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Annual Assembly and Master's Observations

Wednesday the 29th March dawned dry and bright

Members and their guests converged on the City of London School for Girls for the **Guild Annual Assembly** in the evening, a very good venue for our event and **thanks** are due to the **Head** and **Governors of the School** for making it available to us

There was a very **good attendance** for the Assembly and the retiring Master, Peter Mayhew, outlined the successes of the previous year

The Officers were invested as set out in the last Newsletter

Peter Mather outlined the **corporate plan** including some exciting events, for example the archaeology event in July by the Tower of London, which is certainly unusual

John Hazel, the retiring Apprenticeship Warden proposed that **Peter Mayhew** should be appointed **Father of the Guild** and this was carried unanimously

After the Assembly a truly **excellent dinner** was enjoyed by all concerned and **thanks** are due to **Ivor Bennett**, our Clerk and the **catering staff** at CLSG for organising such a spread

There were some very short speeches and some superb impromptu music provided by Ashley Bowes

After the dinner concluded Members and their Guests were happy to chat over a drink

It has been said that there is a **new spirit** in the Guild and I do feel that

What is so encouraging is that so many **younger Members** are showing an active interest and, as appears elsewhere in the Newsletter, Edward Andrews is getting to grips with the important job of Apprenticeship Warden

New Apprentices are coming forward, which of course represents the lifeblood of the Guild

I think this will be a really important year for the Guild on the serious side of raising the profile of the Schools in the City and raising the profile of the Guild in the Schools but also with some very interesting social events

The message should be "**watch this space**" or more important "**watch your computer screen**" because we are encouraging Members to view the Newsletter on screen

I would like **all the Members** to **feel part** of the Guild and to **join in** at least some of our activities

Christopher Gooderidge – Master

Events –

City Walk and Dinner – June 21st

Archaeology Visit – July 16th

Please see over page for more information.

Editor's Comment – Many thanks to those members who have agreed to **receive** their **newsletter** via **email**.

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City Walk June 21st - Do you want to know more about the history of your city?

Then please join us for a **gentle** walk to learn about various areas of interest around the City.

Meeting in **Dowgate Hill** (just down from Cannon Street station), the walk will leave **promptly** at 7:00 pm and should last around 1 hour.

We will then retire to the **Bishops Finger** for a meal of Bangers & Mash, Cheesecake and Coffee.

The cost of the evening is £16.00 which covers the cost of the food. For catering reasons, this event must be **pre-booked** (with payment) by **16th June**.

Archaeology Week - Sunday 16th July 2006

Search **Tower Beach** a rare opportunity to descend and search

Visit **Billingsgate Roman house and baths** not on general public view

Arrangements are being made for an **exclusive** day that will be **interesting** to all. We hope that we might also generate some longer-lasting interest in Archaeology for some.

The finer points of the programme and visits are still being negotiated

The expected programme for the day – **Sunday 16th July** - is :

- 11:00 Visit displays of archaeological finds on the green above Tower Beach
- 12:00 Descend to the beach at low tide to search for 'finds' and have them evaluated
- 13:30 Lunch own arrangements or Pizza Express
- 14:30 Visit to the Billingsgate Roman house and baths first tour
- 15:45 Visit to the Billingsgate Roman house and baths second tour

these tours are limited to 30 visitors each

We hope to run a competition for the younger visitors. Open to **Guild members** and **families**, and to **pupils** at the City Schools and **their families**

We are making a nominal charge of £8 per adult and £4 for those 25 years and under. This is to pay for the Billingsgate entry (there is no charge for the Tower Beach access) plus the competition prize(s), and a contribution to training and equipping a few that might want to acquire further archaeological expertise.

Please register your interest on the attached form as soon as possible. This form can also be downloaded from www.gofs.co.uk. We are sure that the limited number of places will be taken up quickly.

We will send further details before the event to those that have registered.

News of our Youth

We welcome Benedict Hazel who took his Indentures as an Apprentice to the Guild on 13th April 2006. Benedict is currently studying at Sheffield University and has just been awarded an Astra-Zeneca scholarship for the rest of his time there (Congratulations Benedict.)



The indenture ceremony took place at Guildhall. Present and in the photo from left to right – Peter Mayhew (Father of the Guild), John Hazel (Benedict's father), Jeffery Easingwood (Benedict's Master), Benedict, Edward Andrews (Apprenticeship Warden), Ivor Bennett (Clerk).
Also present was Leslie Hazel (Benedict's mother) who took the photograph.

Please note that booking forms can also be downloaded @ www.gofs.co.uk.



Name: _____ (Please Print) email: _____ (Please Print)

The City Walk - Please reserve me _____ place(s) for @ £16:00 per person

The Archaeological dig - Please reserve me _____ adult place(s) @ £8:00 per person and _____ (age under 26) places @ £4:00 per person. I accept that a disclaimer will be required in respect of this visit.

I enclose a cheque made payable to "Guild of Scholars" for £ _____

All bookings will be acknowledged. If you do not have an email, please leave a contact telephone number.