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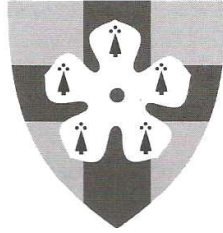
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*Christmas Lunch
at Kilworth Springs Golf Club,
December 2023*



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Editor's Comments

"I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned."

—Richard Feynman



Hello and a Happy New Year! I hope you're all keeping warm and well—it's been a tad chilly of late, hasn't it? I've got so many layers on right now that I look like Daniel Lambert! Still, at least it's noticeable that the days are getting longer and Spring's on the horizon.

Well, things have certainly quietened down since Christmas but the run-up to it was pretty busy: back in November there was the Remembrance Sunday ceremony; and throughout December a variety of Christmas celebrations, including Christmas lunches (too many!), the Freemen's Christmas Carol Service, the annual panto, a brass band played at the Holt and a choir sang carols in the community centre.

We're always grateful to receive contributions from our readers, and we're pleased to include articles from Margaret Hames, John Tolton and Derek Austin in this edition—thanks everyone, it's very much appreciated. If you'd like to share your memories or something about your family history, or perhaps you've got a pastime you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you — so please put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard. My contact details are on page 18.

Val Moore

Report by Malcolm Ballard, Master of the Gild



Happy New Year to you all. Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and kept well through the holidays.

Since the November issue there hasn't been much to write about, however on Sunday the 18th November we had the Remembrance Service at the memorial on Victoria Park, and several robed Freemen and their partners attended, even though the weather was not kind to us.

In December, we had the annual pantomime at The Little Hill Theatre—it was *'Puss in Boots'*, a great laugh. On Monday 18th December a Carol Service took place at St Andrews Church and the congregation were in good voice. Unfortunately, attendance numbers were less than the previous year. After the service everyone was invited to the Community Centre

where warm mince pies and sausage rolls were served along with Mulled Wine.

This year's Common Hall will be on 17th April at the Holt at 7.30pm (see page 9). I am hoping to arrange a banquet again for this year, on the first of June, and a church service for the following day. As yet, I haven't booked at a venue and have no further details to pass on. If you are interested in attending please keep this date free. I am hoping to keep the cost of the event lower than last year by operating a discount for Gild members—this may depend on how many people would like to come.

I am trying to organize other events for this coming year, and if anyone has any suggestions I would be happy to hear from them. My aim is to offer best value for money and good entertainment for everyone.

Looking forward I am hoping that the skittles evening against Coventry Gild will take place this year as unfortunately they had to cancel 2023.

At present we are still looking for a Chamberlain to take over the book-keeping and organizing events.

Also, we still need a Clerk to liaise with other guilds, arrange meetings, pass on information regarding outside events and the attendance of Lord Mayor and Special Guests to the relative functions. If anyone is interested in filling these roles please contact me on 07775791144. I am happy to discuss what is needed and offer help to any applicant.

The Gild is always looking for new members. It would be great to hear from anyone who would like to join and offer assistance to maintain what we do. There is a yearly fee of £9 which goes towards all things arranged by and for the Gild. I personally think it would be a good opportunity to invite newly sworn in Freemen and younger Freemen to become part of this organization to enable us to move on with new and fresh ideas.

As the weather has changed considerably, wrap up warm and keep safe.

*Malcolm Ballard
Master of The Guild*

Report by Chair of the Board, Lynn Roffee



On behalf of the Board of Deputies, I hope you all had a lovely festive period and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I would like to thank my fellow Deputies for all of their efforts in 2023, Deputies volunteer their time and without them we would not be able to run the Charity. If you would like to know more about becoming a Deputy, please contact us and we would be very happy to explain more about the role.

Two Making Free Ceremonies were held in 2023, 26

people took their Freedom. It is vital we encourage our family members to take their Freedom and become involved with the Gild and Charity in order to carry on our traditions and activities in the years to come. Any application to become a Freeman of Leicester should be made to the Member & Civic Support Office:—

Member & Civic Support Office
Leicester City Council,
City Hall, 3rd Floor
115 Charles Street
Leicester,
LE1 1FZ

0116 4540020
lord.mayor@leicester.gov.uk

We had our usual events for Christmas here including a trip to Kilworth Springs Golf Club for lunch, a visit from a local church group to sing carols at a coffee morning, a visit from the South Fields Concert Band for carols and showed the film Miracle on 34th Street in our Community Centre.

In November, the Board had their Annual Dinner at the Taste Restaurant at Leicester College. We were very impressed with the food and the service of the students in training.

Meeting Dates 2024

Board Meeting - Wednesday 6th March, 19:30
Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 19th March, 19:30
Board Meeting – Wednesday 5th June, 19:30
Board Meeting – Wednesday 4th September, 19:30
Board Meeting – Wednesday 4th December, 19:30

All Freemen are very welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. The meetings are held in the Community Centre at Freemen’s Holt. Freemen can request copies of the minutes of these meetings – please contact the office if you would like a copy.

Bungalow Vacancies/Information

We currently have two standard bungalows available. The current monthly maintenance contributions are:

Standard Bungalow - £166.36
Enhanced Bungalow - £232.87

If you would like to know more about living at Freemen’s Holt, please contact the office.

In December we welcomed new residents into No.9, we wish them many happy years here at Freeman's Holt.

In 2023 we provided housing for a total of 50 people. They ranged from being in their early sixties to over a hundred years of age.

Charitable Payments

We currently have two people who receive a monthly Charitable Payment. If you would like to apply for a Charitable Payment or want more information, please contact the office.

Contact Details

Telephone - 0116 2834017

Email - office@leicesterfreemen.com

Address – 32 Freeman's Holt, Aylestone, Leicester, LE2 8NH

Website – www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk

Take care,

*Lynn Roffee
Chair of the Board*

Programme of Future Events

Board Meeting - Wednesday 6th March, 19:30

Common Hall—Wednesday 17th April, 19.30—see next page for further details

Garden Party on Sunday 9th June at Freeman's Holt. See separate leaflet for further details and how to obtain your tickets.

The following plans are In the pipeline:

We're hoping to hold the Gild Banquet weekend 1st & 2nd June—venue to be arranged.

We're also planning to set a new date for Skittles Night with the Coventry Guild.

NOTICE: Common Hall, 2024

Notice is hereby given that COMMON HALL will be held in the Community Centre, Freeman's Holt on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm precisely in order to transact the business of the Leicester Gild of Freeman in accordance with the Rules of the Gild and with the agenda below.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Common Hall
3. Matters arising
4. Report by the Master of the Gild
5. Report by the Chamberlain of the Gild and Adoption of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024
6. Election of Wardens: N. Cave, J. D. Lewitt, S. Freeman, K. Mardon (co-opted & Jean Mardon
7. Election of Officers:
 - a. Master
 - b. Deputy Master
 - c. Clerk
 - d. Chamberlain
 - e. Representative of the Freeman of England and Wales
8. Election of Editor and Archivist
9. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
10. Any other business

Contributions to Gildhall News

The Recollections of Leonard Tolton

At some time in the early sixties a cousin (Leonard) of my father put down on paper his recollection of his early life from starting at school to his return from the horrors of the First World War. A copy of those memories came my way after my father died and they make fascinating reading. Unfortunately, by the time that I had gained possession of those memoirs Len was long since dead so I was unable to fill in the gaps and ask the many questions that came to mind after reading the script. What Len wrote is a personal account of early 20th century life in Leicester and in the army which I hope you will find as fascinating as I did.

So here are the recollections of Len Tolton in his own words.

—John Tolton

My name is Charles Leonard Tolton, the second son of James and Elizabeth Tolton, and I was born in 1897 in a six roomed terraced house in Cranbourne Street, Leicester, which was rented for 5/- per week. There was one water tap to the block of four houses, fixed to the wall of a small outhouse which consisted of two water closets, one for each pair of houses. At the rear of the houses were small gardens, enclosed by a brick wall, and over the wall were allotments let to railway men working for the Great Northern Railway, and beyond the allotments were the shunting yards and station of the railway. I shall always remember the all-night bangs and rattles of the trucks being shunted, and as I grew older the noise became part and parcel of my life. Indeed, when shunting took place during the day, it was a joy to watch the little square engine pulling and pushing the trucks about with the shunter sitting on a long stick fixed to the trucks, riding along.

When I reached the age of 3, I went to Catherine Street School, and I can still remember my first day there, sitting in a large classroom, drawing pictures in a tray of sand.

My parents had a very hard life. My father was in the shoe trade and seldom had a full week's work, so to help out my mother had a Griswold machine, a fascinating machine for making long black woolen stockings. To watch her manipulate the circle of needles while making the toe and heel used to hold us spellbound. When it came to the long leg part my father hung weights on it and kept turning the handle until it reached the required length.

All of this when carried out at night was with the aid of one small gas jet to illuminate the room. When the incandescent mantle was invented, it seemed like a miracle and was indeed a great help.

To return to my early school days. Each morning I took with me some

bread and lard, often wrapped in newspaper which, along with the wrapped lunch of other pupils, was handed in to the teacher. He would write our names on the packages and place them in a wicker basket and at 11 o'clock called out our names and gave each of us our lunch and let us out into the playground.

Catherine Street was paved with granite setts except outside the school where it was paved with wooden blocks to deaden the noise of traffic. The wooden blocks made a nice smooth surface for playing Whip & Top and one morning after school, as I was bending down trying to spin my top, a man pushing a truck knocked me down. One wheel of the heavily laden truck went right over my abdomen, luckily missing my ribs, and this put me out of action for a few weeks.

Soon after I recovered from this accident, I was on my way to Sunday school at St. Matthew's School Rooms at the corner of Brunswick Street and Taylor Street and passing over the railway bridge. On coming to the bridge over the Willow Brook, which we always called the Morsey, although I have never discovered the origin of the name, a large crowd of boys were sitting on the ironwork top of the bridge. I asked one of the boys to give me a leg up so I could look over the wall. He did, and heaved me right over the top. Luckily this took place in the centre of the bridge and I fell plumb into the three feet wide brook, which had recently been concreted each side. I can remember the policeman lifting me out and taking me home. I was terrified that I would be in trouble with my parents as I had a new suit on, but much to my surprise they made a great fuss of me, and after a few hours in bed I was as right as rain.

During the next few years, a brother and then a sister arrived and my parents had a very hard struggle.

In the early 1900's there was no such thing as cinemas and one of the highlights of entertainment was a magic lantern show given occasionally by our headmaster, Mr Chellerton, at night, admission 1d. I can remember him now, with a long pole used for opening windows, pointing out the details on the large screen as each picture was shown. As a finale a comic set of slides were shown.

One other thing I shall always remember in those early days during the winter was the school caretaker, Mr Hamer, coming round at about 4 o'clock with a taper on the end of a long pole lighting the circle of gas lights in the classroom.

There were two other recollections from those early days that come to mind.

I remember my father taking us to what was the last fair to be held in Humberstone Gate with the rows of stalls from the Clock Tower down to Rutland Street, where the main show was held. As an enticement to en-

ter, part of the show was held on a large stage in front and I can still remember a dwarf being browbeaten by two other comics. Yet he still got the best of them.

The other recollection that springs to mind was my father taking me to Victoria Park, although I believe it was called the Racecourse in those days, to a great do which I think was to celebrate the end of the Boer War. The only thing that I can remember of this was the greasy pole, a scaffold pole well greased with a huge ham hanging at the top with futile attempts to climb the pole for the prize.

We had to make our own amusement in those days, and during the winters, which always seemed to be real winters with snow and ice, I spent many happy hours on the Abbey Park watching the ice skaters on the frozen lake in the centre of the park. If I was lucky and in possession of the necessary ½d I would enjoy being pushed around the pond in an old chair fitted with ice skates being pushed by a man also on skates, who certainly earned his money.

The River Soar was also frozen over at this time and there is many a moment when I have joined the queue at the top of the slope near to the Abbey Meadows bathing station the run down the slope and slid across the river.

One of the bravest things that I ever saw was on the Abbey Park side of the river, near the waterfall, where the ice was thin. Some foolhardy youth had skated too close to the waterfall, had fallen through the ice and was hanging on to the side of the hole that he had made. A group of men nearby attempted to throw a rope to him, but their combined weight also broke the ice throwing them all in the river. Fortunately, they were near to the bank and they all managed to climb out. At that moment a man took the rope and walked along the top of the waterfall until he was level with the youth still in the water. He walked down the waterfall and into the water and with huge blows with his arm broke the ice before him until he reached the young man. Then, tying the rope around himself, he beckoned the crowd of onlookers to pull on the other end of the rope, and they were both hauled to safety.

Another favourite winter sport was to pull a homemade sledge along with a friend up Abbey Park Road to the Sandhills, which in those days was a huge expanse of hills and valleys. At the top of the hill leading down to Anstey Lane we would seat ourselves on the sledge and enjoy the long swift run to the bottom on the deep snow.

Still another winter attraction was at the Cossington Street baths, where the bath was covered over and used as a gymnasium, with Mr Freer, a man with a long fierce looking moustache, was in charge.

He was also in charge of the baths during the summer, and it is here that I was taught to swim. Each week a party of us from school was taken

to the baths by one of the teachers, and with a rope around our middle, we were shown how to do the breast stroke.

When I could manage to swim the length of the bath, I went along to the Abbey Meadow baths, and by the usual method of those without admission money, I made my entry into the baths by hanging onto the corrugated iron fence. This extended over the water by about three feet at the end of the baths. After a struggle around the end of the fence I gained entry into the baths. To do this I had to take off my shoes, stockings and trousers, which in those days always came below the knees and were fastened with a strap, tie them all around my neck and be careful not to let them slip off. I then stripped and after a little swim in the shallow bath decided to swim across the river.

I managed this alright, but for an hour I sat on the bank on the other side trying to pluck up courage to make the return swim. Eventually I slid in the water and made it back.

On Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as it was called, we had a holiday from school. At that time began the season for whip and top for the boys and battledore or shuttlecock for the girls. The cheapest for any of these items was one farthing per item, so for the sum of a halfpenny we were set up for the season.

At Easter, very early on Good Friday morning, I would take a large wicker basket and a clean cloth to a baker in Argyle Street to buy a basket of Hot Cross buns, and for the next hour or so would be busy shouting my wares, selling them at one halfpenny each, or seven for three pence. The profit on these, after I had returned the borrowed capital to my mother, sufficed to give me enough cash for the holiday.

And on Easter Monday along with several friends we made our time-honoured journey to Bradgate Park. A footpath began at the corner of Groby Road and Woodgate (which is now Buckminster Road) on to the Anstey Goss, on to another footpath which crossed Gynsill Lane, then by a farmhouse with a water mill into Anstey. From there another footpath led to the high wall of the park on which was built a wooden ladder, which lead us finally to the bottom of Old John, where we gratefully bathed our feet in the brook and ate our sandwiches.

After a drink of water from the spring we would begin the climb to the top of Old John. On reaching the top we would explore and vainly attempt to enter the mysterious tower and then descend to explore the remains of Lady Jane Grey's house. We would then return to Leicester by the same way we came, very tired but very happy. There were no buses in those days.

Another favourite spot that my friends and I used to visit was the Groves. On the day before Oak Day, May 28th, we would visit there. Down Holden Street, over the river, by the pumping station, across Abbey Lane,

under the railway bridge onto Beaumont Leys Lane, and there in all its glory was a lovely avenue of oak trees, reputed to be the haunt of the Druids in days gone by. There we would gather some sprigs of oak and a bunch of stinging nettles ready for the morrow.

It is remarkable but the younger generation seem to have no knowledge of the Groves (*these are Len's words, not mine—JT*), or of the old custom of Oak Day, when with a sprig of oak in our lapel and a bunch of nettles in our hand we would challenge the other boys with the cry of "Show us your oak."

As I grew a little older a favourite spot for us to play in was the Morsey (Willow Brook). There was the great challenge of the tunnel under the Midland Railway, a circular tunnel splitting into two smaller tunnels half way through and emerging near Humberstone Road. Many is the battle we had with the Hummies, as we called the boys from the Humberstone Road end, and I had many a ducking during these encounters.

To be continued.

Freemen's Plaque

The article in the November 2023 edition of the Guildhall News by L A Roffee concerning the Freemen's Plaque made by Robert Staines, has prompted me to submit the following concerning my late husband, Peter Hames.

When we first moved here in 2008 Peter made, and inserted into our tiled hall floor, just inside the front door, a tiled shield of the Freemen of Leicester (*see inside back cover*). It took a while to cut out the intricate parts especially and then being inlaid it into the background colour. All who see it remark on how effective it is, and a wonderful piece of workmanship.

What started his enjoyment and hobby of tiling was a dolphin which he cut out of tiles and placed in the wall of a shower in a previous property. I liked it so much that I hinted about the fact that I would like one on the wall facing the bath. No sooner said than done. When the water was in the bath the ripples reflected on the dolphin making it look even more realistic. When we came to The Holt I had always wanted the dolphin to be replicated in our bathroom. Peter always intended to do it—but unforeseen circumstances prevented Peter from continuing with his hobby so it was not done. Since his passing I had remarked to our daughter, Karen, that I would love that to be done, but found no tiler would take it on. Seeing how disappointed I was Karen, being Karen, (herself a freewoman) did no more than, using her dad's tools, cut the tiles and placed the finished picture on the wall of my bathroom at The Holt (*see inside back cover*). I think she has done an amazing job, and am so proud

of her, as I know her dad would be. I now see it every day and it brings back so many happy memories.

Sticking with this subject Peter came up with the idea that he could make two tiled shields to be erected on the main gates to The Holt. Whilst investigating the shield online he found a second version. This version included a red cross unlike the block red colour of the one commonly used. He compiled some ideas and showed them to one of the Board members who was quite enthusiastic about it. But another board member voiced the opinion that they would be graffitied. So they were never made. Perhaps there is a Freeman or Freewoman out there who could throw some light on why there are two versions.

Many residents may not know that Peter, being a builder by trade, did a lot of work on The Holt. He carried out small maintenance jobs at first, but was then employed to replace the lead flashing on the roof of No. 10 as the roof was leaking for which he made no charge. He then progressed to larger jobs. He replaced the hanging tiles on a large number of the bungalows, often having to make safe the breeze blocks underneath, and at the same time re-covered the front door canopy with lead, and they are still as good today over 40 years later. All the lead roses he made himself by melting scrap lead and pouring the liquid into a mould made from a previous pattern. So he felt he had contributed something towards Freeman's Holt.

Margaret Hames

News from the Freeman of England and Wales Association (FEW)

A national Court meeting of the Executive, with Guild and Court Leet representatives, is planned for March 2024 in Gloucester, date and venue to be advised.

Local news from the other Freeman's Guilds and Courts Leet in the FEW South Midlands Area includes:

Coventry Freeman's Guild

The Guild's Christmas Dinner was held at a new venue of the Hearsall Golf Club: and with a choice of three menus; a good price; and on-site parking; was a welcome change from the usual cool and draughty St Mary's Guildhall. Guests included the Guild President the Lord Mayor of Coventry, and the Guild's Chaplain. The new lady President of the FEW, Charlotte Yeates also attended. Entertainment was provided by the 20+ members of the Silver Lining Ladies Barbershop Chorus, with seasonal songs - including the evocative 'Coventry Carol' from medieval times.

Northampton Freeman's Guild

On 28th November the Freeman Trustees held their AGM in the Godwin Room of the Northampton Guildhall, with the Mayor and Mayoress in attendance. The Mayor led the Trustees in re-affirming their Oath to our new sovereign King Charles III in his coronation year.

On 12th September the Trustees were pleased to attend the Council meeting where the Honorary Freedom of Northampton was awarded to Courtney Lawes and Chantelle Cameron as sporting ambassadors for the town in international rugby and boxing respectively.

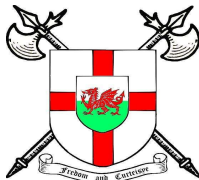
Warwick Court Leet

The 469th AGM was held in the Jury Street Courthouse, with the Town Mayor and Town Clerk in their roles as Lord of the Leet and Leet Steward presiding. Four new jurors, and the new Bailiff and Low Bailiff, were sworn in, and Officer Reports presented. The November Remembrance Service, and a carol service in the chapel of the medieval Lord Leicester Hospital concluded the Leet calendar for 2023. The Beer festival to raise funds for the Hospital is scheduled there for the 23/24th February 2024.

Henley-in-Arden Court Leet & Court Baron

The November AGM in the High Street's medieval Guildhall had a full room of residents and visiting local Courts Leet, and also the High Sheriff of Warwickshire and the FEW President. Four Honorary Burgesses were proposed and approved for outstanding services. After the usual Officer reports, two new Jurors were sworn in—as was the first ever Lady High Bailiff Elaine Field, and Low Bailiff Sharon Jones. Progress on the Guildhall £120,000 appeal for a new roof was reviewed, and applications for help to the Heritage Lottery Fund and other bodies are planned.

Derek Austin



GILD VACANCIES

If you have a little time to spare, the Gild has the following vacancies, and would appreciate your support:

Chamberlain for the Leicester Gild of Freemen

We need a Gild Chamberlain to take over the Gild's book-keeping, and to organize social activities and outings for Gild Members and their families, residents of Freemen's Holt and, indeed, the Freemen of Leicester in general.

Clerk for the Leicester Gild of Freemen

A Gild Clerk is needed to liaise with Gild Members, the Lord Mayor's office and other Special Guests, to arrange events and meetings, and to pass on relevant information.

Anyone interested should contact
Malcolm Ballard on 07775 791 144
for an informal chat about what's involved

If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see in future editions of the Gildhall News, or a story you would like to contribute, please write to the Editor

Have you changed your address?

In the event that is necessary to inform the Gild or the Board of any change in circumstances, the information should be sent to:

Leicester Freeman's Deputies
32 Freeman's Holt
Old Church Street
Aylestone
Leicester LE2 8NH

Telephone: **0116 283 4017**

E-mail: office@leicesterfreemen.com

Leicester Freeman website: www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk

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by Friday 12th April 2024*

Write with your suggestions and contributions to:

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Leicester Freeman website: www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk

Gild e-mail address: leicester_gild@outlook.com

Facebook: search for "Leicester Gild"



Hand-made tiles in Margaret Haines' home at the Holt (see page 14)



Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2023

The Gild of Freemen of the City of Leicester
GILD PRODUCTS ORDER FORM

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Tie- navy | at £10.00 each | = £..... |
| - green | at £10.00 each | = £..... |
| 2. Gild Scarf | at £15.00 each | = £..... |
| 3. Lapel Badge | at £2.50 each | = £..... |
| 4. Cufflinks | at £16.00 per pair | = £..... |
| 5. Gild Pens | at £3.00 each | = £..... |
| 6. Gown, made to measure,
(includes delivery) | price on request | = £..... |
| 7. Register of the Freemen of Leicester
1986–1996 | £2.50 each | = £..... |
| 8. Register of the Freemen of Leicester
1931–1985 | £3.50 each | = £..... |
| plus postage* | at £2.90 second class | |
| <i>or</i> | £3.40 first class | = £..... |
| TOTAL | | = £..... |

I enclose cheque for the above total, made payable to:
“Gild of Leicester Freemen”

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Signed

Please post to:

Sue Freeman, 5 Little Mill Close, BARLESTONE, LEICS. CV13 0HW

Tel: 01455 291771

e-mail: suefreeman10@gmail.com

*Please note that any orders at and above £20 will need to be sent by recorded delivery at £7.25 (contact Sue for further details)

GILD OF FREEMEN OF THE CITY OF LEICESTER
Application for Full Membership

Full Name
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Address

..... Post Code

Tel No.: email address

I am a duly sworn Freeman of the City of Leicester and apply to be enrolled as a Member of the Gild of Freeman, for which I enclose the sum of £10.00 (Enrolment fee of £1.00 plus the first annual subscription of £9.00).

Signature.....Date

Application for Associate Membership

Full Name
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Address

..... Post Code

Tel No.e-mail address

I certify that I am the (please delete where applicable) SPOUSE / WIDOW / WIDOWER / SON / DAUGHTER / GRANDCHILD, aged 18 years or over of

Mr / Mrs / Ms(Freeman of Leicester)

Or

I am a full member of the Guild of Freeman of.....(City or Town)

I apply to be enrolled as an Associate Member of the Gild, for which I enclose the sum of £7.00 (Enrolment Fee of £1.00 plus the first Annual Subscription of £6.00)

Signature.....Date

Please make cheques payable to 'Gild of Leicester Freeman'
and send with this application to:

Malcolm Ballard, 5 Snowdrop Close, Narborough, Leics LE19 3YB

RENEWAL OF GILD MEMBERSHIP
(Payment by Cheque)
FOR THE YEAR 1st APRIL 2023 – 31st MARCH 2024

I would like to pay the annual subscription for my membership/associate membership of the Gild for the year commencing 1st April 2024

Membershipat £9.00 = £.....

Associate Membershipat £6.00 = £.....

My name is (BLOCK CAPITALS).....

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I enclose a cheque/postal order for £.....

made payable to “**Gild of Leicester Freemen**”

Please post to:

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5, Snowdrop Close,
Narborough,
Leics LE19 3YB**

Any queries, please phone Malcolm on **0116 286 1507**

RENEWAL OF GILD MEMBERSHIP

(Payment by Standing Order)

(Kindly complete where marked by all dotted lines)

To: **Malcolm Ballard,**
5, Snowdrop Close,
Narborough,
Leics LE19 3YB

Date.....20.....

I,

agree to pay my Annual Subscription to the Gild of Leicester Freemen on 1st April each year by means of the signed Standing Order that I have sent to my bank.

I understand that the annual subscriptions at present are £9.00 for a full member and £6.00 for an associate member, and that I can stop or amend this Standing Order simply by giving instructions to my bank.

Signature.....

Address.....

.....

..... Post code

Tel. No.....

email

**Please complete the Standing Order form below,
and send it to your Bank Manager**

STANDING ORDER – PLEASE SEND TO YOUR BANK MANAGER

To: The Manager.....Bank Plc

Address

..... Postcode

Please pay to:- **Lloyds Bank Plc,
Old Market Square Branch,
Nottingham NG1 6FD**

(Bank Sort Code **30-96-18**)

For the account of the **Gild of Leicester Freemen** (Account No. 01409164)

the sum of £.....,

commencing 1st April 20....., and yearly thereafter until further notice.

.....(my surname and initial/s)

Name of account to be debited.....

Account No.....

Signature.....Date..... 20.....

Address.....

.....

Postcode

