



City Consorts

## CITY CONSORTS E-BULLETIN

Dear Member,

October is the busiest month in the year for installations. We welcome all our new members and wish all those whose partners are being installed this Autumn a wonderful year. If you have any photos, please post them on our private Facebook pages, we love to see them.

### **Forthcoming Events, Visits and Activities:**

**Jigsaw Program:** The 6-week programme 'Jigsaw – preparation for being a consort' started on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Sessions are on Zoom and start at 9.30am lasting for about an hour. It is not too late to sign up, the next programme will run in February when you can catch up on sessions missed. Please book on the website in the usual way and you can view the whole program [here](#). There is no charge to join Jigsaw sessions.

**Lunchtime Concert:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1pm. The City Music Society, supported by the Worshipful Company of Musicians is holding a regular lunchtime concert. These fabulous concerts are free to attend although donations are encouraged. Afterwards there is the optional opportunity to gather at Half-Cup Café in Bartholomew Close opposite Butchers' Hall for refreshments / late lunch (self-pay).

**Bicester Shopping Village VIP Visit:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 9.45-all day. A special private visit to Bicester Shopping Village. The day starts at Marylebone station at 9.45am includes train travel, coffee and pastries on arrival, afternoon tea and access to the VIP clubhouse. For those who prefer to drive a VIP car parking space will be available. There is no charge for the travel or refreshments, it's just the shopping to be paid for and there is NO obligation to buy. A small group of us did this earlier in the year and had a fantastic day out. Strictly first come first served! Space strictly limited. No charge.

**Conservation in Action – Barts great Hall Tour:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1pm-2pm. We celebrated our 5th Anniversary with a dinner in Barts Great Hall in October 2022. We now have the opportunity to join Barts Heritage on an '**Anatomy of the North Wing**' **Conservation Tour** to explore the rich history of the North Wing of St Bartholomew's Hospital, and the architecture and people involved in the craftsmanship of the James Gibbs Great Hall. The tour will also take in the conservation work to rescue and rejuvenate the Grade 1 listed building, including the staircase decorated by William Hogarth. You will be on a working site, and will be provided with **full PPE** (hard hat, high visibility jacket, boots). Please be aware that **you will be climbing a scaffold staircase** to access the top of the deck viewing platform. £15, plus optional refreshments at Half-Cup café. Space strictly limited. No charge.

**Festive Lunch:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Watermens' Hall. Please join us for our popular three-course festive lunch with wines. We have been able to hold this event at the same price as last year, £88.00. Members only. Last few places available, please book asap to avoid disappointment.

**These and other events can be viewed and booked in the Events Diary online, and [here](#):** You need your website password to access the booking forms. There are other events currently being planned. If you have any difficulty accessing the website, please contact me.

**Membership Renewals:** Our new membership year is now underway, we would like to thank everyone who has renewed their membership. If you know people who may like to join, please refer them to the website or forward them this link. [City Consorts Membership Form / Renewal 2024-2025 \(wufoo.com\)](#)

**Name Badges:** If you do not have a name badge, please let me know. We hand them out at our events, and by arrangement they can either be collected from me at Saddlers' House or dropped off at another Livery Hall.

**Members' Directory:** To view the directory click [here](#): 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 which includes typos, spelling mistakes and old information.

**Members Pin Brooch:** Our pin brooch is suitable for men and women equally, it is available to purchase for £84. Details and order form [here](#):

**Facebook:** 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.

We hope to see you soon.

Kind Regards

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