

City Consorts

CITY CONSORTS E-BULLETIN

Dear Members,

Welcome back to the City; after a bit of down time in August, events, dinners and other activities are back, although the heat wave made 'the first week of term' feel somewhat unusual.

Membership renewals: We think we have removed most people from the mailing list who haven't yet renewed. We have had a little flurry if people renewing this week, so we have left a few active attenders on the list for a bit longer. If you have received this email and haven't renewed intentionally, do let me know.

Last Chance to book for Early Autumn Events:

Treasure Hunt Walking Tour & informal Supper in the City- 18th September 5.30-9pm: we will meet at a City Pub and set off in groups of 3-5, following a route and answering questions. The answers will spell out the name of the destination for supper! The food will be platter style so something for everyone. The cost: £40 per person, bring family and friends and come as a ready-made team, or come alone and join a mixed consort group. This must close Monday 11th September, last chance to book. Book here:

<https://cityconsortssociety.wufoo.com/forms/zxol7cn1rm5vc9/>

Wine tasting and supper at Vintners' Hall for current & 2024 Consorts 26th September 6.15pm-9pm: For the second year, we are delighted to offer this popular tutored wine tasting over supper in the Boardroom at Vintners' Hall hosted by Harriet Fairbank Mistress Vintner. The event will start with Champagne on the roof terrace (weather permitting) and a two-course supper with white and red wine tastings, desert wine and Port. The wines selected will include new and old-world wines to compare and contrast. The cost is £80 per person. Closes soon. Book here: <https://cityconsortssociety.wufoo.com/forms/z1pz3o6t0btv3lu/> If you are in a different year group but would like to attend, please email me to go on the 'reserve' list.

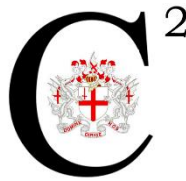
Election of Lord Mayor Coffee morning 29th September 11am: Only Liverymen of one year's standing are allowed to enter Guildhall for the election itself. If you are accompanying a voter, please come to the Anthologist to join other Consorts. Contact Carol Law if you would like to come so she can book a table. carollaw29@gmail.com

AGM followed by our 6th Anniversary celebratory lunch at Butchers' Hall 9th October 11.30am: The short AGM will be held at 11.30am followed by a fizz reception at midday and a three-course lunch. There is no charge for attending the AGM. Book lunch here: <https://cityconsortssociety.wufoo.com/forms/zhqpfzd1k3gszs/>

AGM 9th October 11.30am: We hope you can join us for our AGM. The Annual Report and Agenda will shortly be circulated. Old Annual Reports can be viewed in the members section of the website under 'AGM info and other Official Documents'. If you are unable to come and would like to send formal apologies for the purposes of the minutes please click here to register an apology. <https://cityconsortssociety.wufoo.com/forms/z14sgnrs0vxiblk/>

Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London 25th October 19.20-22.00/later: We have a private tour for members and a guest as personal guests of the Yeoman Warder Scott Kelly. After the tour and before the ceremony we will have drinks in the Keys Club, please note this is Cash only, no cards accepted! There is no charge for this, but we ask everyone to buy a drink and buy at least £5 each in raffle tickets. Book here:

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H. Foreman & Son Smokehouse Tour & Lunch 14th November 11am: H Forman & Son are the world's oldest smoked salmon producer, based in the heart of the east End. Members and a guest are invited to a tour by Lance Forman himself and this is followed by a demonstration of salmon carving by Darren Matson, a Guinness World record holder in carving. This is followed by a two course lunch in their own riverside restaurant. The cost is £78 per person. Book here <https://cityconsortssociety.wufoo.com/forms/zswvb5x0l7hv8k/>

All events can all be viewed and also booked here: [Events Diary and Bookings \(cityconsorts.org\)](https://cityconsortssociety.wufoo.com/forms/zswvb5x0l7hv8k/) You need your website password to access the booking forms. If you do not have access to the Members' only pages of the website, please email the Hon. Secretary or see below how to register for the website.

Jigsaw Program:

The next 6-week program 'Jigsaw – preparation for being a consort' starts on 4th October. The six weekly sessions are held on Zoom from 09.30-10.30, for more information and to book please see the website. Whilst this is focused on new and future consorts, all are welcome for one or more sessions. The course is repeated three times a year, so if you have missed one or can't attend every week, you can catch up in the new year.

Save the Date:

1st December – Festive Lunch at Cutlers' Hall, a three-course lunch with wines and mince pies. Opens soon.

Other News:

Access to the Members Only Section of Website: Booking forms for events are within our Members' only section of the website. New members need to select 'register' not 'login' the first time to set a password of your choosing. Once this is checked against the membership records and approved by admin you should be able to access the website and booking forms. If you have any problems accessing the website, please contact me.

New Members: Please encourage new consorts to join by looking at the website, the application form is on the membership page.

Members Pin Brooch: Our new pin brooch suitable for men and women equally, is available to purchase for £84.00. Details and order form here: <https://www.cityconsorts.org/membership-brooches--pins--name-badges.html>

Members' Directory: Have you checked the Members' Directory, have you recently moved or changed any of your contact details? If you would like to be added, amend, update or remove any details this is easy by completing a new form. Updates to the directory are usually made every 2 weeks so there may be a time lag. To view the directory and access the details form click here: [Members' Directory \(cityconsorts.org\)](https://www.cityconsorts.org/members-directory)

Facebook: We have a closed Facebook site for members to post their pictures, news and ask questions of a friendly group. 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.

City Consorts Ambassadors: We have a team of volunteers to support members. This might include advice on running a Consort event, dress codes or just some tips on juggling events. Maggie Macdonald and Christine Elliott,

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both experienced consorts are our 'ambassadors' and can be contacted on C2membersonly@gmail.com and can assist or signpost as needed.

We hope to see you soon.

Kind Regards

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