



The Guild of Scholars

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The Master's View

A big **thank you** to Mira Chatterjee for her two years as Master of the Guild. I am pleased to say that Mira is continuing as a member of the Court.

I continue to be encouraged by the **enthusiasm** shown by our **young members, candidates and apprentices**. I want to mention one of them in particular. **Chaslav Frim** was appointed **Clerk** of the Guild at the recent Annual Assembly and I wish him all the best for the future. We have had a number of extremely interesting visits in the recent past, notably to the **Old Bailey** and the **College of Arms**. I am delighted that our Social Secretary, **Angela Banwell**, has managed to arrange a visit to the **Houses of Parliament** on Thursday 30th June. Full details appear elsewhere in this Newsletter. I do urge you to apply quickly because I think this will be a very popular event. Angela continues to arrange the pub social evenings at the **Green Man** near Bank underground station, again details are available elsewhere. I would mention that for those of you wanting a meal, the next social take place on a Tuesday evening and Tuesday is steak night at the Green Man.

Administering and promoting the Guild comes at a **cost** and the Court is **considering** the possibility of introducing a **small annual subscription** from members. If you have any strong views on this, please let us know at subs@gofs.co.uk.

Christopher Sales – Master master@gofs.co.uk

Pub Socials

The Guild continues to hold very informal get togethers' in pubs in (or on the edge of) the City. Members drop in for a drink or a meal for as little or as long is convenient. It was great to catch up with some of you at the last one held on the 12th April.

The next one will be held on **Tuesday 7th June**. Venue is the Green Man (Wetherspoon's) at Bank Station (underground, not street level). We shall have an **area reserved** which is **usually** down the stairs and turn immediately left. So see you there **any time from 5.30pm**

Visit to The Priory Church of Saint Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield Wednesday 1st September 2010

This was the first **joint event** held with The **Guild of Mercers' Scholars**. Founded in 1123 as an Augustinian Priory and one of **London's oldest churches**, St Bartholomew's is still an **active parish church** with a **magnificent choir**, and is widely known through its frequent use as a **film and television location**.

We were taken on a **guided tour** of the church, followed by supper and drinks locally. A fabulous evening. Given the confirmation of details of this visit, it was only possible to let Guild members **know about it** who are on our **email list**. Should you wish to be emailed about future visits, please contact editor@gofs.co.uk with **events** in the subject line.

Future Events

7th June Social Pub Gathering.

30th June Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Results of the Election Court for 2011/2012

Master – Christopher Sales
Upper Warden – Ivor Bennett
Lower Warden – John Hazel
Renter Warden – James Arnold
Apprenticeship Warden – Edward Andrews

Immediate Past Master – Mira Chatterjee

Appointed by the Court:

Clerk – Chaslav Frim

Visit to the Houses of Parliament



With thanks to our Social Secretary, Angela Banwell we have arranged a visit to the Houses of Parliament on **30th June**. We will have a **guided tour** by Andrew Rosindell (MP for Romford) starting at **6.30pm**. We need to meet at the **main visitor entrance** at St Stephens Gate around **6pm** as it can take **15 to 20 minutes** to **clear security**. The tour will include: **Westminster Hall, the Commons, the Lords, and the Chapel**. All being well ending up on the terrace (that bit can not be guaranteed). Cost will be **£25 per person** which will be **donated** by Mr Rosindell to **St Alban's Church Romford** to continue their **restoration programme** - (in particular buying new silverware). An Application form for this event is attached. **We need the forms returned (with payment) by Friday 10th June** as we need to submit visitor information to Westminster in advance. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **All applications will be acknowledged** whether successful or not. Should you have **any questions** on your application or need to **change any details**, please contact editor@gofs.co.uk. After the visit, we will adjourn to a **local hostelry** for food and drink at **own expense**.

Sail Training

The Guild continues to **support pupils** at the 3 City Schools with Sail Training **bursaries**. The following went in 2010:-

From CLS - Jonny Lister. From CLFS - Tessa Abbot, Jenny Baldock, Rebecca Johns. From CLSG - Alice Priestland

At the Sail Training **Presentation** Evening in November 2010 Members of the Court listened to the accounts of our awardees **experiences** while spending their "**Week at Sea**" with **The Rona Trust**.

All the Presentations, several of them in Microsoft PowerPoint, were well received. Each Presenter **thanked The Guild** for the sponsorship. While most had enjoyed themselves, **all deemed** they had **benefited**.

The Guild's **objectives** in this scheme are, inter alia, to **widen the experience** of these young people in the hope it will broaden their 'comfort zones', and enable them to learn how to work together with **other young people** from less privileged backgrounds. Another way of putting it would be to add another positive quality to the character of those who have enjoyed a **top rate academic education**. This in the hope they will walk taller and command a little more respect from their peers.

On the downside Voyage **Fees** in 2010 **increased** from £100 to £180. The real cost to The Rona Trust of providing these Voyages is of the order of £400.

On the upside the Guild is planning on sending even more pupils Sail Training.

This year we expect to **support 4 pupils from CLSG, 3 pupils from CLFS and 3 pupils from CLS**. - Ivor Bennett.

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.

Annual Assembly and Dinner 29th March 2011

The Annual Assembly and buffet dinner was held on the 29th March at the **City of London Girls School**. Our new Master (Chris Sales), Upper Warden (Ivor Bennett), Lower Warden (John Hazel) and Clerk (Chaslav Frim) were **sworn into office**. After some **thoughts** from the new Master as to the direction the Guild is heading and an announcement by Social Secretary Angela Banwell that we have managed to arrange a visit to Westminster for 30th June we then adjourned for a buffet dinner. **Many thanks** to Fred and his team for the **food** and to CLSG for **use of their facilities**.

News of our Youth

The following update has been received from **Apprentice Charlotte Rule**:

Since becoming an **Apprentice** to Adam Lovick, I went on to gain a **First Class BSc**. at Oxford Brookes in Geography with Anthropology. I then continued to live in Oxford, doing a short 6 month 'sentence' as a **Teaching Assistant** at a local comprehensive school. In September 2009 I got my first 'proper job' as a **Resident House Tutor** and **teacher** of Geography at Sherborne Girls School in **Dorset**, a fantastic but demanding job! I managed to coerce the school into taking me for a second year and to sponsor me through a teacher training programme. Whilst doing this I have managed not only to teach at the girls school, but take on some teaching at Sherborne School, the boys school down the road. I am about to start my final term 'yo-yo-ing' between the two schools and will be moving on in July, the only question is 'where to'?!

Owing to the fact that Dorset is over two and a half hours from London and that I work 6 days a week, my involvement with the Guild has been much less than I had intended when I joined. I am just hoping that with a new job, and a new location, I will be nearer the city and will become a more familiar face!



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Visit to Westminster Booking Form

(Please note **closing date for applications is Friday 10th June**)

Tickets cost **£25 per person**. Cheques should be made payable to the "Guild of Scholars".

Please send event application form to **Angela Banwell, Guild of Scholars, 28 Spratt Hall Road, Wanstead, London, E11 2RQ**

This information requested below is for **security** at Westminster and must be completed for **every visitor**. (Please use additional paper if needed.) Please **print** all responses. Apart from confirming receipt to the person making the application, this information will only be passed on to Security and not used for any other purpose.

Person making the application –

First Name : _____

Last Name : _____

Address : _____ Post Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ **Cheque enclosed for £** _____

Guest(s) details -

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