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Livery Event: United Guilds' Service

In March, Members of the Guild attended the annual United Guilds' Service at St Paul's Cathedral.

This is one of the few occasions when all the Guilds and Liveries come together, and was first held in 1943 as a coordinated response to the challenges faced by the City following the Blitz of 1940-41. The Great Twelve Livery Companies process, and, for the first time the Guild processed with twelve other Liveries/Guilds who follow behind the Great Twelve, on rotation. We enjoyed good fellowship at the lunch afterwards held at Butchers' Hall.

Your Guild Needs You

Are you interested in knowing what goes on behind the scenes, and having a role in shaping our growth and development?

If so, we would very much welcome your participation on a Guild Committee. The Guild Committees are Diversity, Equality & Inclusion, Education, Events, Finance, Membership, and PR & Comms. Please let us know of your interest, via the Clerk, on clerk@guildofinvestmentmanagers.co.uk

A Message from the Master

Since our last newsletter, we have held a number of very successful Guild events, including two panel discussions, one on Sustainability and Impact Investing (with Sarah Teacher of the Impact Investing Institute as our keynote speaker), and one on Social Mobility in Financial Services. At the end of April, Chris Cummings, Honorary Member of the Guild and CEO of the Investment Association, hosted us for an insightful event considering the economic, political and regulatory trends facing our industry.

Many of you will have seen the magnificent Anointing Screen (which combines traditional and contemporary sustainable embroidery practices) used for the most sacred moment of the Coronation, and which was gifted for the occasion by the City of London Corporation and City Livery Companies. I was delighted, along with my Consort and the Junior Warden, to attend a pre-Coronation Lunch at Pewterers' Hall, where there was much good livery fellowship – and hearty singing!

Towards the end of June, we enjoyed a guided City Walk around the historic financial district. One thing we learned was that, in the 18th century, stockbrokers were deemed too rowdy and too rude to operate in the elegant Royal Exchange, hence having to do so from coffee houses.



The Wardens, the Court and I look forward to seeing many fellow members at Common Hall – when you will hear about the plans and themes for the year from the new Master – and with their guests at the Installation Dinner. These are both being held on 18th July at the historic Grade I listed Merchant Taylors' Hall. There is no charge for attending Common Hall.

It has been a huge privilege and honour to be your Master, and may I thank you all for your support and participation in making this a very successful year for the Guild. I also extend my thanks to Rev Paul Kennedy who has been the Guild's Honorary Chaplain during my time in office.

I wish everyone a restful and rejuvenating summer. The Guild's programme of events will start again in September.

With very best wishes
Melissa Longley, Master

Calling all Future Leaders

Focus on the Changing City, a two day seminar (27th and 28th September 2023), is an exclusive event for tomorrow's leaders, supported by the Livery Financial Services Group.

Perhaps your employer would sponsor you? Places are limited and the Guild would like to put forward three delegates. The cost is £1,500 plus VAT with a £100 "early-bird" donation to our charitable trust for bookings by 31st July. Please register your interest via the Clerk, on

clerk@guildofinvestmentmanagers.co.uk

Investment Managers' Charitable Trust

Thank you to all Members who have responded to our recent appeal and have given generously to our associated Charity, the Investment Managers' Charitable Trust.

More details on the Trust, and the ways to donate, can be found here: www.investmentcharity.org.uk

Diversity Survey

Thank you to all Members who have completed our recent Diversity Survey.

The purpose of the Survey is so that we can better understand our Membership and use this knowledge to help shape our strategy as a Guild.

We are also keen to play our part in contributing to a more diverse and inclusive industry.

If you haven't yet completed the Survey, may we encourage you to do so. The City of London Corporation is very much welcoming our leadership and input in this important exercise. Please find the link to the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/zp3ZU5TUwSiAvwez9>

Glasgow Livery Weekend

The Master has recently returned from the London Livery weekend in Glasgow, when the Lord Mayor gets together with the Sheriffs, Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff of all the Livery Companies and Guilds, plus their Consorts.

The group was very warmly welcomed by our friends in Scotland and there was much good livery fellowship. Visits included the Mackintosh Church Queen's Cross; the Burrell Collection (an amazing collection of artefacts and art bequeathed to Glasgow by Sir William Burrell, the shipping magnate); the Tall Ship Glenlee; and receptions at both the 18th century Trades House and City Chambers.

The weekend finished with a service in the magnificent 12th century Cathedral, dedicated to St Mungo. The service and sermon, given by Rev Mark Johnstone DL MA BD, reflected the themes of love, fellowship and service.

The visit to Glasgow also gave the Master the opportunity to meet our Guild member Graeme Kidd, this year's Deacon of the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow.



Sheriff joins the Guild



We are delighted that Alderman and Sheriff Alastair King DL has recently joined the Guild, and is pictured here with the Master at Glasgow Cathedral during the Livery Weekend.

In addition to being Alderman for the Queenhithe Ward, Alastair is the founder and Chairman of Naisbitt King Asset Management Limited (NKAML), an FCA-authorized asset management company, specialising in managing segregated portfolios of investment grade fixed income securities. NKAML constructs bespoke portfolios, often with special reference to Environmental, Social and Governance characteristics.

Welcome to Alastair and to all our new Members!

Recent Guild Activities

- **In March**, the Master and Clerk attended the Tax Advisers' Budget Banquet. The guest speaker, David Goldberg KC, spoke about the need for simplified tax regimes.
- The Master and Clerk attended the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow Annual Dinner at Trades House, Glasgow.
- The Master and Upper Warden attended the Modern Liveries Dinner, organised by the Arts Scholars. Master Pewterer, Wendy Joseph KC was the guest speaker and shared some of her experiences of being a judge at the Old Bailey.
- The Master and Upper Warden (in his role as Common Councillor of Dowgate Ward) attended the Vintry and Dowgate Wards' Club celebration of the 600th anniversary of the death of Sir Richard (Dick) Whittington at St Michael Paternoster Royal (where he is buried).

Clerk's Corner

Can I extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

- Ms Dasha Binert
- Mr Lawrence Jewkes
- Mr Shivan Bhatt
- Mr David Daly
- Ms Anna Wirszycz
- Mr Shuyej Uddin
- Ms Emily Pryke
- Alderman Alastair King DL
- Mrs Gail Le Coz
- Mr Scott Chivers
- Mr Steve Bushell
- Ms Juliet Drinkwater
- Mr Giovanni Belioffi
- Mr Neil Craze
- Ms Debbie Adigun
- Mr Tim Shanagher

As ever, we are very grateful to Simon Pryke, Chair, 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 Company status.

Best wishes

Biagio Fraulo JP, Founding Clerk

Freedom of the City

Are you interested in receiving the Freedom of the City of London?

This is one of our oldest surviving ceremonies, and, among other 'privileges', you will be able to drive sheep across London Bridge!

If you are, please contact the Clerk via clerk@investmentmanagers.co.uk who will assist you.

William I Charter

The 'William Charter' given by King William I (the Conqueror) to the City in 1067, soon after the Battle of Hastings, is currently on display at Guildhall Art Gallery.

This tiny document set the tone for the next 1000 years of London's development. See [here](#)

- The Master attended the International Bankers' Annual Banquet at Mansion House where Alderman Nicholas Lyons, Lord Mayor, was the guest speaker.
- The Master and Clerk attended the Information Technologists' Masters' and Clerks' Dinner at the Information Technologists' Hall.
- The Master attended the annual Arbitrators' lecture on 'Muscles in Space' given by Professor Anne McArdle.
- The Master and her Consort attended the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress' Annual Banquet for Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff of Livery Companies at Mansion House.
- The Master, Upper Warden and Clerk, together with the Master's guests, attended the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch held at Guildhall to raise funds for our veterans.

- **In April**, the Master and Clerk attended the Scriveners' Spring Dinner. Lord Wolfson of Tredegar KC was the guest speaker, and he spoke about the importance of the rule of law.
- The Master attended a presentation and discussion on 'The Value and Management of Intangible Assets' at the Old Bailey, followed by lunch with His Majesty's Judges, at the invitation of Sheriff Andrew Marsden.

- **In May**, the Master and her Consort attended the Clergy Support Trust Festival Service at St Paul's Cathedral. Along with other Livery Company/Guild Masters, the Master processed ahead of the Service, and also attended the dinner afterwards at Merchant Taylors' Hall.
- The Master attended the Big Curry Lunch outcome presentation at Mansion House. The Lord Mayor announced that this year's Big Curry Lunch raised £435k (beating the target of £325k) for veterans.
- The Master and Consort attended the Mercers' Livery concert and supper. The musical entertainment was provided by Ruby Turner MBE, one of the UK's finest soul, jazz and R&B singers.
- The Upper and Middle Wardens, along with the Education Chair, attended the annual Tacitus Lecture, given by the former politician Rory Stewart OBE, and hosted by the World Traders at Guildhall.
- The Master attended the Arbitrators' Charter Dinner at Mansion House, where the Lord Mayor was the principal speaker.

- **In June**, the Master attended the Salters' Annual Lecture and dinner, held at Salters' Hall. John Simpson was the guest speaker and shared some of his reporting experiences and spoke about the importance of tolerance.
- The Master attended the Solicitors' annual Master's Lecture which was given by Dan Neidle, who shared his concerns about groups of solicitors making the law/legal decisions, and the lack of independent thinking.
- The Master and the Chair of the Charitable Trust attended the second Livery Charity Chairs' Group (LCCG) annual conference, held at Ironmongers' Hall.
- The Master and Clerk attended the Spectacle Makers' Court luncheon at Apothecaries' Hall.
- The Master, Upper Warden, Sponsoring Alderman and Clerk attended the annual City of London Corporation's Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony, held in Guildhall Yard. The Band of the Royal Marines played, and the Lord Mayor spoke about the important relationship between the City and the Armed Forces.
- The Master and her Consort attended the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral for Sir Christopher Wren on the 300th anniversary of his death, which was followed by lunch at Plaisterers' Hall.

Future Guild Events

The Guild has a number of events planned for next year as well as opportunities to attend Livery events.

A summary appears below but all details can be found at

<https://www.coinvmgt.com/events-1>

- **Thu, 21st Sept.** Guild Event: Global Energy Transition. Is the 2040/50 carbon neutral goal realistic?
- **Fri, 22nd Sept – Mansion House.** Livery Event: The Sheriff's Ball 2023
- **Sun, 24th Sept** - Livery Event: London Bridge Sheep drive and Livery Fair 2023
- **Wed, 4th Oct** - Guild Event: Tour of Trinity House
- **Wed, 1st Nov** - Guild Event: Public vs Private Markets
- **Sat, 11th Nov** - City Event: The Lord Mayor's Show 2023
- **Mon, 4th Dec** - City Event: Christmas Fair at Draper's Hall in aid of Wellbeing of Women
- **Wed, 20th Dec** - Guild Event: Christmas Carol Service 2023
- **Tue, 20th Feb 2024 – Grocers' Hall.** Guild Event: Civic Dinner 2024
- **Tue, 5th Mar 2024** - Guild Event: Financial inclusion and pensions for purpose

All events are subject to final confirmation.

- **In July**, the Master attended the Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG) annual conference held at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Delegates learned about the importance of collaboration and interpretation of data, especially with regard to buildings usage. The keynote speaker, Emma Howard Boyd CBE, Chair of the Green Finance Institute, advocated the need for a 'nature-positive economy'.
- The Master and her Consort attended the Actuaries' Summer Livery Dinner held at Haberdashers' Hall. MP Sir Oliver Heald KC, the guest speaker, spoke about the importance of considering risk when managing pensions.
- The Master and her Consort attended the Information Technologists' Summer Banquet held at Mansion House.

Formal Signing of the RAF Affiliation

In early June, the Guild formally marked its affiliation with the RAF by holding a signing ceremony in Guildhall attended by Group Captain Rob Caine MBE, Commandant 6 Flying Training School. The Master was joined by Phil Clark, Immediate Past Master and RAF Liaison Officer; Robert Hughes-Penney, Sponsoring Alderman; Biagio Fraulo, the Clerk; and Paul Double, the City Remembrancer, who is one of the City of London Corporation's Chief Officers and who performs a key role as the channel of communications between the Lord Mayor and the City of London and the Sovereign, the Royal Household and Parliament. Both the Guild and the RAF very much look forward to developing our affiliation.



Livery Company Invitations

"Sheriff's Last Stand": Are you a boxing fan? Alderman and Sheriff Alastair King DL (and member of the Guild) is hosting (and participating in) a boxing event at the Old Bailey, which includes dinner and will raise money for the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund, which helps ex-offenders stop offending and start a new life. See more details here:

<https://wcmpe.wufoo.com/forms/sheriffs-last-stand-boxing-dinner/>

An exhibition of botanical art and creations of Clarence Bicknell (1842-1918), as well as other UK-Italian themes, is being held at Guildhall Art Gallery in the summer of 2024. Members of the Guild are invited to consider sponsorship packages; full details can be found here: <https://clarencebicknell.com/clarence-bicknell-exhibition-in-the-guildhall-london-and-genova-in-2024/>.

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