



City Consorts e-Update

Jigsaw Program starts 1st June for 6 weeks:

Due to popular demand, we will run another Jigsaw program before the Summer break. Our next Jigsaw preparation for being a Consort program (putting the pieces in place) starts on 1st June and will run weekly on Zoom for 6 weeks from 09.30-11am. The program is primarily for new and future Consorts, although anyone welcome. Please do sign up for some or all of the sessions.

Forthcoming City Consorts Events Open for Bookings:

26th May - Crutched Friars Walking tour followed by afternoon tea at the City University Club with City Consorts regular guide Andrew Catto. Andrew has enthralled and engaged us for online tours, we are really looking forward to this in person tour in the heart of the City. If you cannot walk, please join us for tea. Andy will take us around Crutched Friars in the heart of the City of London to explore Churches, hidden sections of the Walls, public gardens and lots more. This is followed by afternoon tea, a chance sit down and catch up with fellow consorts.

(new event) 9th June -Apsley House & Optional Lunch at the Athenaeum hotel: This beautiful Georgian building was the London home of the first Duke of Wellington and has changed very little since his great victory at Waterloo in 1815. Come and see the wonderful interiors of the grandest address in the capital, once known as 'Number 1 London'. You will be fascinated by one of the finest art collections in London with paintings by Velazquez and Rubens, as well as a beautiful collection of silver and porcelain.

22nd June - Globe Theatre tour: Shakespeare's iconic Globe Theatre, rebuilt at the end of the last century is an open-air recreation of the original 1599 theatre, though with better loos! Its history is inextricably linked with our greatest playwright, but also with the City, fire, plague and intrigue. Join us for what promises to be a fascinating guided tour. **10.30am followed by optional lunch.**

(new event) 24th June – Coffee Morning for Election of Sheriffs'. Join us at the nearby Anthropologist for an informal coffee morning while the election takes place.

Visit to the Gunmakers' Company: The Worshipful Company of Gunmakers was incorporated in 1637 to promote and regulate gunmaking, a role it still fulfils today. This will be an opportunity to learn about the workings of an ancient company still involved the regulating its trade. We are absolutely thrilled that The Master Gunmaker and his Consort will be hosting us. Proof House has statutory powers to test and regulate the safety of firearms, "*lock, stock and barrel*": no gun can be legally sold in the UK without having undergone proof. **2 dates available 6th July & 14th September both at 5pm followed by optional refreshments.**

Our events give you the opportunity to meet past, current and future consorts, share experiences, learn something new and get to know people you may share your year with.

Other City Events:

- Pewter Live 17th-19th May
- A musical romp through Pepys Library, a musical evening in aid of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund at the Old Bailey 3rd May

More information / fliers / link to booking forms here: www.cityconsorts.org/diary-events.html

Booking Events:

You need to be registered on the website to complete a booking, if you are having any difficulties accessing the booking pages, please email me.

5th Anniversary Event / AGM/ Farewell to our Chairman Von:

Later this year City Consorts Founder Von Spofforth will complete her term as Chairman. We want to acknowledge this and thank her for her ideas, dedication and service. Please click here to complete a very short questionnaire so we can establish interest for a special anniversary event and farewell function. <https://cityconsortssociety.wufoo.com/forms/z14oo6ql0314wl3/>

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. Please post photos, comments and let us know your Livery and personal news.

Members Directory' – have you checked your details recently to see if they are correct? All details come directly from the form you complete including any spelling mistakes! To make corrections or to be added please complete a new 'consent to publish' form.

Website: Do look at our past events pages to read about our events and see the fabulous photographs our members take. You can also view pages about our founder members, Patrons, Dress Code and links to lots of sources of useful information.

Bank Account: We have a new bank account. Please do not make any payments to us by bank transfer without checking and delete any old account details you may have for us. If possible, please pay for events and membership by Debit or Credit card using the secure payment system Stripe.

We hope you are well and enjoying the lovely Spring colours.

As ever, please contact us on C2Membersonly@gmail.com with any questions, ideas, suggestions and of course offers of help.

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