

### **CITY CONSORTS E-BULLETIN**

#### Dear Member,

Apologies for letting the February bulletin slip into March, we have had to make a few jiggles to the events calendar over the last few days.

This month we have enjoyed a visit to St Clement Danes Church and lunch. Spaces do go quickly for many of our events, so do book early to avoid disappointment. All events are focused on the City and Livery, whether Livery Halls, Guildhall, City Churches, talks, or simply to give you ideas for running an event yourself. Our events are friendly, and new members are always most welcome.

<u>Name Badges:</u> We order a name badge for all new members and give them out at City Consorts events. If you do not have a name badge and would like to make alternative arrangements to get it please let me know. By arrangement, they can either be collected from me at Saddlers' Hall or dropped off at one of the other Livery Halls or consort events.

<u>Access to the Members Only Section of Website</u>: New members need to select 'register' not 'login' the first time to set a password of your choosing. If you have any problems accessing the website, please contact me.

**New Members:** Please encourage new consorts to join, the application form is on the membership page. If you would like some business cards to hand out please let us know.

<u>Members Pin Brooch</u>: Our pin brooch is suitable for men and women equally, it is available to purchase for £84. Details and order form <u>here</u>:

<u>Members' Directory</u>: To view the directory click <u>here</u>: Have you checked you are included and if your details correct. If you would like to be added, amend, update or remove any details this is easy by completing a new form. The information pulls directly from your form therefore also includes any spelling mistakes and typos.

<u>Facebook</u>: We have a closed Facebook site for members to post their pictures, news and ask questions of a friendly group. The site is primarily for City and Livery postings, anything relevant to the Livery is welcomed, its people, halls, charity, military affiliations etc. Please post pictures from your events. If you are not signed up and would like to, please search for City Consorts Society. If you can't find it, just ask and we will send you details.

Old Bailey Reception for people in the Oxted, Woldingham and wider environs – 4<sup>th</sup> April. Bronek Masojada is one of the two Sheriffs of the City of London, he and his wife Jane are living and working from the Old Bailey. They would be delighted if all members of the Livery family, Freemen, Liverymen, Consorts, Clerks etc. would join them at a drinks party with local fizz at the Old Bailey on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 17.30 to 20.00. This is a great opportunity to create more cross-livery relationships in our local area, to visit and enjoy a tour of the Old Bailey and support the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund. Please register here: Livery Reception - Woldingham, Oxted and Environs. Tickets are £15 each.

## <u>Forthcoming Events – see events diary for more information.</u>

The tour of Salters' Hall planned for 26<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed, we are working on a new date.

**21**<sup>st</sup> **March 1.05pm**— City Music Society lunchtime concert at St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, Brahms Trio in E flat Op.40. Alex Hocknell (French Horn) received a Musicians' Company grant in 2023 will be joined by Elena Toledo on the violin and Joachim Lim on the piano. The concerts are free to attend so we should be seated by 12.30 as seating is un-reserved. There will be the opportunity to have some refreshments nearby afterwards.

**25**<sup>th</sup> **March 6.15pm** – 'Weird & Wonderful Wine Tasting' with charcuterie , cheese and nibbles at Vinoteca, Faringdon. Please contact <u>Kimball Bailey</u>: if you would like to attend. This is not a City Consorts event, but we have some places available to us.

**18**<sup>th</sup> **April 2024** – Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch. A major fundraiser for military charities and widely supported by the Livery. We will meet from midday, with lunch at 1.15pm, our package includes a glass of Champagne on arrival, and unlimited drinks and curry. Tickets are £100 each.

24th June 2024 – Coffee morning at the Anthologist during Common Hall for the Election of Sheriffs.

## Save the Date (bookings will open soon):

**16**<sup>th</sup> **April** - Afternoon Tea and Craft Activity at Guildhall in association with the Needlemakers. This is a re-run of last year's oversubscribed consort event, enjoyed by men and women, and open to all members of City Consorts. (opens soon)

25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Clockmakers' Museum and Lunch

The AGM and Anniversary lunch will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Other events being planned include a Guildhall tour and lunch for future consorts, Goldsmiths' hall, Spitalfields City Farm tour and lunch, Summer Lunch, another Treasure Hunt & Supper and a return to Theobalds Farmhouse Garden.

**Events can be viewed and booked <u>here</u>:** You need your website password to access the booking forms. If you do not have access to the Members' only pages of the website, or are having difficulty, please email the Hon. Secretary.

#### Other News & Events – more details on the website

Cask Rolling at Guildhall 8<sup>th</sup> June. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Plaisterers' Consort Lunch 11<sup>th</sup> June – open to all consorts with a 3-course lunch, display of gowns, costume and memorabilia and musical entertainment at Plaisterers' Hall.

Cutlers' Consort Event with the Marble Hill choir & supper – open to all consorts (save the date, details to follow).

Cart Marking at Guildhall 20th July, more details in our events diary.

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We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind Regards

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