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Sleeping Beauty



FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 2024

Join us for this year's pantomime ...



The Fairytale Castle is thrown into dismay when Princess Aurora's happiness is threatened by the nasty Fairy Carabosse. With her evil spell cast, the princess becomes destined to prick her finger on a spinning wheel and fall asleep for a hundred years. All spinning wheels are banished from the kingdom, but is this enough to save our Sleeping Beauty from her fate?

An array of colourful characters will try and protect her, including Dame Nanny Night Nurse and Tickles, the hilarious court jester. Oh... and of course the vain Prince Valiant will turn up (eventually) to lend a helping hand.

All the usual fun and frolics combine to guarantee Sleeping Beauty as the Pantomime of your dreams – a perfect family treat!

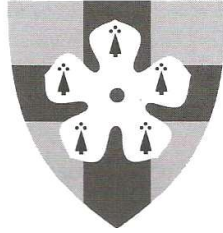
* Time: 7.00PM * Running Time Approx. 2.5 hours *

* Tickets: 30 reserved – be quick! * Adult: £18.00 / Child: £15.75 *

See Booking Form, centre pages

You can now book tickets for this year's pantomime

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S. Freeman,
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Editor's Comments

"You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline - it helps if you have some kind of football team, or some nuclear weapons, but in the very least you need a beer."

— Frank Zappa



I can totally understand why us Brits are obsessed with the weather – in the last edition (written in mid-winter) I complained about the cold weather but remarked that Spring was on its way.... Well, yes, the snowdrops and daffodils have long gone and now the blossom's out and the trees are showing the beginnings of their finery. But it still seems cold – a little more sunshine and a little less of the wind and rain please!

It's been a busy time for the Board – apart from the ongoing maintenance of the Holt, other various activities have included their AGM, planning for the Garden Party and a Quiz Night for the residents was held at the Holt in March. The Gild has been quiet of late, as you'll see from Malcolm's report.

Thanks to John Tolton for continuing to provide us with a fascinating insight into the life of his relative, Leonard, in the early 20th century. The shenanigans he and his friends got up to in their school days really made me chuckle! Thanks also to Derek Austin from FEW for your contribution. 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



The winter months seem a long way off now and we are getting better weather and longer days with the nights extending. Before we know it will be time for the garden party!

I hope everyone had a good time over the festive period.

There hasn't been much happening since the advent of the new year for me to write about, it was my intention to provide more functions for us all to take part in at the beginning of the 2024, however we had to cancel Common Hall in April due to my

spending two weeks in hospital in February after contracting pancreatitis and sepsis which led to me having a procedure which has meant a long recovery time. I have had two further hospital admissions for smaller issues but none the less important. I am doing a little more now and trying to build up my strength from weight loss.

We would like to increase the number of Gild members willing to join the court as we have a small number at present. If you feel you can spare a bit of time in an evening either turn up at a meeting or call the office and we could talk over the phone about what the role entails.

Just a quick reminder that The Gild subs are due for this year now, so if you haven't already paid you can pay by cash to the office, cheque, bank transfer or set up a standing order (see centre pages for relevant forms). The fee is still £9 for the year and £6 for associate members.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who sent cards and best wishes etc. that I received whilst ill. I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon, and lets hope the sun shines for longer very soon.

*Malcolm Ballard
Master of The Guild*

Report by Chair of the Board, Lynn Roffee



I hope this edition of the Gildhall News finds you well and in good health. The AGM was held in March and if you would like a copy of the AGM minutes please contact the Office. I would like to thank the Deputies for re-electing me as the Chair of the Board for a further year. I would also like to thank the Deputies who have volunteered to be Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees, and all Deputies for their continued service to our Charity.

Ross Norman, one of the Deputies, has sadly had to resign due to family commitments. The Board and I would like to thank Ross for his service to the Charity and hope he will be able to return in due course.

The Annual Report & Accounts for 2023 has been completed and submitted to the Charity Commission. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report, please contact the office. You can also download a copy of the Annual Report on the Charity Commission website.

I'm sure you will join the Board, Sharon and myself in congratulating Adam, his wife Amy and son Arthur, on the birth of April Jane Kathleen Chilton born on 9th April. Mum and baby April are doing well!

Garden Party

The Garden Party will be held on Sunday 9th June from 2pm to 5pm. Please remember to bring cash on the day for the various activities. If you would like to book tickets, please contact the Office.

Email – office@leicesterfreemen.com

Telephone – 0116 283 4017

Spaces are available to all Freeman, Freeman's Widows/Widowers and their families, and tickets are free. A reminder – that tickets **will not be posted to you**. We will have a list at the gate of everyone who has booked spaces where you will be given your tickets for the hog roast.

There will be live music, food and entertainment including:

- Free Hog Roast
- Plant Stall
- Cakes, Strawberries & Cream, Ice Cream Van
- Band, 'Sum Fing Else' & vocalist Sue
- Roving Magician, Bouncy Castle, Punch & Judy
- Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos, Balloon Modelling
- Barrel Organ
- Giant Connect Four & Jenga,
- Lawn Darts, Boules & Coconut Shy
- Info about The Gild & the History of Leicestershire Freeman
- Join the Aylestone Meadows Appreciation Society

There will also be a Raffle, Tombola, 'Name the Bear' & 'Guess the Number of Sweets.'

The nominated charity this year will be LOROS.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day. Please keep your fingers crossed for pleasant weather.

Survey

A survey has been sent out with the Gildhall News. It is regarding a proposal to allow residents at Freeman's Holt to be allowed to be in paid work.

We would like to stress that *no decisions have been made* on this issue. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey and send us your views. It is important that we have as many views as possible to enable us to come to a decision.

Please send your responses by the end of May at the very latest.

Bungalow Vacancies

We have a standard bungalow available which is ready to be allocated. Please contact the office if you would like more information. You are more than welcome to view the bungalow and estate.

From June 2024 the Monthly Maintenance Contributions will be:

Standard Bungalow - £174.68

Extended Bungalow - £244.51

Becoming a Freeman of the City of Leicester

It is vital we encourage our family members to take their Freedom and become involved with the Gild and Charity to continue our traditions and activities in the years to come. Applications to become a Freeman of Leicester should be made to the Member & Civic Support Office: –

0116 4540020

lord.mayor@leicester.gov.uk

Member & Civic Support Office

Leicester City Council,

City Hall, 3rd Floor

115 Charles Street

Leicester,

LE1 1FZ

Becoming a Deputy

We are keen to recruit several more Deputies, otherwise known as Trustees!

If you are interested in getting involved with the running of the Charity and have a few hours in the evening each month we would be keen hear from you. You will be involved in making decisions that affect the running of the Charity which includes finance, welfare, and property related issues. The Charity deals with several organisations including the Charity Commission, Health and Safety, The Almshouse Association.

If you would like to know more about the role please contact the Office for further information. A warm welcome awaits you!

Meeting Dates 2024

The Board has decided to move the quarterly Board Meetings to the second Wednesday of the month. The new dates for the rest of 2024 are:

Wednesday 12th June, 19:30

Wednesday 11th September, 19:30

Wednesday 11th 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.

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 Freemen's Holt, Aylestone, Leicester, LE2 8NH.

Website – www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk

Take care,

*Lynn Roffee
Chair of the Board*

Programme of Future Events

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

Board Meeting – Wednesday 12th June, 19:30

Coventry Guild's Annual Dinner Saturday 29th June (see p15)

Coventry vs. Leicester Skittles match provisional date of Friday 9th August at Barnacle Village Hall (see p16)

Annual Pantomime Friday 13th December 2024, starting at 7pm (see booking form, centre pages)

Contributions to Gildhall News

The Recollections of Leonard Tolton

In the last newsletter I began recounting the experiences of Leonard Tolton, a relative of mine who had taken the time to record his recollections on paper from childhood to the end of the Great War. So, the story continues:

During the summer we often walked across the footpath at the end of Catherine Street, over the Old Manse Farm, cross over Gypsy Lane and along another footpath to what was known as the Plummie Meadows. Half way across the Old Manse Farm, on the west side, was a bog, or rather a pool, about 20 yards in diameter, almost filled with earth with grass growing through the water. It was a challenge to walk across the centre and this had to be done quickly, for one could feel the feet sinking into the bog.

At harvest time it was a great delight to take this walk, along with a bag or basket, and to go gleaning, which meant following the men cutting the wheat and stacking it, and pick up the odd ears of wheat which had not been gathered. These we took home for our mothers to make thrumity with. To do this was to place an ear of wheat between the palms, rub them and then gently blow the husks away. A long and tedious method, but the grains of wheat were then boiled and served with milk and sugar and were delicious.

This brings back another memory. I don't suppose many people remember a man going round the streets with a yoke across his shoulders carrying two buckets and shouting "Hot-hot-hot-hot wheat". And selling it at 1/2d per basinful.

However, getting back to summertime. Each week one of the teachers would take us for a ramble studying botany. My favourite ramble was to Birstall, via Bath Lane and the riverside, returning by the footpath to Thurmaston. After our introduction to this spot many is the bathe we had against the small waterfall, in the nude, for we found the water here to be only about three feet deep with a lovely sandy bottom.

During the summer holidays my friend and I would have a day out at Swithland Woods, entering at the Bradgate Park end, passing the slate quarry, and coming out into Swithland. I can still remember the dangerous climb down the quarry to the water's edge, and scratching our names on the slate side.

As I write memories of those school days come crowding back. One time our baker, Mr Grant, gave me a ride on his two wheeled baker's van, driven by a very old horse. As we rode along Cranbourne Street, which in those days was a rough ride on granite setts, we saw an old bowler hat in

the centre of the street. Mr Grant said "See me run over it." And he manipulated the horse so that one of the wheels went over the hat. Unfortunately, some joker had placed a brick under the hat, with the result that the jolt sent his loaves flying off the shelves of the van.

Another joke very popular to us at the time was to tie two neighbouring front door knockers together, allowing about three feet of slack rope. Then we would give both doors a good bang and retire hastily, and from a safe distance watch one door open, and next, the other door open pulling the first door shut, and so on until the victims realized what had happened.

'Spirit rapping' was another popular game which consisted of a bobbin of cotton, a pin and a button. The pin was tied to the end of the cotton with the button fastened about four inches away from the pin. Then the pin was fixed to the window frame of an occupied room and from a safe distance we would gently give three or four pulls on the cotton causing the button to tap on the window. After the occupant had come to the door two or three times he would decide to investigate, so we would then give the cotton a good tug pulling the pin away from the window.

I remember one night just before Christmas going Carol singing with my friends and after rendering one or two hymns finished with "Christmas is a coming, the goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat." I knocked on the door and was handed a nearly red-hot farthing, causing me much anguish, much to the amusement of the donor. I had my revenge though, for later on during the night I took a length of rubber hosing and placed one end in his water butt, which collected rain water from the guttering. One end of the tube I put in my mouth and crouch down gave several sucks, holding the tube tightly after each suck, until I had caused a vacuum, and then emptied his water butt.

A remarkable invention came in my boyhood, called the phonograph, and one Saturday my father came home proudly carrying one. He placed it on the sideboard and fixed a small tin horn to it, inserted a cylinder, wound it up and started it, and entranced we heard the popular melody of the day, "Down at the old Bull and Bush". Each week after this a record was purchased until there were enough to hold a Saturday night's entertainment. And from then on, fortified by a jug of beer, my mother and father, and an uncle and aunt, would sit every Saturday night enjoying the music.

A photograph in last night's Leicester Mercury showed a picture of a fire at the old malthouse in Gresham Street, and it brought back memories, for, as a lad, we used to peep through a wire mesh covering the small window in Cranbourne Street and watch the men turning over the barley which covered the floor.

One of the highlights of those days was being taken to the Palace. After stand-

ing in the queue for the 'Gods' in Belgrave Gate, my father would buy a song sheet with all the latest songs printed on it to pass the time away. We at last entered the Palace and climbed what seemed like an endless stairs. My father paid the princely sum of 3d – 2d for himself and half price for me. If we were early in the queue, we managed to get a front seat. The seats, if I remember rightly, consisted of long boards laid on concrete in steps about two feet high and in moments of excitement, as there were no barriers between the steps, we were often kicked in the back by the ones behind.

The show one time was Dick Turpin's ride to York, the highlight being Dick Turpin, mounted on Black Bess, jumping over a barrow laden with fruit, which overturns. Part of the show was seen on another new invention called the Bioscope, the forerunner of the cinema, and gave one the appearance that it all happened in pouring rain.

One great treat my parents always gave us during the August holiday was a day at the seaside. Early in the morning we would be at the Great Northern Station in Belgrave Road and for the sum of 3/3d for adults and 1/7½d for children we would set off for Mablethorpe in a row of carriages without corridors or lavatories. For decencies sake the train stopped for five minutes about half way through the journey, usually on a deserted part of the track, and it was a sight to see. On arriving at Sutton-on-Sea we disembarked and walked along the sands to Mablethorpe, and after an enjoyable day, we caught the train back to Leicester.

One of the greatest pleasures I had when I was a little older was in reading. My father encouraged me to join the public library, and among the various authors he recommended were Rider Haggard, Jules Verne, and H. G. Wells, a trio whose books gave me endless pleasure.

Then came out a weekly magazine called the Gem, price ½d, followed by the Magnet, also priced ½d, both excellent reading.

As is usual with boys, my friends and I became interested in making fireworks, and at a public library in Bishop Street we found a book on this subject, which also included items on making fire balloons, together with a very interesting article on how to make a powder which, when dry, exploded when touched, marking the hand with a red stain. It was very amusing to spread some of this mixture on to a bell push while damp, and wait patiently for a victim to press the bell.

I remember once mixing a matchbox full at my friend's house and then dashing to catch a tram to Cranbourne Street, hoping it would keep damp until we reached home. As we alighted the box exploded, blowing a hole in my jacket pocket, and I shall never forget the sight of the conductor getting off the tram and looking underneath to see what had happened.

With regard to the fire balloons, we became experts at making these out of a half penny's worth of tissue paper and a thin wire bottom with a cross piece to hold some wadding soaked in mentholated spirit.

I was always interested in listening to my father talking about his younger days when Belgrave was a village, and to reach it from the Coal Hill one had to take a ride on the two-horse bus, crossing the water splash where the Great Northern Station now stands. He also always referred to Bedford Street as Barkby Lane, and looking at the map of Leicester one can visualize a lane running from the Old Cross down Bedford Street, crossing where the Great Northern line now is, along what is now Catherine Street, across what was the Old Manse Farm, and on to Barkby Lane.

As a Freeman of Leicester my father had a garden on what was called the Follies, off Loughborough Road, and I spent many happy hours there, feasting on raspberries and strawberries.

However, came the time when I passed through the 7th standard at school and went out to work. My first job was at T. Clements, the wood turners, in Thornton Lane, where I watched the amazing skill of the two men, who, with the aid of a small gas engine to turn the lathe and holding a chisel, turned blocks of wood into skittle balls, skittle pins, chair legs, and goodness knows what else. Arriving at work at 7.30am when the two men were already at work, my first duty was to sweep up, knocking off at 8.00 for breakfast, when I repaired to the Coffee House in High Street for a 1/2d cup of tea, and consumed my breakfast of bread dipped in bacon fat. After this I found my duties consisted of loading a truck with various sacks, and taking them to the carrier's carts which were stationed at the Queen's Hotel, the Plough, and the Hat and Beaver.

I soon tired of this, and my father made me an apprentice to my uncle, a bespoke tailor, at the magnificent salary of nothing for the first six months, 2/- a week for the next six months, increasing by 1/- per week each year after. The staff consisted of my uncle, two men tailors, and two women, and we worked in the back bedroom from 8.00am to 8.00pm and on Saturdays from 8.00am to 4.00pm. I worked half an hour less each day and had Thursday afternoon off instead of Saturday, when I delivered the suits or costumes made during the week to the various customers, which were priced at 50/- and mostly hand made. The costumes consisted of long panel backed coats, and the skirts being seven gored, reaching the floor, and finished off with brush brail round the bottom.

I really enjoyed the work and we were a very happy crowd, and when I had finished the first six months and came on pay my mother gave me sixpence per week pocket money. So, with the odd tips that I received from customers I seemed a wealthy young man, treating myself each Thursday afternoon to a matinee at the pavilion, 2d in the Gods.

After about twelve months I had to be rushed to the Leicester Infirmary and had an appendix removed, a serious operation in those days, and on coming round found myself swathed in bandages. Very different from the modern methods.

After leaving the Infirmary I went to the Saturday Hospital Fund's Convalescent Home at Desford, commonly called Yop Hall, a really wonderful home. To reach this Home I traveled by rail to Kirby Muxloe, where, with several others, we were picked up by a wagonette and taken to the Home to be welcomed by the Matron, a strict but very good woman. She made frequent journeys in her dog cart passing various public houses, and woe betide any inmate who was seen leaving one of these places, for he was at once sent packing.

At the beginning of 1914 there was a lot of talk about Germany's Zeppelin, and on May 29th I reached my 17th birthday. On August 4th we declared war on Germany, and my elder brother who was in the Territorial R.A.M.C., and on their annual fortnight's training, was recalled to Leicester along with the 1/4th Leicester's.

In September the 2/4th Leicester's were formed, and anyone at the age of 17 was allowed to join, and as I was itching to get in before the war ended I went to the outdoor bathing station, and after a wash and a swim, reported to the Magazine for a medical, and after passing it, joined up.

To be continued

As a note of interest, the uncle that Len refers to was my grandfather, who was a victim of the war that Len was afraid of missing.

—John Tolton

Freemen's Plaque

As a response to the article written by Margaret Hames in the February edition of the Gildhall News I would like to clarify the question of two versions of the Gild crest.

On the 13th January 1976 the first meeting of the Gild was held at the Town Arms in Pocklington's Walk, and at that meeting a drawing of the Gild Crest was presented to the membership present for approval, and was duly accepted. That crest as accepted by the membership was the one that can be seen on the front cover of the Gildhall News. The crest that is embedded as a decorative file in the entrance of the home of Margaret Hames is identical to the Coat of Arms adopted by Robert Beaumont, the first Earl of Leicester, in 1107. The original drawing of the Gild Crest is held in the Gild archives at the Holt.

—John Tolton

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

The FEW Spring Court in Gloucester on 23rd March was advised that the Working Party was making steady progress on reviewing the FEW Constitution and procedures. It was reported that the Shrewsbury Gild have advertised in the local newspaper that without more support, their Gild will close. Derby in contrast is progressing, with fire and water damaged scrolls being scanned for clarity. Stafford Burgesses Guild also operates a 22 acre allotment site – which has proved popular after the Covid pandemic. It was also reported that York Council state that Admission Courts are too expensive to continue in the current format. In response, Durham, Newcastle, and Chester Guilds advised that they do all the administration prior to the Admission Courts.

The new FEW Archivist has inherited a lot of boxes of uncatalogued items, and concluded that many items should be returned to Guilds for review: I received some initial Leicester documents dated 1903 & 1911 to pass on for review by the Board or Gild regarding local retention or disposal.

Freedom through Apprenticeships

If you are a Leicester Freeman, and principal of a small firm, good news recently was that the Government will fund the training of apprentices. Satisfactory completion of an apprenticeship to a Leicester Freeman is the only way, besides the usual hereditary route, to Leicester Freedom.

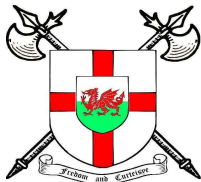
Forthcoming local events

The FEW and Coventry Freemen's Guild were very sorry to hear of Malcolm Ballard's illness, and cancellation of the proposed Gild Banquet.

Coventry Guild's Annual Dinner will be on 29th June at the Hearsall Golf Club at 33 Beechcroft Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6DF, where a successful Christmas Dinner was held last December. We would welcome Leicester Freemen to join us. Cost is £42 each, and there will be a choice of starter, main course and sweet. Contact Coventry Clerk Tony Archer on his e-mail: anthonaa@hotmail.com or 01926 851439 for further details and booking information. The next day will be a robed procession from the Council House to the Guild Church of Holy Trinity for a Freemen's Sunday service.

Also a provisional date of Friday 9th August is planned for the next Coventry vs. Leicester Skittles match at the usual Barnacle Village Hall location at Lower Road, Barnacle .CV7 9LD. As before, there will be a hot supper of fish/chicken/sausages/vegetarian – all with chips for £10 each. Contact Tony Archer by 26th July to book.

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

Bring back the Penny Black!

For a while now we've been sending the Gildhall News via email to those who have supplied us with an email address, as well as sending a paper copy through the post. Sadly, the cost of a postage stamp continues to soar – it now costs 85p for a standard 2nd class stamp – that's 17 shillings in old money! With this in mind we wondered if some of you might be happy to go paperless and receive the Gildhall News via email only.

If you'd prefer an email-only version, please get in touch with the office:

Telephone - 0116 2834017

Email - office@leicesterfreemen.com

Or drop them a note to:

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

Please note: if you still wish to receive a paper copy then that's fine too. You don't need to do anything, we'll just continue to send you a copy through the post.

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

***Copy for the next issue should reach the Editor
by Friday 12th July 2024***

Write with your suggestions and contributions to:

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24 Freeman's Holt
Leicester
LE2 8NH**

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Leicester Freeman website: www.leicesterfreemen.co.uk

Gild e-mail address: leicester_gild@outlook.com

Facebook: search for "Leicester Gild"



***What a sweetie!
Congratulations to Adam Chilton, our Office Manager, and his wife on the
birth of their baby daughter, April.***



Quiz night at Freeman's Holt, March 2024

Visit to the Little Theatre, Dover Street, Leicester, to see

“Sleeping Beauty”

On Friday 13th December 2024, starting at 7pm

Please reserve adult seats at **£18.00** each

..... children’s seats (under 16) at **£15.75** each

Name

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(capital letters)

Address

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Postcode

..... Telephone

Email address

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

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

Please send to:

**Malcolm Ballard, 5 Snowdrop Close, Narborough, Leics LE19 3YB
(or speak to Jeff Lewitt)**

Please print your address in capital letters – we don’t want to send your tickets to the wrong address!

Applications will be dealt with strictly on a first come, first served basis

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 2024 – 31st MARCH 2025

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).....

My address is (BLOCK CAPITALS).....

.....

Post code.....Telephone.....

e-mail address.....

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

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

Please post to:

**Malcolm Ballard,
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.....

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Postcode

