



City Consorts

## CITY CONSORTS E-BULLETIN

Dear Members,

The Management Committee would like to wish you a very happy festive season and healthy New Year. The events team have been hard at work organizing the late winter and spring program of events.

### Winter Events:

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Zoom talk by Peter Cave 6-7pm. ‘A "walk" in the warm in the environs of Mansion House.’** If you haven't attended one of Peter Cave's talks before you are in for a treat. If you have heard his talks before, you already know what to expect! Look up and around you and be surprised by how many interesting and historic things there are to see. A private square, a tiny garden, poetry, Livery Halls, a famous tree, Monuments, Statutes, Missing Churches and much more. Peter will show us things that we might not have seen and probably a few that we have, but never really looked at. Peter is Consort to Daphne, Master Glover 2021-2022, passionate and knowledgeable about the City where he has worked all his career. Please join us for a great talk, the platform is Zoom. After the talk there will be time for questions. Members and your household welcome. No charge.

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Our annual New Year lunch at the Monday Ironmongers' Luncheon Club.** This event is always a sell out, so don't delay booking a place. The cost and menus are not yet available, so to confirm your booking a £25 deposit will be taken, the balance will be paid when menu choices are made. The cost is expected to be in the region of £70. The price includes arrival drinks reception, 3 course lunch, tea/coffee and service. Members only.

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Tour of St Clement Danes Church and optional lunch.** A tour of the beautiful and historic church of St Clement Danes given by Church Warden Wing Commander Di Bentley. St Clement Danes has a 1000-year history. Founded by Danish settlers in the ninth century, the fabric of the church deteriorated so that – despite avoiding the ravages of the Great Fire – it was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren anyway. It has been fully restored after being gutted by an incendiary bomb during the Blitz. It is now perhaps best known as the central church of the Royal Air Force and for its famous bells. The tour starts at 11.00am and costs £20.00 per person. An optional lunch has been arranged at Daly's Wine Bar, very near the Church. Lunch will cost £40 to include a glass of wine or soft drink on arrival. Menu choices will be circulated nearer the time.

**All events can all be viewed and booked here: [Events Diary and Bookings \(cityconsorts.org\)](https://www.cityconsorts.org)** 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 website access. Please forward details of any events you would like promoted on our website or bulletins.

### Jigsaw Program:

The next 6-week program 'Jigsaw – preparation for being a consort' starts on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please book on the website in the usual way. Please join us for the whole program, or just catch up on a session you have previously missed or want a refresher.



### **Save the Date:**

World Traders' Annual International Women's Day event. Over the past three years, the Worshipful Company of World Traders has partnered with Goodenough College to celebrate International Women's Day. This year, based loosely on the arts our chosen theme is **Women's in-visibility** focusing on the many unheard stories and uncelebrated women who have impacted on our lives. Details to follow.

### **Other News:**

**Members' Directory:** Have you checked the Members' Directory, are you included, are your details incorrect, any typos or spelling mistakes? 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 2-3 weeks so there may be a time lag. To view the directory and access the details form click here: [Members' Directory \(cityconsorts.org\)](http://www.cityconsorts.org/members-directory)

**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, 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>. A new order is being placed, new stock will be available soon.

**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, both experienced consorts are our 'ambassadors' and can be contacted on [C2membersonly@gmail.com](mailto:C2membersonly@gmail.com) and can assist or signpost as needed.

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We hope to see you soon.

Kind Regards

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