine never expected any recognition for their work but in 2021, Rosemary was awarded a Lifetime Achievement at the ITV's Pride of Britain Awards from Joanna Lumley and Christine was awarded the MBE in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours List.



If you have not made a decision yet, please consider giving the Gift of Life in 2022 and recording your decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Most importantly, please discuss your decision with your family and as Christine says, "organ donation really is the ultimate in recycling".

Christine Cox, MBE

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My Master's Year by Ann-Marie Jefferys



What a privilege and honour it has been to be Master of the Guild of Freemen for the past 21 months and, although not what anyone had envisaged, what a wonderful time we have had. David and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time in office and it has been wonderful to meet so many members online and in person.

My theme of "Remember Good Times" intended to be a celebration of historical milestones whilst indulging in some of my passions and interests, but I never envisaged that I might be part of The Guild's history, having been the only Master to do two consecutive terms, and the first Master to hold events and committee meetings online by Zoom.

There are many highlights of my extended year but the most outstanding memory will be the enormous support of our members. The kind messages, the keenness of wanting to attend in-person events whilst there was still uncertainty, the smiles of encouragement whilst delivering speeches, the laughs, the huge attendances at all our events, have kept me going through the ups and downs, and will be treasured and not forgotten.

Having dismantled in-person events at the start of my year, I wondered how we could engage with members during what everyone thought and hoped, would be an unprecedented but short lockdown. We embarked on regular virtual Quizgo Bingo sessions, City walks, talks, and tastings of every kind, the highlights being the conferring an Honorary Membership of The Guild on Captain Sir Tom Moore and having Afternoon Tea with our Patron, the Lord Mayor. These kept many members in touch with friends during the prolonged lockdowns as well as enabling us to have fun and enjoy some fellowship.

Another way of keeping in touch was by telephoning many of our older members so that they didn't feel forgotten. I did a lot of reminiscing about times past, about events that had been attended, and many anecdotes. I really valued those conversations, the support of people who had been members for many years and to bring a bit of brightness to some difficult days. I wrote to everyone who had been a member for fifty years and over, all forty nine of them. What an amazing achievement for The Guild, and it tells you something about the high esteem in which many hold The Guild. These have been humbling experiences that would probably not have been possible in a "normal" Master's year.

Water seemed to unintentionally feature quite heavily in our events. It was a stunning summer day that found members aboard a boat on the River Thames for the annual Swan Upping event with lots of pageantry, sights to see, swans to chase and a delicious lunch. We had two of our small group lunches at Watermen's Hall, and there were two sailing days on the Lutine, a large sailing yacht, across the Solent which members really enjoyed.

We also floated down the Regent's Canal listening to music provided by 4PlaySax whilst having dinner and seeing the sights of London from a different angle. It was wonderful to see so many members and their guests at Trinity House for a Reception and Dinner where we saw many of the treasures associated with the charity and I had the opportunity to ring the bell from HMS Britannia to call members to dinner, where we welcomed Cdr. Toby Williamson who spoke about the Battle of Trafalgar.

Sometimes planned events seemed as if they might not happen. Our first Dinner at Apothecaries' Hall had to be tweaked at the last minute to enable it to happen where Col. Jane Davies gave an insightful talk on Florence Nightingale. It was fantastic that members joined our holiday to Malta where we enjoyed discovering the role the island played in World War II, visiting medieval towns and museums, eating delicious meals in spectacular locations, and building closer relationships with each other. I cannot thank Michael and Jane Orr enough for their knowledge and care which meant that there was something for everyone to enjoy. I will not forget the beautiful Caravaggio paintings in the Pro Cathedral, nor the fantastic evening at The Saluting Battery where the rain held off just as we finished coffee.

Holding the Annual Banquet and Carol Service seemed a pipe-dream but I am so pleased they happened and that people supported both events despite the changing COVID-19 threat. What a fantastic time we had! The Banquet was just what I hoped it would be – full of celebration and fun! My abiding memories will be my guest speaker, Charlie Ross who made the evening sparkle with his repartee, the uplifting singing of members and their guests, and the laughter and chatter that filled Guildhall. We were welcomed to St Margaret's Lothbury by Preb. Jeremy Crossley for our Carol Service which was a wonderful way to end my year and begin the Christmas season. It was a privilege to be part of the service and surprised members by being in clerical robes – another first for The Guild.

David and I were honoured to represent the City of London at associated Guilds' Banquets in Coventry, Chester and the Trade's House, Glasgow where our ties strengthened. We were also pleased to represent The Guild at City of London events such as The Lord Mayor's Show, the Remembrance Service at St Paul's Cathedral, at Banquets of other City organisations and Livery Companies, and the Jailed and Bailed event in aid of The British Red Cross.

Charity is close to my heart and it has been wonderful to be able to visit Reed's School in Cobham, to present a prize at the Lord Mayor's 800th Annual Awards, and to have a virtual presentation by the London Air Ambulance Charity. It has also been a privilege to make charitable donations to our guest speakers, as well as to continue to support small charities across the City where a small amount has a huge impact.

Finally, it has been wonderful and humbling to lead The Guild through changing times. We have had a marvellous time but none of it would have been possible without the support of the Wardens, Past Masters and Court Assistants, and the Office team who work incredibly hard to make each year so successful.

I wish John and Solangela every best wish for their year, and look forward to seeing you all at events in the years to come.

Thank you, everyone!

*Immediate Past Master,
Ann-Marie Jefferys*



Golfing Society

All members of the Guild who are golfers, regardless of age or golfing ability, are welcome to join the Guild's Golfing Society. There is no fee to join the Society, and the Society does not charge an annual membership subscription.

The Society's fixture list for 2022 is as follows:

Gerrards Cross Golf Club Thursday 28th April 2022, 1st tee 13:30 hrs

West Byfleet Golf Club Wednesday 29th June 2022, 1st tee 13:30 hrs

Frinton Golf Club Thursday 25th August 2022, 1st tee 13:30hrs

North Hants Golf Club, Wednesday 26th October 2022, Match against City Livery Club Golf Society, 1st tee 10:30 hrs. The day consists of 18 holes of golf, Stableford Rules, a 2-course dinner or lunch and prizes, and it usually costs between £40 and £90 depending on venue

All members of the Guild and their guests, whether golfers or not, are welcome to join the Society for a day out or just for dinner. For those simply coming to dine, the cost of the meal is available on request.

To participate in any of these events please do NOT complete an Event Application Form but apply directly to:

The Honorary Secretary of the Golfing Society, Tony Latham.

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E-mail: abmlatham@aol.com

New Court Assistants

Richie Miller



Richard Miller joined the Guild of Freeman in 2012 a year after receiving the Freedom of the City of London, becoming a Life Member shortly afterwards. He attended school in Ipswich before studying Business and later Public Policy at Anglia Ruskin University. During a 30 year career in Essex Police he undertook a variety of roles and ranks before retiring in 2014.

In 1998 he was Commissioned into the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and served in the Training Branch as a Staff Development Officer and Air Training Corps Squadron Commander and was elected as Branch Chairman of the Chelmsford Royal Air Force Association. In 2017 he was appointed Justice of the Peace in Essex with an executive role in the Essex Magistrates Association, he also sits as an Employment Tribunal Panel Member in Central London.

Richard is a member of the Worshipful Company of Glovers, the Royal Society of St. George (City of London branch) and a Past Master of the Guild of Freeman Lodge. He is a Freeman and Burgess of the City of Glasgow and a member of both the Incorporation of Wrights in Glasgow, of which he was elected Deacon in 2018 and the Association of Deacons at Trades House.

In 2005 he was appointed to the 350-year-old office of Sergeant-at-Mace in Maldon joining the Guild of Macebearers, subsequently relinquishing the role on being elected as a Town Councillor in 2014, Richard has been both Deputy Mayor and Town Mayor.

A keen supporter of young people he was a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Leader and Expedition Assessor for 14 years. A former School Governor he sits on various school disciplinary panels in Essex.

Married to Hilary, a Crime Scene Investigator, also a Guild of Freeman Life Member and Glover, interests include mediaeval architecture, powerboating and sometime archery instructor.

Alistair Mitchelhill



Alistair Mitchelhill was born in Eltham London, and educated at St Lawrence College Ramsgate.

He trained as a Biomedical Scientist at St George's Hospital, London before joining the Royal Army Medical Corp where he served for fifteen years.

Upon leaving the Army he moved to Westgate on Sea, Kent and became the Chief Biomedical Scientist in Haematology in Margate Hospital, part of EKHUFT, eventually covering Haematology in all three DGH in East Kent.

He became a Freeman of the City of London in 1985 and a Member of the Guild of Freeman in 1990.

In his spare time he enjoys travelling and has visited 58 countries, and also owns two classic cars: a 1974 Triumph Stag and a 1984 Porsche 911, and is an active member of their owners' clubs.

Guild Members' News

The Guild Welcomes New Members 2021

January

Christine Cook*
Tudor Baron, MBA
John Burnap, FBCS
James Gillian
Richard Jack
Alan James, FCA
Colin MacDonald

February

Ian Anderson, PhD ACIB FACCD ACFE
Michael Cumper
Vincent Fattorusso, ACLEEx
John Ford
Fernando Messias, MCIArb ICC LMM PgDip PhD
Doug Ward, MA MSc(Eng) LLM FCGI CEng CPEng
FIMEchE MIEAust

March

Christopher Braithwaite, BSc (Hons) MSc
Theodore Frazer
Neal Goldsmith FIH
Martha Grekos LLM LLB
David Smith

April

Laurentiu Braic
Cara Cuniff
Shaun Dellenty
Ada Eberhardie, TD MSc DHMSA
Nigel Molden, JP PhD MSc BSc(Hons) FCIM FRSA
Angelo Sedacca, OSTJ FRSA FRAS
Paul Turner

May

Jacade Berry, MIET
Sean Gair
Mark Huxley
Maryam Taher, BA(Hons) LLM
Peter Wilson, PhD MTax M.Comm B.Comm PgDL

June

Christopher Sims
Mark Lumsdon-Taylor

July

David Bide
Janet Gibson, MBA MSc
Nigel Raven

August

Brenda Brooks
Erik Henkrich
Sharon Lee
Karen Sales
Isabel Twist, MSc BA(Hons)
Carol Yeomanson

September

Nigel Cross*
Bartosz Gesner
Andrew Marsden, BSc(Hons) DUniv FCIM FMS FIPM
FRSA
Jamie McCrudden
Robert Sturgess, CDipAF
Robert Worcester, KBE DL CH
Martin Zetter, BCom(Hons) LLM ACMA

October

Joan Lilian Cooksley*
Diana Powell*
Michael Briggs
Ameen Budagher
Kausar Mizra
Paul Mulinganie
William Rucker
Frederick Russel-Rivollan, FRSA MSc
Kuldeep Singh, FIMI
Christopher Smith
Helen Von Trotsenburg, MCIOF

November

Judith Westall, BSc(Hons)*
Moawia Bin-Sufyan, MSTJ BCA JP
Ian Burpitt
John Canning, MBA CEng MIET
Xin Chen
Elliott Godman
Nicholas Hinchliffe
Keith Homewood, Bed(Hons) DipScEd CertPP
Jane Platt, CBE Chartered FCSI (Hon)
Konrad Von Eppinghoven
Jackie Williams, BSc(Hons) MA ASIP

December

David Amodu
Christopher Bates
Antonia Benfield
Joseph Blake
Graham Cottington
Elizabeth Crowther
Richard Hackett
M. Sean Murphy
Linda Towell

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Keeping Our Guild Members Up to Date

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twitter.com/LondonFreemen

Did you know the Guild website is updated with City events as well as Guild events

www.guild-freemen-london.co.uk/events/cityevents

In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of the following deaths amongst Guild Members and our deepest sympathies are extended to their families and friends.

Mr David T Aggett
Mr Walter Taylor
Mr Donald C Palmer
Mr EC Bowen
Mr Anthony Hollis
Mr Janos Gal
Mr TW Skeels
Mrs SA Hardaway-Wolfe
Mr H Livesey
Mr DR Allan
Mr RJ Thurman
Mrs JV Saffron
Mr WH Boyd
Major Denise Capstick TD
Mr James Kirkbride
Mr Harold Piggott
Mr LE Pepper

Mr Raymond Michael Ellis
Mr Miles David Alexander Emblin
Mr Robin Allen
Mr Derrick Allen
Ms Eileen Connell
Mr Norman Gray
Miss Margaret Martin
Lt Col FVP Bowers
Mr David Prigmore
Mrs Eileen Pearson
Mr R Tucker
Mr William Brown
Mr David Church
Dr Beverley Davies
Mr Bernard Townsend
Mr Martin Stanton

Senior Past Master Harry Gould Retires From The Court

At our October 2021 Court Meeting, Harold, or Harry as he is known, retired as Senior Past Master and as a Director of The Guild after many successful years of tremendous service to us all.

Harry is a Londoner through and through having been born in London and educated at Kilburn High School. He did National Service as a 'Bevin Boy' and in the army. He practised as a Chartered Accountant, and in his spare time was first elected as a local councillor for Holborn where he served as Mayor in 1961, and then, after restructuring, served the citizens of Camden where he was Mayor in 1970.



Harry has had an active life in the City belonging to many organisations including being liveried of the Bakers and Chartered Accountants, and serving with the Royal Society of St George (City of London branch) and the City Livery Club.

Harry joined the Guild in October 1963, joining the Court in 1967 and was Master in 1977, which Harry says was a wonderful year which he really enjoyed. Harry has served as Senior Past Master for the last twenty or so years, again which he enjoyed immensely. Over the years, Harry enjoyed attending our many events, including, more recently, the Guild holiday to Ireland in Past Master John Barber's year and many Court Suppers. Harry is hoping to continue to attend events when his mobility allows, and he has become a Past Master Emeritus, so we look forward to seeing Harry in the future.

Harry has given many words of wisdom to Court members over the years which were highly valued and always given with a smile. His faithful support of the Masters has been welcomed and he will be greatly missed. At the October Court Meeting, Harry asked to convey to you all, his appreciation for your support and friendship over the years. Harry has served the Court and the Guild faithfully for so long, and I am sure all members will send Harry every good wish for the future.

Immediate Past Master, Ann-Marie Jefferys



The Master and Wardens 2022

The Master Alderman John Garbutt, JP FRSA FRGS FCSI BSc(Econ) (Hons)



John Garbutt obtained a BSc Econ Honours degree from the LSE and entered the City to work for Rowe & Pitman and subsequently at ICI, Touche Remnant, Schroders and became Director, Head of Institutional Client Management and Marketing at Kleinwort Benson.

He then worked at HSBC as Head of various departments including Property and E-commerce and retired as Director, Global Head of Corporate Governance.

He was then a Non-Executive Director of Stobart Group and Chairman of their Remuneration Committee. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment and a member of the CFA Institute and the UK Society of Investment Professionals.

Outside of his career, John is the Alderman for Walbrook Ward, a Justice of the Peace, Past President of the City Livery Club and current Council member, President of Walbrook Ward Club; Lay Chairman, a Parish Clerk and a Churchwarden of St Stephen

Walbrook and former Chairman and now a Vice President of the Royal Society of St George (City of London branch).

He is a Past Upper Bailiff (Master) of the Weavers' Livery Company (the City's oldest) and now a Court Assistant and is an Honorary Court Member of the Joiners' and Ceilers' Livery and a Liveryman of the International Bankers company. He is also Founding Sponsoring Alderman and Court Assistant of The Guild of Investment Managers, the City's newest aspirant Livery Company. In Scotland, John is a member of the Incorporation of Wrights in Glasgow and the Incorporation of Candlemakers in Edinburgh.

He is a Governor of International Students' House, Past Chairman of the International Students' Trust, an Honorary Visiting Professor at two Universities and a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal Geographical Society as well as being a Life Vice President of the British Red Cross. He has received the Freedom of the City of Glasgow and was the High Sheriff of Greater London in 2020/21, a Royal Appointment.

John also enjoys travel, collecting ethnic art and Champagne.

The Senior Warden Christopher Walton, BA MBA FIoD FRAeS



Chris Walton is an experienced company Chairman, Audit Chair, and independent non-executive director. He is the Chairman of NC KazMunayGas, a large vertically integrated oil and gas company.

He has also chaired the Strategy and Innovation Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Finance Committee. In the defence sector, he is the Audit Chair of the Submarine Delivery Agency

and is a Non-Executive Member of the Royal Navy's National Shipbuilding Strategy Client Board.

In past roles, he has been Chairman of Goldenport Holdings, a UK listed shipping company, Chairman of Lothian Buses Plc, the operator of Edinburgh's bus network, Senior Independent Director and Audit Chair of Rockhopper Exploration Plc, a listed oil exploration company, Chairman of Asia Resource Minerals Plc, a UK listed coal miner, and Audit Chair of the

Kazakhstan State Railways, the world's 19th largest railway system. Pro-bono, Chris has recently stepped down as the Interim Chairman of the Institute of Directors.

He is a former non-executive member of the Audit & Risk Committee of the UK Department for Culture, Media, and Sport, which was responsible for the 2012 London Olympic Games. Chris was a member of the Bank of England's Regional Economic Advisory Panel (SE England & Anglia) from 2002 to 2005.

As Finance Director of EasyJet Plc, Chris successfully directed its IPO. Chris has held senior finance and commercial posts at Qantas, Air New Zealand, Australia Post and Australian Airlines. Chris has also worked as a corporate planner for BP Australia, as a staffer in the Australian Senate and in open-cut iron ore mines for Hamersley Iron. Chris is a Fellow of the UK Institute of Directors, and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. He served for almost a decade in the Australian Army Reserve, principally in the 1st Commando Regiment.

The Renter Warden Councillor Lisa Rutter



Lisa is a London Borough of Barnet Councillor for Brunswick Park Ward since 2006 and was Mayor of the Borough in 2011-12 raising funds for three charities - The Alzheimer's Society, Barnet Young Carers & Siblings and The Outward-Bound Trust. With funds raised for the Alzheimer's Society she opened the first Dementia café in Barnet in August 2013 at the Finchley Memorial Hospital and in 2015 she set up Dementia Club UK, a registered charity. Lisa is the founder and chairman of Dementia Club UK which is sponsored by Saracens Foundation.

Although dementia clubs were suspended during the pandemic, Lisa continued to provide Zoom dementia club sessions and carers group meetings to help as many people who were left isolated and depressed. People joined from the around the country. Lisa achieved visiting rights for relatives

visiting their loved ones in care homes and prioritized unpaid carers on the vaccination list. Dementia Club UK won Charity of the Year 2020 in the Borough of Barnet.

As we return back to normal after the pandemic, Lisa is running dementia clubs at various locations in Barnet and works in partnership with Barnet Council and Barnet Carers.

Lisa received the National Councillor Achievement Award in 2016 for her work in the community helping people with dementia and their families. She is the Ageing Well and Mental Health Champion of the London Borough of Barnet and a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers.

Lisa worked in banking for many years and then trained as a litigation officer. She worked for the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau dealing with pension and general cases as arbitrator and finally worked at Coutts Bank as Special Matters and Fraud Manager.

The Master and Wardens 2022

The Junior Warden *Adrian Waddingham, CBE FIA*



Adrian Waddingham retired in 2018 after a 47-year career as a consulting actuary. Brought up in Preston, Lancashire Adrian was schooled by the Jesuits in Yorkshire.

He graduated in mathematics in 1971, qualifying as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in 1975. Adrian worked as a consulting actuary in Malaysia from 1981 to 1985, during which time he served as the President of the Actuarial Society of Malaysia.

Adrian was a founding partner of Barnett Waddingham LLP in 1989 and which has now become the largest firm of independent consulting actuaries in the UK with over 1,400 employees. Adrian served as Chairman of the Association of Consulting Actuaries, and Chairman of the International Association of Consulting Actuaries.

Adrian was Master of the Worshipful Company of Actuaries in 2013/2014 and elected as a Sheriff in the City of London in 2013. Adrian is also a Liveryman Haberdasher. In 2014 Adrian was one of four Livery Masters who founded the Brigantes' Association, bringing together Liverymen of London with northern connections.

Adrian is a trustee of the Skeletal Cancer Trust, chairman of the City Music Foundation and an Honorary Fellow of his alma mater Royal Holloway College, University of London. He was awarded a CBE in 2012 for services to pensions. He was also awarded the prestigious Finlaison Medal of the Institute of Actuaries in 2016 for services to the profession.

Adrian studied history at Birkbeck College in 2019 and in 2022 his biography of Nicholas Breakspear, the first English Pope will be published.

Adrian's main home is in Vauxhall. He also has a home in his native north Lancashire.

The Under Warden *Chris Hayward MSJ, FRSA, CC*



Chris is married to Alexandra. They have two children and live near Chorleywood, Hertfordshire and in the City of London. He is a former Deputy Leader of both Dorset and Hertfordshire County Councils and a former Parliamentary candidate. He was elected to Common Council of the Corporation of the City of London in 2013 for the Broad Street Ward since when he has served as Chairman of Planning and Transportation, currently Deputy Chairman of Policy & Resources and he served as Sheriff of the City from 2019 - 2021.

Chris is a member of the Broad Street, Bread Street, Bridge, Candlewick, Cheap, Cripplegate and Coleman Street Ward Clubs, Senior Vice President of the City Livery Club, Life and Council Member of the City of London branch of the Royal

Society of Saint George and Under Warden of The Guild of Freemen. In addition, he is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, a member of the Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks and a Freeman of the Haberdashers.

His charity commitments include serving as Chairman of Barts Guild and of the Friends of St Margaret Pattens and as a Trustee of the Central Fund for the Homeless.

Chris is a member of the Carlton, Brooks's and Bucks Clubs in London and a member of the Leander Rowing Club in Henley-on-Thames. He is an Honorary Bencher of the Inner Temple and an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of London. He is also a member of the Order of St John.

Chris is a Non-Executive Director of a number of private companies in the commercial property, public affairs and infrastructure sectors.

Over Fifty with Fifty Years of Membership

Over fifty of our members have already celebrated fifty years of membership in the Guild of Freemen of the City of London and a further ten members will celebrate that milestone later this year.

Mr J Hopkins
Mr P Davis
Mr J Kerry
Mr P Cox
Mr P Smart
Mr T Willcox
Mr K Colman
Mr J Berman
Mr J Trice
Mr H Kingsbury
Mr G Sklar
Mr A Woodd
Mr P Browning
Mr H Gould
Dr K Chapman
Mr E Seabrook
Mr E King

Mr A Jenkins
Mr M Jacobs
Mr T Munns
Rev Canon J Ovenden
Mr B Dorn
Sir C Martin
Mr T Tofield
Mr J Attridge
Mr G Rudge
Mr H Simpson
Dr S Chakravorti
Mr B Colman
Mr A Tomkins
Mr R Stowe
Mr G Baldry
Mr J Harris
Mr J Wilkinson

Mr B Clark
Mr L Carson
Mr A Orme
Mr V Stroud
Mr S Cohen
Mr N MacDonald
Mr J Telfer
Lady B Gadsden
Mr L Roe
Mr D Green
Mr P Allington
Mr T Binstead
Mr J Treves
Mr M Elkington
Mr P Rimell
Mr D MacMichael
Mr T Aldiss

Mr R Downing
Mr T Maltby
Mrs E Dray
Mr C Fairweather
*The following members will
achieve their 50 years of
membership later in 2022*
Mr J Harris
Dr C Dunstan
Mr W Fraser
Sir I Lowson
Mr G Bareham
Mr R Parker
Mr S Brown
Mr A Howell
Mr G Williams
Mr B Winston

Events Programme for 2022

Welcome to the Master's events programme for 2022. The programme particularly reflects the Master's life in the City and utilises the many contacts which he has made through the City Civic. The events are in Greater London, the Home Counties and Croatia, and have incorporated the Master's interests in culture, history and tradition, including a number of "money cannot buy" events which the Master hopes will appeal to many. The Master and his wife, Solangela, look forward to seeing you at one or more of the venues during his year.

Conscious that many of our members are retired the Master has tried, wherever possible, to hold prices (as we have done in recent years). There are several inexpensive visits in the programme.

The Master may be able to offer additional events, and if an event is oversubscribed he will see if it is possible to run it a second time.

Reception and Supper at Ironmongers' Hall

Wednesday 9 February 7.30 – 10.30pm
Dress: Black Tie

Ironmongers' Hall is the setting for the Master's first Black-Tie Dinner. The present Hall, home to the tenth of the Great Twelve Livery Companies of the City, was opened on 17th June 1925.

The Tudor style of the new Hall was decided upon not only because it seemed appropriate for the housing of an ancient guild, but also because it recalled the Golden Age of Craftsmanship. The Hall had a remarkable escape in December 1940, when a German air raid set fire to all the adjacent buildings, which were destroyed. The heat melted lead pipes and glass in the windows but luckily the rest survived.

The evening will start with a sparkling reception after which we will be served a fabulous three-course dinner with wine, followed by port, toasts and speeches. The Master's guest speaker is Sir Ken Olisa OBE CSTJ FRSA FBCS, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, who is sure to give fascinating insights into the Lieutenancy.

This event follows our welcome ceremony for new members, who may wish to continue their celebrations at this lovely venue.

Tour of The Priory Church of St John and Museum of the Order of St John

Thursday 17 February 10.30am (1) and 2.30pm (2)
Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

The Priory Church of St John was built in the 16th century but has a Norman crypt below. The nearby Museum of the Order of St John traces the continuous history of the charity that dates back over 900 years. It is situated in the gatehouse which has its origins from that time. The Museum tells the story of both the Order and St John's Ambulance. There will be two guided tour groups in the morning and two in the afternoon. The groups can all join up for an optional lunch at the Crown Tavern either after the morning or before the afternoon tours (See next event). Before the tours begin there will be a short presentation on the St John's Heritage Project. There will also be time to look around independently if desired before departure.

There is no charge for the tour, but a donation is requested.

Lunch at The Apollo Lounge, The Crown Tavern

Thursday 17 February 12.45pm – 2.15pm

Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

The Master invites those attending the Tours of The Priory Church of St John (see previous event) to attend an optional lunch. The Apollo Lounge within the Crown Tavern at Clerkenwell Green - once a renowned concert hall - boasts original features and you may recognize the distinctive golden decor, as scenes from the British film 'Notes on a Scandal', featuring Dame Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett, were filmed there.

The Master will host us in the Apollo Lounge where we will enjoy a two-course lunch with wine and coffee before heading back to The Priory Church of St John for the afternoon tour.

Visit and Buffet Supper – College of Arms

Monday 7 March (1) and Tuesday 8 March (2)
6.30 – 9.00pm

Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

This ever-popular annual event comprises a fascinating talk and tour of the College of Arms by John Petrie, Windsor Herald, who will give members the opportunity to view some of the spectacular examples of the College's work over the past 800 years. The College of Arms is the official heraldic authority for England, Wales, Northern Ireland and much of the Commonwealth including Australia and New Zealand. As well as being responsible for the granting of new coats of arms, the College maintains registers of arms, pedigrees, genealogies, Royal Licences, changes of name, and flags. Three coats of arms associated with the Master will be on display and explained among many others. We will hear about the Heralds' ceremonial duties and their unique place in our history. The tour will conclude with a light buffet supper with wine at the College.

This event is particularly popular amongst new members. These visits will be identical

Tour of The Honourable Artillery Company and Lunch in the Queen's Room

Wednesday 16 March (1) 10.30 – 2.15pm (2) 12.30 – 4.30pm
Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

The HAC is the oldest regiment in the British Army. It provides the ceremonial bodyguard to the Lord Mayor of the City of London. As an Alderman, the Master is an "ex officio" member of the Court of Assistants. The regiment began in 1537 and still retains an active unit in today's Army Reserve. The guided visit will be to Armoury House, the regimental HQ just to the north of the City and will be given by members of the Pikemen and Musketeers, the main ceremonial sub-units. Lunch will be included at the House in a private room and will incorporate both groups attending, both morning and afternoon. The tours will start with a presentation on the history of the House and regiment. They will include visits to the Armoury, with an opportunity to handle a pike and musket and try on armour! Each tour will end with a visit to the wonderful museum where a glass of bubbly will be offered

These events will be identical, a morning tour followed by a three-course lunch with wine and coffee in the Queen's Room, or lunch followed by an afternoon tour.

Please bring a photo ID as it may be needed.

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Concert, Reception and Supper at The Great Hall, Barts Hospital

Monday 21 March 6.00 – 10.00pm
Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

This very special evening will begin with a sparkling reception followed by a one-hour Baroque classical concert in the Great Hall, with music performed by the Echéa String Quartet who are City Music Foundation Artists and recent winners of the 2021 Royal Over-Seas League String Ensemble Competition. The programme will be varied, and each piece will be presented by the Echéa. You can read more about the Echéa String Quartet here <https://echeaquartet.com/about>. The concert will be followed by a brief presentation on the Barts Heritage Project, and a three-course dinner with wine. The Great Hall is in the Grade 1-listed North Wing which is superbly ornate throughout and dates from the 17th century. The Hall is approached via the “Hogarth staircase” and its walls hold many fine masterpieces.

Barts Hospital is the oldest working (and teaching) hospital in the UK, founded in 1123. It is therefore coming up to its 900th anniversary.

United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral

Friday 1 April 10.45am – 12.15pm
Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

The Guild has thirteen tickets to the United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral for members and guests. The service is free of charge, and you must be seated by 10.45am. There is usually an optional lunch afterwards (TBC). Full details will be on the Guild's website nearer the time, and you will be notified via the newsletter.

The Lord Mayor's Platinum Jubilee Big Curry Lunch

Thursday 7 April 12 noon – 3.00pm
Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

The Master will be supporting The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch which will be held at London's Guildhall. The lunch supports members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and Veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan through the three national Service Charities: ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, and the Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund. It focuses on individual pain management programmes and on preparation and training for civilian employment. The lunch is hosted by the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their consorts. The Master is a member of the organising committee for the lunch and hopes that you will support this fantastic event which will be attended by a Royal Guest of Honour, serving officers, soldiers, veterans and beneficiaries of the charity.

Tickets include unlimited curry, beer and wine in the Great Hall. The Guild has a number of tickets which gives us access to the reception area of the Livery Hall and Crypts with a complimentary glass of champagne. If you are not successful in securing one of the champagne tickets you will be offered standard tickets (if still available), which does not include champagne or access to the reception area.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED: applications made will be firm and non-refundable unless we can sell tickets on.

Reception and Supper at Grocers' Hall

Wednesday 20 April 7.30 – 10.30pm
Dress: Black Tie

Home of the Grocers' Company, the second of the Great Twelve Livery Companies, since 1426, Grocers' Hall is a unique venue which brings together classic style and illustrious heritage in the Master's Aldermanic Ward. This elegant livery hall, with its magnificent Venetian chandeliers, tucked away opposite the Bank of England provides a beautiful backdrop to the Master's second Black Tie dinner. The Master will welcome you to a sparkling reception, where he will be joined by his guest speaker Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM, the first female Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and the UK's most senior police officer. The reception will be followed by a splendid three-course dinner with wine. The evening will conclude with port, toasts and speeches.

This event follows our welcoming ceremony for new members, who may wish to continue their celebrations by attending this lovely dinner.

Annual Service St Margaret's Church Lothbury

Wednesday 04 May 6.00 – 7.00pm
Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

Our Annual Service this year will be held in St Margaret's Church Lothbury. It will be taken by the Guild's Honorary Chaplain, The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral. The Choir from King Edward's School, Witley will be supporting us as usual. There is no charge for the service but please do apply if you would like to come so we can gauge the numbers. There will be a collection during the service and an optional reception afterwards (see next event).



Reception after the Annual Service at St Margaret's Church Lothbury

Wednesday 04 May 7.00 – 8.00pm
Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

Our Annual Service will be followed by a wine and canapé reception in the Church. We will be joined by the choir from King Edward's School, Witley and the Master will present our customary donation to the school.

The Master invites all to stay for the reception, an opportunity to informally meet the Master and Wardens and other Guild members as well as the staff and students from King Edward's School.

Members not attending the service are welcome to attend the reception.

Events Programme for 2022

Tour of Bletchley Park with Lunch

Thursday 12 May

12.00 – 4.00pm

Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

The main building at Bletchley Park, the Mansion, was bought by the British government in 1936 specifically to house its top-secret intelligence operations. It became home to the world-renowned British code-breaking team in World War Two and was the birthplace of modern computing. The efforts of the staff at Bletchley Park at that time are generally considered to have shortened the war by up to two years.

The visit will commence with a two-course private dining lunch with coffee in the iconic Mansion building. This will then be followed by an outside guided walking tour of the site and the interior of the Mansion. After this has been completed, we will be free to explore the insides of the various huts which may be open that day. You will make your own way either by train to Bletchley with a short walk to Bletchley Park, or by car (free parking)

Tour of Lambeth Palace with Cream Tea

Wednesday 1 June (TBC)

1.30 – 4.30pm

Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

The Master is arranging a tour of Lambeth Palace, the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Tours of Lambeth Palace take in the 13th century chapel and crypt, the elegant State Drawing Room and Dining Room and the magnificent Guard Room. From the Tudor Gatehouse to the modern Atrium, visitors journey through 800 years of architectural and ecclesiastical history that is unique to this special place. There will be refreshments afterwards which the Master hopes will be a cream tea in one of the historic rooms. Bookings do not open until January so we will let you know when it is firm via the newsletter.

Private visit to Allington Castle with Lunch

Thursday 16 June

12 noon – 4.00pm

Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

Allington Castle is privately-owned and occupied and not generally open to the public. The Master knows the owner personally who, as a new member of the Guild, has agreed that a private visit can occur to his residence. We will arrive for a Pimm's reception in the medieval Great Hall which will be followed by a 3-course lunch there. Afterwards there will be a brief talk by the owner on the history of the castle, prior to a guided walking tour of the castle itself and its grounds. After the tour we will return to the Great Hall for tea and scones prior to departure.

While there is parking at the Castle, we will provide transport from and to Maidstone station.



Reception and Supper at Clothworkers' Hall

Wednesday 22 June

7.30 – 10.30pm

Dress: Black Tie

This magnificent Livery Hall exudes layers of historical richness and an unrivalled sense of occasion. The Hall's decorative painted ceilings and a suitably grand marble staircase preface the lavish Wren-inspired Livery Hall, dominated by five stained glass windows, a spectacular hand-woven tapestry and two dramatic and intricate crystal chandeliers.

It is in these fabulous surroundings that The Master will welcome you to his third black-tie dinner. We will enjoy a sparkling reception followed by a splendid three-course dinner with wine. The evening will conclude with port, toasts and speeches. The Master's speaker will be The Rt. Hon. The Lord Lingfield Kt DL. The Lord Lingfield served as a senior education policy adviser to the Conservative Government throughout the early 1990s and is Chairman of the Chartered Institution for Further Education.

This event follows our welcoming ceremony for new members, who may wish to continue their celebrations by attending this lovely dinner.



Tour of Spencer House and Lunch at Mark Mason's Hall

Monday 4 July

11.00am – 3.00pm

Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

The Master is pleased to invite you to Spencer House, the only great 18th century town house to survive intact. Built between 1756 and 1766 by John Vardy and James 'Athenian' Stuart for the first Earl Spencer, an ancestor of Diana, Princess of Wales, Spencer House boasts the first neo-classical interiors in Europe. The house has undergone a 10-year restoration programme to return it to its former glory with its 18th century furniture, paintings and splendid rooms. We will enjoy a private guided tour.

Following the tour, we will enjoy a carvery lunch at the Mark Masons' Hall nearby in St. James's Street.



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Private visit to Brize Norton with Lunch

Thursday 14 July 9.30am – 5.00pm
Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

A unique opportunity to visit “Brize” as it’s known in RAF circles. It is the largest RAF station in the UK, covering some 1200 acres, and the major airbase for the RAF’s transportation fleet in the UK. For security reasons, it is not generally open for visits from the public. The Master is, however, in contact with the “chain of command” and there will be a briefing on our arrival. This will be followed by an as yet unspecified itinerary, which will hopefully include at least some of the following: flight simulator, a look inside an enormous transporter aircraft and a briefing on safety equipment. Then back to the Officers’ Mess for lunch (which you will buy yourself at 1970s prices) and an afternoon tour, possibly to Air Traffic Control.

You will make your own way to Oxford Parkway station where you will pick up the Guild’s coach at 9.30am, which will take us to the base, but if you live more locally you may prefer to take your car, although parking spaces are limited. Within the base the coach will deliver everyone together to the different sites of interest and have our guide on board. We will then all depart Brize by 4 pm to arrive back at Oxford Parkway at around 5.00pm.

Swan Upping – Henley on Thames

Wednesday 20 July (TBC) 11.30am – 3.30pm
Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie

What better way to enjoy the Thames than to attend the annual Swan Upping event from the decks of The New Orleans, based in Henley-on-Thames, the largest and most luxurious passenger vessel on the Upper Thames. The New Orleans revives the stylish tradition of a Mississippi sternwheeler with tall twin smokestacks and paddle wheel. The mute swan appears to have been given Royal status in the 12th century and by 1378 there was a ‘Keeper of the King’s Swans’. The swans in the River Thames all belong either to the Sovereign or to the Worshipful Companies of Vintners or Dyers, who were granted the privilege of ownership by the Crown in the 15th century. Every year the beaks of cygnets are marked to show who they belonged to – if a bird has two nicks it belongs to the Vintners, if one to the Dyers and if none at all to the Queen. On board we will enjoy a Pimms reception prior to a buffet lunch with wine while we follow the flotilla of rowing skiffs as they mark the new cygnets.

We believe that the event will be on 20th July but there is a possibility it might be 27th; we are planning on 20th and will let you know if it changes.

City Walk and Light Supper

Monday 25 July (1) and Tuesday 26 July (2) 6.00 – 9.30pm
Dress: Casual

Once again, our City Walks will be led by Peter Tompkins, who is a Past Master of the Wax Chandlers’ Company. His theme for this year will be the London Wall. This fascinating insight into hidden parts of the City will be followed by a two-course supper with a drink and coffee at the Tokenhouse on Moorgate. As usual, Peter will be hosting the event at no charge, but has asked for a donation (suggested as no less than £12.50 per person) toward the Lord Mayor’s Charity Appeal.

Holiday to Croatia

Friday 9 – Tuesday 13 September
Dress: As shown in the event instructions

Once we have landed at Split airport in the late afternoon, we will be taken by coach transfer to our 4 Star hotel. Over the next 4 days, and 4 overnights, there will follow a full programme of visits, primarily by airconditioned coach. Included in these English-speaking guided excursions will be a walking tour of Diocletian’s Palace and its Podrumi (basements) which together represent a World Heritage Site in the heart of the city; a coach tour round the beautiful Krka National Park; and a private boat tour to nearby Hvar Island to travel by chauffeur-driven cars in convoy around the island. There will be numerous other highlights, one or two of which will not be revealed until after we arrive!

The price will include accommodation, airport transfers, all excursions, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and drinks with meals, gratuities, and taxes. You will arrange your own flights and we will give you recommendations.

Please apply early so we can gauge the number of rooms required.

Tour of Mansion House and Guildhall with Lunch

Monday 19 September 11.00am – 4.00pm
Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie

The morning will start at 11am with a guided tour of Mansion House, the Lord Mayor’s official residence and a stately home within the Master’s Aldermanic Ward of Walbrook. The building was completed in 1758 in grand “Palladian” style and contains many treasures including the Samuels Art Collection and the gold and silver plate secured in the vault.

We will then walk across to Guildhall for lunch in the Aldermen’s Dining Room, followed by a guided tour of Guildhall, a World Heritage site. The building, originally built in 1440, today provides both functioning municipal offices for the City of London Corporation, as well as an entertainment venue for both State and Civic banquets. This is in addition to meetings of the Court of Aldermen and Court of Common Council, which together comprise the City’s elected assembly. It also contains the remnants of a Roman Amphitheatre, an Art Gallery and some of the finest crypts to be found anywhere in the UK. Note that Mansion House and Guildhall are working buildings and the tours may need to accommodate that.

Sheep Drive, Southwark Bridge

Sunday 25 September 12.00 noon – 3.30pm
Dress: Casual, fancy dress, shepherd’s crooks etc

After a wonderfully successful Sheep Drive in 2019 and 2021 the Master is hopeful of securing spaces for six teams of ten Guild members each, to again drive their sheep over Southwark Bridge. It is open to all Freemen of the City of London, or guests accompanied by a Freeman, so offers an opportunity for non-Liverymen to take part in this fun charity event. The donation amount in 2021 was £60 per person and all proceeds go to the Lord Mayor’s Appeal and the Woolmens’ Charitable Trust. If we can secure spaces we will add an optional lunch at the The Banker pub afterwards (see next event). Please do apply early to express interest as we will need to book the slots in early May.

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Lunch after the Sheep Drive: The Banker

Sunday 25 September 1.15 – 3.30pm
Dress: Casual

The Master invites all sheep drivers to join him for a pub lunch afterwards at The Banker. This London pub, set inside a railway arch, serves hearty lunches, good beer and wine, and is the perfect way to continue the fun of the sheep drive. We will enjoy a two-course lunch with a glass of wine, or a well-deserved pint or soft drink, and coffee.

Reception and Supper at Merchant Taylors' Hall

Wednesday 26 October 7.30 – 10.30pm
Dress: Black Tie

The Merchant Taylors' and Skinners' Livery Companies alternate each year in the order of precedence as number 6 and 7 among the Great Twelve, hence "sixes and sevens".

The Great Hall dates back to the 14th century and with its 13-metre high ceiling and 3-metre high windows the room has a fabulous sense of space and occasion. Despite the destruction wrought by the Great Fire of 1666 and the bombing of WW2, certain parts of the original Hall remain and the rest has been magnificently restored to its former glory. It is in these lovely surroundings that The Master will welcome you to his final black-tie Livery Hall dinner. We will enjoy a sparkling reception followed by a splendid three-course dinner with wine. The evening will conclude with port, toasts and speeches. The Master's speaker will be confirmed nearer the time.

This event follows our welcoming ceremony for new members, who may wish to continue their celebrations by attending this lovely dinner.

Lord Mayor's Show

Saturday 12 November 10.30am – 12.30pm
Dress: Jacket & Tie

This is your opportunity to welcome the new Lord Mayor to his City and a chance to watch this historic pageant from the comfort of seats on the stands erected on the south side of St Paul's Cathedral. This lively show is the longest and most historic procession in the world where you will be able to cheer the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and our Master amongst others as the procession passes by.

After the Show there will be a luncheon in the Members' Private Dining Room at Guildhall. See event 27.

Tickets for the show were £40 in 2019 and we hope the 2022 price will be similar.



Lunch after The Lord Mayor's Show

Saturday 12 November 12.30 – 2.30pm
Dress: Jacket & Tie

After the Lord Mayor's Show (previous event) there will be a great opportunity to catch up with fellow Guild members whilst enjoying a traditional English four-course lunch with wine in the Members' Private Dining Room at Guildhall.

Annual Banquet - Guildhall

Friday 2 December 6.15 – 10.30pm
Dress: White Tie preferred/ Black Tie acceptable

The most glittering event of the Guild's calendar is the Annual Banquet in the magnificent medieval surroundings of Guildhall, watched over by Gog and Magog, the legendary protective giants of the City.

Members and their guests will be welcomed by the Master before enjoying a sparkling reception in the Old Library interrupted by the fanfare as our Patron, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress accompanied by the Sheriffs and their consorts arrive to join us. The formal announcement that dinner is served will then lead onto a sumptuous four-course dinner accompanied by excellent wines.

The whole evening will be one of colour and pageantry provided by the Pikemen and Musketeers from The Honourable Artillery Company, a wonderful selection of music including the rousing Post Horn Galop, and finally a high-profile guest speaker (tbc) all combining to show the City, Guildhall and the Guild at its best! Why not celebrate the start of the festive season with a bang on the Friday evening and continue with a weekend in London!

While we would prefer gentlemen to wear white tie, black tie will be acceptable. We hope this will make the banquet accessible to many more members and their guests.

Carol Service at St Stephen Walbrook

Monday 12 December 6.30 – 8.30pm
Dress: Suit

As Alderman for the Ward of Walbrook and Lay Chairman of the Parochial Church Council and one of the Churchwardens, the Master has chosen St Stephen Walbrook, the Lord Mayor's and Sir Christopher Wren's Parish church, for the Guild's carol service this year. The original church dates back to the 11th century. The church of today is one of Sir Christopher Wren's masterpieces, built in 1674 and was his prototype for the dome of St Paul's Cathedral. It was the first classical dome to be built in England at that time. The church features the magnificent round altar table sculpted by Sir Henry Moore. This place was designed for people to gather as a community around the altar where God could be found at the centre.

The Samaritans were originally founded here, and in 2006 the London Internet Church was established at St Stephen. As the Parish church of the Lord Mayor, who lives "next door" at Mansion House during his year of office, it now holds an annual thanksgiving service for the outgoing Lord Mayor. The incoming Lord Mayor is appointed an Honorary Churchwarden.

There will be refreshments in the church afterwards.

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CITY EVENTS 2022

Inter Livery Pancake Race – 1st March 2022

The Inter Livery Pancake Race is hosted by the Worshipful Company of Poulterers and is one of the most visually spectacular pancake races of the year. Teams, each with four competitors will be wearing either fancy dress or robes and race around the Guildhall Yard tossing their pancakes. The victors receive frying pans as well as a trophy. The competition has been running annually for over 15 years and proceeds go to charitable causes.

For more information contact the Poulterers' Clerk at poulterersclerk@live.co.uk

Inter Livery Charity Clay Shoot – 18th, 19th and 21st May 2022

The annual Inter Livery Clay Shoot is one of the highlights of the City of London charity events. Since its inception in 1993 it has been hugely successful in raising funds for charities nominated by the winning teams, it also includes a donation to the Lord Mayor's charity. The venue is traditionally held at the Holland & Holland Shooting Grounds on the edge of London.

Find out more at <https://www.interliveryshoot.com>

Becket Pageant and Livery Crafts Fair – 17th and 18th June 2022

An unforgettable day of fun, culture and celebration in the heart of the City, including London's Turbulent Son, a new musical about Becket's life and legend.

For more information visit the website at: <https://www.becketpageantforlondon.com>

Coopers Cask Race – 25th June 2022

The Coopers' Company is planning to hold a set of cask races at Guildhall Yard on the morning of Saturday 25th June. They are looking for teams of 4 people, with entry at £25 per person (£100 a team). There will be a range of prizes for the fastest team, best fancy dress, most enthusiastic, and best in class.

If you would be interested in entering a team, please email Liam Randall at liampjrandall@yahoo.co.uk

Guildhall School Fundraising Gala Dinner - 27th June 2022

Join the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to celebrate a wonderful evening of exquisite dining and entertainment in the sumptuous surroundings of the Egyptian Hall in Mansion House. This exclusive evening offers a chance to raise a glass of champagne in a wonderful setting, whilst helping to raise vital funds for Guildhall School's world-class training.

To register your interest please email: development@gsm.d.ac.uk

City Beerfest Guildhall Yard – 7th July 2022

This popular event has become an established City tradition, raising money for The Lord Mayor's Appeal, while also providing an enjoyable day out for everyone with delicious beer, good food and a great atmosphere.

Check the website for details at: <https://www.citybeerfest.org>

Cart Marking Ceremony Guildhall Yard – 16th July 2022

The Worshipful Company of Carmen's annual Cart Marking Ceremony and Parade of old and new vehicles branded in an historic ceremony.

Details at: <https://thecarmen.co.uk/events/cart-marking>

Sheriffs Ball – 23rd September 2022

Join the Sheriffs of the City of London and dance the night away. Aldermen and Sheriffs Nicholas Lyons and Alison Gowman are hosting the sixth Sheriffs' Ball at Guildhall on Friday 23 September 2022 in aid of The Lord Mayor's Appeal. This fun evening of wining and dining will include a drinks and canapé reception, three-course dinner with wine, live music, dancing and a fundraising auction. Further details to follow soon.

To reserve your table or tickets please email events@thelordmayorsappeal.org

City Giving Day – 27th September 2022

City Giving Day is a simple but impactful initiative that enables City companies and employees to celebrate and showcase their philanthropic and volunteering achievements and encourage others to get involved. You can organise your own events or you could sign up to take part in one of the City Giving Day events organised by or on behalf of The Lord Mayor's Appeal.

For more details view the website at: <https://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org/news-and-events/events-calendar/1060/city-giving-day-2022/>

The Grand Finale – 3rd November 2022

The Lord Mayor Alderman Vincent Keaveny and Lady Mayoress Amanda Keaveny will be hosting their Grand Finale at the beginning of November in aid of The Lord Mayor's Appeal.



Held in the truly spectacular setting of the Guildhall, in London, this fun and prestigious black tie event will be a celebration of Alderman

Vincent Keaveny's mayoralty and the final fundraiser of the year. The event will include a champagne reception, three course fine dining menu, silent and live auction and exciting entertainment. Up to 450 guests are expected to attend including senior members of City based companies, City institutions, livery companies and friends and supporters of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Ticket prices will be announced in due course.

To express an interest in attending please email events@thelordmayorsappeal.org

Red Cross Christmas Market 7th and 8th November 2022

Over fizz and canapés at the Grand Opening, or a festive lunch or champagne afternoon tea the following day, you can browse over 100 stalls selling delicious treats, festive decorations, stylish clothes and beautiful homeware.

More details will be on the website nearer the time. <https://www.redcross.org.uk>

Guild Notices

COURT MEETINGS 2022

Tallow Chandlers' Hall

(unless otherwise notified)

4.30pm for 5.00pm for Court Members

5.30pm for 5.45pm (approximately) for joining Members

Ends by 6.30pm

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 9th February 2022

Wednesday 20th April 2022

Wednesday 22nd June 2022

Wednesday 26th October 2022

Applications for Guild Membership are presented to the Court every month, 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 Warrant 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 MEETINGS FOR

2022

The Annual General Meeting is provisionally planned for 22nd June at Tallow Chandlers' Hall at 5.30pm, subject to Government guidelines. All members will be advised of the confirmed date and time by email or letter in due course. The confirmed date and time will also be published in the Members' area of the Guild Website.



By order of the Court of Assistants
Christine Cook, Clerk to the Guild
The Guild of Freemen

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From the Honorary Editor

Steven Morson



This edition of The Freeman continues to report on the Guild's virtual events programme, that replaced the face to face events, until June 2021, because of the COVID-19 lockdown.

The journal has articles by the new Master, Alderman John Garbutt, who was installed on Wednesday 19 January, and Ann-Marie Jeffereys who has written an account about her final year in office as the Master.

The previous issue of The Freeman, was created "in house" using our own editorial software, so I am delighted that it was hailed a success by the Master, Wardens of the Court and several Past Masters. I am, therefore, continuing in my role as Honorary Editor for the foreseeable future, and continuing to use our own editorial software.

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to offer advice and everyone who has written articles and offered photographs for this edition of the journal.

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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 folkmoet 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 if 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 ways by a great variety of City institutions.

Amid all the processes of change, it was decided during the 19th 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 Liverymen. 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, many 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 in 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 consider applications from other charities, individuals and groups 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 information concerning membership of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London can be obtained by writing to the Clerk to the Guild at: Guild of Freemen, Rooms 78/79, 65 London Wall, LONDON EC2M 5TU.

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