



Mrs Elisabeth Mainelli

Elisabeth Mainelli is Consort to Alderman & Sheriff Professor Michael Mainelli, Sheriff of the City of London for the year 2019/20.

Elisabeth was born in Germany and grew up in a family with strong roots in Franconia, Northern Bavaria. She started work as an apprentice in hotel management which led her to come to London for the first time in 1983. After seven years working mostly in events management, she left the industry and returned to London where she became the personal assistant to the managing partner of a global accountancy firm.

In 1996, in the same week they got married, Elisabeth and Michael bought a wooden Thames Sailing Barge, the *Lady Daphne*, built in 1923. Elisabeth spent the next 21 years building up a charter business to raise funds to re-build the barge. After a complete renovation, they sold the barge in 2017.

Throughout this time she has also served as a Director and Treasurer responsible for the day-to-day management of the in-house management company of the building where they live.

After completing a GIA diamond grading course, she assisted in setting up the German operations for a Hatton Garden diamond business including organising virtual offices in Hamburg, Vienna and Zurich before becoming the German voice for the company's German, Austrian and Swiss customers.

Elisabeth is fluent in German and English with conversational Italian. She and Michael have two daughters, Xenia (21) who is studying in the Netherlands for an engineering and liberal arts degree, and Maxine (19) who is hoping to make her way in the world of theatre and drama. Elisabeth enjoys badminton and skiing, travel and the arts.

Elisabeth was Michael's Consort during his year as Master World Trader in 2017/18 and they were co-Chairmen for the 2017 British Red Cross Christmas Market in Guildhall. Elisabeth is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Masons and a Freeman Honoris Causa of the Worshipful Company of World Traders.

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