



The Guild of Scholars

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The Master's View

Since the last newsletter we have held the Guild's Annual Assembly at the City of London School for Girls- it was a **great success**.

We were **privileged** to have with us on that occasion a number of **VIP's** from **each** of the City's three Schools, all of whom enjoyed themselves tremendously.

We welcome James Arnold as a **new member of the Court**- we are very pleased to have secured more young blood for the Guild. We are hoping to have a further new Court member in the near future. Candidates are coming forward to be apprenticed as are Masters for the apprentices.

We are continuing with our **support** for sail training for pupils at the three Schools. We continue with the giving of prizes at the Schools. We hope the members will join us for one or more of our social functions- they are very friendly occasions.

The Guild is in good heart and we thank you for your support.

Christopher Gooderidge – Master

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News from the schools

As some of you may know, both **Dr Yvonne Burne**, Headmistress of CLSG and **David Haywood**, Headmaster of CLFS retired this summer. Both have been extremely supportive of the Guild and will be sorely missed. We presented Dr Burne with a bouquet of flowers and gave Mr Haywood a vintage bottle of port. We wish them health and happiness in retirement.

This year our support of the schools has included providing 9 places for sail training as well prizes to be presented at each school's annual prize day. We will try to update you on recipients in the next newsletter

Change of Address

Please note the Clerk has moved and therefore the new address for correspondence is:

Ivor Bennet, The Clerk, Guild of Scholars, 75 Colonel Stephen's Way, St Michaels, Tenterden, Kent, TN 30 6EW

In order to ensure that the membership list is in good order, will you please notify change of address, telephone numbers, email address, membership of a livery company and any other details that you feel are relevant. This information can be sent to Ivor Bennett at the above address or alternatively email editor@gofs.co.uk and I will pass the information on.

Events

(for more information see over page)

13 September 2007 Social Pub Gathering

11th March 2008 Visit to Wood Street Police Street.

Annual Assembly Dinner

Held at the City of London Girls School this event proved enjoyable as ever.

Thanks must go to the **ensemble** from the **school** who gave an excellent recital on our arrival, to the **Head** and **Governors** of the school for making the facilities available to us and the **catering staff** who provided us with an **excellent meal**.

Old acquaintances met up and new friends were made. Towards the end of the evening the Guild **presented** a bouquet of flowers to **Dr Yvonne Burne** to wish her well on her retirement (accepted by Andrew Douglas on her behalf).

The conversation flowed almost as fast as the wine and there was even time for some of the members and guests to retire to a nearby hostelry to continue the evening.

The highlight of our event year proved, once again, to be a very **relaxed** and **amusing** evening. If you have not attended the Annual Assembly dinner before, then I highly recommend that you make time for next years. **Truly an event not to be missed.**



Andrew Douglas accepts the bouquet on behalf of Dr Yvonne Burne

Editor's thought - Is our Guild unique?

Requirements for membership of the Guild are fairly standard with regard to requirements of most of the Livery companies and Guilds of London. That is to say having the Freedom of the City (or apprenticing), nomination by existing members, ratification by a Court or some similar body, etc. We do, however have the added criteria of a connection to one of the 3 city schools (pupil, staff, governor, etc.) and I wondered if any other Livery or Guild has such a qualification criteria i.e. Although a majority of members of the Worshipful Company of Bakers are Master Bakers, I do not believe that this is a criteria for membership.

With this in mind, I plan on running a series of articles on the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City of London. If anyone feels that they have information that would be useful or indeed is a member of a livery or guild and would like to contribute an article, I would love to hear from you. Details can be emailed to editor@gofs.co.uk or posted to Edward Andrews, 8 Grovelands Road, Purley, Surrey, CR8 4LA.

Events

Social Pub Gathering – 13th September 2007

The next social pub get together after work drinks (5.30 pm onwards) will be held at The Shakespears Head, 64-68 Kingsway (Africa House), WC2B 6BG which is near Holburn station. There will be an **area reserved** for us and this is ideal opportunity to **meet other members** of the Guild in a social and relaxed environment.

If you can only pop in for a **quick drink** at any time throughout the evening, we would still love to see you.

This event is being organised by Stephanie Roe.

If you are planning on attending this event, please email Stephanie – stephanie@gofs.co.uk – so that we have an idea of numbers. If you do not have access to email, please call 020 8668 8575 (Edward Andrews) who will pass the information to Stephanie.

Visit to Wood Street Police Street Police Station – 11th March 2008

This event will be hosted by the **City of London Police** at their main headquarters in Wood Street. We hope that the evening will include a **tour of the station, a visit to the mounted section and stables, the dog section** and the **in-house museum** (full details are yet to be confirmed). We will then retire to a local hostelry for a meal.

Since the City of London Police do not charge for the visit, we aim to make a **donation** to the Police Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The expected cost of the evening will be £15.00 which will include the donation and food. Full details and booking information will be in the next newsletter, but please put the **date in your diary now**.

Other events for 2007/08

We are planning a visit to the **College of Arms** and should have the date and booking information available in the next newsletter.

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

If you have received a **physical** copy of this newsletter and would be happy to **receive** an **electronic** version instead, please email editor@gofs.co.uk with news in the subject line.

Not only will this reduce running costs, but also do our bit to help save some trees.

We are very grateful for the continuing sponsorship from WSI for the newsletter as well as some **donations** towards these costs from some **individual members** of the Guild. Thank you

Where are they now? – We have had some correspondence returned as "moved away". If anyone has contact details for the following, please let me know me via email (editor@gofs.co.uk) or the Clerk at the address shown on the front page and we can update our records: Huw Williams, Patrick E Baldrey, WgCdr Christopher Benn, Stanley Blitz, James A Boyes, Rev Gregory J Clifton-Smith, Edward Goldsmith, Denis W Langley, Daniel A Lewis, Mark S Milton, Peter G Read, Patrick A Ritchie, Dinah G L Rose, Andrew O Svoboda, George R Waterman, Richard V Wells.

James Arnold

The Court of the Guild of Scholars is pleased to introduce our **newest court assistant**. We asked James to give us a brief history of himself.

Having spent 10 years at City of London Freeman's School, I went to Manchester University to read Business and Finance. Graduating in 2003 with a 2:1 I joined the British Telecommunications Graduate Finance Scheme. Whilst on the scheme I trained as a Management Account, qualifying with the Chartered Institute of Management Accounts in February 2007. Currently I work for BT as an Investor Relations Manager, where it is my responsibility to maintain relationships with the telecoms analysts in the global investment banks and hedge funds ensuring that they are aware of BT's strategy and understand any developments within the company and the industry in which we operate.

Back in 2001 I was introduced to Peter Mayhew at the Guild of Scholars, through a fellow Freeman, Ross Marshall. After several meetings with Peter, often in the calm surrounds of the City's many bars, it was evident that the Guild was something I wanted to actively participate in. Peter invited me to the Annual Assembly Dinner at CLS where I was able to meet for the first time many of the Guild's candidates and members. As with all the Guild's dinners that I've been fortunate enough to attend, the evening was a fantastic success and only increased my aspiration to become a Freeman of the City of London.

In March this year I'm proud to say that I gained my Freedom of the City of London and was accepted as a member of the Guild of Scholars. Having attended a couple of Court meetings I was honoured to be asked to become a member of the Guild's Court in April. I look forward to working with my fellow Court members and meeting many more of the Guild's members and candidates at the coming events.



James's Freedom Ceremony

From left to right – Peter Mayhew (Father of the Guild), James Arnold, Ivor Bennett (Clerk), Edward Andrews (Apprenticeship Warden)



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