



City Consorts

CITY CONSORTS E-BULLETIN

Dear Members,

It was good to see so many of you at the United Guilds' Service last Friday. The United Guilds Service is held annually on Passion Friday (2 Fridays before Good Friday), so next year will be held on Friday 4th April 2025. Two other big Livery events of the year are Common hall for the Election of the Sheriffs on 24th June and Election of the Lord Mayor on 30th September. Only Liverymen who have been clothed since 31st May the preceding year may attend, we always hold a 'coffee morning' in a semi-private area at the Anthologist opposite for those who can't go in to vote. All welcome including potential new members, but do email Carol on carollaw29@gmail.com to book in.

We have several events open for bookings, and please find details of an urgent request from the Lady Mayoress for Easter Eggs and Toiletries and details of an afternoon tea fundraiser for Treloar's School.

Easter eggs for women and children who are currently living in refuges run by Women's Aid in the Greater London area. The Lady Mayoress is seeking donations of Easter Eggs for the children and toiletries for the mums. Nothing needs wrapping and they will collate all donations at Mansion House and divide them between the various homes. The Hackney Carriage Drivers have kindly volunteered to deliver the goodies, and we would ask that all donations are delivered to Mansion House by 24th March.

Lady Mayoress's afternoon tea party for Treloar's School 26th June. Full details on the events diary of our website.

Sheriff Alderman Bronek Masojada is hosting an event at Old Bailey on 4th April.

Old Bailey Reception for people in the Oxted, Woldingham and wider environs – Bronek and Jane live in Woldingham when not 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 Old Bailey on April 4th, 17.30 to 20.00. This is a great opportunity to create more cross-livery relationships in the local area, to visit and enjoy a tour of the Old Bailey and support the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund. If you would like to attend, please register here: [Livery Reception - Woldingham, Oxted and Environs](#). Tickets are £15 each.

Forthcoming Events – see [events diary](#) for more information.

21st 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 together nearby afterwards.

16th April 1.15pm – Crafting & Afternoon Tea with the Needle-makers. The Needle-makers do not have a consort this year, so two past consorts Kim Riley and Elizabeth Whitton have agreed to host again this year. This is a re-

run of last year's popular and oversubscribed event, enjoyed equally by men and women and open to all members of City Consorts. £62.50.

18th April – Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch. Please support this event, 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, unlimited drinks and curry. Tickets are £100 each. There are lots of Livery stalls and other activities and the Veterans garden in Guildhall Yard.

24th June 2024 – Coffee morning at the Anthologist during Common Hall for the Election of Sheriffs. Email Carol Law if you would like to come.

Save the Date (bookings will open soon):

25th April – Clockmakers' Museum and Lunch

15th May - Surrey Docks City Farm & simple lunch.

23rd May – Guildhall tour & lunch for 2025 & 2026 consorts.

28th May – Richard Fox exhibition at Goldsmiths' Hall (a follow up from his super Zoom talk in 2020).

Late May, exact date TBC– Lunch at Salters' Hall

The AGM and Anniversary lunch will be held on 8th October at Wax Chandlers' Hall.

Other News & Events – more details on the website

Bakers' Consort Magic evening & Supper 8th May – open to all consorts.

Cask Rolling at Guildhall 8th June.

Plasterers' Consort Lunch 11th June – open to all consorts with a 3 course lunch, display of gowns, costume and memorabilia and musical entertainment at Plasterers' Hall. Wendy hoped you can join her.

Cutlers' Consort with the Marble Hill choir & Supper – 17th June, will be open to all consorts (save the date, details to follow). Claire Pocock hopes you can join her.

Cart Marking at Guildhall 20th July.

Events can be viewed and booked [here](#): 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.

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. If you have any problems accessing the website, please contact me.

Name Badges: 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

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arrangement, they can either be collected from me at Saddlers' Hall or dropped off at one of the other Livery Halls or consort events.

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 and this includes any spelling mistakes.

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.

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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