

# The Guild of Scholars of the City of London



Newsletter No 17 Summer 2004

An \* after a heading indicates that, if you are reading this on the Internet, you can click on the heading to go to a fuller version of the article. Mailed (paper) copies of the Newsletter will not, for reasons of cost, have these fuller versions but you can see them now by logging on to the John Carpenter site (<http://www.jcc.org.uk/GoS/index.htm>).

## Master's Address - Peter Mayhew

We are in our 6th year as the Guild of Scholars and it is now a time to pause and reflect. We are at the present living in a world that is greatly troubled and insecure and it must be quite clear to us all that there is a very real threat to our country, our institutions, ourselves and our City of London from those who would wish to destroy our way of life.

When we stood in the Chamberlain's Court and were admitted to the Freedom we all took the oath and made the declaration that we would 'maintain the Franchises and Customs of the City etc....according to its Laws and Customs, to my power'. When we received the Freedom of the City we became members of the Corporation in its wider and original sense of the Commune founded in 1189.

We need to have an understanding of our city in order to understand why things are as they are now, and our place in history and the scheme of things; we shall then be in a position to project into the future.

In 1999 we set out as an irregular Guild (on probation) on the road to become a regular Guild and then a Company without livery. Apart from our other activities, the purpose of our charitable fund was to 'create, accumulate & manage funds for the benefit of the City Schools and their pupils and for scholarships prizes and research in connection therewith and for any charitable objects'. Our Trust Fund is now, in a small way, a reality and is at present awarding prizes to the three City schools.

In order to become a regular Guild we must fulfil the following requirements:

1. Longevity. (i.e. to show that we will not rapidly fall apart).
2. Independence. (Our activities should not overlap those of other Guilds).
3. Membership over 100.
4. Minimum charitable fund £200,000, corporate income & Educational Funds 'adequate'.

This is a call to arms, the future of the Guild is in our hands.

*[Ed: This matter is likely to be debated at the 9th September meeting of the Court. The proposal may well change the nature of the Guild from a - literally - FREE association of former pupils to one intent upon serious charity fund raising. We currently mail to about 400 'members' but will need to verify that the membership is actually above 100 before progressing. These figures suggest that it will be necessary to raise between £500 and £2000 per head, depending upon membership numbers, to achieve the minimum charity fund figure. An annual subscription is also a possibility. If you wish to express an opinion on this matter feel free to e-mail me ([paulhind@supanet.com](mailto:paulhind@supanet.com)) or write to me at: 48 Grove Farm Park, Northwood, Mddx. HA6 2BQ].*

## Annual Assembly - 19 March

Alan Willis, performing his last duty as Master, started the meeting with a minute's silence in memory of Father of the Guild, Kenneth Mostyn, and other of our members who have passed away recently. He reviewed the visits to St Ethelburga's, HM Bark Endeavour, the CLS Music Concert & the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. All had been enjoyed by those who had participated but attendance had varied from poor to over-subscribed. He asked for any ideas for future visits *[Ed: Please tell us where you would like to visit, or let me know if you can offer us an introduction for a special visit]*. He mentioned that one of our Apprentices had been "turned out" as a Freeman but that no new ones had been "bound" and hoped that this situation would improve *[Ed: Can you help? - see last Newsletter]*. He had represented the Guild at a number of events including several {City} Freedom ceremonies and the recent St Paul's service to mark the 150th birthday of the CLFS. Our Charity Fund now has an income of £1600 p.a. allowing us to offer 2 prizes at each of the 3 schools and to consider further disbursements. He welcomed the new Court officers and members and later thanked CLSG for hosting us and for the music from the girl's talented string quartet.

Stephen Hilsum proposed a vote of thanks to Alan for volunteering to return as Master to fill the gap created when both the Wardens had resigned, and for the excellent job which he had done in a difficult year.

Wine, music, dinner and - most of all - chat followed. Old friendships renewed and new ones made. Great!

## Come to Dinner at the HAC's Armoury House\*

All members of the Guild are invited to join the John Carpenter Club for dinner at the Honourable Artillery Company's magnificent Armoury House on 30 Sept. If an application form is not enclosed with this newsletter you can print one from the web, e-mail [pljr.wickham@btinternet.com](mailto:pljr.wickham@btinternet.com) or 'phone Janet Wickham on 020 8643 6588. (Tickets £60).

## Charterhouse

Sorry, to all those who did not make the cut for this heavily over-subscribed visit. The visit went very well - full report in next newsletter.

## Ivor Bennett - Clerk (CLS 46-55)

*A short resumé of a busy life*

I haven't been there nor have I done that yet! Privileged beyond all reason. Born '36 Bromley, Proud Kentish Man. CLS courtesy of indulgent parents and The Corporation (rowing, running, shooting), great place, great education. Pedalled a bike round part of UK and part of Continent.

University, survived just! Worked passage as deck boy on German freighter, Hamburg to Great Lakes and back. Fellow of Geological Society. Army, the War Office was indifferent to my preferences. Germany again, improved my German, acquired a taste for pils and the company of pretty girls. Hitch hiked around a bit more of Europe. Earned a living helping to look for Oil in UK (Dorset, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Northern Ireland, North Sea). Nigeria (mangrove swamp, savannah, tropical rain forest, freshwater swamp, Ju Ju drums). Libya (Pristine beaches, Citrus Orchards and their irrigation, rearing and marketing turkeys for table at Thanksgiving and Christmas, strawberries, vinification, deserts and farmer's markets offering fresh veg, and a few run down Roman ruins) US (Texan hospitality) and most other parts of the World from an office in London. Citizen and Liveryman. Married, three kids, three grandkids to date. Helped to create a Croquet Club. Current Interests:- helping to put something back into an Educational and City pot that gave me so much. Small power boat propulsion, sailing with and without deep keel, punting with a pole, children and grandchildren, bit of gardening and walking, Friend of Brogdale and Life Member NT.

### **Edward Andrews - Court Assistant (CLFS)**

*A pen portrait of our only Freeman's School Court member*

I was at the City of London Freeman's School from 1976 to 1985. I was fairly average at sport playing 1st XV Rugby and was Captain of the 2nd XI cricket team. I completed the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme to Gold level.

I went from there into N.M.Rothschilds and Sons / Rothschild Asset Management and worked my way through to becoming the Senior Foreign Exchange and Money Market dealer. I left Rothschild's after 17½ years following the takeover of the Asset Management arm by Insight Investment. I now run my own business as an Internet Consultant specialising in small to medium business. The company is a franchise of WSI which is the worlds largest Internet Consultancy Group. Please feel free to check me out at <http://www.wsivitalwebsolutions.com/>. I gained the Freedom of the City in February 1990 and became a member of the Guild of Freeman in October 1990. I joined the Guild of Scholars in March 2001 and joined the Court as an assistant in June of the same year. With regard to my social activities I am passionate about Rugby (Congratulations to the World Champions 2003), I play league cricket in the summer and try to play golf all year round. I have been married to Joanna for 8 years and have a 4 year old daughter Mary.

### **Court**

Officers and current Court Assistants are now:

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

Valerie Parker	Assistant
Peter Mather	Assistant
Gillian Simcox	Assistant
John Tadman	Chaplain

Honorary Assistants remain:

Robert Millett, Terry Morris & Stephen Hilsun

We especially welcome the last four Assistants (above) who have recently joined the Court.

### **Ringing The Changes**

Seldom do you get a guide like Alan Hughes: Master Founder & 6th generation of his family to own the Whitechapel Bell Foundry whose Master Founders go back to 1420. His enormous wealth of knowledge of bells and everything about bells, sure delivery & subtle humour turned this from a fascinating visit into an outstanding one.

Tucked away behind his (listed) house on Whitechapel Rd the family factory uses traditional and modern methods to make "hand bells to huge bells", which are exported all over the world. Want to know how to scrape metal from the inside of the bell so that the 5 partial tones of a bell are all exactly in tune at the same time? - ask Alan; want to know the derivation of "Going like the Clappers"? - ask Alan. The evening was rounded off with "Finger food" made by his wife & served by his children (plus plenty of wine).

Very many thanks to Ann Reed for organising the visit and to our Alan (Willis) for suggesting it.

### **Obituaries**

**John Freeman OBE\***. (CLS 26-30) One of the School's first 6th-form biologists, John went on to take a First in the subject at Imperial College. A lifetime with bugs was to follow: a scholarship in entomology, PhD on Wind-Borne Insects, MAFF Chief Scientific Officer and international expert on infestation of foodstuffs. Our sympathy goes to his wife 'Jackie' and son Simon & daughter Sally.

**Nora Cornish**. Earlier in the year we learnt of the sad loss of our Honorary Member Nora, widow of CLS Master "Rocky" Cornish; our condolences go to her family.

### **Charitable Trust - Tax Efficiency**

Please fill out the [Gift Aid Declaration\\*](#) (download from the website or use the one on the back of the Armoury House Dinner page) if you intend to make a donation.

### **Membership Records**

**Has your e-mail address changed?** 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 e-mail). She should also be informed if you wish to have your name included on the list of members to be notified of social events. She will also be happy to supply an up to date membership list to you. Apply to: [fionaporter@lineone.net](mailto:fionaporter@lineone.net) or 17 Selwyn Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5AU. Telephone: 0208 942 1742.

Other Correspondence: The Clerk of The Guild of Scholars: Ivor Bennett, 39 Brancaster Lane, Purley, Surrey, CR8 1HJ ('Phone: 020 8660 3546) e-mail to: [ivor@ijandpb.f9.co.uk](mailto:ivor@ijandpb.f9.co.uk)

[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].



# John Carpenter Club (Old Citizens' Association)

The John Carpenter Club invites Old Citizens, plus members of the  
Friends of CLS and the Guild of Scholars to a Dinner at

## Armoury House

Thursday 30 September 2004

7 for 7.30 pm

The Club is pleased to announce that a formal dinner will once again feature in our activities for the year. Its success depends on your support, so please book your tickets as soon as possible.

The dinner will be held in the splendid Georgian surroundings of Armoury House - the home of the Honourable Artillery Company, the oldest Regiment in the British Army.

Armoury House is an historic gem, built in 1735 and facing some 5.5 acres of hidden lawn on the outskirts of the City. We will be dining in the Long Room, overlooked by portraits of Royal Captains-General and of Colonels Commandant of the Company.

Music will be provided by boys from the School, by kind permission of the Headmaster.

Dress is Dinner Jacket or Mess Dress, and guests will be welcome - including partners. Tickets are £60 each, with a £10 reduction for Life Diners and for those who left CLS in 1994 or later.

Armoury House is situated in City Road, London EC1, just North of Finsbury Square and roughly half way between Moorgate and Old Street underground stations.

**If you have any questions about the event please call Janet Wickham on 020 8643 6588  
or e-mail on [pljr.wickham@btinternet.com](mailto:pljr.wickham@btinternet.com)**

**Closing date for applications is 24 September 2004**



**To : Janet Wickham, 26 Warnham Court Road. Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, SM5 3LZ**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to attend the Dinner at Armoury House

Guests' name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements (if any) : \_\_\_\_\_

Address :	
	Postcode :
E-mail :	Year left School :
Telephone (home) :	Telephone (work) :

I enclose my cheque (£60/£50 pp) made payable to **John Carpenter Club** for £ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ places.



## The Late John Alan Freeman

John Allen Freeman was born in Coulsdon (Surrey) just prior to the First World War and spent most of his childhood in Bromley. He attended the City of London School (1926-30), where he was awarded a Junior Corporation Scholarship and was one of the first students to study biology in the sixth form. He went on to Imperial College, part of London University, where he was President of the Royal College of Science Students Union, and was awarded a First Class Degree in Biology in 1933. After graduation, he held a number of postgraduate appointments (at University College in Hull, Rothamsted Experimental Station in Harpenden, Cornell University in the USA, and at Vineland Experimental Station in Ontario (Canada)). He was a Ministry of Agriculture Scholar in Entomology from 1934 to 37 and was awarded a PhD in 1938 for his research into the distribution of wind borne insects, during which he used kites and wireless masts.

John's professional career was spent almost entirely in the Civil Service, initially the Ministry of Food (that subsequently became the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food). In 1940, the Pest Infestation Control Laboratory was established at Slough, and John was one of the original members of staff and he rose to become its Director. His work at the Pest Infestation Control Laboratory included the inspection of ships' cargoes, food warehouses and flour mills for the presence of insects that would damage food products and then he recommended effective methods for their destruction. In later years, he directed the work of staff in similar activities and research work. He published many scientific papers on the subject of insects and stored food products, and travelled all over the world advising governments and international agencies on the problems. During one of his overseas trips he spent Christmas Day riding a camel in North Africa (although we suspect that this was on holiday rather than on business!). In 1958, he was awarded the OBE for his work. On his retirement as Chief Scientific Officer, he continued to undertake consultancy work, particularly concerned with members of the National Dried Fruit Association. He became an expert in examining samples of dates, currants and dried figs for insects and other undesirable foreign matter, and on occasion having to justify his findings in court.

He was a founder member of the Institute of Biology and was Honorary Treasurer of the Institute from 1965 to 69. He also held positions of Honorary Treasurer and Vice-President of the Royal Entomological Society of London, during which time he met the Queen during their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 1983. Other professional societies of which he was a member included the British Ecological Society and the Association of Applied Biologists.

In the area of sport, shooting ran in the Freeman family. His father and mother both had shot at Bisley since its inception, and his brother (Peter) was in the Olympic team. At school and university, John was a fine shot (both small-bore and full-bore) and was captain of the Imperial College and London University Rifle Clubs. However he gave up the sport at the outbreak of the War. John liked to go walking in the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District during his postgraduate days in Hull. He met his wife Hilda (known to most of us as Jackie) during a stay with a mutual friend (Dr Douglas Riding) during one such walk in the Lake District. They were married in Huyton, Lancashire in August 1945.

His main hobbies were centred on gardening and D.I.Y. He was particularly keen on growing roses (which Jackie liked to pick and give to friends). He was probably one of the first people in Beckenham to grow an outdoor vine which produced small white grapes with a large pip - not very suitable for making wine, alas! He certainly expected to live until 2004, because he had recently taken delivery of an order of summer bulbs. He was a dab hand at making fitted cupboards, and for many an evening he commandeered the kitchen table as a workbench before the garage was built (also by him). Some of the DIY electrical circuits appear to be of dubious safety standards, but so far no serious mishap has occurred!

Although his professional work was important to him family was equally important. John was a rock to Jackie, particularly during recent difficult years. He fully supported his children Simon and Sally and particularly enjoyed having the grandchildren around, although he would tend to answer a simple question in great detail. He enjoyed listening to the grandchildren playing their various musical instruments, although one regret is that he did not hear his grandson sing in the York Minster Choir. Whilst the family were growing up, they enjoyed long summer holidays in Europe,

which were spent primarily in campsites immediately adjacent to the sea in resorts in France, Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia and Greece. In later years, John and Jackie had many holidays together, particularly in the Canaries, and were also able to visit Simon and Sally whilst they were based independently in the Caribbean.

John had a wide knowledge in many fields, and his brain remained alert until the very end of his life. We have lost a good friend, colleague and - in every sense of the word - a fine Freeman.