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## THE ORIGINS OF THE GUILD

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

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### The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Estlin

Alderman Peter Estlin is the 691st Lord Mayor and is a Senior Advisor to Barclays plc. He trained as a Chartered Accountant, becoming a partner with Coopers & Lybrand in 1993. Most of his career has been spent in Banking, initially as Chief Financial Officer for Salomon Brothers Asia, then Chief Financial Officer for Citigroup's Investment and Corporate Banking divisions in New York and London. He joined Barclays in 2008 as Group Financial Controller and has been Chief Financial Officer of the Retail & Business Banking and Non-Core divisions as well as Acting Group Chief Financial Officer.



- 1993 to date) and British Airways International Advisory Board (Chairman - 2007 to 2015).

Peter was elected an Alderman of the City of London in 2013 and elected Sheriff for the City of London for the year 2016-17. His civic responsibilities include being a member of the City of London Corporation's Education Board, Finance and Establishment Committees.

Peter was educated at King Edward's Witley and Bristol University. He was Master of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers in 2017-18 and is a Court Assistant of the Chartered Accountants Company and Educators

His non-executive appointments include HM Treasury (Non-Executive Director Audit Committee - 2015 to date), London Fairness Commission (Commissioner - 2015 to date), Morden College (Trustee - 2015 to date), Bridewell Royal Hospital, a foundation for disadvantaged children (Chairman - 2006 to date; Governor

Company, as well as a Liveryman of the Ironmongers Company. He is also sponsoring Alderman for the newly formed Guild of Human Resource Professionals. He is married to Lindy and they have one son and two daughters.

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### The Lord Mayor's Appeal

#### A Better City for All

The work of the year's Lord Mayor's Appeal will benefit two communities, City employees, residents and their family and friends, as well as those who live and work in neighbouring communities with the one aim to create: **A Better City for All – helping one million people thrive.** The Appeal continues the work begun last year around four key pillars to build a City that is **Inclusive, Healthy, Skilled and Fair.**

The three charity partners, Place2Be, OnSide Youth Zones and Samaritans will deliver their ground-breaking programmes and the Appeal will continue to develop their four existing initiatives – 'Power of Inclusion', 'This is Me', 'She Can Be'



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and 'City Giving Day' as well as expanding their corporate relationships.

Full details of the appeal and the supported charities can be found on The Lord Mayor's Appeal website.

For further information: [www.thelordmayorsappeal.org](http://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org) - email: [info@thelordmayorsappeal.org](mailto:info@thelordmayorsappeal.org) - call: 020 7332 1582

## John Barber DL MRICS FAISI FGIS

*The Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London 2018-19*

Being elected Master was a privilege. John and I had worked during the previous year to put in place an enjoyable programme with new locations and interesting speakers.

Our first event in March was to Forman's Smokery which was so popular that a second visit was arranged. Later in the month we visited the RAF Club, Piccadilly for a private performance of the Players' Theatre Club. In April, Sheldon Shapiro, a member of the Guild, and well-known person within the antiques world, gave a talk on the Guild's silver.

At the Master's lunch at the RAC Club, Pall Mall we enjoyed an introduction to the Royal Collection by David Wheeler, LVO an expert and senior Royal conservator. In May it was a delight to hear Sarah Fabergé, a descendant of the famous jewellery makers of the Imperial Russian era, at Armourers' Hall followed by dinner. Prior to this we had our Annual Church Service at St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall. Sheriff, Neil Redcliffe (Senior Warden to the Guild) arranged a private visit to the Old Bailey with a visit to the cells.

In June I was able to arrange a special visit to the RAC car museum, Epsom with lunch. Later that month the RNLI gave us a display at the Little Ship Club which included a rescue from the Thames. The last event in June was dinner in the Grocers' Hall with Dame Eleanor Laing, Privy Councillor, MP and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.

In July members attended a Gala evening by the Guildhall School of Music which was most enjoyable, and we led two great city walks to places we walk past daily but never really see. John and I spent part of August finalising our plans for the Guild holiday in Ireland.

In September we made a return visit to the Brick Lane Music Hall to see a show with lunch and later that month we enjoyed a recital and dinner at Christ Church, Spitalfields. Our guest speaker was Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley, former Lord Mayor, and Sir Kenneth Olisa, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, said Grace.

October started with a visit to the Millers House Mill with views of the Olympic Park and Canary Wharf. We enjoyed a tour, gin tasting and lunch. In late October I took a party of Guild Members on holiday to Dublin and County Wexford with visits to the Wexford Festival, stately homes not normally open to the public, lunch with a Marquis and a civic reception with gin tasting in a castle. We also entertained a government



minister to a reception which John and I hosted in our Irish home.

November was an exceptional month for the Guild with a wonderful Lord Mayor's Show. Later that month we dined at Skinners' Hall and our speaker was Vice Lord Lieutenant, Colonel Jane Davis, who gave a rousing talk. For food addicts our visit to TV Chef, Cyrus Todiwala's restaurant was a treat. The Guild's Banquet in December was the normal Gala evening which we have come to expect with The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens Ian Luder attending. Our speaker, Lennox Cato from the Antiques Roadshow gave a heart-warming speech. Our Carol Service this year was a change of venue and

took place at St Vedast-Alias-Foster near St. Paul's Cathedral, with a reception afterwards in a very buzzy wine bar which was enjoyed.

January saw us at Vintners' Hall for dinner with the late Baroness Thatcher's colleague, Sir Neil Thorne as speaker. In February we were guests of the Rt. Hon. The Lord Lingfield for dinner at the House of Lords and who gave an interesting talk at the end of the meal. Traditionally the Guild always has two visits to the College of Arms, and these were very well supported.

My final event was at the magnificent Fishmongers' Hall with a dear and longstanding friend the former Lord Mayor and Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir David Brewer KG, CMG, CVO, JP, who gave a sparkling address.

During the year, John and I attended and received hospitality from many wonderful organisations, including the Tallow Chandlers' Company, dinner in the Chief Commoner's private dining room, visits to the York, Coventry and Chester Guilds, City Schools, Royal Society of St George, dinner with the Deacons of Glasgow, Trinity House with HRH the Princess Royal, and the privilege of attending the Silent Ceremony and afternoon tea with The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House.

John and I are honoured to have held the position of Master and Consort. My special thanks must go to Christine, our Clerk, our Assistant Clerk Judith and to John Nolan. Without the support of all three the year would not have been the success it ultimately was.

*John Barber DL*

# Annual General Meeting

## 108th Annual General Meeting

Tallow Chandlers' Hall

Wednesday 14th March 2018

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

**Opening Ceremony** - After processing into the Hall in company with the Honorary Chaplain and the Wardens, the Master, Peter Allcard, opened the Guild's 108th AGM.

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

**Guild Business** - The Minutes of the 107th AGM were read out, approved unanimously, and signed by the Master. The Master drew attention to the Directors' Report that had been published in the Annual Review.

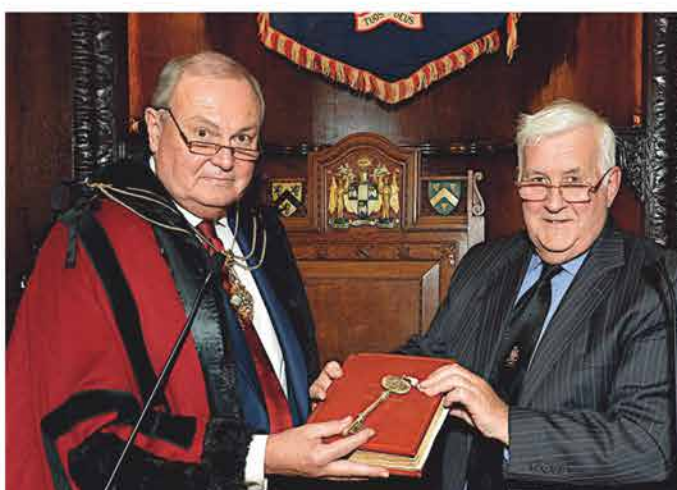
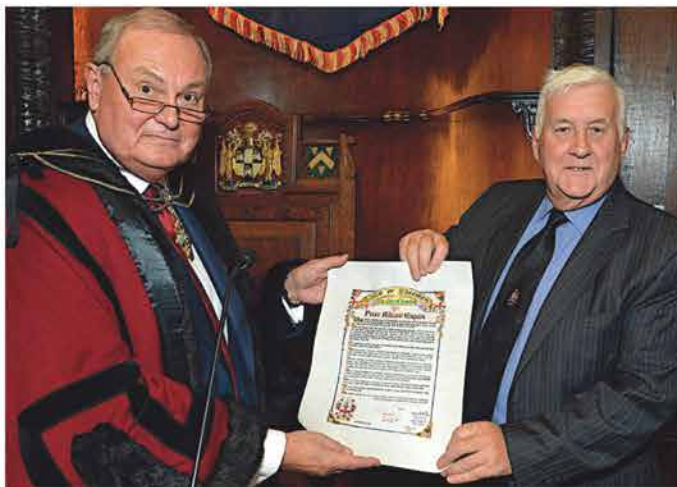
The Master then reflected on his year as Master and felt that, with the support of Guild Members, the programme had lived up to the Guild's highest standards.

The high point of the year had been the Annual Banquet, at Guildhall, at which he warmly welcomed The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, Alderman Sir David Wootton, the Guild's Immediate Past Master, Andrew Coombe, the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, a friend, was also present.

He also had special memories of the two Guild holidays, the first of which was in Derbyshire with visits to Chatsworth House, Haddon Hall, Hardwick Hall, and Cutlers Hall, in Sheffield, which made for a fascinating and memorable weekend in such beautiful surroundings. His second holiday was to Budapest, Hungary, which proved a relaxing and fascinating few days in that lovely city.

Next, the Honorary Treasurer reported that the Guild's accounts for the year to 31st July 2017 had been examined by Kreston Reeves LLP and the financial statements had been published in the Annual Review. After outlining the income and expenditure over the year he reported that the Company's funds had increased by a little under £43,000 – in round figures from £502,000 to £545,000. He then cautioned that the accounts showed the actual value of the investments at the closing date of the accounting period rather than the purchase price.

The Honorary Treasurer then reported on behalf of the Trustees of



the Guild's Charity. Throughout the year the Trustees supported a range of charitable social welfare and educational organisations, including continued support for two presentees at Christ's Hospital. In addition, 37 grants and awards (£42,825) had been made during the year.

Overall, because of Guild Members' generosity and favourable conditions on the stock market, the Charity's reserves increased by a little under £65,000, and at 31st July 2017 they were standing at £903,000.

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

**Appointment as the Guild's Accountants** - The Master reported that the Board had been very pleased with the work carried out by Kreston Reeves LLP as the Guild's accountants and recommended their reappointment for the year to 31st July 2018. The recommendation was approved unanimously.

**Installation Ceremony** - The Master then opened the Installation Ceremony by presenting John Barber, DL as his successor. After a brief introduction, he handed over the Guild's Inventory Book and the Key to the Company Seal as symbols of the high office of Master. John Barber, DL then thanked Peter Allcard for his kind words and acknowledged the great honour that had been bestowed upon him. He then installed his Wardens, namely Elizabeth Thornborough as Senior Warden, Sherriff Neil Redcliffe as Renter Warden, Alderman John Garbutt as Junior Warden and Ann-Marie Jefferys as Under Warden.

**Presentations** - The Master then presented an Illuminated Address to the Immediate Past Master, Peter Allcard, congratulated him on a successful year, invested him with the Immediate Past Master's badge and presented him with his own Past Master's badge. Peter Allcard thanked the Master for his kind words and the presentations.

Finally, the Immediate Past Master's Lady, Pearl Allcard, passed on the Master's Lady's brooch to Mr John Nolan, together with her very best wishes for the year ahead.

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

## *Planning Your Guild's Future*

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### *Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston, Chair of the Guild's new Membership Committee, explains how Guild members are helping to plan a bright future.*

**O**ur Membership Committee was formed last year to ensure the Guild of Freemen continues to flourish in the years ahead, attracting new members while offering all our existing members an experience they value. I am delighted to bring you news of our progress.

In developing our strategy for the future, our first step was to reaffirm the Guild's purpose – what we are for and what we aim to achieve. We developed a new purpose statement to guide our decisions and convey to everyone what the Guild does.

#### ***Our Guild's purpose:***

To offer all Freemen of the City of London a welcoming association where they can support the City by contributing to its welfare, celebrating its heritage and helping to shape its future, while enjoying an active social programme.

#### ***We achieve this by:***

- Offering our members a diverse social programme including events with privileged access and insights
- Giving charitably in the City and neighbouring communities, through our Guild Charity
- Encouraging people from all walks of life to apply for the Freedom and promoting its role in the government of today's City

This statement reflects all the original objectives behind the formation of the Guild in 1908 - I hope that our far-sighted founders would approve. Our aims in 2019 are still the same, but what has changed dramatically is the way we all live our lives. The Guild's plans must cater for today's lifestyles, giving all our members the chance to enjoy the benefits of the Guild, whether they are setting out on a high-flying career or experiencing the joys and challenges of retirement.

Your views are helping us greatly. The recent membership survey gave us a clear insight into your aspirations for the Guild in the short and long term. You have given us some great ideas, and we have begun putting them into practice.

One of the greatest pleasures of the Guild is socialising with fellow Freemen and all our friends in the City. We have enhanced our extensive social programme, offering fresh experiences and more scope for fitting a Guild activity into a busy day. Last summer I convened a working group of members to recommend new kinds of events. These include joining a Guild team for City activities such as the Annual Sheep Drive across London Bridge - a famous tradition for Freemen - and The Lord Mayor's City Giving Day. We are also introducing special interest groups: the first is for wine appreciation.

We are finding ways of helping you recruit your friends, family and colleagues into the Guild 'family', such as our discounted tickets for bringing potential members along to lunch, dinner or a visit. We are delighted to encourage people to become Freemen of the City. Not only is it a splendid tradition, the Freedom is still the vital foundation stone for all who aspire to hold office in the City of London.

Looking ahead, upcoming work to develop our strategy will include exploring what more the Guild can offer members and how we collaborate with like-minded organisations in and beyond the City.

Do get in touch with your comments and ideas - we would love to hear from you. Thank you again for your support, which is very much appreciated.

***Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston***

Court Assistant and Chair of the Membership Committee

## Events of 2018-19

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### ***Forman's Smokery, Fish Island and tour of the Olympic Park, Velodrome and Aquatic Centre, Stratford***

***Tuesday 20th March and Tuesday 18th September***

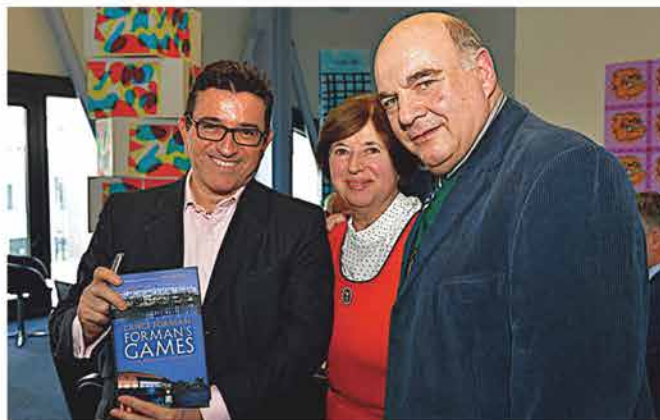
On the first day of Spring, 67 Guild Members and their guests braved the cold weather and joined the Master at his first event. The day started at Forman's, famous as London's oldest salmon smoker and creators of the London Cure.



Lance Forman, the 4th generation family business owner of Forman & Field gave a fascinating talk on the challenges the company had faced over the years including fire, flood and compulsory purchase when the Olympic Park was being

developed. Today it is a thriving organisation serving customers, chefs and companies across Britain and the USA. We now know what to look for when buying smoked salmon if, in the unlikely event, we ever considered purchasing anything other than Forman's.

We were then treated to an amazing salmon carving demonstration with Darren Watson, the Guinness World Record Salmon slicer (he beat Gordon Ramsay in the challenge).



Of course, a very enjoyable lunch enabled us to taste many of the different types of smoked salmon and other wonderful fine foods produced by the smokehouse. There was also the opportunity to purchase some of the delights produced by the Forman smokehouse and all are available for delivery direct to your kitchen.



Then we moved on to the next part of the event which was a private tour guided by Ms Jean Jeffrey to the Aquatic Centre and the Velodrome on the Olympic Park. Thankfully this was a viewing opportunity only!

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### ***Traditional Music Hall, with the Players' Theatre Club and Supper at the RAF Club, Piccadilly***

***Thursday 22nd March***

This was an evening at the stunning venue of the Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly, London, steeped in tradition and celebrating its 100th year. Starting with a sparkling reception we then enjoyed a hearty two-course supper with wine, after which The Players' Theatre Club transported us back in time to A Traditional Victorian Music Hall.

Under the watchful eye of The Chairman and Musical Director we were warned to get ready "for a bit of this, a bit of that and a bit of the other!" and he didn't disappoint!





*Traditional Music Hall, with the Players' Theatre Club and Supper at the RAF Club, Piccadilly continued...*

We warmed up our vocals to get us in the mood, with a chorus of "Daisy, Daisy" and "Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner." "The Lord Mayor's Coachman" then drove us from The Mansion House to Buckingham Palace and we even managed to fit in a visit "Down the Strand" and Lambeth Way. Thrown in the mix we were entertained with Mandy's Magic and Comedy followed by Pearly Queen Lola taking us on to "The Lambeth Walk." We were then serenaded by Philip who also "Spread A Little Happiness." Then we enjoyed the fantastic voices of Good Little Girl Katie – followed by unlucky in love Jan who asked, "Why Am I Always the Bridesmaid" – and finally the very talented Ukulele playing Mark with old favourites like "Leaning on a Lamp-Post" and "Baby Face." The evening was rounded off by all the Players returning to join us for the grand finale including a rendition of "Down

at the Old Bull and Bush" and we eventually said goodbye to what was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



## *Reception, Supper and Presentation of the Guild's Treasures at Tallow Chandlers' Hall*

*Wednesday 11th April*

We were warmly welcomed to Tallow Chandlers' Hall by the Master, John Barber, at a sparkling wine reception where it was possible to meet with Guild Members and their guests. The Clerk, Christine Cook, and Sheldon Shapiro, the Master's guest, had been very busy all day arranging the finer points and the treasures for the dinner.



After a couple of glasses of wine, we were summoned by the Beadle to make our way into the Hall for dinner and to receive the Master and the principal guests; they duly arrived

and were greeted by the usual applause. Grace was said, and we were seated very intimately having filled the Hall. A fine meal of salmon for the starter and braised beef for the main was served along with a glass or two of some very agreeable wines.

The Master made a short speech and introduced Sheldon Shapiro who had painstakingly researched the Guild's many and varied Treasures. He spoke about the various Loving Cups, when and where they were made and who they were presented by, along with the Court's badges of office. The Past Masters were asked to rise and display their badges and the current Court Assistants also displayed their badges; we were also very lucky that HRH The Princess Royal's Master's jewel for the Guild's Centenary year in 2008 was proudly displayed to all by the Beadle.

Sheldon spoke in a very knowledgeable way about each



magnificent treasure in turn; we were very privileged to be able to handle the numerous cups and artefacts, as they went around the Hall and the guests would have liked to have known the value of the treasures, however Sheldon would not put any values on the amount of silver that the Guild owns, only saying that it was substantial. The Master concluded the evening by saying a few words and wished everybody a safe journey home.

## Events of 2018-19

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### *Master's Lunch and The Royal Collection at the RAC Club*

*Tuesday 24th April*

A very big thank you to the Master for presiding over a very special lunch at the RAC Club, Pall Mall. We left the hustle and bustle of London and entered the Club's calm, spacious interior complete with colourful murals and a customised Mercedes! All very impressive.

We proceeded to the beautifully appointed Committee Room, with its gorgeous paintings and old-world sophistication. Whilst sipping Champagne we enjoyed lively and diverse conversations with old friends and new acquaintances. A very



entertaining grace was said by Past Master, Anne Holden. The three-course lunch and service were exceptional - the best



we have had at a Guild of Freemen event.

John Barber, the Master, welcomed and thanked us all. He introduced his guest speaker, David Wheeler,

Senior Conservator of Furniture and Decorative Arts at the Royal Collection Trust. David, whilst under time constraints, was both engaging and informative about the Royal Collection. He highlighted the vast array of objects in the collection and the scope of the work involved in maintaining and restoring the thousands of items it contains. He managed to give us an invaluable glimpse into the work that he and his fellow curators undertake.

On our way out we 'snuck a peek' at the Club's swimming pool - to die for! Mr Peter Holland, photographer, captured the occasion for posterity. A truly memorable experience and an opportunity not to be missed.

Again, thank you to the Master for arranging such a lovely occasion.

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### *Annual Church Service at St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, Supper and World of Fabergé at Armourers' Hall*

*Thursday 3rd May*

We gathered in the beautiful Wren church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall. The Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants processed in, dressed in their fur lined gowns and led by our Chaplain, The Very Revd. Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's. During the service we were treated to some beautiful singing by the choir of King Edward's School, Witley. This year they were seated in front of the congregation so they could be seen, as well as heard! After listening to some rousing anthems plus a thought-provoking sermon, most of us made the short walk to Armourers' Hall in Coleman Street.

We were greeted, with reviving drinks, in the stunning Livery Hall with its Gothic barrel-vaulted ceiling and walls covered in numerous historical suits of armour. We were clearly going to be well protected during the evening! We then proceeded into the fine Gold Drawing Room where the Master introduced us to Sarah Fabergé who gave a fascinating talk on the history of Fabergé, which was started in 1842 in St Petersburg and famous for



the exquisite Imperial eggs made by Carl Peter Fabergé. Fortunes understandably changed after the Russian revolution, and members of the family escaped to Paris where they continued their jewellery business. Post war, the Fabergé name was used for a selection of luxury goods and perfume primarily out of the USA and regrettably the

*Annual Church Service at St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, Supper and World of Fabergé at Armourers' Hall continued...*

family lost direct control. However, in 2009, the Fabergé trademark changed hands and Sarah was approached by the new owners to create some innovative jewellery based on the family history using beautiful stones and enamels. In 2011 Fabergé relaunched the egg range from their London shop on Grafton Street. The talk was very interesting, and we were all given a copy of the current catalogue which illustrated the superb craftsmanship and wide variety of items available today.

The Master presented Sarah with the traditional gift which sadly was not made by Fabergé!

Whilst we were listening to the talk the Hall and catering staff had transformed the Livery Hall into an informal dining room with small tables enabling convivial conversation over a delicious supper and wine. A very enjoyable evening was had by us all.

### *Visit to the RAC Motor Museum Woodcote Park and Lunch*

*Tuesday 5th June and Friday 28th September*

Two friendly Canada geese and their five inquisitive goslings were on hand to welcome twenty Guild Members to the RAC Country Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom.



The driving force for the visit was the RAC's collection of vintage and classic vehicles, unique in that every vehicle is regularly to be seen under their own power on roads throughout the south of England and beyond.

RAC patrol vehicles in original distinctive blue livery were the centrepiece of the exhibition, ranging from a 1933 Austin 'Chummy' seven, through a Morris Minor van to a Ford Anglia van and the Norton motorcycle with sidecar. These vehicles had many recalling the sights and memories



of their youth. Few had seen the 1960 Isetta bubble car, with huge toolbox on top, which the RAC had withdrawn after a short-lived unsuccessful trial in London.

Jane Holmes, RAC Heritage Manager, hosted the visit. Her encyclopaedic knowledge, and anecdotes, of the history and evolution of the RAC to represent the interests of the motorist was presented with passion and humour. Listening to her in the historic Motor House surrounded by the vehicle collection, added to the atmosphere.

Built in 1770 as a barn, the Motor House, having undergone careful and sympathetic restoration and conversion to house the collection, justifiably won a prestigious award for the best restoration and use of a historic building. It also functions as the workshop to maintain the collection. The contrast between the modern state of the art workshop, at one end, and the recreation of a 1950s workshop at the other demonstrated the development of the facilities available to motor engineers.

Members saw the 1903 English built Simms, now fittingly registered 1RAC; a 1901 French built Mors, RAC1, (traditionally driven each year from London to Brighton by the Chairman or President of the RAC); the 1903 Daimler which was the first ever Coventry built vehicle to be exported from the UK, and a more recent Triumph TR4, veteran of several RAC rallies.

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Visit to the RAC Motor Museum Woodcote Park and Lunch continued...



Having frequently taken part in the annual RAC 1,000 miles rally, a beautiful classic Alvis with a Vanden Plas body, one of only twelve built and extremely expensive when new, is now to be sold due to reduced reliability.

A gentle stroll through the grounds took members to the main house. The original building dating from the mid-18th century, had some wonderfully preserved interiors which the RAC felt could be damaged if they were put to the use envisaged. The interiors were sold and are now in the Boston museum of Fine Art. These are all that remain of the original house as it was destroyed by fire in 1934 and rebuilt by 1936, to a design faithful to the original external appearance but with an interior, though beautiful, more suited to its intended use. Within this beautiful building members enjoyed a delicious lunch and a glass of wine.

An unexpected bonus on the first visit was an auction of a considerable number of classic and historic vehicles presenting members with an opportunity for a close look at some very rare specimens.

## Reception and RNLI Demonstration at The Little Ship Club

Wednesday 13th June



On a beautiful summer evening Guild Members and their guests gathered at the Little Ship Club on the banks of the mighty River Thames for a pleasant reception drink and to take in the surroundings.

The Master, John Barber welcomed us to the reception before introducing us to Tony Vlasto, who is the former RNLI City of London Committee Chairman.

Tony explained the tragic background as to why the RNLI are based on the tidal Thames, following the Marchioness Disaster in 1989. Since the introduction of the RNLI on the tidal Thames in 2002 the station and its lifeboats have been continuously manned for immediate response to incidents. This enables them to act within 90 seconds of a call and to arrive at any incident within 15 minutes. The statistics since 2010 are quite remarkable, with the lifeboat being launched 7082 times and saving 280 lives – it is quite easy to see how this lifeboat station is the busiest in the UK.



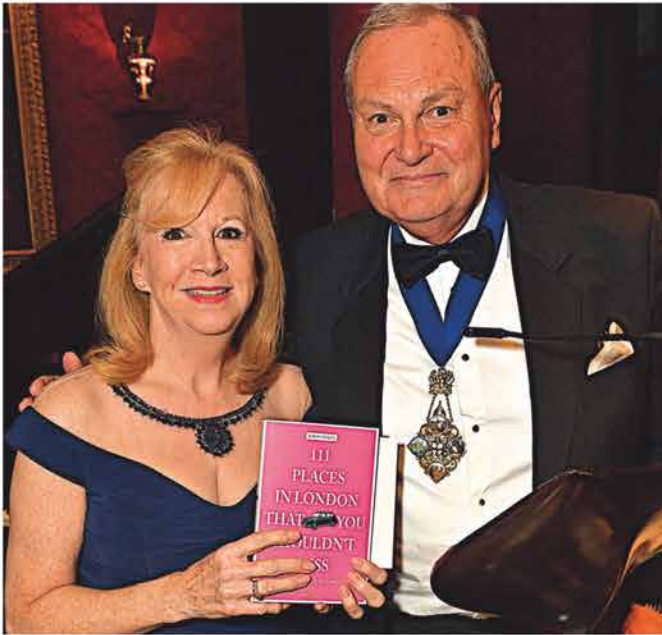
Following the welcome, we were invited out onto the Thameside terraces of the Little Ship Club to watch one of Tower Lifeboat's vessels in operation. Here we witnessed the RNLI Tower Lifeboat Station Manager Kevin Maynard at the helm of a RNLI E-Class E-07 'Hurley Burley'. He demonstrated its response speed and how they could manoeuvre efficiently to recover someone from this fast-flowing watercourse.



Following the interesting demonstration Guild Members and their guests retired back inside the Little Ship Club for a stunning two-course supper with some excellent wine and tremendous companionship discussing the RNLI's great work that is being achieved on the tidal Thames. The Guild made a presentation to the RNLI of £1,000, to support their continuing efforts on the Thames, which included donations given by Members, plus a personal donation from the Master.

### Reception & Dinner at Grocers' Hall

Wednesday 27th June



On yet another warm summer evening Guild Members and their guests assembled in the Piper Room for a sparkling reception where old acquaintances could be renewed, and new ones made. It was particularly good to see many new members in attendance, having received their warrants and welcome to the Guild earlier in the afternoon.

The present Grocers' Hall was opened in November 1970 and is sumptuously decorated in deep red velvet with magnificent Venetian chandeliers adorning the ceiling. Around the building are portraits of past Liverymen including the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, Diana, Princess of Wales and Her

Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. The symbol of the Grocers', the camel, was in evidence all around the building, a reminder of the days of trading and moving goods in a more leisurely fashion!

The dinner was a veritable and delicious feast, during which the Master spoke about the Hall, its past notable members, and paid tribute to our Beadle, John Hollingsworth who has been with us for 30 years. The Master then introduced the Rt. Hon. Eleanor Laing MP who had been made a Dame in the Birthday Honours List.

Dame Eleanor told us many entertaining tales of her time in the Houses of Parliament and gave us an insight into the post of Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. She told the assembled company of the high esteem in which she holds the Guild, with her first encounter having been during Tony Woodhead's year as Master. We tried out our debating and voting skills on the issue of Brexit.



Dame Eleanor split the room in two and asked us to shout 'Aye!' and 'No!' appropriately. Her shouts of 'Order! Order!' rang round the room, much to our amusement.



### Guildhall School of Music and Drama Show and Supper

Monday 9th July

It was a very hot evening when Guild Members and their guests, together with members of other City organisations, assembled for a refreshing pre-dinner drink in the beautiful conservatory at the Barbican centre. The welcome cool drink was accompanied by sultry jazz, as our party mingled and met the Senior Warden, Mrs Elizabeth Thornborough, who was representing The Master. A delicious dinner followed, during which we were welcomed by The Principal of the Guildhall School, Lynne Williams, a professional singer herself, who told us that in the past she had performed in a production of 'Fiddler on the Roof', the show we had come to see. Lynne Williams gave a brief update on the teaching and production accolades the School were receiving, and we then went into the Silk Street Theatre to see the show.

Well, what a marvellous production we enjoyed. All aspects of the Guildhall School's work were demonstrated brilliantly. A very large orchestra accompanied the actors in a great performance of this classic musical.

The story is about Jewish life in the Pale of Settlement within Imperial Russia, the emancipation of the young women in the village and the final eviction of the villagers from their homes.

It sounds depressing, but it wasn't! The scene builders had created a beautiful set against which the talented cast gave their all. Particularly impressive was Alex James-Cox who was an outstanding Tevye the milkman, the part made famous by Zero Mostel on Broadway and Topol in London.

Also outstanding was Tallulah Bond as Golde, Tevye's wife, as indeed the quality of singing and dancing by the talented cast could not have been bettered in the West End! What a great way to support the excellent work of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Two Guild Members won tickets to dinner and a concert at the Barbican which they enjoyed very much.

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### City Walk & Light Supper

*Tuesday 17th July and Wednesday 18th July*

It was ice cream weather, 25 degrees Celsius and a cool breeze. The tall buildings gave us shade and the gentle walks theme this year was 'Modern Buildings'.

Our excellent guide, Peter Tompkins, met 32 Guild Members at Temple Bar, Paternoster Square. At the commencement of our walk, the Master presented Peter with a donation for The Lord Mayor's Appeal. Peter then gave us a short introduction to the history of Paternoster Square.

Paternoster Square and the surrounding area (apart from St. Paul's and the Deanery) was flattened during the Second World War. The current buildings were erected 20 years ago with the proviso that, although they are privately owned, the public can use the square.

Modern buildings have nicknames and our next stop was One New Change or 'stealth bomber'. We caught the lift to the 6th floor for a panoramic view. Wallbrook Square, our next stop, is the headquarters of Bloomberg where The Temple of Mithras is beautifully preserved for the public to visit for free, even though it is inside a private building.

We saw examples of amazing engineering, for example,



Rothschilds Bank and Tower 42, where buildings 'hang' over the streets. Another building which is privately owned where the public can visit the sky garden is the Land Security building or 'walkie talkie'. Nearby was the 'gherkin' and 'cheese grater'. The 'scalpel' will be completed next year.

It was fascinating to have the time to look upwards at the tall buildings and, after the tour, we made our way to Williamson's Tavern for a delicious meal and wine, before going home.

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### Private Tour and Dinner at the Old Bailey

*Thursday 30th August*

After entering the Central Criminal Court (known as the Old Bailey) through The Lord Mayor's entrance, and successfully completing the security checks, we all made our way to the Great Hall for drinks. There we met our host and guide for the evening, Renter Warden Sheriff Neil Redcliffe.

He gave an introductory talk incorporating the history of the building, which is built on the site of Newgate Prison,



and showed us the original black iron door knocker, which is where the phrase 'black as Newgate's knocker' originates. The present building dates from 1902 and was officially opened by King Edward VII on 27 February 1907.

We then set off to view some of the Courts, starting with Court Number One which is famous for trials such as those of Ruth Ellis, the Kray twins, Ian Huntley and the Yorkshire Ripper. The layout of the Court is not as you would expect of a modern courtroom, but the interior is Grade I listed and cannot be changed.

We then visited the newer Court rooms which are of a more modern design and are better suited when there is a need for high security or witness protection. Then it was off to the cells, which are very small as they are only used for defendants during the day – no-one is held overnight. Returning to the Great Hall the Sheriff talked about the wonderful architecture and murals which adorn this magnificent space, but en route we heard about the damage caused by the blitz and the 1973 terrorist attack. We then arrived at the Judges dining room and were seated around a long oval table in the centre. We were served an excellent three-course dinner with wine in a convivial atmosphere

*Private Tour and Dinner at the Old Bailey continued...*



with lots of friendly conversations. The Sheriff spoke about the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund, which plays a vital part in preventing prisoners reoffending. The Guild presented the

Sheriff with a cheque for £400 that members had donated to the fund to thank him for the excellent and very successful evening.

## ***Lunch & Show at the Brick Lane Music Hall***

***Tuesday 11th September***

The Master welcomed 65 Guild Members and their guests for a return visit to the fabulous Brick Lane Music Hall, many of whom had travelled from far and wide to be there for the Cockney 'Sing-along' show.

Brick Lane Music Hall is the only permanent home for music hall and set in a converted church is a totally unique venue complete with bunting, fairy lights and even a stuffed grizzly bear with a top hat! Almost every inch of this wonderful theatre is lavishly decorated in red plush velvet, floral arrangements and 'olde tyme' posters.

After a delicious three-course lunch we were treated to a colourful and rousing show led by the Master of Ceremonies Vincent Hayes MBE. He and the other performers had us singing along to all the old favourites and we roared with laughter at the hilarious comedy sketches.

Two members won raffle prizes and we celebrated a birthday with a card and cake complete with candles. We heard



about the excellent outreach work that Vincent and his team do with the elderly and local community in the London Borough of Newham. All in all, a right royal afternoon out!

***Brick Lane Music Hall is the brainchild of Vincent Hayes MBE, the result of a dream to keep music hall alive in this country. Having come to love music hall as a performer, Vincent saw its enduring value as a form of entertainment and believed that it could appeal to today's audiences, that it could move with the times and appeal to modern audiences with topical humour and familiar songs.***

***In the early days Brick Lane Music Hall received a boost with support from a long-standing friend, Danny La Rue, who offered to appear at Brick Lane, establishing the theatre's reputation as a modern-day music hall. Many stars have appeared at Brick Lane Music Hall, including Barbara Windsor. [www.bricklanemusic hall.co.uk](http://www.bricklanemusic hall.co.uk)***

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### Reception and Supper at Christ Church Spitalfields

*Wednesday 26th September*

Around 110 members and guests gathered on a very mild evening at the splendid Nicholas Hawksmoor designed Christ Church in the East End, for a celebration of organ music and fine dining.

On arrival we were treated to a sparkling wine reception in the Nave, during which a three-piece recital on the original 1735 organ was given by the church's own organist, Gerard Brooks, to great acclaim. The organ is the finest work by Richard Bridge, renowned as the greatest organ builder of Georgian England – it is an instrument of a specialist nature and we were not disappointed with the performance of musician or instrument!

The musical entertainment was followed by a splendid meal consisting of Stilton & filo pastry, a pot roast Guinea fowl breast and a delicious apple terrine – all three courses served with tasty accompaniments and excellent wines.

The Master had invited, as his personal guests, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa, OBE and Lady Olisa, together with the Immediate Past Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley and Lady Parmley. And, to mark the celebration of 30 years of service to the Guild, our Beadle Mr John Hollingsworth and his wife, Viviane.

The Master, Mr John Barber, DL, welcomed everyone, especially our guests, and proposed the Loyal toast. Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley gave a typically witty and engaging response and was then presented with the now traditional Halcyon Days box which, sadly, did not contain the recipient's 'missing cufflink'!

Several new members attended this event, having been welcomed into the Guild earlier that afternoon – I'm sure they would have had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and it will have whetted their appetite for future Guild events.



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### Visit to House Mill, Bromley-by-Bow and Lunch

*Thursday 4th October*

The Master took us to House Mill in Bromley-by-Bow, the largest surviving tidal mill in the world, where he is Chairman of the Trust. The House Mill lies on an island, known since the medieval period as Three Mills. The Domesday Book recorded Britain's earliest known mills here in 1086, whilst the foundations of the current House Mill date back to 1380-1420.

The mills provided flour for the local bakers of Stratford-atte-Bow who sold their bread in the City of London. With the advent of the Gin Craze in the 18th century, several entrepreneurs came together to put the mills to an altogether different use – as part of the Three Mills Distillery. With supply contracts to the Royal Navy, the company



grew in success and had its own carpenters, coopers and even operated a large farm of pigs, fed on waste products.

In 1776 the House Mill was built on the site of an earlier mill and between two houses, hence its name. The House Mill ceased milling in 1941 after the area was bombed during the Second World War, but the Clock Mill continued to operate until 1952.

House Mill is now open to visitors and on our guided tour we learned about the Mill's rich history and its role in the development of the industries once found in the lower Lea Valley. After the fascinating tour we were treated to a gin tasting followed by a hearty lunch with wine.





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## *Holiday in Dublin and Wexford, Southern Ireland*

*Sunday 21st October to Saturday 27th October*

The Master in his wisdom saw fit to persuade a group of us to travel to foreign parts, in this instance to Southern Ireland. As well as himself and John Nolan there were 36 of us, including one Warden and four Past Masters. As our travel arrangements were individually organised, we all arrived at the Academy Plaza hotel in Dublin at different times.

Most of the party had arrived by lunchtime on Sunday the 21st and at 3pm the Master took us on the first of many coach trips. This one took us to the Guinness Brewery. At the Brewery we were accompanied by our own guide who explained both the process and history. The highlight being the view from the top of the building and of course the free samples. Sunday night after dinner like other evenings in Dublin was spent at the Hotel Bar with our own resident folksinger, John Rucklidge, entertaining us.

Monday started bright and early, well early, and our coach took us to Castletown House, a Palladian country house, in County Kildare. The house was built in 1722 for William Conolly, the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons. After a period during which the building had fallen into disrepair it was acquired by Sir Desmond Guinness in 1967. Together



with help from the Irish Georgian Society, of which the Master is a member, the house was restored to include many of its original furnishings. It is now in public ownership.

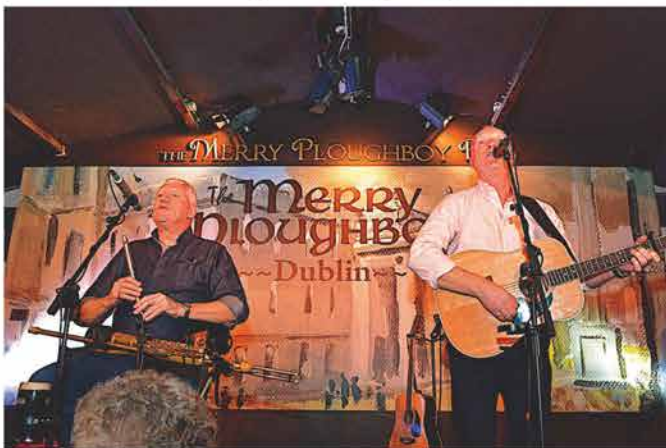
The Master had arranged for a friend of his, John Redmill, the Vice President of the Irish Georgian Society, to act as our guide both in the coach and at the house. He told us that George IV was a frequent visitor to Castletown House together with his favourite mistress both of whom weighed in at around 20 stone!

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On the way back from the city John Redmill pointed out and gave us the background to the major sites of Dublin. He explained how Dublin had been designed along the same lines as Paris with a road on either side of the central river. John also explained that contrary to popular belief there were Protestants who served in the army of the deposed James II and Catholics who served in the army of William of Orange.

We then had a short respite in the hotel before it was back in the coach and off to The Merry Ploughboy, the only Pub in Ireland owned and managed by Traditional Irish Musicians. The two-hour Irish Music and dancing show has been awarded 'Best Dinner/Entertainment Event in Ireland' and 'Music Pub of the Year', and we could see why! The very much enjoyed show followed an excellent meal with wine a plenty. Wine seemed to figure very heavily during the whole of our trip and especially where food was involved! Copies of the Irish National Anthem phonetics provided by Desmond Barry and John Redmill had been distributed beforehand but I'm not sure how many of our group managed to join in.



Tuesday morning started at a more reasonable time, especially for those who had propped up the bar on the previous evening and we left Dublin and headed for Enniscorthy where we stayed in the Riverside Park Hotel for the remainder of our trip. We arrived in good time mid-afternoon after a stop for food and wine.

Once we had booked in and off-loaded our luggage, we set

off on a tour of the town together with Liz Hore, District Manager of Enniscorthy Municipal District, starting with St Aidan's Cathedral where the priest explained its history and significance. The building had been designed by the celebrated architect Augustus Welby Pugin, a prolific designer of churches, but whose life was cut short sadly at the age of just forty. Then it was a short walk to the Castle where we were welcomed by the Enniscorthy Historical Re-enactment Society, in traditional Norman costumes, prior to a very generous and warm welcome to a Civic Reception hosted by Willie Kavanagh MCC, Chairman of Enniscorthy Municipal District. A brief history of the building was given by Rory O'Conner. Once inside we were given the opportunity to sample the local Jackman Potato Gin, and Cleverman Beer. Best of all for a lifelong chocoholic was the home-made chocolate which involved hitting a slab of chocolate and then eating the pieces. Absolute bliss. Many other local dignitaries and business people were present including Chamber President Maree Lyng, Tom Banville of Wexford Local Enterprise Office, and Counsellor Barbara Anne Murphy; Liz Hore was



there too. Speeches were made both by locals and the Master who was presented with a beautiful piece of glassware. Also present was a representative of the local paper, Padraig Byrne, who wrote up the event together with several photographs. Back to the hotel for dinner, with much drinking of wine.

Wednesday it was down to the serious stuff! A visit to Borris House. Was this the Master's cunning plan to sway the Brexit vote? No but we were not disappointed with this lovely ancestral home complete with its own 'working' chapel and still inhabited by the MacMurrough Kavanaghs after more than a thousand years. One famous ancestor, Arthur, was born with no limbs but still managed not only to travel the world but also to sire many children! The kitchens were also in good working order and we were provided with a lovely lunch before we moved on to Hook Head Lighthouse. The lighthouse is still fully operational after 800 years and provided those of us prepared to climb the narrow stairs with beautiful views over the ocean.

Then on to the coach for a restful hour's coach ride before our next adventure at Killowen Farm a working farm where they manufacture yogurt. Once suitably kitted out in white overalls

*Holiday in Dublin and Wexford, Southern Ireland continued...*

and head coverings we were able to watch the process. Who would have thought that making yoghurt would involve hi-tech machinery and the free samples were pretty good too!

The next day which was Thursday 25th saw us off to visit Waterford Crystal. Our guided tour enabled us to learn much about the history and process of glass making in the area. There were also many wonderful and imaginative pieces of glass to admire.



After lunch we returned to our hotel for a short rest before we set off once again in our ever-present coach. This time it was to Wexford, men in their dinner suits and black ties and ladies dressed in beautiful gowns. Initially we enjoyed a superb early dinner at the Talbot Hotel. Early because this was to be our Night at the Opera. A short walk from the Talbot found us in a series of small streets with terraced houses. Squeezed between one such row of houses was the National Opera House - a veritable Tardis. Small on the outside, but enormous on the inside, a purpose-built auditorium that houses a world-renowned Opera Festival every year.

We were to see two Operas, L'Oracolo by Franco Leoni and Mala Vita by Umberto Giordano both sung in Italian. The two composers were contemporaries having been born in the 1860's and both dying in the 1940's. The two Operas provide a significant contrast. L'Oracolo is set in and around a Chinese Opium den with much violence and killings. Mala Vita on the other hand has two women loving the same man and the violence is more low-key. Most of our party enjoyed Mala Vita but many found the more dramatic but blood thirsty L'Oracolo more difficult to digest. Perhaps I enjoy blood and thunder more than most because it was L'Oracolo which I remember the most. A very late night but undoubtedly this was one of the highlights of our trip.

And then on to our final day and no let up from the Master's jam-packed programme. At 10.30 we were expected at the Kennedy Homestead. This is the birthplace of President John F Kennedy's great-grandfather Patrick Kennedy and the visitors' centre celebrates the story of five generations of the Kennedy dynasty. A working farm still farmed by his descendants; JFK visited the farm on his trip to Ireland

in 1963. Patrick Grennan, himself a member of the Kennedy family, addressed us and answered questions about the family.

This was to be yet another very busy day! From the Kennedy homestead we were driven to Curraghmore House where we had lunch and a brief tour. The various rooms contained several paintings by Old Masters, many of which proved to be fakes although a few had been authenticated.

We were shown the Flogging Block on which one of the family had suffered whilst at Public School. Apparently, he and friends broke into the school after they had left and stole it! In the garden stands a Folly, the world-famous Shell House. Catherine, Countess of Tyrone created this over a period of 261 days with 'her proper' hands in 1754. The small building is covered inside from floor to ceiling, including the latter, with shells from all over the world. An amazing sight.

Our final visit was to be one of the most memorable. Our Master and his consort John Nolan live part of the year in Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, and it was to their home Annfield House where we reached the end of our amazing journey that had started a week earlier in Dublin. The house itself had been built in the early 19th Century and was originally a pair of cottages. We were royally entertained with much fizz and food. The Master told us about the house and his plans.



Before we left to go back to our hotel, our Senior Past Master Harold Gould, an unbelievably sprightly 92-year-old, gave an impromptu speech to thank the Master both for his hospitality that day and for the wonderful tour that he had organised for us all.

Then our last dinner at the hotel, once again included much wine and chat, followed by celebrations and more drinks at the bar with music and some dancing. Most of the party left the following day aboard our ever-reliable coach.



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### *The Silent Ceremony and The Lord Mayor's Show*

*Friday 9th November and Saturday 10th November*

It was a busy couple of days for the Guild, starting with attendance at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall to witness the swearing in of Guild Member The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Peter Estlin.



After the ceremony the Master John Barber DL, Senior Warden Neil Redcliffe, Clerk Christine Cook and Beadle John Hollingsworth made their way to the Art Gallery in Guildhall where we had the honour of presenting a gift of a silver photo frame to Alderman and Sheriff Vincent Keaveny.

The following day saw 100 Guild members and guests attend The Lord Mayor's Show, viewing from the Guild's stand at



St Paul's and 32 carried on to a delicious lunch at Guildhall. In the meantime, the Master took part in the parade in a carriage, escorted as usual by the Guild's Soldier of the Year, and this year he got a 'shout out' on the BBC ticker!

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### *Reception and Dinner at Skinners' Hall*

*Wednesday 14th November*

The Master hosted his third black tie dinner at Skinners' Hall, a Grade I listed, unique scheduled ancient monument, and home to the Skinners' Company (one of the Great Twelve Livery Companies of London for over 700 years). Following a welcome by the Master in the receiving line, members of the Guild and their guests enjoyed a sparkling reception where convivial conversation was matched by the flowing 'bubbly'.

Summoned to dinner, we proceeded into the magnificent Great Hall, dating from 1670, having been rebuilt after the Great Fire of London. The beautifully wood-panelled walls are surmounted by fabulous large painted panels by Sir Frank William Brangwyn, giving the feel of a medieval banqueting hall. This is accentuated by an extensive silver collection in a magnificent display case on the wall behind the top table.

A delightful selection of music was provided by a 4-piece ensemble of students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama who were situated to one side of the entrance to the Great Hall, appropriately under the wooden minstrel's gallery, which spans the wall containing the entrance doors.

We enjoyed a delicious dinner, starting with woodland mushrooms accompanied by Nutbourne Sussex Reserve

(2014). A sumptuous main course of duet of salt marsh lamb with accompaniments was complemented by Côtes du Rhône Domaine Le Garrigon (2013). A dessert of Somerset Camembert soufflé was followed by coffee.

The assembled company enthusiastically enjoyed the Loving Cup ceremony, following which the Master introduced his guest speaker, Col Jane Davies, OBE DL, his fellow Deputy Lieutenant of Great London. Col Davies spoke with great feeling of her career in nursing of over 40 years and her service in the Army Reserve of 36 years, complementing a wide knowledge and experience base with an entertaining presentation style, both with humour and humility.



## Dinner and Culinary Master Class with Cyrus Todiwala OBE

Thursday 22nd November

This evening promised to be a unique event and indeed that is exactly what it was. For those who were fortunate to attend the evening proved to be most memorable.

Our hosts for the evening, Cyrus and Pervin Todiwala, made us most welcome from the start. Split into the two sides of the restaurant, members were either able to see a demonstration in the show kitchen or on a big screen. It was obvious to all very quickly why this restaurant is the longest running Michelin BIB Gourmand restaurant in the world.

As the evening progressed, and Cyrus commenced his demonstration, it became apparent that not only was this a Masterclass in the correct methods to employ to gain the most from your spices and to maximise flavour, but a history lesson on how foods, flavours, methods of cooking and people had moved around the globe taking and amalgamating their traditions as they went.

Who knew that in the middle of a Culinary Masterclass we would be learning about the connections between the Asian subcontinent, the Portuguese and Vasco da Gama?

We also learnt about releasing the oils in spices before cooking, putting your pan of rice in the oven so your rice doesn't burn on the bottom, why coconut cream powder is better than coconut milk and why cold pressed virgin olive oil is healthier for you and that BRITISH onions are the best for cooking too.

We finished the evening with a sumptuous array of canapés including Chicken Tikka Sausage Roll, Cider and Cinnamon Gammon Mousse and Curried Lamb Puffs. We then moved onto the main course of Chicken Tikka Makhani, Lamb Palva with Saffron Rice and Shredded Beef with Ginger and Spring onion and Chilli. All accompanied with assorted



Naan breads. No great meal could be complete without two delightful desserts of Chocolate Mousse and Lemon Cheesecake.





The whole evening passed so quickly, it was entertaining as well as interesting and left us all to make our way home with increased knowledge as well as increased waistlines.



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## Annual Banquet, Guildhall

Monday 10th December

Court Assistant **Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston** reflects upon the grandeur of the Guild's Annual Banquet and why the occasion in Guildhall is so special to the Guild of Freemen and their guests.

"It's like coming home". That was how Alderman Ian Luder summed up our Annual Banquet at Guildhall. It is a sentiment shared by many of us who make this spectacular event part of our annual build-up to Christmas. One of the grandest occasions in the City calendar, it is also one of the most convivial - you always feel you are among friends. For me it is a perfect demonstration of all that is best about the Guild.



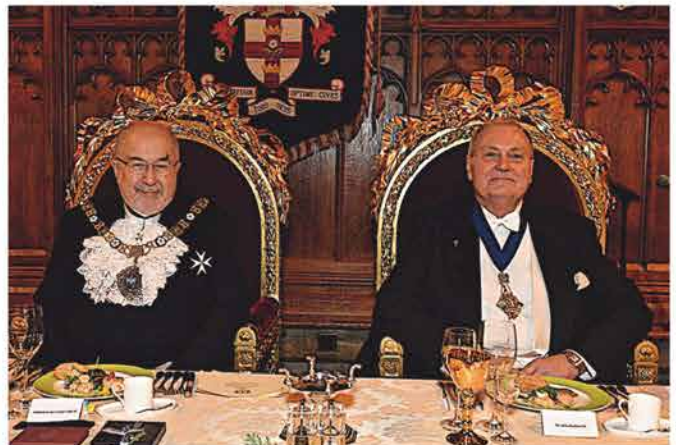
Ian Luder and his wife Lin are both Life Members of the Guild, and as Lord Mayor in 2008, Ian served as our centenary Patron. At this most recent Banquet we were delighted to welcome Ian as The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, representing The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Peter Estlin, who was leading a trade mission to Canada, the USA and Mexico. Alderman and Sheriff Vincent Keaveny, Sheriff The Hon Elizabeth Green and their consorts were our Guests of Honour, joining more than 400 Guild members and guests from all over the world for a very special evening.

Guildhall never fails to impress. The setting is breathtaking, the sense of history powerful: this place has borne



witness to events ranging from the trial of Lady Jane Grey to the last concert appearance of Frederick Chopin. At the very heart of the City, it is also the spiritual home for all Freemen.

Our evening began as it always does in the Art Gallery, watching for the arrival of old friends and being formally welcomed by the Master. The receiving line is formed against the backdrop of one of the finest collections of paintings in the country, including Pre-Raphaelite masterpieces by Millais, Rossetti and Alma-Tadema. I always enjoy listening to people debating the merits of their favourite picture. My own favourite is the immense and hugely confident *The Defeat*



*of the Floating Batteries at Gibraltar*, by John Singleton Copley, which at nearly 25ft long is the largest oil canvas on display in Britain – a wall was specially designed for it when the Guildhall Art Gallery was rebuilt in the 1990s.

Adding even more colour and interest, we were joined by a Carpet Guard from the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers, the Body Guard for The Lord Mayor. This is the ceremonial unit of the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) - the oldest regiment in the British Army - and its members are dressed and equipped as the HAC would have been in the time of Charles I. As a concession to modernity, the pikes they carry have been reduced from an original 18ft version to a more practical 12ft! (In another nod to the modern world, they are always pleased to feature in our Guild photos.) Each musketeer wears on his belt a dozen gunpowder flasks, known as 'apostles', and the more lace you see around the neck and cuffs, the more senior the officer.

After a reception in the Old Library, where we were joined by the Mayoral party, we took our seats for dinner in the Great Hall. The principal guests nodded to familiar faces as they made the ceremonial long walk round the hall to their places, to the strains of Handel's *March from Scipio* and to handclapping from the assembled company. Grace was said by our Honorary Chaplain, The Very Revd Dr David Ison,

Annual Banquet, Guildhall continued...



Dean of St Paul's. Throughout dinner we were entertained by the London Banqueting Ensemble with a varied musical programme that included the ever-popular *Jerusalem* and a rousing rendition of Guild favourite *Land of Hope and Glory*, rounding off with a splendid *Post Horn Galop* as the finale.

I spent an amusing evening in the company of Murray Craig and his wife Tracey. Murray is well known – as Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court, he performs many of the Freedom of the City ceremonies, including Honorary Freedom ceremonies. He is a great friend of the Guild and a veritable mine of information on the City and Guildhall. Facts, figures, feats, famous faces and dates ... nothing escapes Murray's curiosity, from the statues soaring above us to the treasures in the Guildhall vault, from which Murray recently unearthed a fine marble bust of the Duke of Wellington, made to commemorate the granting of the Freedom to the Iron Duke after Waterloo.

It is now on display in the Chamberlain's Court for the benefit of everyone who becomes a Freeman. For the record, Murray

also has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the fortunes of minor-league Scottish football teams.

The evening's menu had an Irish theme, with a trio of Glenarm Salmon from County Antrim; loin of suckling pork from O'Doherty of Enniskillen, and Irish Malt Whiskey ice cream, bringing back happy memories of our Guild holiday to County Wexford in October.

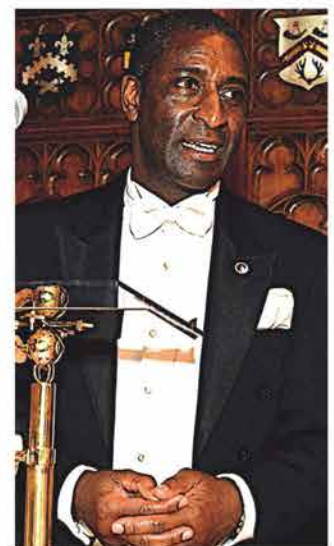
After dinner and Sung Grace, we all took part in the traditional ceremony of the Loving Cup. The Guild owns 35 silver loving cups, presented to mark Masters' years in office and occasions for national celebration. At Guildhall, 15 of these were in circulation, many

recognisable from last year's talk on our Guild treasures by silver expert Sheldon Shapiro.

The Master proposed the Loyal Toast and the Toast to the Royal Family. Senior Warden Neil Redcliffe proposed a spirited Toast to The Lord Mayor, The City of London Corporation and the Sheriffs, with the response given by The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens.

The Master welcomed the guests, including our friends from the guilds in York, Chester and Coventry, as well as the Deacon Convener of the Trades House of Glasgow, who attended with several of his 'Chain Gang', the Glasgow Deacons known for their distinctive gold chains. The Toast to the Guild and its Master was given by Lennox Cato, from *The Antiques Roadshow*, who charted the fascinating progress of his career from a childhood spent with his adoptive family in The Lanes, home of Brighton's antiques trade.

The Master then closed the evening and wished everybody a safe journey home.



## Events of 2018-19

### *Carol Service at Saint Vedast-alias-Foster and Reception at Dion, Paternoster House, St Paul's*

*Tuesday 18th December*

The Guild's Annual Carol Service was held in the Church of St Vedast-alias-Foster and more than 80 Guild Members and their guests attended.

The Parish of St Vedast is known from the 12th century and is traditionally claimed to have been established in 1170. It has been altered, enlarged and restored many times and rebuilt at least twice. It was completely burnt out during World War II. Restoration began in 1953 when the church had a more appropriate layout designed for smaller 20th century congregations. The ceiling was constructed to a pattern near that of the Wren original and finished with gold leaf and aluminium and looks quite exquisite. The magnificent Harris and Byfield organ dates from 1731.

The Revd Paul Kennedy, the Priest-in-Charge, led the service whilst the Choir of St Vedast provided a wonderful variety of solo and choir pieces and led the singing under the leadership of their talented Musical Director and Organist Jo Ramadan.

The service commenced with 'Once in Royal David's City' and after two verses of solo and choir, the Guild Members joined in with great enthusiasm which continued throughout the other festive hymns.



In addition to the carols, there were bible readings from Guild Members, Mr David Brady, Dr Cathy Amos, Mr Kim Bromley-Derry, The Master Mr John Barber and The Revd Paul Kennedy.

The Christmas message by Revd Kennedy was taken from the carol sung earlier by the choir of 'Adam Lay Y' Bounden' and the consequences from this gave us thoughts to consider.

The service finished with an Act of Dedication for the Guild of Freemen and a roof raising 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'.

We then headed out in the rain to Dion on Paternoster Row, in the shadow of the imposing St Paul's Cathedral. We descended



the stairs of a bustling restaurant to find a wonderful selection of wine and canapés and lots of chatter in catching up with old and new members. There was lots of festive cheer and good wishes exchanged before heading off into the cold and damp night as we looked forward to the Christmas Season.

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### *Reception and Dinner at Vintners' Hall*

*Wednesday 23rd January*

The Master and his guests, Sir Neil Thorne, former Member of Parliament for Ilford South and Life President of the charity 'Children in Distress' and Lady Thorne, welcomed 72 Guild members and their guests to the first dinner of 2019, which was held at Vintners' Hall.

We gathered in the Drawing Room, with its sumptuously refurbished ceiling, for a sparkling reception. There was quite a 'buzz' as people met old friends and wished each other Happy New Year. We were engrossed in the display cabinets, which have a collection of enamel and porcelain wine labels and the Company's Charters, which line the walls. People were queuing to have their photo taken with the bronze swan, the symbol of the Company, situated in the conservatory. There was so much to see and admire but before we knew it, we were called to dinner, which as usual ended with the Loving Cup Ceremony.



Afterwards Sir Neil gave a very interesting speech full of anecdotes about his time in Parliament – a good idea to keep it light! Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of the Guild and it was a lovely opportunity for new members to meet the 'old hands' and members of the Court. The wines, as you would expect at Vintners, were superb!

### *Reception and Dinner at the House of Lords*

*Friday 15th February*

At the close of a bright, late Winter day in February, a group of Guild of Freemen members and their guests assembled in the medieval magnificence of Westminster Hall. Built in 1097 by William II, it is the oldest surviving building on the Parliamentary Estate. As we stood in what was once considered the largest medieval hall in Europe, we gazed upwards and one could not fail to be awed by the workmanship of the Hammer Beam roof. Built in the reign of Richard II in the late 14th century, in a modern twist it would become the model and inspiration for the roof at Hogwarts from the Harry Potter films. History resonates here, as our guide pointed out where Winston Churchill lay in state as did The Queen's parents King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. On the steps leading to St Stephen's, Hall

Charles II and Guy Fawkes would have stood trial and in more recent times Nelson Mandela, Pope Benedict XVI and President Obama have addressed both Houses of Parliament here.

As we continued our tour through to St Stephen's Hall, our guide recounted the story of how the suffragette

Marjorie Hume in 1909 chained herself to the statue of Viscount Falkland and how 100 years later four climate change protesters glued themselves to the base of the same statue. The suffragettes' struggles are remembered in two windows in the hall including a light sculpture above the entrance to it. We continued through to the House of Commons Chamber; even though we see it often on the television, it still felt remarkable to be standing in a place where the leading politicians of the day engage in lively and sometimes heated debates and which has borne witness to major events in British history.

A young parliamentary reporter called Charles Dickens, just starting out on his literary career in the 1830s, would have looked down from the Press Gallery to see the passing of the Great Reform Act of 1832. How much of what he saw influenced his many novels?

We also visited one of the division lobbies, where we were privileged to see a report from the Parliamentary Archives on the events surrounding the Gunpowder Plot. The division lobbies are where MPs go to vote when the division bell



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*Reception and Dinner at the House of Lords continued...*

is rung; affording, as our Guide told us, an opportunity for junior MPs to have a quiet word and mingle with more senior MPs and Ministers. As we entered the ornate Pugin designed House of Lords, the focus was the Sovereign's throne. Its design is based on the 14th century coronation chair in Westminster Abbey. From this throne the Queen delivers her speech at the State Opening of Parliament.

Finally, a convivial reception and then a delicious dinner was enjoyed in the Peers' Dining Room. The Master thanked the Rt Hon The Lord Lingfield for kindly hosting our dinner and he in turn gave us an interesting speech, with some amusing anecdotes of life in the House of Lords and his role as Knight President of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor.

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### *Visit and Buffet Supper at the College of Arms*

*Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th February*

On a crisp winter evening we arrived early at the College of Arms, an annual – and always popular – feature in the Master's programme. As soon as the beautiful iron gates, which in fact were only erected in 1956, opened we made our way up the sweeping outdoor staircase to the Earl Marshal's Court Room where the introductory talk was given by John Petrie, Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms. He then handed over to William Hunt, who is the recently retired Windsor Herald of Arms in Ordinary.

William explained the history of the College and the important role that it has in modern life. 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. The heralds, besides having ceremonial duties, advise on all matters relating to the peerage and baronetage, precedence, honours and ceremonial as well as national and community symbols including flags. We then went through to the oak panelled Waiting Room where we were able to hear more but now with a glass of wine! William explained that although many of the ceremonial duties of heralds have disappeared, they still carry out and organise under the Earl Marshal, certain extremely ancient and splendid ceremonies.

In June each year the procession and service of the Sovereign and Knights Companion of the Order of the Garter is held at Windsor Castle. The State Opening of Parliament, usually in November, is another magnificent ceremony. The Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, is one of the two Great Officers of State and the office is hereditary in his family. He has powers of supervision over the heralds and the College of Arms. The arrangement of State funerals and the Monarch's Coronation in Westminster Abbey fall under the jurisdiction of the Earl Marshal, and the heralds have a role in their organisation. At all these ceremonies the heralds wear their highly distinctive medieval uniform, the tabard. This is a coat embroidered on its front, back and sleeves with the Royal Arms.



We then went into the record room where John re-joined us and showed us many beautiful and ancient records of the Grants of Arms, including the Guild's own. We could have stayed for hours looking at the many historical documents, most of which were beautifully illuminated, but it was time to retire to the Waiting Room where a buffet supper was waiting for us. I can see why this event is in the programme every year; new members must take up the opportunity to visit!

### Reception and Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall

Wednesday 27th February

Master John Barber's final black-tie dinner of his hectic year in office was at Fishmongers' Hall on 27th February. The Hall, an imposing, Grade II\* listed building at the north end of London Bridge, is the fourth Hall on the site. The current Hall opened in 1834 and then-junior architect Sir Gilbert Scott worked on the drawings. Its style is opulent Victorian (although Victoria did not come to the throne until 1837). Fishmongers' Hall contains many treasures, including the dagger with which Lord Mayor Walworth killed Wat Tyler in 1381 and the famous 1955 portrait of Queen Elizabeth II by Pietro Annigoni.

The Hon. Chaplain to the Guild, The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, said Grace. The 130 members and guests enjoyed a delightful meal of chicken and ham hock terrine, followed by pan-roasted sea bream with a wild mushroom risotto, finishing with plum tatin and vanilla ice cream, and good wines to match. After dinner the Master wished everyone a "hearty welcome" with the traditional ceremony of the Loving Cup. The loyal toasts included Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal who was Centenary Master of the Guild of Freeman and was, at the time of this event, Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers.

We were then entertained by a jazz quartet of piano, drums, double bass and a singer from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama who played several well-known songs including "Nice Work if you can get it", "I get a kick out of you" and a moving performance from Bernstein's West Side Story,

"Somewhere: A Place for Us". Fishmongers' was certainly the right place to be on this evening.

In his speech the Master thanked all present, and all members of the Guild, for the tremendous support he had been given during his year. The Master's guests during his year included many of his long-standing friends, and he had saved the best to last, Sir David Brewer KG CMG CVO, and his wife Lady (Tessa) Brewer OBE. Sir David is a fellow Past Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths' Company, and a Cornishman with a distinguished fifty-year career in marine insurance, serving as London's Lord Mayor in 2005-2006 and then Lord Lieutenant of Greater London from 2008 to 2015. Sir David was knighted in 2007, became a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in 2015, and a Knight Companion of the Garter in 2016. The Master presented Sir David with the History of the Guild, and a box of chocolates which Sir David lists as one of his hobbies!

In reply Sir David thanked the Master for all the many years of service he had given to many city associations and especially the London Borough of Newham where the Master was "born and bred", and where he still serves as the Deputy Lieutenant. Sir David, commenting on the Master's recent restoration of his home in Wexford, Ireland, suggested that the Prime Minister could do well to ask the Master to help sort the knotty problem of the Irish Backstop. Sir David also paid tribute to the hard work of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, Christine Cook and Judith Westall.



## City of London School for Girls

### *Former pupil and Guild Member Christine Coultrup, reports on the City of London School for Girls and the 125th Anniversary celebrations.*



2019 marks the 125th anniversary of the City of London School for Girls (CLSG). To celebrate this milestone a thanksgiving service was held in St Paul's Cathedral in January, which was attended by the whole school, parents, alumni, City dignitaries, including the Guild's Master, Mr John Barber, DL.

We filled the cathedral – and not for the first time. This was the third such service I have attended, starting with a celebration of the school's 60th year in my first year as a pupil. They have all been splendid occasions, this time with The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, The Sheriffs and The City Marshal in their regalia, underlining the close involvement of the school in the City of London. One of CLSG's great strengths has always been its music and once again we were not disappointed when the choir sang two anthems.

#### **Championing Future Thinkers**

CLSG has more celebratory events planned through the year, but its vision is to raise £1.25 million to greatly expand its programme of bursaries.

The school's focus is to nurture independent, life-long learners who can think critically, listen with empathy and embrace difference with confidence. It believes that young women with these attributes will be best empowered to make a difference in our fast-changing world. Critical to the realisation of this vision is CLSG's unique diversity, a diversity that stems from the past and from the school's values and its commitment to ensure that ability to pay is no barrier to accessing an education ranked among the very best in the country.

CLSG provides tangible proof that need-blind access creates a thriving community where students can achieve, irrespective of their background. The School's ambitious 125th anniversary fund will greatly extend the financial support already available to pupils and aims to establish an endowment fund to secure William Ward's founding vision so that no girl with the talent and potential to succeed is denied an education at CLSG.

#### **History**

In 1894, successful manufacturer William Ward left a bequest in his will for the opening of a girls' school, providing

something rare at that time – an excellent education for young women – as he recognised the power of education in supporting social mobility.

The City of London School for Girls is now located in the Barbican, having left its premises on the corner of Carmelite Street and Tudor Street in 1969. The Carmelite Street building was five stories with classrooms, laboratories, a school hall which was also used as a gym and a dining room and had an open fire in every classroom. An expansion into a neighbouring Tudor Street building was reached by an enclosed walkway between Guildhall School of Music practice rooms and included a library, break room and classrooms and boasted some central heating. The facilities available in the Barbican, of course, are better and greater than Carmelite Street girls ever dreamed. The City of London School for Girls is flourishing in the Barbican with twice or more times the students than in Carmelite Street.

As a former pupil I recall my time at CLSG with affection and recognise the great influence it has had on my life. I now have nieces at the school and support wholeheartedly any programme to extend that opportunity to as many girls as possible who may benefit from the education offered.

The City of London School for Girls has gratefully received support from the Guild of Freemen in the past and I hope that may long continue.



## The Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust

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### The LORD MAYOR'S 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards TRUST



The Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust was founded in 1989 with the object of helping young people to undertake projects designed to broaden their experience, develop their self-confidence, and improve their career chances.

An additional aim is to give beneficiaries an insight and interest in the work of The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London. Grants are made twice a year to young people aged between 17 and 24. Priority for granting awards is given to those applicants with a close connection to the City of London. Projects should include challenge, initiative and creativity, and benefit to others. They may incorporate arts and music as well as physical challenge.

Enterprises which have qualified for Awards include: Teaching and community work in many different countries; Conservation and wild life work abroad; Attendance at summer schools and work experience abroad.

Participation in: Scout and Guide expeditions and Jamborees; Raleigh International expeditions; International Citizen; Service overseas placements; British Exploring Society expeditions; Tall Ships voyages and sail training; Youth Choir tours abroad; Kayaking and diving expeditions; Teaching programmes such as those organized through Project Trust; Building and developing schools in third world countries; Expeditions organized by schools which include an element of community work; Mountaineering/trekking at home or abroad; Making TV documentaries overseas; Adventurous travel; Support for special courses run for disadvantaged youth; Medical, dental and nursing electives; Work in orphanages and children's homes and with the destitute abroad.

*Further information and Application forms may be obtained from the Adviser at the following address: The Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust, St Margaret's Church, Lothbury, London EC2R 7HH - ✉ [lm800aat@hotmail.com](mailto:lm800aat@hotmail.com) ☎ 07979 227914*

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### *Flora Bagnall reports on her Peruvian Amazon expedition.*

Along with The British Exploring Society and about 50 other young explorers with a huge diversity of backgrounds and experiences, I travelled to the Peruvian district of Loreto where I spent five weeks exploring the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, located between two major Amazonian tributaries, The Ucayali and The Marañon. It took many days to reach Base Camp Tipishca. The journey comprised of 4 planes and a 13-hour long boat journey which provided the perfect opportunity to get to know the rest of the team and think about what lay ahead. After months of fundraising and planning I really couldn't believe what I was doing and had several 'pinch me moments', especially when I saw my first pod of river dolphin whilst watching the Amazonian sun set from the deck of our boat. The explorers were divided up into groups of 10-15 known as Fires. It amazed me how quickly I started to really get on with everyone and settle into expedition routine.

My senses were constantly being bombarded, the heat and humidity, the smells, the sounds of distant Howler monkeys or Donkey birds. I was just blown away by how alive my new environment was, everywhere I looked I discovered something out of this world looking beastly. I remember noticing the purity of the air from all the oxygen being chucked out by the dense, surrounding vegetation.

Our Scientific objective for the expedition was to collect data to help understand the diversity of Fauna and Flora in the area and explore climate change and human factors in the region. In our Fires we would spend many days creating new paths to push deep into the untouched jungles to establish satellite camps. Along the way we used GPS (Global Positioning System) and cartographic skills to map the area and paths, whilst recording species and considering the future of Pacaya Samiria.

This was the first year the British Exploring Society has been to the area so we were setting the base line for future expeditions and leaving a legacy by creating ID guides, maps and methods, collecting data that future years can compare their findings with. For me my favourite science was the night walks and bat surveys using bat detectors to distinguish between species depending on their frequency and making their ultrasonic echolocation calls audible to the human ear. Other projects included pitfall and camera trapping, arboreal entomology work, butterfly surveys and aquatic research using hydrophones to listen to pods of dolphins and sampling the water and sediment of the rivers, Cotchitas and Cotchas. I was never bored; I would be up at 05.30 every morning to watch birds at dawn and up late doing night walks and moth surveys.

# The Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust

Flora Bagnall reports on her Peruvian Amazon expedition continued...



We were fortunate to be really engaged with the local people, many were our guides who were able to share generations of local knowledge and enrich our experience and understanding. The Reserve supports around 9,500 Caracara indigenous people who are becoming progressively more involved in collaborations to develop and maintain management of the 2,080,000-hectare reserve. Gabino and Sergio our guides helped me with my Spanish and loved telling me about the traditional uses of the plants such as the Wasai Palm, used for treating fevers and even Malaria. We spent a little time with a local San Martin school doing art with the kids and playing football with them, the children's energy and enigmatic smiles were infectious!

I was honestly the happiest I've been in years during my five weeks on expedition. Yes, I was muddy, stinky and covered in bites, but I really couldn't care less. To be free of walls, ceilings, technology and stresses of work and money was so refreshing! I felt so privileged to be surrounded by such positive and open-minded young people. Initially I found the lack of personal space challenging but learnt to relax more around my team mates and see each other as a little jungle family, we soon grew really close and I think that this was mainly due to working hard as a team to accomplish demanding tasks in foreign, challenging conditions such as the daily water run, carrying an 80kg barrel as a team back to camp, coordinating the scientific projects, macheteing through dense jungle in boiling hot conditions etc. a world away from our comfy, materialistic lives in the United Kingdom. For me the biggest lesson was learning to be in the present, in the moment and not always worrying about what I need to do next and getting ahead. Each day I tried to spend some time just fully embracing where I was and my surroundings by sitting and just observing, it was amazing how much more I noticed, especially as when you are being still and quiet, all sorts of more timid wildlife emerge.

All the British Exploring Society science leaders were so passionate and encouraging. I was often left speechless upon learning about the amazing complexity of the diverse life forms and interactions in our surrounding environment. It was fantastic to learn so many new scientific methods and I really feel I've furthered my knowledge and understanding

of the world of conservation science. I feel inspired to make my passion for the natural world my life's work (I know that may seem terribly naïve coming from a 19-year-old, but I really do!) This expedition has opened my eyes to some of the real issues facing our planet and has made me even more determined to pursue a career in conservation biology. I aspire to be at the forefront of scientific discovery, leading my own research projects to help fight these pressing environmental issues and find solutions to help preserve the amazing biodiversity that

I have now been fortunate enough to experience. I am looking forward to the challenge of studying Zoology with French at Bristol University.

After having struggled with severe eating disorders since the age of 12, recovery has been a long, difficult journey. The expedition taught me that life can be happy, enriching and fulfilling. For the first time in years I was able to just be Flora, Flora in her element not Flora with an eating disorder. This experience has made me even more determined to pursue recovery and throw myself into fulfilling, positive adventures, work and research. I cannot express how grateful I am to the trustees for granting me the funds to help me get out to Peru. I feel so blessed and it has made a huge impact on my life in the most fantastic of ways!



Many, Many Thanks, *Flora Bagnall.*

# 253 Provost Company RMP (Reserves)

## Annual Report

During the past year, 253 Provost Company (253 Pro Coy) Royal Military Police (RMP) has been focussed on the new 'Military Police Battle Craft Syllabus' (MP BCS) which provides the training objectives to ensure that the Company is ready to deploy on operations alongside Regular Army counterparts. One eye has however been kept on London and the Company's ceremonial role ensuring that the Company continues its support to the capital and Headquarters' London District.



*Annual Royal Military Police Church Parade*

In February, the Company led the annual Royal Military Police Church Parade held at the Tower of London and attended by serving members of 1 Military Police Brigade and Military Police veterans together with guest of honour; the General Officer Commanding London District Major General Benjamin Bathurst CBE. This annual event is an excellent event that not only provides an opportunity for the RMP and wider family to meet in such historic surroundings but allows 253 Pro Coy to demonstrate its links with the Tower of London and its Yeoman Warders.

2018 was a significant year of remembrance as 'Op REFLECT' (the British Army's commemoration of World War One) came to an end. 253 Pro Coy has played an active part in Op REFLECT since it began back in 2014 and was heavily committed throughout 2018. A key event in the London Op REFLECT commemorations was the Reserve Forces and Cadet Association led 'London Remembers World War One' held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. This event provided an opportunity for the Chelsea Pensioners to exercise their freedom of Chelsea for which 253 Pro Coy provided Military Police support ensuring that the freedom parade was delivered in an efficient and secure manner.

This year 253 Pro Coy deployed alongside other Military Police Reserve units on the Annual Deployment Exercise to the British Forces Cyprus training area as part of Exercise LION STAR. The exercise was designed to test the Company's ability to deploy and integrate with other Reserve units to support the wider British Army on operations. Training consisted of weapon handling and range work, basic close combat skills, operational military policing and of course physical training! Working in daily temperatures above 35 degrees and with ever decreasing sleep was a challenge but one that the Company rose to and proved that it was more



*253 Pro Coy Company, HM Tower of London  
Photo: Victor Ho Photography*

than capable of working directly alongside both Reserve and Regular colleagues.

As part of the British Army's operational commitments, 253 Pro Coy need to be able to work alongside not just Regular colleagues from the British Army but also Military Police colleagues from other NATO members. In order to develop this relationship, in October 2018, 253 Pro Coy deployed one of its members (LCpl Graham Price) onto Exercise ANGEL



*LCpl Price deployed to Spain with NATO colleagues as part of Exercise ANGEL GUARDIAN*

GUARDIAN; a NATO Military Police exercise run by the Spanish Legion Military Police on a military training area near Valencia. The exercise was designed to develop mutual understanding, share corporate knowledge (military doctrine) and to enhance interoperability across NATO Military Police units.

As part of the Company's continued relationship with the Guild of Freeman, members of The Guild were invited to visit the Company during two training weekends. Members of The Guild were hosted at the Police training weekend in April preparing personnel to support the Army vs Navy.

## 253 Provost Company RMP (Reserves)

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Rugby match and the military skills training weekend in September. These visits provided an excellent opportunity to better understand 253 Pro Company's role in the Army

and to support the affiliation between the Company and The Guild. There was also an opportunity to test the equipment used by the Company and sample the Operational Ration Packs issued when deployed. 253 Pro Coy welcomes future visits from members of The Guild throughout 2019 and dates will be added to the forecast of events.

In October 2018, 253 Pro Coy named the new Guild of Freeman 'Soldier of The Year'; LCpl Cara Husain was formally presented with the title during a visit from the Master's representative during the annual Company visit and took up the role as Guard of Honour to the Master's carriage during The Lord Mayor's Show in November. LCpl Husain will continue to represent 253 Pro Coy and support the Master and The Guild at key events throughout 2019. 253 Pro Coy would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Soldier of The Year LCpl Sven Harris for his hard work and dedication in representing 253 Pro Coy throughout 2018 and ensuring that the relationship with the Guild continues to grow.

*You can follow 253 Provost Company activities on Twitter: @253RMP\_Reserves and on Facebook: @1 Military Police Brigade.*

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## 253 Provost Company RMP (Exercise 'Scarlet Encore')

On 7th September 2018, it was a pleasure and a privilege for Guild Members Les and Ruth Deadman to join Major Dan Staples and 253 Provost Company on their training weekend at Hankley Common in Hampshire.

The weekend was one of three planned and the aims were to deliver field exercises and further develop basic soldier and specifically Military Policing skills. This was designed to prepare those soldiers and officers in support of the regular army.

"On arrival at the camp we were given an insight into the kit and equipment the soldiers carry. Sgt Ross Ferguson helped us to put on an extremely heavy rucksack or 'bergen', helmet and take hold of a standard British Army 'SA80' issue gun. We were amazed we could even walk with all this kit! This followed a briefing on the map model of the area covered by Officer Cadet Harry Brimacombe. It was not a map as we know it but was made from twigs, branches and forest foliage. Lastly, we were given the opportunity for a taste of sleeping under the stars in a 'basha' or piece of tarpaulin which was surprisingly warm. It did not look too comfortable, but as Dan said, "when you are so tired you will sleep anywhere"!

We were then taken off to the wilds of Hampshire where the Senior non-commissioned Officers (SNCOs) gave us a fascinating insight in field craft, patrolling, target identification, section attacks and 'Captured Persons'

training. The soldiers both men and women were in small groups and rotated around each skill. It was eerie to be having a gentle walk through the fields and woods only to have a soldier jump up and start firing his weapon (not at us I hasten to add!). What truly impressed us was the teamwork, skills, their commitment to each other, the trust in their fellow soldiers and the respect for their peers and officers.

Back at base camp, lunch was being prepared, but not our usual Guild lunch! However, the food looked and smelt surprisingly good. Operational Ration Packs or ORP





## 253 Provost Company RMP (Exercise ‘Scarlet Encore’)

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consisted of cereal bars, hearty bean stews and chickpea curry which was delicious. The lunch was finished off with tea and coffee or the ‘brew.’ As we were leaving, the *Red Arrows* appeared and provided a fly past to round off a truly perfect end to a wonderful day.”

It was a delight to see the company again, this time in full

dress uniform, attending the Guild Banquet and The Lord Mayor’s show. The link between the Guild and 253 Provost Company is a strong one and Les and Ruth Deadman would like to thank Major Dan Staples and his team for sharing this day with them. If the invitation to join in should arise again, they strongly recommend that Guild Members take up the opportunity of attending what was a fascinating experience.

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### 253 Provost Company RMP (Soldier of the Year)

Enter Warden Ann-Marie Jefferys was delighted to attend the 253 Provost Company Royal Military Police at Tulse Hill to present the Guild’s Soldier of the Year, Lance Corporal Cara Husain, with a certificate and plaque.

Lance Cpl Husain attended The Lord Mayor’s show, where she escorted the Master’s carriage. Ann-Marie tried out some of the Company’s field kit and practised some crowd control techniques at the Company’s training evening. While Ann-Marie enjoyed the experience, she did not think she would be joining the Company any time soon!



*Congratulations to Lance Corporal Cara Husain on winning the award*

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### Trades House Glasgow in London Dinner

On Tuesday, 11th September, the Master led the Guild ‘Visitation’ to the Trades House Glasgow in London Dinner, celebrating the links between the Freemen of the cities of London and Glasgow. A happy evening at Haberdashers’ Hall, with everything from singing and bell ringing to impromptu toasts.

The Trades House of Glasgow was created at the time of reform of Glasgow’s local government in 1605. At that time the electorate was essentially divided into two groups: the Merchants and the Craftsmen.

The Craft Incorporations were led by the Deacon Convener. Trades House was established to help protect and support the Crafts people of the City. Over the centuries it housed the Trades Free School for boys and girls, worked closely with educational establishments within the City to support initiatives

when appropriate and used Funds built up by donations from generous benefactors to assist those in need.

The Chain Gang is made up of the Deacons which head up each of the 14 Incorporated Crafts. It is called this simply because of the historic chains of office the Deacons wear, originally to identify themselves at official events and functions. Further information on Trades House Glasgow can be obtained by visiting their website at [www.tradeshouse.org.uk](http://www.tradeshouse.org.uk).



## City Events and News

### Golfing Society



The Golf Society members and guests, as always, enjoyed the three meetings this year and again we were most fortunate with the weather. Two meetings were at courses new to the society, Gerrards Cross Golf Club in April and at High Elms Golf Club, Bromley, in September.

Although the numbers attending continue to be low, we enjoyed the companionship and friendship during the day and at dinner, as well as the golf.

We would welcome many more new members and I am pleased to say that three will be joining us in 2019. To all the golfers in the Guild please support the Society and come and enjoy the courses we play and to the non-golfers please come and join us for dinner. In October the Guild team retained the Square Mile Golfing Goblet in the match at the North Hants Golf Club against the City Livery Golf Society.

#### Guild Trophies:

The Secretary's Cup for the best of three matches was won by Tony Latham. The Kenneth Honey Trophy for the best of two matches was shared by Richard Gambold and Bob Morgan. The Ronald Ward Silver Salver to Tony Latham as member winner at the High Elms GC and the Septuagenarian Salver to Len Tutt for the best front nine at the High Elms Golf Club.

#### Fixtures for 2019:

Thursday 25th April	Gerrards Cross Golf Club
Tuesday 18th June	West Byfleet Golf Club
Tuesday 10th September	High Elms Golf Club
Tuesday 22nd October	City Livery Golf Society at North Hants Golf Club



Tee off times are 13.30 followed by a two-course dinner, except the City Livery match which tees off at 09.30 followed by lunch.

**Tony Latham**  
*Honorary Secretary*  
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### United Guilds of the City of London Annual Service

On Friday 16th March, the Master, Members of the Court and Guild Members and their guests attended the 76th annual service of the United Guild's of the City of London at St Paul's Cathedral. The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Estlin, The Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their Consorts and the Court of Aldermen, as well as many other City dignitaries attend the service where all the London Livery Companies and Guild's gather together as a whole. The address was given by The Right Reverend Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The first United Guilds Service was held on 1st February 1943, when it was decided to hold a service in St Paul's Cathedral for all the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City of London combined, the idea behind the service being that it would lift the spirits of the City following the Blitz. Since then the service has become an annual event.



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### *Sheep Drive over London Bridge*

On Sunday 30 September, we had great fun driving our sheep over London Bridge in support of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen's Charity. We gathered at London Bridge, along with The Lord Mayor and Alan Titchmarsh as well as the newly installed Sheriffs Alderman Vincent Keaveny and the Hon. Liz Green.

We made our way to 'our' sheep and proceeded to drive them across the bridge (although there were people in front

of the flock making sure they kept moving!). We resisted the temptation to whistle and shout, "Come-bye" and we successfully drove our sheep (with our crooks) to the end of our section.

After we received our individual certificates, we made our way to the Barrowboy and Banker for a well-deserved hearty lunch and a drink. We will be back next year and will be looking for Guild Members to make up a team!



### *Garden of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral*

On Monday the 5th November, the Master joined The Lord Mayor, Masters of the City Livery Companies, representatives from the city's Armed Forces, and other key London institutions to plant the Guild's cross and poppy of remembrance. The short, moving ceremony also included the Last Post and Reveille, punctuated by a two-minute silence. The ceremony is held each year, on the Monday preceding Armistice Day, and was conducted by the Dean of St Paul's The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, the Guild's Honorary Chaplain. In attendance were choirs from the two City of London Schools, and the Coldstream Guards who played the music.

### *Guild Members' News*

#### *Congratulations*

*The Master, Wardens, Court of Assistants, and Members of the Guild congratulate the following Guild Members and Honorary Officers.*



**Court Assistant and Common Councilman Christopher Hayward** on his election as Non-Aldermanic Sheriff at Common Hall, held at Guildhall, on the 24th June 2019.

**Guild Member Alderman Michael Mainelli** on his election as Aldermanic Sheriff at Common Hall, held at Guildhall on 24th June 2019.

**Guild Member Virginia Hopson** on being elected Deputy Chairman of Castle Baynard Ward Club.

**Guild Member June Spencer CBE** on attaining her 100th birthday in June. Many Guild Members will recall June as *Peggy Woolley* in the long running radio programme '*The Archers*'.



**Guild Member Audrey Tibbles** for 75 years of volunteering with the British Red Cross, including first aid duties, bucket collections, cake baking, jam making, and helping at Red Cross events!

**Court Assistant Stephen Osborne** on being elected Junior Vice President of the United Wards' Club.

# The Guild Welcomes New Members 2018

## January

Bruce Edward Butler  
Anthony Terence Coote KGL  
KStJA BSc FSA Scot  
Paul Robert Crudge MIOd  
MIPI FRSA  
Glynn Edward Downton  
Frank William Featherstone  
Janos Gal  
Jane Elizabeth Gill MA(Hons)

## April

Anne Christine Cox  
Paul Michael Barwick  
Nicholas Simon Coletta  
BA(Hons) MCMi CMILT  
Anne Rosemary Cox  
Keith Norman Gregory BTech  
CEng MCIBSE  
Rebecca Hatjosif MBChB  
DRCOG  
Andrew Donald Anthony  
Johnson BA FCIM FIMI  
Sarah Marie Lowther  
Sean McClafferty  
Steven John Morson  
Anna Christina Richmond  
MCIPP  
Pamela Ann Saunders  
Ann Shepperd OBE  
Edmund Bonaparte Andrew  
Sokolowski  
Lawrence Thomas Wooldridge

## June

Irfan Awan  
Paul Bradley  
Robert John Flew  
Gary Anthony Fury IEng,  
AMRAeS  
David Andrew Hawtin  
Lucy Keane  
Dennis William Kinnersley  
Philippa Land  
Ian William Mumford  
Colin John Rate  
Ann Rolfe  
Simon Rose FCIPD FIC FCMI

## August

Paul Accornero CPA B. Comm  
Edward Byrne  
Stanley John Charles FCSI  
David George Craggs BSc MA  
FRSA  
Julian Marcus Evans FRICS  
FRGS BSc (Hons) PgC  
Trevor Griffiths  
William Stephen Nathaniel  
Higgon BSc (Hons)  
Alan Brian Reginald Hustwayte  
MISTD  
Louis James Pettipher  
Giuseppe Rizzani  
Russell Ryan  
Jacqueline Sayer-Noble  
Hugh Wescott Spicer TD FCA  
Patrick Wills MSc MA MRCP  
MRCGP  
Jack Yeomanson  
Yvonne Young

## September

Clive Amos JP  
John Andrew Cousins FIH  
FCMI CMCIPD  
Robin Ellison  
David Khanna BA(Hons)  
Christopher St. Victor-De  
Pinho

## November

Ian Affleck BA  
Jamel Banda BA(Hons) ACI  
David Bartle PhD  
Markham Bryant MBE DL  
Surrinder Chadha BA Econ  
Dennis Conrad  
Ronald Cutting  
Jesus De La Fuente Pereda  
Jean Mary Hornbuckle  
Harold Shaw  
Ingela Stigemar  
Troy Thorpe  
Steven Tudor  
Julian Washington MA(Cantab)

## Presentation to The Lord Mayor

The Master, John Barber DL, was delighted to be invited to Mansion House to present the Guild's gift to Guild Member The Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Estlin. The Lord and Lady Mayoress hosted a small tea party for the Master, the Senior Warden Neil Redcliffe, Clerk Christine Cook and Assistant Clerk Judith Westall. Peter Holland also attended and took photographs to record the occasion. The invitation to tea was as a result of The Lord Mayor being unable to accept the gift at the Presentation of Addresses after the Silent Ceremony; the Master presented a gift to Alderman and Sheriff Vincent Keaveny at the Presentation of Addresses.



## Red Cross Christmas Market – Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th November 2019

Visit the historic Guildhall in the heart of the City of London for a shopping experience with a difference. Come to the Grand Opening on Monday 25th November and enjoy the Guildhall at night. Over bubbly and canapés, you'll have the first opportunity to buy goodies from a fantastic range of stalls. On Tuesday 26th November the Market is open all day for shopping. As well as browsing over 100 stalls you can catch up with friends or family over a Festive luncheon or Champagne afternoon tea in the beautiful Guildhall crypt. In the evening you can see top designers showcasing their clothes at a fashion show.

*The Guild will be running its usual second hand bookstall. If you would like to help by collecting books or working on the stall, please contact the Assistant Clerk, Judith Westall.*

## The Presentation of Warrants Ceremony

The Master welcomes new members to the Guild at their Joining and Welcoming Ceremony at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. During the ceremony each new member is personally welcomed by the Master and presented with their warrant of Guild membership. All new members present take part in the Loving Cup ceremony and at the conclusion of the ceremony everyone present adjourns to the Parlour in Tallow Chandlers' Hall, where new members and their guests can meet the Court and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles.

Many new members take the opportunity to attend the reception and dinner, or other Guild event, which usually follows the ceremony.



## Obituary

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### *Dr John T Breen, MB, MRCGP, DRCOG*

1933-2018



John Breen was Master of the Guild in 1990-1991 and is fondly remembered for his warmth and humour which were qualities that served him well in his medical career. He had the distinction of being the first Doctor of Medicine to take office as Master.

A Scotsman by birth and education, John qualified at the University

of Glasgow and after several hospital appointments, chose to become a G.P. with his first position in South East London and then a move to Beckenham where he remained until retirement. He married Catherine whose medical qualifications enabled her to be practice nurse/manager and to bring much charm to their social life.

John's entry into City life started when he became a member of the Guild in 1966 encouraged by one of his patients, Past Master Arthur Harris. This was followed by becoming a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Barbers in 1969.

John always maintained that the Guild of Freemen gave an added dimension to his life and opened an aspect that he would not come across in his professional life or in other social activities. It gave him a view of the City and the traditions that have maintained it for over eight hundred years. He was a most enthusiastic Master and like all busy people he found time to make his year a success. Still active as a G.P. and serving on many medical committees it was not easy, but John was always on call for the Guild. Following his year as Master, John remained an active and enthusiastic member of the Guild and gave much time and energy serving on various committees.

No tribute to John would be complete without recalling his acknowledgement, often stated, to the support and hard work given by Catherine which contributed greatly to the success that he had as Master of the Guild of Freemen.

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### *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 D Ashmore

Mr JW Ashurst

Mr KHJ Bailey

Mr JA Barnes

Mr J Beveridge

Mr JM Bird

Revd FAS Bishop

Dr John Breen

Mr AS Carter

Mr AW Cavanagh

Lt Col RG Dalton

Mr BR Dixon

Mr SA Edgar

Mr J Ellicott

Dr P Gilbert

Mrs D Grant

Mr AH Green

Mr MB Greenberg

Dr JG Halverstam

Mr AP Howkins

Mr TL Hubble

Mr KR Hunt, BEM

Mr DS Inkster

Mr RB Jones

Mr I Lawson

Mr MW Lorraine

Miss DE Lowes

Mr DF Marjoram

Mr CHP Murcott

Mr GM Nelson-Griffiths

Dr M Newton

Mr RT Parker

Mr GS Parmenter

Mr M Poole-Connor

Mr CLR Sacks

Mr RRA Searle

Mr JS Smith

Mrs TD Stollar

Mr EDR Stone

Mr BC Teece

Mr PG Townsend

Dr R Voles

Mr LA Waissel

Mrs D Whitney-Wood

Mr LS Wittey

Mr PE Woodley

Mr CA Woollacott

Mr AJ Zaitzeff

### The Guild of Freemen's Charity

#### Review from Trustee Christopher Hayward CC

Once again, the Guild's Charity had a most successful year and your Trustees are pleased to report that given the size of the fund and challenging investment returns the Charity has made a real difference to the lives of many applicants.

Throughout the year your Trustees continued to support a range of charitable organisations within or associated with Greater London and several schools linked to the City of London.

On the educational side, your Trustees maintained the Charity's support of two Presentees at Christ's Hospital, and they also awarded bursaries to students at the City of London Freemen'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.

The Guild, through the Charity, supports The Lord Mayor's City Giving Day and donated £2,750 to The Lord Mayor's Appeal.

In the year to 31 July 2018 the Charity awarded 31 grants totalling £40,825 to give educational, welfare and social

support to the needy in the Greater London Area or with a connection to the Greater London Area.

During the year to 31 July 2018 the Charity raised £9,375 through the generosity of Guild members and received a legacy of £47,247 which together with the income generated by the Charity's investment portfolio meant that the overall value of the Charity increased by a little over £68,500 during the year to a total of £971,764. We look forward to striving to break through the £1 million threshold!

We thank our Clerk and Assistant Clerk for supporting your Trustees and administering the Charity on our behalf but above all we thank you, our Guild members for your continued generosity which allows your charity to continue to flourish.



### City Giving Day 2019

Thursday 4th April was a busy day in the City. In addition to the Big Curry Lunch, it was also the launch of City Giving Day 2019, in support of The Lord Mayor's Appeal. Court Assistant Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston attended the launch breakfast at Mansion House.



Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston with The Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Estlin

The Guild of Freemen is proud to support City Giving Day, a celebration of the remarkable efforts of City organisations in charitable giving and benevolence. The Guild's Charity supports the appeal through the generosity of our members, through regular donations or attending events with a donation such as the City Walks and the Big Curry Lunch.

True to our founding objectives, the Guild has provided charitable assistance for more than a century. Today, through our Guild of Freemen Charity (Reg. No. 227063),



we provide grants, mentoring and other help to those with links to the City and neighbouring communities, including schools and fellow charities.

This year we again supported The Lord Mayor's Appeal, and we were delighted to have assisted many organisations, including; The Little Sisters of the Poor (help with the cost of upgrading emergency lighting at St Anne's Home); Funding a student place on a 6-week Safe Havens Programme; St Luke's Community Centre; The Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund; The RNLI Tower Bridge Station; None of the charitable assistance would be possible without the generosity and goodwill of Guild Members, whose support continues to make a difference to people's lives.

# The New Master's Message 2019-20

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## The Master

*Neil Redcliffe, Esq., JP BSc (Econ) MBA FCA*

I am hugely honoured and privileged to be installed as Master of the Guild of Freeman and follow my grandfather, Bunny Morgan who was Master in 1985. I would like to thank my fellow Court members for electing me and placing their trust in me to lead this distinguished and dignified City organisation. I promise to give my very best endeavours to honour that trust and hand the Guild on to my successors in good shape.

I would also like to thank my predecessor John Barber DL for such a successful year and for all his support in guiding me towards Installation. My wife, Emma and I have thoroughly enjoyed John and John's very good company over the last year and hope to do so for many years to come.

Now as Master, it is my mission to remind members of our objectives and to encourage members to engage and participate in achieving them, thereby taking the Guild from strength to strength. The Guilds purpose 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 heritage and helping to shape its future, while enjoying an active social programme'.

I am grateful to Court member, Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston, for clearly articulating the Guilds purpose and having it approved by the Court.

I have arranged a diverse social programme reflecting my love of history and the City of London, which provides members with privileged access and insights. We want to encourage people from all walks of life to apply for the Freedom. We want to grow and diversify our membership and I look forward to working with the Chairman of the

Membership Committee, Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston to achieve this. We want to inform our members of the work of the City of London Corporation and engage them more in Civic City life.

We want to remind our members of our Charitable giving in the City and neighbouring communities and encourage them to give to help those who are less fortunate and help create a fairer society. I look forward to working with the Guilds Charity Chairman, Anne Holden to progress our important charitable works.

Emma and I are cycling from Waterloo to Waterloo (220 miles) over 3 days in September with about 30 cyclists (including Guild and Livery members) to raise funds for the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund to train prisoners and help get them jobs when they leave. We are hoping Guild Members will sponsor us to help the 'Out for Good' programme to reduce the high levels of reoffending.

As Master, I hope to enhance the Guild's reputation in the City of London and around Britain when I represent the Guild in York, Coventry, Chester and Glasgow. I want to build on the excellent work in Governance by Court member Adrian Waddingham and encourage a harmonious dialogue on how to ensure the long-term success of the Guild.

We should be open to new ideas and when we hear 'we've always done it this way' we should investigate why and whilst respecting our heritage, make sure it's relevant and appropriate for the Guild's future. I look forward to working with Chris Walton, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on improving the Guild's finances and keeping our accounts simple. Joining the Past Masters Committee, I look forward to working with Chairman, Terry Nemko, and the



Past Masters to ensure that we have a strong succession of individuals who will lead the Guild as Masters to continued success in the years to come.

We are incredibly fortunate to have Clerk, Christine Cook and Assistant Clerk, Judith Westall to run the operations of the Guild. It has been a pleasure to work with them on the Programme and I look forward to working with them to make the year a success and have fun in the process. Finally, thanks to our Chaplain, The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's for nurturing our spiritual needs.

Emma and I are very excited about the year ahead and we look forward to seeing as many Guild members and their guests as possible during the year.

*Neil Redcliffe*



### The Master *Neil Redcliffe, Esq., JP BSc (Econ) MBA FCA*



**N**eil Redcliffe has for over 30 years, been an active and committed participant in the business, cultural and educational life of the City of London. He was a founding member and former Chairman of Currencies Direct, a commercial foreign exchange and international payments group.

Neil was born in Chingford and educated at Chigwell School where his school motto was 'aut viam inveniam aut faciam', attributed to Hannibal and translated as 'find a way or make a way' Neil has used this in his personal and business life to overcome major challenges and follow up opportunities.

His business career began as a Chartered Accountant at Price Waterhouse (London) after he was awarded a degree in Economics from Queen Mary College, University of London. From there he built his own property development, property and building businesses gaining an excellent insight into running successful SMEs. His passion for lifetime learning and excellence led to him attaining an MBA at Cranfield School of Management. He and his business partner sold Currencies Direct in 2015 and he now runs his family investment company and focuses on charitable educational work with his wife Emma.

In 2009 he was elected Alderman for Bishopsgate Ward and was a Governor of the City of London School for Girls, and a Trustee of the Bishopsgate Institute. In 2017 he was elected Sheriff of the City of London. He has travelled extensively overseas both in work and on Mayoral visits to China,

Australia, Middle East, South Africa and Turkey. He has a strong connection with Australia, having lived and set up a business there. He is currently Chairman of the Anglo-Australian Cook Society and deputy Chairman of the Britain Australia Society.

He has a very active Livery background. He joined the Basketmakers Company in 1980 as an apprentice by patrimony and followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps becoming Prime Warden in 2012. He also followed them both as President of the City Livery Club, in the centenary year in 2014. He is a Court Assistant of the World Traders Company, a Freeman of the Drapers and Art Scholars Companies and an honorary Liverymen of the Paviers Company. He is a Council member of the Royal Society of St George (City of London Branch), Past President of the Bishopsgate Ward Club, member of the Coleman Street and Tower Ward Clubs and a member of the development board of the Charterhouse London. Neil's grandfather (Bernard 'Bunny' Morgan, CBE JP, Deputy) was Master of the Guild in 1985.

In his spare time, he loves to read history (he is in his second year of an Open University degree in History), travel and learn about different cultures. He enjoys the arts, pilates, yoga, skiing, swimming, tennis and watching rugby. His wife Emma runs their property business.

Emma is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers and a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Drapers and shares Neil's passion for the arts, pilates, yoga, skiing, tennis, watching rugby and painting.

Neil and Emma have two children, Melissa and Henry both Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers and Melissa has two children Darcey and Wilf.

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### The Senior Warden *Ann-Marie Jefferys MEd, BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH, LLM*



**A**nn-Marie Jefferys grew up in Buckinghamshire attending local schools, and currently lives in Kent. She began working in the travel business in the West End of London before retiring to become a full-time mother. Whilst at home, she studied History through the Open University and went into teaching working in some difficult state inner-city London schools before becoming a Headteacher in the independent sector. She currently has a

portfolio of work, teaching part-time in a local Prep School, running a small Holiday Let and Property Development business.

Ann-Marie has always been interested in the City and has links through family and friends. She became a Freeman and Guild member in 2002 and was invited to join the Court in 2012. She is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Glovers and a member of the Aldgate Ward Club. She has many charity interests and is a very active church member serving on her local Deanery Synod and on Rochester Diocesan Synod. In May Ann-Marie became a Licensed Lay Minister.

Ann-Marie is married to David, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Apothecaries and the Worshipful Company of Glovers. They have two children, Sophie who is a doctor, and Peter who works in the City. Her interests include travel, history, especially the First World War, museum and art gallery visits, the theatre, walking and music.

## Wardens 2019-20

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### ***The Renter Warden Alderman John Garbutt, JP, BSc Econ (Hons), FRSA, FRGS, FCSI***

**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 then became a Non-Executive Director of Stobart Group and Chairman of their Remuneration Committee. He resigned last year. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment.

Outside work, John is the Alderman for Walbrook Ward, a Justice of the Peace, Past President of the City Livery Club, President of Walbrook Ward Club, Lay Chairman, Parish Clerk and a Churchwarden of St Stephen Walbrook church and Chairman of the Royal Society of St George (City of London Branch). He was also Upper Bailiff (Master) of the Weavers Livery company and is an Honorary Court Member of the Joiners and Ceilers Livery and a Liveryman of the International Bankers company. He is Chairman of 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. He has the Freedom of the City of Glasgow and been nominated to become High Sheriff of Greater London in 2020. John's other interests include travel, collecting ethnic art and champagne.



### ***The Junior Warden Christopher Walton, BA MBA FRAeS FIoD***

**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 & 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, 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 Under Warden Councillor Lisa Rutter***

**Lisa Rutter** is a London Borough of Barnet Councillor for Brunswick Park Ward. She has been a Councillor since 2006 and was Mayor of the Borough in 2011-12. Lisa raised funds for three charities - The Alzheimer's Society, Barnet Young Carers & Siblings and The Outward-Bound Trust. With the funds she raised for the Alzheimer's Society she opened in August 2013 the first Dementia café in Barnet, at the Finchley Memorial Hospital which was running once a month. However, as the demand for more sessions grew, she set up her own registered charity after a year. Lisa is the founder and Chairman of Dementia Club UK which is sponsored by Saracens Foundation. She now runs eleven dementia clubs at various locations in London and the sessions are run daily.

Lisa has been awarded The Paul Harris Award<sup>®</sup> by Rotary for her work with Rotary and Dementia. Lisa is now working with Greenwich Leisure Ltd operating as the brand "BETTER" helping them set up Dementia Clubs.

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 is also a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. Lisa worked in banking for many years and 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 of all Coutts branches dealing with high profile cases.

### Tour of Drapers' Hall

**Tuesday 26 March** 10.30–12.30  
**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie** 14.00–16.00

The Master and Mistress are both Freemen of the Worshipful Company of Drapers. The wonderful Drapers' Hall has been home for this distinguished Great 12 Livery Company since 1543. Its majestic setting and magnificent interiors, steeped in history, have provided a dazzling backdrop for many films, including the King's Speech when it doubled for Buckingham Palace. Our tour offers a rare opportunity to view the Drapers' Company's very special collection of art, silver and artefacts, which has been collected over the centuries. We will see the four principal rooms whilst hearing the Company's story, and that of the Hall and its art. We will conclude the visit in the silver vault; the most treasured item is the silver-gilt cup and cover presented by William Lambarde in 1578. Around the rim of the cup is the inscription "A proctour of the poore am I, remember them before thou dye" which sums up the philanthropic purpose of the Company today.

The present Hall, situated in Throgmorton Street, was bought from King Henry VIII in 1543 for the sum of 1,800 marks (approximately £1,200). This had been the house of Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex and Chief Minister to Henry, but had been forfeited to the King on Cromwell's execution in July 1540.

Destroyed by the Great Fire of 1666, Drapers' Hall was rebuilt between 1667 and 1671 to designs by Edward Jarman. In 1772, it was again rebuilt after a fire which did considerable damage and, in the 1860s, the frontage was changed, and the interior altered by Herbert Williams. It was later altered once more in 1898-9 by Sir Thomas Graham Jackson.

### Lunch at Drapers' Hall

**Tuesday 26 March** 12.45–13.45  
**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie**

The Master invites those who are taking the Tour of Drapers' Hall to join him for a two-course lunch with wine at Drapers' Hall, either before or after the tour. Members who are not taking the tour are welcome to apply to attend the lunch only.

### The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch

**Thursday 4 April** 12.00–15.00  
**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie**

While not a Master's event, the Master is keen to support the 12th annual Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch which will be held at 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 Air Force Benevolent Fund. The Lunch is hosted by The Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their consorts and aims by April 2019, to have raised over £2 million (net) since 2008.

Tickets include unlimited curry, beer, and wine. The afternoon will begin at midday and we will eat at first sitting, which is 12.30. Drinks will be available throughout the afternoon until the conclusion at 15.00.

There will be a Royal Guest of Honour, serving officers, soldiers, veterans and beneficiaries of the charity.

The Guild has ten tickets which gives us access to the reception area of the Livery Hall at Guildhall with a complimentary glass of champagne. There will be a silent auction and prize draw. Tickets are subject to availability. If not successful in securing one of the ten tickets you will be offered standard tickets (if still available), which does not include champagne.

### Dinner at Barber Surgeons' Hall

**Wednesday 10 April** 19.30–22.00  
**Dress: Black Tie**

The Master is delighted to hold his first black tie dinner at Barber Surgeons' Hall. The beautifully laid out red-brick hall is the third incarnation of the original hall on this site, standing alongside the remains of the Roman-built London Wall. Japanese oak panelling and Barbers' Company treasures are on display and there is a stunning terrace overlooking an historic herb garden. In pride of place in the Great Hall rests Holbein's 1541/2 depiction of "King Henry VIII & The Barber-Surgeons". One of the largest oil portraits of King Henry VIII remaining, the painting is of national importance, and offers a wonderful backdrop to celebrations in the Great Hall.

The Master and his guest speaker, His Honour Nicholas Cooke QC (former Old Bailey judge), will welcome you to a sparkling reception, before making your way into the Great Hall where we will enjoy a fine dining three-course dinner with wine, followed by the Loving Cup Ceremony, port and speeches. Nicholas Cooke will speak on bribery and corruption.

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

### Treasures Tour of the British Library

**Tuesday 16 April** 18.00–19.30  
**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie**

The Master hopes that many Guild Members and their guests will be interested in a visit to the British Library. The Treasures Tour introduces you to some of the most iconic items held within the British Library collections. Find out more about the King's Library (George III's library) and the Klencke Atlas, the second-largest atlas in the world. Your guide will introduce you to some of his or her favourite items in the Sir John Ritblat Gallery, where over 200 of the Library's greatest treasures are displayed. Note that the guide will concentrate on his or her favourite items, so will talk on perhaps four of the 150-200 treasures housed in the gallery.

### Supper after the Tour of the British Library

**Tuesday 16 April** 20.00–21.30  
**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie**

The Master invites members and their guests to join him for supper after the tour of the British Library. We will dine at Carluccio's St Pancras, a short walk from the British Library, for a two-course supper with wine and coffee. Members who are not taking the tour are welcome to apply to attend the supper only.

### Annual Service - St Lawrence Jewry

**Thursday 2 May** 18.00–19.00  
**Dress: Suit**

The Annual Service will be held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry. 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 once again. All Guild members are most welcome. There is no charge for admission 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 supper afterwards at Wax Chandlers' Hall.

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## Supper at Wax Chandlers' Hall

**Thursday 2 May**

**19.30–22.00**

**Dress: Suit**

The Master would be delighted if members and guests attending the Annual Service would continue onto supper, and of course those who do not wish to attend the service would also be welcome to join us at Wax Chandlers' Hall.

Wax Chandlers Hall is in the heart of the City in Gresham Street on a site that the Company has owned since 1501. Located in the Foster Lane Conservation Area, the current brick and granite styled building is the sixth design of the hall on the same site, having lost previous versions to the Great Fire of 1666, town planning and general disrepair. The hall is well appointed and has benefitted from a recent refurbishment to its interior.

The Master will welcome you to a sparkling reception, before making your way into the Great Hall where we will enjoy a fine dining three-course dinner with wine, followed by the Loving Cup Ceremony, port and speech by the Master. We will be joined by the choir from King Edward's School, Witley for drinks before supper.

## Visit to Windsor Castle with lunch, and Evensong at St George's Chapel

**Monday 13 May**

**09.45–18.15**

**Tuesday 14 May**

**09.45–18.15**

**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie**

Continuing the Master's lifelong interest in History and the Arts, and his strong connections with St George's Chapel, the Guild will visit Windsor Castle, the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world. It has been the family home to British Kings and Queens for over 1,000 years and is where the Queen chooses to spend most of her private weekends. Amongst the highlights will be a visit to the State Apartments – home to many of the finest works of art from the Royal Collection, amongst them paintings by Rembrandt and Canaletto. Following the Castle visit we will enjoy lunch at Côte, overlooking the river in Windsor, with expert guide Michael Pitfield before returning for an afternoon tour of the magnificent St George's Chapel, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in England. Our day will end with an Evensong service in the Chapel, an opportunity to soak up the atmosphere whilst enjoying breath-taking music.

## Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London

**Wednesday 22 May**

**19.30–22.05 to 23.30**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

The Master is delighted that the Guild has the privilege of an invitation to attend the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London as personal guests of the Chairman of the Tower of London Club. We will meet at the Tower at 7.30 pm. Our visit will include a one-hour guided tour within the grounds of the Tower. Afterwards we will be invited to enter the club and later in the evening, allowed to watch the 'Ceremony of the Keys'. This ceremony has taken place every night, without fail for over 700 years!

You are free to leave after the Ceremony of the Keys, at 10.05pm but if you would like to extend the evening we will be invited back into the club where we can purchase drinks (cash only) and enjoy the company of our host. There will be a raffle, with the proceeds going to the Club's activities and you will be able to buy mementos of the evening. The Club closes at 23.30. The Club no longer serves food, so guests are advised to eat beforehand.

Entry into the Tower of London, the viewing of 'The Ceremony of the Keys,' the use of The Tower of London Club and the services of the Yeoman Warder are provided free of charge. The price of the event is a suggested minimum donation to the Club for the

Yeoman Warders to continue their charitable work. The entire donation will be presented to the Chairman of the Club. Please note all attendees must be at least 18 years of age.

## Master's Lunch and Tour of Guildhall

**Tuesday 28 May**

**11.30–15.30**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

The Master has been an Alderman and Sheriff of the City of London and is looking forward to sharing his inside knowledge of, and passion for, this exceptional building and unique institution. Guildhall is steeped in tradition since the twelfth century and the Master will lead us on a tour of extraordinary spaces including the Great Hall, the Old Library and the medieval crypts (subject to events taking place on the day). After the tour we will have a rare opportunity to enjoy a four-course lunch in the Aldermen's Dining Room. The dining room holds 30 people; if the event is oversubscribed the Master will be happy to repeat the event later in the year.

## Supper before Beating Retreat

**Thursday 6 June**

**18.00–19.30**

**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie**

For those Guild Members who wish to join the Master for an early supper, we will meet in the private dining room at The Red Lion, situated in London's political heart - Whitehall. We will enjoy a two-course supper with wine and coffee before walking the short distance to Horse Guards Parade for Beating Retreat.

## Beating Retreat

**Thursday 6 June**

**19.30–21.45**

**Dress: Blazer/Jacket & Tie**

The Master is delighted to be offering a return to Beating Retreat in 2019, a spectacular evening pageant of music and military precision drill, including horses, cannon and fireworks. These annual concerts are performed on Horse Guards Parade in front of the beautiful backdrop of St James's Park on the Wednesday and Thursday evenings preceding The Queen's Birthday Parade, or 'Trooping the Colour' as it is often called.

## Hog Roast at the Master's Home & Concert at Saffron Hall

**Sunday 9 June**

**12.00–early evening**

**Dress: Smart Casual**

The Master and Mistress have great pleasure in welcoming the Guild to their home in Radwinter, near Saffron Walden, Essex. After a Hog Roast (or vegetarian) lunch there, we head off to the award-winning Saffron Hall for an afternoon of sublime music as we experience Monteverdi's masterpiece: Vespers of 1610, performed live by world class conductor, Harry Christophers and his remarkable choir, The Sixteen. The Master will leave it to members to make their own travel arrangements to the house by car (parking is available) or by train to Audley End station (transfers from the station to the Master's house can be arranged). A coach will be provided to take everyone to the Hall and back to the house after the performance, via the station for those travelling by train. If there is engineering work an optional coach will be provided from Guildhall.

## Reception & Dinner at Saddlers' Hall

**Wednesday 26 June**

**19.30–22.30**

**Dress: Black Tie**

The Master is planning his second black tie dinner at Saddlers' Hall, home of one of the very oldest of the City of London Livery companies. The earliest surviving records of a Guild of Saddlers in London date from circa 1160 AD, although the Guild could well pre-date that. The Hall is a magnificently appointed building furnished with historic treasures, period furniture and paintings.

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The Master and his guest speaker will welcome you at a sparkling reception, before making your way into the Great Hall where we will enjoy a fine dining three-course dinner with wine, followed by the Loving Cup Ceremony, port and speeches.

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

### Holiday in North Yorkshire

**Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July**

**Dress: as shown in the event instructions**

The Master invites you to explore the beauty and history of North Yorkshire on this four-night break. You will make your own way to the Hotel Principal York, where we will be based. The hotel is steps from the train station and is the perfect base from which to discover the historic city of York. Blending the grandeur of late-Victorian architecture with the comforts of modern travel, the hotel was recently refurbished providing comfortable bedrooms in a beautiful location.

After a dinner in York on Monday night we start our excursions on Tuesday with visits to Castle Howard, Fountains Abbey and Studley Water Garden, and a tour of the Ripon Workhouse. On Wednesday we will start the day with one of the highlights of the trip – a steam train journey from Pickering, across the glorious Yorkshire moors, to Whitby. On arrival we will visit the Captain Cook Memorial Museum and later Whitby Abbey, but first fish and chips at the famous Magpie Café!

On Thursday we will take in visits to York Minster and York Abbey as well as a walking tour of the City, including a visit to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall.

The Master has selected several restaurants in York for dinner, however the final dinner (black tie) will be in the magnificent York Mansion House (which predates London Mansion House by twenty years) where we hope to have The Lord Mayor of York as our guest. We also hope that members of the Guild of Freeman of the City of York, with whom we enjoy a warm relationship, will join us for dinner.

The Master extends an invitation to members who live in the area to join us on excursions or for dinner. Please contact the Clerk for more information on the holiday.

### Supper and Gala Evening at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

**Monday 8 July**

**17.30–22.00**

**Dress: Suit**

The Guild has secured tickets to enable members and guests to enjoy the gala evening at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. A wonderful evening is assured as this year's show is Stephen Sondheim's "Merrily We Roll Along". The story revolves around Franklin Shepard who, having once been a talented composer of Broadway musicals, has now abandoned his friends and his song writing career to become a producer of Hollywood movies. The musical begins at the height of his Hollywood fame and moves backwards in time, showing snapshots of the most important moments in Frank's life that shaped the man that he is today.

The evening will commence with drinks at 17.30 in the Barbican's Conservatory followed by a two-course supper with wine in the Garden Room before the start of the show. A copy of the Programme for the show and drinks in the interval are included in the price of the tickets, which the Guild is offering at the same price that individuals would pay at the Box Office and includes a £25 donation to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

### City Walk and Light Supper

**Tuesday 23 July**

**18.00–21.30**

**Wednesday 24 July**

**18.00–21.30**

**Dress: Casual**

Once again, our City Walks will be led by Peter Tompkins, who is a Past Master of the Wax Chandlers' Company, and for his theme he has chosen City Churches. A fascinating tour will be followed by a simple supper at Williamson's Tavern, said to hold the oldest excise licence in the City, and originally a residence for The Lord Mayors of London. As before, Peter will be hosting the event at no charge, but has asked for a donation for onward transmission to The Lord Mayor's Charity appeal.

### Holiday in Marrakesh

**Wednesday 18 – Sunday 22 September**

**Dress: As shown in the event instructions**

The Master is delighted to offer a fabulous four-night holiday in Marrakesh. We will stay in one of three riads, traditional Moroccan houses built around a courtyard, in the Medina (the walled old city). There will be excursions to Imlil in the Atlas Mountains, the Majorelle Gardens and Yves Saint Laurent Museum, Maison de la Photographie, Le Jardin Secret and Museum of Marrakech, and finally to Essaouira. We will enjoy a series of lunches and dinners at traditional and beautiful Moroccan restaurants with open terraces and magnificent views, as well as at the Riad Adore, our main riad. Dinner under the stars - what could be nicer!

Holidaymakers are asked to consider the suitability of the trip. The riads are about seven minutes' walk from each other (you will be accompanied by staff to dinner at the Riad Adore and collected by minibus for excursions). Please note that if you wish to come on all the excursions you will find that some will require walking uphill on rough, uneven paths and that the Atlas Mountains excursion will be at a higher altitude – 1,747 metres. Dinner at the Riad Adore is served on the roof terrace; there is no lift (as is normal in the area). You will need to be comfortable with this and the limitations of public healthcare.

The price includes en-suite accommodation in a beautiful riad, transfers to and from Marrakesh airport, all excursions, meals and drinks with meals, gratuities and taxes. There is no single supplement. You will arrange your own flight to Marrakesh. There is one VIP suite available at an additional cost. This is available for double or twin occupancy only and is first come first served. If you wish to arrive a day earlier to enjoy the city in your own time, there is a special discount available. Please contact the Clerk for more information on the holiday.

### Sheep Drive Across London Bridge

**Sunday 29 September**

**12.00–13.00 Approx.**

**Dress: Casual, fancy dress, shepherd's crooks**

After dipping our toe in the water at the Sheep Drive in 2018 the Master is hopeful of securing spaces for three or four teams of ten Guild members each, to drive their sheep over London Bridge. It is open to all Freeman 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. All proceeds go to The Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's Charitable Trust. If we can secure spaces, we hope to add an optional lunch afterwards. 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

**Sunday 29 September 13.00–15.30 Approx.**

**Dress: Casual**

Subject to securing spaces on the Sheep Drive, the Master invites everyone who has taken part in the event and their families and friends to come for lunch afterwards. The venue is to be confirmed and will be somewhat dependent on numbers but will be a pub or restaurant around London Bridge. Please do apply early to express interest so we can gauge the numbers.

### Reception and Tour of the Old Bailey

**Wednesday 16 October 19.30–21.30**

**Dress: Suit**

The Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) is recognised as the most famous criminal court in the world. Owned by the City of London Corporation, it is truly a home from home for our Master, who worked and lived there whilst serving as Sheriff of the City of London. During his year in office (2017-18), the Master hosted numerous guests at the Old Bailey – including members of the Guild on two separate occasions – and led well over forty tours of this fascinating and iconic building. The Guild's visit will begin with a drink's reception before the Master slips on his guiding shoes once more for a fun and informative tour that takes us from the stunning Great Hall to the sombre atmosphere of the holding cells, via Court Room 1 - scene of some of British justices most important and infamous trials. We will be extremely fortunate to have not one, but two guides intimately acquainted with the work of the Old Bailey, as the Master is joined by His Honour Judge Nicholas Hilliard QC, The Recorder of London. Following the tour, we will enjoy drinks, canapés and bowl food in the Great Hall.

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

### Tour of Charterhouse

**Tuesday 29 October 18.00–21.00**

**Dress: Jacket & Tie**

As a member of the Charterhouse Development Board, the Master is delighted to be able to offer members this opportunity to visit, and perhaps discover for the first time, this historic building. Since its foundation in 1611, the Charterhouse in Clerkenwell has provided accommodation to a community of residents – known as the Brothers. But the story of the Charterhouse goes back even further, to the time of the Black Death when the land was a burial ground for plague victims and to the building of a Carthusian monastery in 1348; since when it has been a private mansion, a school for boys and – its current role – an almshouse.

Details of our tour, including refreshments, are yet to be completed, but our visit will give access to a building where some of the most definitive events in British history have taken place - both Elizabeth I and James I held court in the Great Chamber and the 'offside rule' in football originated in the Norfolk Cloister, at the time of Charterhouse School's residency.

If you are interested, then please apply to express interest.

### The Lord Mayor's Show

**Saturday 9 November 10.30–12.30**

**Dress: Jacket & Tie**

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

### Lunch after The Lord Mayor's Show

**Saturday 9 November 12.30–14.30**

**Dress: Jacket & Tie**

After the show there will be a great opportunity to catch up with fellow members whilst enjoying a traditional English four-course lunch with wine in the Members' Private Dining Room at Guildhall. You may book tickets for the show, for lunch or for both.

### Tour of the British Museum

**Tuesday 19 November 10.30–12.30**

**Dress: Jacket & Tie**

The Master is arranging a behind the scenes tour of the British Museum, full details of which will be advertised once the Museum has announced its autumn programme of exhibitions. If you are interested, please apply to express interest as the event can only be updated on the website.

### Tour of the British Museum Lunch

**Tuesday 19 November 12.45–14.00**

**Dress: Jacket & Tie**

The Master hopes to offer an optional lunch for those members and their guests who are attending the Tour of the British Museum. If you are interested, please apply to express interest as the event can only be updated on the website.

### Annual Banquet at Guildhall

**Friday 6 December 18.15–22.30**

**Dress: White Tie/Black Tie**

For the highlight of the Guild's year, the Annual banquet will again be held in the magnificent medieval surroundings of Guildhall, watched over by Gog and Magog. Guild 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 will then lead onto a sumptuous four-course dinner accompanied by excellent wines. The whole event will be one of colour and pageantry provided by the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers from the Honourable Artillery Company, a wonderful selection of music, including the rousing Post Horn Galop, and finally high-profile guest-speakers, all combining to show off the City, Guildhall and the Guild at their very best.

The Master is delighted to announce that 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 Guild Members and their guests.

The date was selected in consultation with The Lord Mayor Nominate, Alderman William Russell, and we are delighted and honoured that he will be joining us at Guildhall. For many of us, a Friday Banquet will provide a relaxed start the following day and a great opportunity to spend a festive weekend in London, whether for shopping or taking in a show.

### Carol Service at St Stephen Walbrook and Refreshments

**Tuesday 17 December 18.30–21.30**

**Dress: Suit**

The Master has chosen St Stephen Walbrook, The Lord Mayor's and Christopher Wren's parish church, for the Guild's Carol Service this year. St Stephen Walbrook was the only church designed by Wren in 1672 and was his prototype for the dome of St Paul's Cathedral. It was the first classical dome to be built in England at the time. The church features the magnificent round altar table by Henry Moore with forms cut into the circular sides suggesting that the centre of the church reflected the Dome of

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the Rock in Jerusalem commemorating the sacrifice of Abraham and Isaac as a prefiguring of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross and the place for the offering of the Eucharist at the heart of Christian worship. This place was designed for people to gather as a community around the altar where God could be found at the centre.

The Master has arranged for the London Nordic Choir to sing for us and enact the renowned tradition of Santa Lucia, the celebration of bringing light into the darkness of winter. There will be refreshments in the church afterwards, this year catered by The Cook and The Butler.

### Tour of Mansion House

**Monday 13 January 11.00–12.00**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

The Master is delighted to be able to offer a tour of Mansion House to Guild Members and their guests. The morning tour will take in the Walbrook Entrance, the Salon and Drawing Rooms, the Long Parlour, the magnificent Egyptian Hall and the Old Ballroom.

Please note that the date is subject to The Lord Mayor's Diary and may change.

### Tour of Mansion House Lunch

**Monday 13 January 12.15–13.45**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

The Master invites those who are taking the Tour of Mansion House or the Art tour of Mansion House to join him for lunch at a nearby restaurant or hostelry.

Guild Members who are not taking the tour are welcome to apply to attend the lunch only.

### Art Tour of Mansion House

**Monday 13 January 14.00–15.30**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

The Master is delighted to be able to offer a tour of the magnificent artworks at Mansion House to Guild Members and their guests. Mansion House is home to The Harold Samuel Collection of Dutch and Flemish 17th century paintings and to some fine sculptures and this afternoon tour will be led by a qualified art guide.

Please note that the date is subject to The Lord Mayor's Diary and may change.

### Burns Night Supper at Leathersellers' Hall

**Wednesday 22 January 19.15–22.30**

**Dress: Highland Dress/Black Tie**

As former Alderman for Bishopsgate, the Master has built a strong relationship with the Leathersellers company over the years and has secured a unique opportunity for the Guild to hold its Burns Night Supper at Leathersellers' Hall. He invites you to join him for a dinner to celebrate the birthday of Robert Burns at a Livery Hall not usually offered for outside hire. Robbie, or Rabbie Burns was a poet, ploughman, humanitarian, champion of the working man and a great believer in the rights of women and was widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland.

He was a pioneer of the Romantic movement and, after his death, became a source of inspiration to the founders of both liberalism

and socialism, and a cultural icon in Scotland and amongst Scots people around the world. He is also remembered every New Year's Eve, or Hogmanay, when his poem 'Auld Lang Syne' is sung.

The evening will include a piper, the parade of the haggis, address to the haggis, supper and traditional toasts. And, of course, a wee dram or two.

### Tour of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

**Friday 21 February 11.00–12.15/14.00–15.15**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

The Master invites Guild Members and their guests to join him on a tour of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office at the iconic King Charles Street headquarters. We will visit the Fine Rooms including the Durbar Court, India Office Council Chamber and the Locarno Suite and hear about the history of this magnificent building and its artworks. We may also be able to visit the Foreign Secretary's rooms and ministerial offices. Access to rooms is subject to the operational requirements of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. These two tours will be identical.

### Foreign and Commonwealth Office Lunch

**Friday 21 February 12.30–13.45**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

The Master invites those who are taking the Tour of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to join him for a simple lunch at a nearby hostelry, likely on Whitehall. Guild Members who are not taking the tour are welcome to apply to attend the lunch only.

### Dinner at Haberdashers' Hall

**Thursday 5 March 19.30–22.30**

**Dress: Black Tie**

In order to give members and their guests the opportunity to dine in a modern Hall, the Master will be holding his final dinner in the Haberdashers' Hall at West Smithfield with its oak clad and steel vaulted ceiling. One of the City's newest Livery Halls, home to one of its oldest Livery companies and mother company of Lord Mayor Nominated William Russell.

The Master and his guest speaker will welcome you at a sparkling reception. We will then make our way into the Great Hall where we will enjoy a fine dining three-course dinner with wine, followed by the Loving Cup Ceremony, port, speeches and music.

### Visit to the College of Arms and Buffet Supper

**Monday 9 March 18.30–21.30**

**Tuesday 10 March 18.30–21.30**

**Dress: Suit/Jacket & Tie**

This ever-popular annual event comprises a fascinating talk and tour of the College of Arms by John Petrie, Rouge Croix Pursuivant. He will give Guild Members an opportunity to see the Master's, and his grandfather Bunny Morgan's (Master 1985-86), Coats of Arms and 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. 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.

Applications for events received after the Ticket Allocation date will be allocated on a first come-first-served basis. Places are often available right up to the event itself, so please do not hesitate to apply for tickets after the Ticket Allocation Date. The availability of places after the Ticket Allocation Date can be checked by viewing the Guild's website or contacting the Guild Office.

## COURT MEETINGS 2019/20

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 10th April 2019**

**Wednesday 26th June 2019**

**Wednesday 16th October 2019**

**Wednesday 22nd January 2020**

Applications for Guild Membership are presented for consideration at the first Court meeting after they have been received, and every applicant is advised of the outcome within a week of the meeting at which their application was considered. Thereafter, new members are invited to attend a Joining and Welcoming Ceremony, during which they are presented with their 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 MEETING FOR

**2020**

Tallow Chandlers' Hall

At 6.00pm

**Wednesday 17th June 2020**

Dress for Gentlemen: Suit

Dress for Ladies: Day Dress or Suit

ADVANCED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Guild of Freeman of the City of London will be held at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, 4 Dowgate Hill, in the City of London, on Wednesday 17th day of June 2020 at 6pm.

In view of the capacity of the Hall, this meeting is restricted to Members of the Guild of Freeman of the City of London. The business of the meeting will be to receive the Report of the Court of Assistants for 2019, together with the Guild Accounts for the year to 31st December 2019. This will be followed by the installation of the Master, and Wardens for the ensuing year. A copy of the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st December 2019 with the formal agenda will be sent in advance to all members of the Guild who have paid their membership subscriptions by the time of dispatch.

By order of the Court of Assistants

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## From the Honorary Editor

**Stephen Osborne**



Welcome to The Freeman! In this edition we have all the news of the Guild's social programme, key City events and the awards sponsored by the Guild and the Charitable Trust. There is extensive news of our respected affiliations with the Armed Forces. In addition, we acknowledge the time and advice so freely given by Guild Members.

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

grants. A sincere thank you to the team of event reporters. This year they were David and Claire Brady, Janet Bridden, Christine Cook, Dr Beverley Davies, Ruth Deadman, Denise Fennell-Pond, Ann Fleming, Richard Fleming, Julia Galgano (Lady Kildrummie), Anthony and Maureen Hall, Joe and Helene Herzberg, Virginia Hopson, Ann-Marie Jeffreys, Darren Knight, Paul Lavery, Andy Miles, Roger Moore, Terry Nemko, Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston, Colvin Rae, Katharine Ray and Adrian Waddingham.

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### The Guild of Freeman Magazine March 1912

Although it must have been planned by the Court during 1911, the most important happening in the Guild in 1912 was the appearance of The Guild of Freeman Magazine. This started as a quarterly journal and the first issue was at the end of March 1912. The Guild was fortunate in having as a member of the Court of Assistants, J. Lawrence C. Turnbull, a journalist of some thirty years' experience, and he undertook the editorship.

The magazine was supported by advertisers from among the Guild's members and contained several interesting articles on the City and City affairs in addition to news of Guild matters. This provided an internal source of information about the 'doings of the Guild' as Lawrence Turnbull's current events column was called, although some of the reports are, of necessity short. The first issue contained a proposal for an ambitious charitable scheme by the Guild to provide Almshouses (at £150

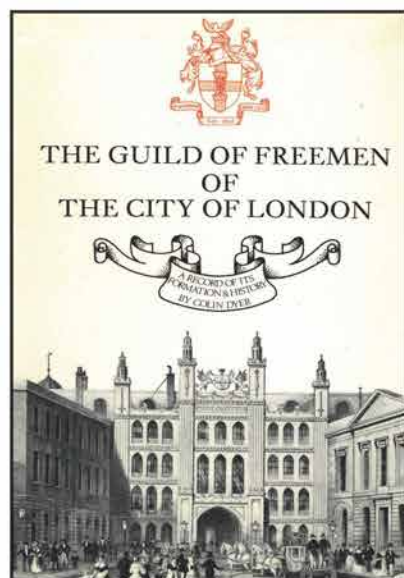


each) and possibly pensions for the 'aged poor' of the Guild in the future.

By 1912 a Benevolent Fund was already in existence, but this was for a much bigger scheme.

In later years the Guild promoted, of itself and through members' special benefactions, several charitable objects, but nothing on these precise lines has ever been materialised. It is also from the first issue of the magazine we find the Guild had been active in petitioning Parliament against the proposal in the Shop Hours Bill for the inspection in the City to be undertaken by London County Council.

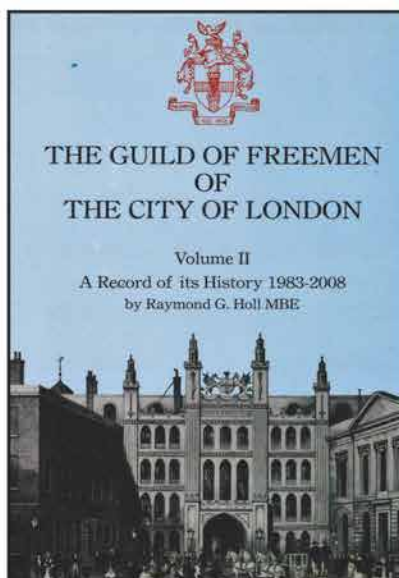
Over three thousand signatures of shopkeepers and shop assistants were obtained and as a result the offending clause was struck out in the House of Commons and the working of the Act left with the City Corporation. ©Colin Dyer



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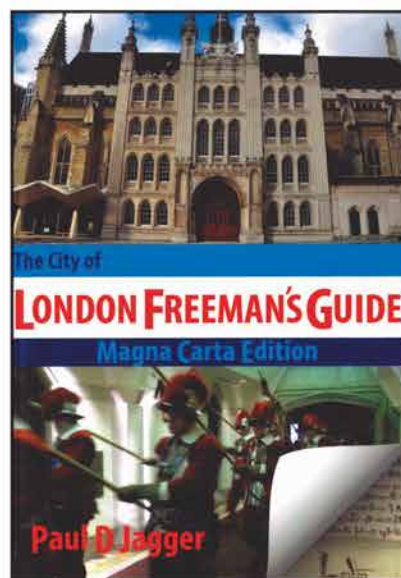
"The Guild of Freeman of the City of London" was published on the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of the Guild, in Sept 1983. It was written by Past Master the late Colin Dyer and traces the fascinating story of the formation of the Guild through to modern times.

*"A feast of nostalgia - expensively printed, but moderately priced - a treasure."* (City Recorder).



#### History of the Guild Volume 2

Covering the years from the 75th Anniversary in 1983 to the completion of the Centenary Year 2008/2009, this superbly illustrated book, written by Past Master the late Raymond G Holl MBE, focuses on the people and those organisations that have been and remain an integral part of the Guild's activities.



#### The City of London Freeman's Guide

The definitive concise guide to the City's many ancient customs, ceremonies, traditions, institutions, office holders and landmarks as they are to be found in modern times. Aptly described as 'The Wizard's Guide to the Land of Oz' this book throws open the gates to the wonders of the great and famous City of London!

*These publications are available to purchase from the Guild Office.*

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# The Guild of Freemen of The City of London



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

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

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

It remains necessary to this day for Liverymen to be Freemen of the City and it is the Liverymen who annually elect the Sheriffs and who participate in the election of The Lord Mayor. Electoral law has changed considerably over the years and all who reside in the City aged 18 or over can now vote in national and local elections 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 of the Guild at: Guild of Freemen, Rooms 78/79, 65 London Wall, LONDON EC2M 5TU,  
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