



The Guild of Scholars

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The Master's View

I am delighted with the way things are going with the Guild - we had a most **successful** Sail Training evening at the City of London School for Girls at the beginning of November when a number of pupils from CLS and Freeman's presented on their **experiences at sea** - their **enthusiasm** was **infectious** and their **presentations magnificent**. Clearly they all had the experience of their lives.

Sadly this time there were no pupils from CLSG on the courses but Diana Vernon, the new Head, said that she would ensure that next year the word got around so that we have pupils from all 3 schools on the courses. The **Guild awards grants** for the Sail Training courses each year and we are delighted with the response.

A number of former pupils of the 3 schools are becoming **apprenticed** to Masters in the Guild and taking up the Freedom of the City.

We have also elected some younger members to the Court of the Guild. I am particularly pleased to welcome **Angela Banwell** from CLSG to the Court. There are some **interesting social** events coming up and I hope to see you there.

Finally thank you for your support for the Guild and may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Christopher Gooderidge – Master master@gofs.co.uk

Sail Training Update

The following were awarded Bursaries under The Guild's Sail Training Program and made Presentations describing their experiences in the Lecture Theatre at CLSG before Court Members and invited Guests on 5th November 2007:-

At **City of London Freeman's School**:

Samuel Chung - Sam was invited back to sail again with The Rona Trust.

Morgan Keery – Morgan received an Amory Award from The Rona Trust and will be invited to a selection weekend at which the members to crew The Rona Trust's Yacht in the 2008 Tall Ships Races will be selected.

Matthew Edwards - Matthew was invited back to sail again with The Rona Trust.

At **City of London School**:

Jamie Lewis - Jamie received an Amory Award and has been invited to go forward for Tall Ships Races Crew Selection.

Edgar Simmons - Edgar gained both an RYA Competent Crew Certificate and an Amory Award and will be invited to go for selection as has Jamie.

Matthew James - Matthew gained a Scott Award in 2006 with our sponsorship and sailed again in 2007 when he gained an Amory Award and has been invited to go for selection as have Jamie and Edgar.

The bursaries offered at the **City of London School for Girls** were not taken up.

Future Events

(for more information see over page)

10th January 2008 Visit to the College of Arms

11th March 2008 Visit to Wood Street Police Station.

17th April 2008 Social Pub Gathering.

Congratulations to our school prize winners

The Guilds' Prizes are awarded principally for evidence of Citizenship and particularly for effort raising the Profile of The City of London within the Schools or elsewhere or for raising the Profile of The Schools within The City.

The recipients of our prizes to pupils at the **City of London School for Girls** were:-

Yaa Danso, Annika Duggal, Edith Greaves, Oona Webster

(These girls contributed to Saturday Schools run to promote the better education of pupils from an underprivileged area in the East End.)

The recipients of our prizes to pupils at the **City of London Freeman's School** were:-

Paul Ferrett, Michael Walker, Natalie Enright

The prizes we offered at the **City of London School** were not awarded.

Angela Banwell (CLSG)

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

From the City, the Carmelite Street building, I trained to teach. I have taught in many primary schools in and around London. I am married to Allan, and have one daughter, Polly, who is an actress.

My passions are the theatre and art history. My faith is the centre of my existence. I couldn't live without Radio 4, perfume and seeing friends, especially my old school friends!

Events

Visit to the College of Arms 10th January 2008.

The College of Arms is the official repository of the coats of arms and pedigrees of English, Welsh, Northern Irish and Commonwealth families and their descendants. Its records also include official copies of the records of Ulster King of Arms the originals of which remain in Dublin.

Starting at **18:15 for 18:30** our host will be the **Windsor Herald**, Mr Hunt, who will show us round. Refreshments will also be provided.

The evening will finish at about **20:45**.

The cost of the evening will be £30 for members and friends and £25 for students and apprentices.

Visit to Wood Street Police Station – 11th March 2008

A **unique opportunity** to visit 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 to be confirmed). Starting at **18:00 for 18:15** the tour should conclude around **19:45 to 20:00**, after which we will then retire to a nearby hostelry for a light supper. Due to **security** at Wood Street we do require **the full names of all attendees**. The evening will cost £25 for members and friends and £20 for students and apprentices.

Social Pub Gathering – 17th April 2008

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 Holborn 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 our newest court assistant Angela Banwell. If you are planning on attending this event, please email Angela – angela@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 Angela.

Other events for 2008

The Annual Assembly and Dinner will be March/April 2008. Final date confirmation, details and booking information will be available in the next newsletter.

If there are other visits/events you would like the Guild to consider organising, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Membership News

Having completed 7 years as a Guild apprentice, Tom Oliver (CLS 1992-00) was turned out on 16th November 2007 by right of servitude.



Photo taken in the Chamberlain's Court, Guildhall as Tom is welcomed as a citizen of London.

- From Left to Right - Ivor Bennett (Clerk), Edward Andrews (Apprenticeship Warden), Tom Oliver, Chris Sales (Renter Warden and Tom's Master), Peter Mayhew (Father of the Guild)

We also welcome new member Prof Adrian Oldknow (CLS 1957-64) to the Guild.

Obituaries

Sadly we record the Death of Patricia A Bawden who passed away in June 2007. We extend our sympathy to her family.

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

Golf

Over recent meetings with Guild members, it has become apparent that we have a number of golfers in our membership. With this in mind, we are exploring the possibility of forming a "society". This could take the form of an **annual golf day** or **matches** vs. other Guild and Livery companies, etc.

If you would be interested in receiving more information, please contact Edward Andrews, preferably by email editor@gofs.co.uk or telephone 020 8668 8575. As location of such an event will have an effect on attendance, would you also leave details of your town, nearest city or the like.



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Is our Guild unique?

As promised in the last newsletter here is the start on a series of articles on the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City of London. (I am grateful to all members who have contributed)

Trade and craft associations have flourished all over Europe for many centuries, but the **City of London companies**, now collectively known as the Livery, are **unique** in their survival, number and diversity.

The social and economic conditions which gave birth to the original guilds have long since been overtaken by the development of industry and commerce, but the **livery** companies still flourish today as living institutions. Their survival has been achieved by doing what they have always done: **fostering their trade** in a wide context, **servicing the community**, and **embracing modern skills and professions**. Today there are 107 livery companies in the City of London.

Livery Companies were established to set **high standards** of **craftsmanship** and **business conduct**. They embodied activities similar to those carried out at present by employers' organisations, trade unions and professional institutions. To **trade** in the City, a person was required to be a **Freeman of the City of London** and a **Freeman of the Livery Company** related to his craft. The discipline exercised by this system accounted for London becoming a significant centre of international trade during the Middle Ages. Livery Companies also assumed **responsibility** for the **education** and **training of apprentices** to their craft. Indeed, it was initiatives taken by the Corporation and Livery Companies that led to the foundation of the City and Guilds of London Institute in 1878. Now acknowledged worldwide as a centre of technical excellence, City and Guilds created what has been described as Britain's first industrial University, the City & Guilds College of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London. (...continued overleaf)

New Heads

We give a very warm welcome to the new head at City of London School for Girls **Diane Vernon** and the new head at City of London Freeman's School **Philip MacDonald**, both of whom attended the Sail Training presentations held earlier this year. We wish them every success in the challenging but exciting times ahead.

Event booking forms

As **numbers are limited**, payment must be made at the time of booking and you will be informed if your application has been successful. If you are booking for both events, please send a **separate cheque** for each event. Cheques will only be **cash**ed if your application has been **successful** and applications will be treated on a "**first come, first served basis**"



Visit to the College of Arms 10th January 2008.

Name (please print): _____

Please reserve me _____ place(s) @ £30.00 and _____ place(s) @ £25.00

My guest(s) names are (please print):

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

Contact details for receipt confirmation: email _____ or tel _____



Visit to Wood Street Police Station – 11th March 2008

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Is our Guild unique? (continued)

Some Livery Companies still **own** or **manage schools** and, in former times, their sense of social obligation often led to the assistance of Members who were experiencing personal or business difficulties. One privilege still remains with regard to education and that is the admission of a Citizen of London's children to the City of London Freeman's School. Although this is still fee-paying, orphans of Freeman are still eligible as "Foundationers".

The Livery companies are **ranked in order of precedence** based on the time of their original acceptance by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City. (although dating from disagreement over precedent order in the 'Middle Ages', the Merchant Taylors' and the Skinners change position annually; hence reputedly the expression 'to be at sixes and sevens')

Over the next series of newsletters, I intend to delve into each of the Livery Companies, Companies without Livery and Guilds to try to ascertain if our Guild truly is unique. That is to say, do any of the other companies, etc have a membership criteria other than having the Freedom of the City of London and recommendation by existing members of the Company, etc.

As there is an order of precedence, that is the order in which I will review so the first 10 to be looked at will be:

1. The Worshipful Company of Mercers (General Merchants)
2. The Worshipful Company of Grocers
3. The Worshipful Company of Drapers (Wool and cloth merchants)
4. The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers
5. The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths
- 6/7. The Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors (Tailors)
- 6/7. The Worshipful Company of Skinners (Fur Traders)
8. The Worshipful Company of Haberdashers
9. The Worshipful Company of Salters
10. The Worshipful Company of Ironmongers

(Please note that I have done and will do my best to ensure the accuracy of the information, However, I am not a historian and can give no guarantees – Edward Andrews) – to be continued in the next newsletter.



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2008 



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