



A Message from the Master



This year has raced by, maybe a suggestion of my ageing!....

During the last quarter I have been busy across a range of activities both civic, corporate and for the Guild, which I hope you find of interest in this edition of the Newsletter.

For a young and small institution, we are busy, and I would like to thank all members who have given of their time, and continue to do so, to make the Guild a continuing success.

We still have our target to be 200 Members and to raise our Charitable assets to at least £150,000 by June next year, so thank you in advance for your help in getting us there!

Donations can be made here <https://investmentcharity.org.uk/donations/>

Please do look at the Events page and hope to see you at the Carol Service on the 20th December or the Barbican concert on 11th January. These can be booked at <https://www.coinvmgt.com/events-1>

On behalf of our Wardens and Court may I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy New Year!

Yours,

Deputy Henry Pollard CC - Master 2023/24

Master's Update

Sovereign's Dinner

Without a doubt the key occasion was the **Sovereign's Dinner** on **18th October**

His Majesty The King arrived with Queen Camilla at Mansion House in the City of London to recognise the work of the City's civic institutions and Livery Companies, upholding the tradition of a new monarch's first visit to the Square Mile in their Coronation year, a tradition started in 1689 with King William III. The anointing canopy commissioned by the King was displayed and I had the good fortune to sit next to the designer Aidan Hart and some 10 feet away from Their Majesties. A magical evening!

In a powerful speech, The King described the UK as a 'community of communities', 'an island nation in which our shared values are the force which holds us together, reminding us that there is far, far more that unites us than divides us'. He urged people to step up and face the 'stark realities' of climate change and - against the backdrop of conflict in the Middle East - urged people to draw on the 'deep well of civility and tolerance, on which our political life and wider national conversation depend and allow the practice of all religious faiths. 'Such understanding, both at home and overseas, is never more vital than at times of international turmoil and heart-breaking loss of life,' he said.

As Their Majesties arrived, they took part in a traditional ceremony, the Presentation of the Pearl Sword. The relic, thought to have been given to the City of London by Queen Elizabeth I in 1571, has approximately 2,500 pearls on its scabbard. After receiving the sword from the Lord Mayor, the King returned it, signalling the authority of the Lord

Mayor in the Square Mile when the King is not present. The ceremony was carried out by Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, the year of her Coronation, and in the years of her Silver and Golden Jubilees in 1977 and 2002.

In October

We held our regular **GIM Drinks** for members and prospective members. It is a great networking event and I hope to see others at the next gathering – if there are other events you wish to see please let us know.

The next morning, I attended the **Boutique Managers breakfast** hosted by the Lord Mayor and attended by some 30 representatives of small fund management companies. My thanks to IIMI and especially our colleague Simon Pryke for the invitation. We discussed a range of issues that affect smaller managers in getting the same traction as larger managers especially when sourcing global investment opportunities. See <https://theiimi.org>

In November

The **Garden of Remembrance Service** took place in St Pauls Churchyard on Monday 6th November 2023, where some 115 livery companies and guilds paid their respects to the fallen at the annual service of Thanksgiving.

Per tradition, the Service was attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, as well as representatives of the Armed Services and other dignitaries.

I laid our cross on behalf of the Guild.



The Silent Ceremony

Attended the **Silent Ceremony**, where the new Lord Mayor is installed, and it is held in silence apart from his name being said in allegiance to the Sovereign.

The new Lord Mayor, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli, left the Great Hall to a fanfare and ringing of City church bells. Information on our new Lord Mayor here –

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-us/about-the-city-of-london-corporation/lord-mayor>

Lord Mayor's Show

The Guild was proud to take part in the **Lord Mayor's Show**, when the new Lord Mayor presents himself to the people of London and swears an oath to the Sovereign at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Court member Roberta Sanminiatelli and active committee member Dr Luda Svystunova joined me to parade our sign with other modern livery companies in front of an estimated 300,000 people lining the streets. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord_Mayor's_Show

The Guild was well represented in the procession with Sponsoring Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney in attendance in his role as Alderman of the Ward of Cheap, Alderman and Past Sheriff Alastair King DL in his role as Alderman of the Ward of Queenhithe, Founding Sponsoring Alderman John Garbutt as Master of the Joiners and Ceilers' Company and Clerk Biagio Fraulo JP as Ward Beadle to Alderman and Past Lord Mayor Sir William Russell.



The Lord Mayor's Banquet

Attended the **Lord Mayor's Banquet**, the annual celebration for the new Lord Mayor to thank his predecessor on his retirement. This Banquet is traditionally attended by the Prime Minister, who made a speech outlining his Foreign Policy thoughts – a lot to discuss!

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chancellor were in attendance and also made speeches.

This event has been held at Guildhall since 1502.

RAF Affiliation

Past Master Phil Clark, our Sponsoring Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney, the Clerk and I visited RAF Cranwell on Friday 24th November to meet with the East Midlands University Air Squadron (EMUAS).

This is our **RAF affiliation** and it was fascinating to meet some of the students and learn about the programme that the squadron provides.

It is an integral resource of the RAF and we were enjoyed flights in training groups, achieving loop the loops and barrel turns – a test for the stomach post lunch!

There is a great relationship with this affiliation, and I must thank Phil for putting this so much on track for the future - <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/university-air-squadrons/>



Energy Transition Event



We had a good turnout at the **Energy Transition** event kindly hosted by member Tim Guinness at his eponymous firm.

A great review chaired by Aaron McDougall (Amundi) with contributions from Gina Smartt (Citi), Ash Shastri from the Fuellers' Company, David Alfrey (Clifford Chance) and Brendan Curran, The Grantham Institute – a great update to where we are in the COP28 week, but a long way and discussion to go. Congratulations to the Events and Education team for organising this excellent event!

In December

I am also a Liveryman of the **Skinner's Company**, and celebrated the brilliant 1484 arbitration of the Skinners/Merchant Taylors 6&7s dispute at the **Billesdon Dinner**. Lord Mayor Billesdon decreed that the companies should take it in turns to be 6th or 7th in the Order of Precedence, unless one of them had a Lord Mayor e.g. Nicholas Lyons this year and must entertain each other in each other's hall once a year; 539 years later this custom continues!

<https://www.skinner.org.uk/roots-and-branches/the-12-great-livery-companies/>

Carols at the Old Bailey

On behalf of the Guild, and with the Clerk, I attended the **Old Bailey Carol Service**; a wonderful service sung with an exceptional choir.

As well as the Recorder of London, His Honour Judge Lucraft KC, the event was attended by the Lord Mayor, both Sheriffs and many others to raise funds for the Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund - <https://sr-fund.org/>



Around the Guild

Alderman Simon Pryke

We're delighted that Guild member and Chair of the Guild's Membership Committee Simon Pryke won a hotly contested Aldermanic election in the Ward of Langbourn, seeing off eight other candidates for the seat recently vacated by Sir David Wootton.

Simon's new City of London member's page is here –

<https://democracy.cityoflondon.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=3095>

Congratulations Simon – we couldn't be prouder!!

Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney

Sponsoring Alderman and Past Master Robert Hughes-Penney has produced an end of year newsletter and review which can be accessed [here](#).

Elissa Bayer

Guild member Elissa Bayer was recently awarded the Freedom of the City of London by Lord Mayor Nicholas Lyons (now Past Lord Mayor) in recognition for her exceptional service to the Square Mile.

Elissa's career began in 1972 and she was among the first 20 female members of the London Stock Exchange in 1981.

We are honoured and proud to have Elissa as a member and extend our congratulations to her!

Veronique Morel-Kane

Guild member and City Freeman Veronique Morel-Kane of Raymond James Investment Services recently won the Wealth Manager of the Year Award for 2023 at the recent Women in Investment Awards.

We are very proud that as a Guild we can attract members of her calibre.

Congratulations Veronique!!

If you have any items you would like included in a future newsletter, please let the Clerk know by emailing clerk@guildofinvestmentmanagers.co.uk

City & Livery News

Livery Committee Update

The Livery Committee has published a December update which can be accessed [here](#).

City of London Events

The City of London holds many interesting events throughout the year. A list of their upcoming events can be found here - <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events>

Upcoming Events

Guild Carol Service – 20th December

On Wednesday 20th December the Guild will be holding it's annual Christmas Carol Service. This year we are holding it at St James Garlickhythe Church, a beautiful Wren church located in Garlick Hill, London EC4V 2AF.

The ceiling is the highest of any City church and Wren was so successful at introducing natural light into the church that it became known as 'Wren's Lantern'.

Tickets are still available here –

<https://www.coinvmgt.com/event-details/guild-event-christmas-carol-service-2023> so please do come and join us for some carol singing followed by a mince pie and drinks reception.

Guild Event: London Symphony Orchestra with Sir Simon Rattle – 11th January 2024

Tickets will shortly be available for a night out at Barbican Hall to hear the London Symphony Orchestra's rendition of Janáček's Jenůfa with Conductor Emeritus Sir Simon Rattle at the helm!

Tickets will be available here - <https://www.coinvmgt.com/event-details/guild-event-save-the-date-london-symphony-orchestra-with-sir-simon-rattle>

Information on Jenůfa here - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jen%C5%AFfa>

Livery Event: The Financial Services Livery Companies Pub Takeover – 5th February 2024

Meet and network with the other members of the Financial Services Group of Livery Companies over a drink in a traditional Victorian City pub.

This event will take place on 5th February at the Hand and Shears pub, 1 Middle St, Barbican, London EC1A 7JA.

Please book here if you would like to attend - <https://www.coinvmgt.com/event-details/livery-event-the-financial-services-livery-companies-pub-takeover>

Please note that only Guild members may register for this event.

Guild Civic Dinner 2024 – 20th February 2024

Booking will shortly open for our flagship event – the Guild Civic Dinner – to be held on 20th February 2024. For those new to the Guild, this is a black tie Dinner where we host the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs.

This year we will be in Grocers' Hall and truly hope you will be able to join us in what will be a magnificent evening!

Booking will be here - <https://www.coinvmgt.com/event-details/guild-event-civic-dinner-2024>

Information on the Hall here - <https://grocershall.co.uk/>

Japan Investment Summit

We have been asked by the Corporation of London for an upcoming Japan Investment summit if we have members who would be interested in being invited. If you invest in Japan or represent Japan firms investing in the UK, please let the Master know as soon as possible by email: Henry.Pollard@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Clerk's Corner

Membership

We are delighted to welcome the newest members to our Guild:

- Mr Matthew Jones
- Ms Daphne Morgan
- Mr James Mawson
- Mr John Fiddes
- Mr Dipesh Mesuria
- Mr Emmanuel Artusa-Barrell
- Ms Paris Jordan
- Mr Amos Dadzie
- Ms Michelle Auger
- Mr Andrew McKee
- Mr Melwin Mehta
- Ms Ida Levine
- Mr Jack Brodie
- Mr Shahnan Bakth CC

As ever, we are very grateful to Alderman Simon Pryke and the Membership Committee for all their hard work. We welcome you all and are proud to have you all on this journey with us as we move towards Livery Company status.

Your Guild now has 164 members with more in the membership pipeline and so we are well on our way to our target of 200 members.

Diversity Survey

As we've previously mentioned, the Guild is carrying out a survey to assess the breadth and depth of our membership. The initial results are highly promising showing we are a genuinely diverse and inclusive organisation, but we need more members to complete it to make it truly representative.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and can be found here: <https://forms.gle/zp3ZU5TUwSiAvwez9>

Please do participate. The answers to these questions are key to shaping the Guild's future.

Getting Involved

We are always looking for people wanting to serve on the Guild's Committees - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Education, Events, Finance, Membership, and PR & Comms. Please let me know if you are interested - clerk@guildofinvestmentmanagers.co.uk

Freedom of the City

Are you interested in receiving the Freedom of the City of London? If yes, please contact me via clerk@investmentmanagers.co.uk and I will assist.

Lastly, may I echo the Master and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Best

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Founding Clerk



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