

The Guild of Scholars of the City of London



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Message from the Master Alan Willis

A couple of years ago I had been looking forward to slipping quietly into the background as a Past Master but, as reported opposite, I find myself back in the hot seat. And the Guild I take over now is different from the Guild I passed to Ann Reed a couple of years ago.

During her period as Master, Ann worked very hard to raise the profile of the Guild in CLSG and particularly in CLFS. As a result we have seen a number of Old Pupils become Freemen of the City. Ann has also ensured that our charitable fund-raising is now bearing fruit. Last year we gave a prize in each of the three Schools and this year, thanks to the generosity of our members, we'll be giving two. Characteristically Ann is not slipping into the background. She has organised a visit to St Ethelberga's Church on Tuesday 10th June (details enclosed) and I hope to see a large turnout for our first visit of the year.

Finally I would like to welcome Chris Gooderidge and Paul Hind as the new Upper and Lower Wardens. They have both been working behind the scenes for some time, Chris as a trustee of our Charity and Paul as editor of this newsletter. Paul has also organised the trip on HMB Endeavour on Friday 18th July, and I hope to see you there.

Admissions To The Guild

We extend a hearty welcome to the following Members:-

Robert Camp (Jan 02) CLS
Robin Sherlock (Jan 02) Chairman of Governors CLS
Mark Coote (June 02) Former Teacher at CLFS & present Director of Marketing CLSG
Margaret Gunn (Nov 02) CLFS
Stephanie Roe (Feb 03) CLFS
Ann de Voil (03) CLSG

Special congratulations to Stephanie who is our first Candidate from CLFS to be admitted as a Freeman.

Great Gill

Hearty congratulations to Court Assistant **Gill Cardy** who was voted by the Financial Times Group, Money Management, "Financial Planner of the year 2002".

Hooray Harold

Harold Holding, former Lower Warden, has been seconded to a prestigious committee charged with advising the Bank of England on Foreign Exchange Control.

Advancement Alan ?

Apart from returning as our Master, **Alan Willis** has also been elected as Under Warden of the Bakers' Company.

As the Bishop said to the Doctor?*

The new Archbishop of Canterbury had the honour of being hosted by Dr. Frances Flinter (CLSG & Freeman), Clinical Director of Children's Services at Guy's and St Thomas', when he came to lay the foundation stone of the new Evelina Children's Hospital on 6th March 2003 at St Thomas' Hospital.

Courting Disaster?

There have been major changes in the Court largely because of resignations forced by business commitments. Last year's Upper and Lower Wardens both had to resign, but fortunately former Master Alan Willis offered to fill the gap thereby created as Ann Reed's term of office as Master came to an end. Peter Mayhew, our founding Clerk, has retired. Our Ordinances were shown to be inadequate in resolving questions of valid votes in the election of his successor, which had to be set aside. The Court then appointed his Deputy, Ivor Bennett, to serve as Clerk for the ensuing year. Officers and current Court Assistants are now:

Alan Willis	Master
Christopher Gooderidge	Upper Warden
Paul Hind	Lower Warden
Christopher Sales	Renter Warden
John Hazel	Apprenticeship Warden
Ivor Bennett	Clerk
Ann Reed	Past Master
Gillian Cardy	Assistant
Gillian Davies	Assistant
Fiona Porter	Assistant
Peter Mayhew	Assistant
John Tadman	Chaplain

If you could spare 5 nights a year to attend Court meetings, and are able to offer yourself as an Assistant, please contact the Clerk or any of the above, we would be glad to have you.

Annual Assembly

Fulfilling her last duty as outgoing Master Ann Reed started with a brief report of the events of the past year.

She also had special thanks for Peter Mayhew, our founding Clerk, mentor and mainstay, and expressed her confidence that he would continue to serve the Guild well in the future as a Court Assistant. She also praised and thanked Simon Mann and Harold Holding, her retiring Wardens for their work and support to her. *[Ed. Thanks are also due to Jacqueline Kingsford - who has resigned as a Court Assistant since the Annual Assembly].*

Alan Willis then treated us to a short but fascinating history of the Bakers' Company. This was followed by their Beadle's personal welcome and further information on the Livery Hall. We all then broke bread in the splendid surroundings of the banqueting room in Bakers' Hall where the conversation and the wine flowed in convivial and glorious profusion.

Forthcoming Activities

(See enclosed application form, for members who have asked for social event details, or download it from the website).

St Etherburga's Church, Bishopsgate* One of the oldest buildings standing in the City of London, St Etherburga's has survived two World Wars and the 1993 bombing by the IRA to become a centre focussing on the religious dimension of conflict. On 10th June at 6pm we will have a personal tour from the Centre's Director (with additional snippets from Ann Reed who was responsible for the re-building of the adjoining building). Your £14 will include a "Summer Buffet" at nearby Balls Brothers, Bishopsgate. Please apply by 4th June.

Sail with Captain Cook?* Not quite, but have a VIP tour of the exact replica of his ship HM Bark Endeavour guided by her Navigator (& our Lower Warden) Paul Hind. Embark at Woolwich Arsenal Pier 4.30 pm Friday 18th July, £7.00 per head. Stay, if you wish, for a cruise on the Thames 6.30-9.00 pm (cost £75 or £65 if there are 16 of us). Fill in the form or contact paulhind@supanet.com or phone 01923-823678 for more details.

Guild of Scholars Prizes 2002

Well done to the following winners:

City of London Freeman's
For Classical Civilisation; 4 July 2002.
Natasha Goul-Wheeker

City of London School
For Service in the 6th form; 11 October 2002.
Richard Eschwege (Candidate 1995)
To read Medicine

City of London School for Girls
Special Prize; 18 October 2002.
Laura Comley (going to Edinburgh to read Neuroscience).
Ami Kawamoto (to Imperial College Ldn to read Medicine).

Obituaries

Sadly we record the deaths of the following members of the Guild:

Geoffrey Robert Gatenby* (CLS 1922-1927) in Oct 02.

A letter from his son Peter (CLS 1956-1961) describes how he joined the School 80 years ago under Rev'd Chilton, ran the first quarter mile at the newly opened Grove Park sports ground, avoided the sixth form but later passed the London Matriculation Exam and went on to become the Chief Accountant of Sun Life Assurance Society.

We extend our sympathy to his family.

Sir John Titman* (CLS 1938-1940) in January 2003.

Robert Millet writes about his long association with the modest and unpretentious Sir John. Not many Old Cits could claim to have commuted to school from St James'

Palace (where his father was Secretary of the Lord Chamberlain's Office). The school's move took him, briefly, to Marlborough but he had to continue his education elsewhere. He served in the Royal Navy at the end of the War (1944-1947) but then followed his father into the Lord Chamberlain's office rising to become its Secretary in 1978. You may have seen him on TV carrying the Mace before the Queen at the State Opening of Parliament as he was Serjeant-at-Arms to the Queen (1982-1991). In recognition of his services to the Crown he was made KCVO on his retirement in 1991 and became Deputy Lieutenant for Surrey. His many local activities included Councillor and Church Warden. He was Master of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers in 1984 where his 2 sons are Liverymen and 2 grandsons are Apprentices. He took a keen interest in the OC Liverymen and, latterly, the Guild.

Despite a lifetime of dealing with the highest and greatest in the land he retained the gift of making the most insignificant person feel important.

We extend our sympathy to his wife, Annabel, whom he married in 1953, and to the family.

Please keep the Guild posted!

In order to maintain the Membership List in a good state, will you please notify changes of address, E-mail address, telephone numbers, membership of a Livery Company, and other personal details to Fiona Porter (preferably by Email). She should also be informed if you wish to have your name included on the list of members to be notified of social events. fionaporter@lineone.net or 17 Selwyn Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5AU. Telephone: 0208 942 1742.

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[Ed: Any members who do not have access to the Internet but would like to see the expanded versions of the articles placed on the JCC site are welcome to write to me for paper versions: Paul Hind, 48 Grove Farm Park, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 2BQ - a stamped, addressed envelope would be appreciated].

The New Evelina Children's Hospital

By Dr. Frances Flinter (CLSG & Freeman)

As Clinical Director of Children's Services at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS trust, I had the pleasure of meeting Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, when he came to lay the foundation stone of the new Evelina Children's Hospital on 6th March 2003, just a week after he was enthroned.

The original Evelina Children's Hospital was founded in Southwark in 1869 by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild following the death of his wife Evelina in childbirth. It was amalgamated with the Children's Unit at Guy's Hospital in 1947 and the original Evelina building closed in 1976 when Children's Services were moved to the newly built Guy's Tower.

The new £60 million Evelina Children's Hospital is being built on a landmark site at St Thomas' Hospital, with the support of a generous £50 million grant from Guy's and St Thomas' Charitable Foundation. Demolition work started in March 2002, and the building will be completed next year.



It will be a seven storey glass fronted building, featuring a four storey conservatory, with dramatic views over the Archbishop of Canterbury's official residence at Lambeth Palace, and the Archbishop's Park. The new hospital will contain 140 inpatient beds, including 20 intensive care beds for the most seriously ill children, 3 operating theatres and a cardiac catheter suite, a hospital school and an outpatient department.

The hospital was designed by Sir Michael Hopkins, who won the architectural design competition, and is being built by the construction company Gleeson. We asked the architects to design a hospital which does not feel like a hospital, and the design is truly innovative. Patients and their families, as well as staff, were consulted extensively about the building, and children have worked with an artist in residence on

the interior design. The interior of the hospital will have the natural world as its theme, and the art work and direction signs will all reflect this. For example, if children need to go to the kidney dialysis unit, they will be told to go to the beach, and they will need to follow the star fish and sea horse symbols in the mosaic floors, and on the lift buttons.

We serve a very diverse population: our patients speak more than 140 different languages and have enormously variable needs, all of which we aim to meet. As well as providing more traditional play areas for younger children, the hospital is planned so that all beds will have their own computer access, enabling older children to stay in touch with their friends by Email. Every child's bed or cot will have a pull down adult bed beside it in case a parent wishes to stay the night. The conservatory has a large space for exhibitions and performing arts, and we have even commissioned a new piece of music for children from the poet John Mole and the composer Bob Chilcott, on the theme of the natural world, for the opening ceremony.

London gets a new Children's Hospital about once every 100 years, and so the opportunity to be involved in a project like this is something that most clinicians can only dream about. Our aim is to equip the hospital with the most modern and state of the art equipment, and we have launched a £20 million fund raising campaign to facilitate this. Anyone who would like to know more about any aspect of this exciting project is very welcome to contact me.

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Farewells

We offer our sad farewells to the following members, now Free Men indeed:

Geoffrey Robert Gatenby (CLS 1922 to 1927) Died October 2002

The following letter was received from Peter Gatenby:

I regret to inform you of the death of my father Geoffrey Gatenby who died on 9th October 2002 a few weeks before his 93rd birthday. As well as an Old Citizen he was a Freeman of The City of London.

From a potted history my Father wrote I find he joined City of London School at the age of 13 and the then Head Master was a Rev'd Chilton. His 'history' also describes his claim to fame. "I did like running and actually took part in the annual sports day but never won anything. When the new sports ground was opened at Grove Park, I was one of those chosen to run the first quarter mile on the newly laid cinder track. It was hard going being very soft". Although he did not stay and go on to the sixth form, he did study further after leaving school and sat the London Matriculation Exam and passed. Through subsequent endeavours he became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries as well as Associate of the Institute of Taxation. He retired in 1971 as the Chief Accountant of Sun Life Assurance Society.(now Axa Sun Life).

I remember when I went to the City myself (1956 to 1961) coming across the Rev'd Ellingham at Blackfriars underground station. He was the City's Chaplin both when my Father was there, as well as myself. He immediately recognised my father as if he had left the school the day before when in practice my father would by then have been about 47. Perhaps it was the fact that my father always retained his thick mop of fair hair unlike most young men today who either go bald or have it all shaved off before they reach 30. On the other hand it could be the distinctive slightly out of line large nose which suffered a severe trauma from my Father leaving his tandem bicycle via the handle-bars on a bend in a lane when on holiday in Cornwall with his friend Leslie Duar, another old Citizen. The school has of course long since moved up the road to the new building but all the Gatenby's, my Father's brother and my own brother included, all went to the building next to the Uniliver building. It was only this summer, downing an odd pint at Doggetts on the south side of the river, that I recalled using a 22 rifle in the shooting range that must lie under the exit fly-over from Upper Thames Street. Is it still in use? No doubt there may be a few slightly younger OC's who recall the old days. How times have changed as I write to you by E-mail and tell you in seconds what my Father would have hand written and had delivered by horse drawn van. Yet strangely the telephone which is in effect what I am using now was in existence when my father was born in 1909. It is just there are now Radio links as well as Computers and Webcams all jumping on the same system.

Please be good enough to take my Father's name from your mailing lists and amend your records appropriately.

Yours sincerely - Peter Gatenby

Sir John Titman (CLS 1938-1940) Died January 2003

The funeral and service of thanksgiving was held in Epsom on Jan 24 for Sir John Titman. Most people who met Sir John would have had little idea that during his working life he had held such a responsible and honoured job as Secretary of the Lord Chamberlain's Office and Serjeant-at-arms to the Queen. Such was his modesty that a few would have been unaware that he was "Sir John". To the commuters to London on the 7.30 a.m. train from Epsom to Victoria he was just a fellow passenger, although one of those companions has noted that he was always bright, courteous and friendly.

It was a privilege to have known him as an Old Citizen, Church member, and a friend, who had a great capacity for integrity, dedication, generosity, friendship, realism and humour. Those last two attributes were apparent in plenty one Sunday morning in November 2002. During the previous week he had been made aware of his condition, and after the Sunday Service he calmly told me that he had been diagnosed as suffering from an inoperable brain tumour, with the consequence that he had but 3 months to live, at most. Those two qualities, plus a concern and compassion for others, were still apparent when three weeks later I saw him walking with difficulty in the local Waitrose, and later still when I visited him at his home little more than a month before he died.

Living as he did in the centre of Epsom, Surrey, he was known to a great number of people. Peggy, my wife, would frequently bump into him on one of his forays into the town, and he would cheerily enquire after "the old fellow", i.e. me.

Born in May 1926 in Esher Surrey, at the age of 5 he moved to Sutton, where he joined the local Crusaders Group, which I was to join much later. Former members of the Group attended his Thanksgiving Service. In June 1939 he moved into an Apartment within St James' Palace, for his father had become Secretary of the Lord Chamberlain's Office. From there he continued his daily travels to C.L.S. on the Victoria Embankment, for he had joined the School the previous year. With the outbreak of War he was evacuated with C.L.S. to Marlborough, but, like so many others, he early in the War left the School to continue his education elsewhere. Although his time with C.L.S. was, therefore, brief, he, nevertheless, throughout his life was emphatic that he was an Old Citizen. He supported O.C. Liverymen, and me especially when I was Chairman.

From 1944 to 1947 he served in the Royal Navy, which provided another common interest between us. On his demob he followed his father into the Lord Chamberlain's Office. He became Secretary of that Office in 1978, and served as such until his retirement. He served as Serjeant-at-arms to the Queen from 1982 until 1991, and some of us will have seen him on television carrying the Mace on State occasions and, in particular, walking before the Queen at the State Opening of Parliament.

Since he was a stickler for correct form, with an ability to take care of every detail, it is not surprising that as early as 1947 he played a part in the organization of the Queen's Wedding and, later, in 1953 in her Coronation, and, still later, he had a significant hand in the Silver Jubilee in 1977, and the wedding of Prince Charles and the Princess of Wales in 1981.

In recognition of his service to the Queen and the Royal Family, he was invested on his retirement in 1991 by her Majesty with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. The same year the former Mr John Titman, now Sir John, was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Surrey. Yet, although he had been dealing with the highest and greatest in the land, he had what someone has described as a God given gift of making the most insignificant person feel important.

Whilst busy at the Lord Chamberlain's Office he made time to serve his local community of Epsom & Ewell as a councillor, a member of the Committee of Management of the local Housing Association, and for 8 years to serve as a Church Warden of Epsom Parish Church. Opposite the Church was a local hostelry at which it is said he "held surgery" at Saturday lunch times.

Space permits mention of only a few of his many activities on behalf of the public. It will, however be of particular interest to us who are interested in the City of London and its Livery Companies, that he joined the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers in 1961, and became Master in 1984, the 500th Anniversary of the granting to the Company of its Charter by Richard III.

In 1953 he married Annabel at St Martin in the Fields Church in Trafalgar Square. His 2 sons are both Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers, and his 2 grandsons are apprentices. As members of the Guild of Scholars we pay tribute to one of our former members who was a fine Christian gentleman, and extend our sympathy at this time to Annabel and the family.

Robert D. Millett, April 2003.

The Guild of Scholars of the City of London



**St. Ethelburga's Church, Bishopsgate
and Summer Buffet supper**

6pm Tuesday 10th June 2003

We invite you to a visit to one of the few remaining medieval buildings in London where we will be shown around and given details of the history and future of this interesting building which was badly affected by the IRA bomb in Bishopsgate in 1993. Dating back to the first half of the 15th century and once the largest building in Bishopsgate St Ethelburga's is now probably the smallest. **Roland Smith, Director of the Centre** will tell us more of its history and how the original Church building was restored following almost total destruction in 1993. In 1996 St Ethelburga's became a centre focussing on the religious dimension of conflict and on the role which faith communities can play in the resolution of conflict and the healing of wounds in divided societies.

As our Past Master Ann Reed was in charge of the rebuilding in 1993 of the adjoining building on behalf of the Landlords, Great Portland Estates, we will hear stories of the damage and reconstruction not generally told!

A summer **buffet supper** following the visit is included at **Balls Brothers, Bishopsgate**, opposite Liverpool St station.

St Ethelburga's is situated on the South side of Bishopsgate (next to no 80), close to the cross roads of London Wall / Camomile Street and Bishopsgate. Nearest station Liverpool St. (Meet there at 6pm Tuesday 10th June).

The cost of the evening will be **£14 per head**. Please return the completed tear off slip, with a cheque made payable to Guild of Scholars by Wednesday 4 June at the very latest.

It would be appreciated if you could complete and return one of the slips below whether or not you intend to be present as this enables us to ensure that we hold your correct personal details, including e-mail addresses.



To : Ann Reed, Old Rookery , 70 East End Lane Ditchling Sussex BN6 8UR

I am able to attend the visit to **St Ethelburga's** Bishopsgate on Tuesday JUNE 10 : Yes / No

I enclose my cheque £14 pp made payable to **Guild of Scholars** for £ _____ for _____ places.

Guests' name(s) : _____

I am unable to attend but enclose a donation made payable to the Charitable Trust of the Guild of Scholars. Please send me a Gift Aid declaration so that the Guild can reclaim tax paid on my donation : Yes / No

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To : Paul Hind, 48 Grove Farm Park, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 2BQ

I am able to attend the visit to **HM Bark Endeavour** on Friday JULY 18 : Yes / No

I enclose my cheque (£7 pp) made payable to **Guild of Scholars** for £ _____ for _____ places.

My separate cheque includes £75 pp for the evening cruise for _____ places (a separate cheque is requested as these places are allocated on a first come first served basis and could be over-subscribed).

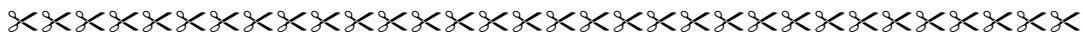
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HM Bark Endeavour
4.30pm Friday 18th July 2003
Meet outside the Royal Artillery Museum Woolwich at 4.30

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We will meet outside the Royal Artillery Museum "FIREPOWER" (itself worth a visit if you want to get there early) at 4.30 pm ("FIREPOWER" is a 5 minute - signposted - walk from Woolwich Arsenal Station, which is accessible via CONNEX South East from London Bridge). Strolling from "FIREPOWER" we will embark in Endeavour at the adjacent Woolwich Arsenal Pier.

Fill out the form above or, for further details, contact Paul Hind- 01923-823678 (-833066 Office) or paulhind@supanet.com