

The Lamp

For the nursing profession, past present and future



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Winter greetings from the Master

I hope that you enjoy this edition of *The Lamp*, my first since my installation as Master in May 2019, as we look forward to 2020—an important year for nurses and for the Guild.

The World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. This is the first time the nursing profession has been recognised in this way and as Freemen and Members of the Guild come together during the year, we will be able to celebrate our work and our fellowship.

As we approach our fourth anniversary, there is another reason for us all to look forward to 2020. With over 250 members from 180 places of training, we are now in a position to seek recognition as a City Company without Livery. The Court has been working hard over the summer months to prepare our petition, which we hope to place before the Court of Aldermen early next year.



Elizabeth Turnbull,
Master of the Guild



The Master with Wardens and Court Assistants

Having met many of you in the past few months, I know that the commitment and determination to proceed is as strong as ever. I am also confident that everyone will

continue to promote the nursing profession, uphold its standards and demonstrate support for the City Civic, charity and education.

If we are successful in attaining Company status, Guild Freemen will be able to apply to become Free of the City of London, and I hope that many will wish to do so—as a nurse—in 2020.

Please do continue to check our website to find what is going on and read about and see the photographs from past and future events. If you can, do 'follow us' on Twitter and 'like us' on Facebook to keep informed.

With very best wishes to you all this festive season.

Elizabeth Turnbull
Master

Membership update: frequently asked questions

We get lots of questions from our members and Freemen about Guilds and Livery, including, 'What is a Guild?', 'What is a Beadle?', and more recently, 'How do we become a Livery Company?', 'What is a Coat of Arms?', 'What is the difference between a Liveryman and a Freeman?' and many more. Previous newsletters have covered much of this, but unless you joined from the very beginning, you may not have seen them. All our past newsletters are on the website: do look back at them. Please keep questions coming in and we plan to answer some each time in our newsletters and put this information in easy-to-find places on our website too.



On the left, the 16 July Freedom Ceremony, with the Master (centre); on the right, the 14 October Freedom Ceremony. Welcome to you all! Here are all the declarants in alphabetical order (not all are pictured): Wendy Allen, Francesca Andrews, Kely Burman, Michael Conlon, Kathryn Dee, Pauleene Hammett, Wendy Johnson, Emma Lewis, Abi Masterson, Dorothy Mawdsley, Tony McLean, Doreen McCollin, Jane Naismith, Christopher Stringer, Maria Trewern, Robert York

Events page—the year 2019 in pictures



London Air Ambulance visit, with helipad, right

Livery Companies and Guilds, whether they be Goldsmiths or Nurses, share a common ethos—to support trade (our profession), education, charity and fellowship. Becoming a Livery Company is not just about how many members we have or how much money we have, it is about long-term sustainability. Our social events enable us to demonstrate this sustainability and fellowship, as we make new friends and become re-acquainted with old ones.

The events calendar continues to be busy and well supported and included our first informal Meet and Greet at a City wine bar. We had informative and social visits to the London Air Ambulance, the Palace of Westminster, the Military Museum at Aldershot, Royal Hospital Chelsea and a London walk visiting City churches.



Royal Hospital Chelsea visit: the chapel



Royal Hospital Chelsea: the gold statue of Charles II



Museum of Military Medicine visit, 2 October



Left: informal meet and greet in the City



Right: Palace of Westminster tour for Guild members



Use our website: keep up to date

Our Annual Guild events continued with the 10 May Anniversary Banquet, where we welcomed the new Master Elizabeth Turnbull and her Wardens.

The Annual Service was held on 14 October, where we display our stunning Guild banner (*above*).

Our banner was a gift last year from the Worshipful Company of Broderers.

There are detailed write-ups and more photographs from all our events on our website—and we do thank all our volunteers for their online writing skills.



**Thursday,
14 May 2020
Anniversary
Banquet**

The journey from Guild to Livery: the next steps



On 26 June 2019, at Cutlers' Hall, our Honorary Clerk, John Allen, delivered an interactive and informative talk entitled 'The Journey from Guild to Livery: The next Steps'. "We are making very good progress on our journey and, with your continuing support, we can be confident of arriving at our intended destination," said John Allen (left).

A report of the talk is on our website.

The Master, Wardens and Freemen have been busy representing the Guild at many City and Livery events, including the United Guilds Service, the 365th Festival of the Clergy Support Trust annual service at St Paul's Cathedral, the Sheep Drive and the Livery Schools Careers Showcase (above).



"We need to demonstrate to the Court of Aldermen that we give to our Trust, demonstrating longevity and sustainability."

Foundation Master, Trustee and Chair of the Trust, Brenda Griffiths

The Charitable Trust

"Whatever you give, large or small, we thank you"

The Master, Elizabeth Turnbull

The Charitable Trust is a vital part of our progression to Livery Company Status and is the benevolent arm of the Guild of Nurses. Supporting nurses in need and contributing towards professional development improves patient care by supporting nurses today and leaving a lasting legacy for the future. In addition to our Trust, the Trustees also provide a safe place for other Funds, including the Ann Campbell Memorial Fund and the Chantry Robinson Fund.

How can I help?

A Standing Order form is on the website. If you are a taxpayer, please also complete the Gift Aid Declaration, allowing the Charity to benefit from an additional 25p on every £1 you give. Even a small monthly or annual sum can add up. One-off donations by cheque can be made payable to 'The Company of Nurses Charitable Trust'.

Do I have to be a Nurse to donate?

No, anyone can make a difference by donating to the Trust, so please tell friends and family about us.

How do I find out more?

There is lots of information on the website, including information on legacies.



Above: Julia Mingay and Liz Bardolph and (right) their flock

Sheep drive – Middle Warden Julia Mingay and Renter Warden Liz Bardolph exercising their right as Freemen of the City of London driving sheep across London Bridge.



Guild of Nurses: fully participating in the life of the City



United Guilds service at St Paul's, 29 March



Clergy Support Trust service, 21 May



Livery Schools careers event, 18-19 June

Past, present and to come ...



Above: wreath laying for Edith Cavell, 12 October. Right: Florence Nightingale service in the Abbey



Above: Past Master Helen Pickstone (third from left) at the annual HSJ awards March 2019, held at Battersea Evolution

The Master, Wardens and Freemen have represented the Guild at several nursing events, including: the Florence Nightingale Foundation Annual Service at Westminster Abbey and the annual service of commemoration at her tomb in East Wellow, Hampshire; Queens Nursing Institute Annual awards; and the Annual Wreath Laying ceremony for Edith Cavell.

October 2019 marked the 30th Black History Month in the UK. The contribution made by so many African and Caribbean Nurses from the 1950s onwards cannot be underestimated. One such nurse who left her home in Jamaica to travel to the UK and work in the NHS is Ann Campbell. The Ann Campbell Royal British Nurses Memorial Fund is held by the Guild's Charitable Trust. Ann was typical of the many nurses who made the journey to the UK in the 1950s and did so much for the NHS and continue to do so to this day.

At our Conference on 26 September, we were thrilled to hear from nurse Sue Grave (*pictured below*) who has recently completed a postgraduate course in homelessness nursing. Sue received the very first grant made by the Chantry Robinson Fund, which enabled her to attend the course.

The Guild works with the Queen's Nursing Institute, the Florence Nightingale Foundation and the Cavell Trust, among others, to provide support to nurses. The Guild will be sponsoring a Florence Nightingale Foundation scholarship in 2020.



Nightingale memorial, St Margaret's Church



Nightingale's tomb, East Wellow, Hants



Pioneer: Ann Campbell



Above: at John Allen's 26 June 2019 talk on livery at Cutlers' Hall. From left: John Allen; The Master; Julia Mingay (Middle Warden and Chairman, Education and Professional Development Committee)



Sue Grave at our conference

Diary Dates:

Educational events for 2020:
Wednesday, 4 March,
Wednesday, 24 June and last week September (date TBC)