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City of Newcastle upon Tyne



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Foreword



As 2011 draws to a close we can reflect upon a ground breaking year.

Firstly, the involvement of lady Freeman at Guild meetings. Arising out of the appointment of four Stewards, Goldsmiths, Curriers, Weavers and Joiners Companies respectively heralded fresh impetus as we embraced equality in all that we do.

Secondly, in partnership with Newcastle City Council, there was radical change in the management of the annual Town Moor Hoppings which effectively brought the fairground under the direct control of an Events Group led by members of the Stewards Committee. The reasons for this were to ensure tradition and economic viability is sustained. This proved to be a steep learning curve but with a successful outcome.

Thirdly and of overriding priority in all that we do, the environment we have such distinct responsibility for, was improved upon and attracted a great deal of positive comment.

We continue to strive through openness and good governance to not only match but surpass expectations of the Newcastle and North East communities. Having said that please do not hesitate to get in touch with ideas or suggestions.

Sir Leonard Fenwick CBE
Chairman, Stewards Committee

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Editorial

We are entering the 6th year of our Magazine publication and are delighted with the positive comments received to date, not only directly but electronically via social networks such as on our facebook account "freemenofnewcastle", (why not sign up and become a friend), and our website www.freemenofnewcastle.org. Please keep your comments coming

It is hoped you enjoy the content of this edition which includes the usual mix, also the insertion of abstracts from ancient Company rules. If you have any comments on the content whether

positive or negative of this issue or suggestions on the type of content you think would be of interest for future issues please let us know.

May we wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

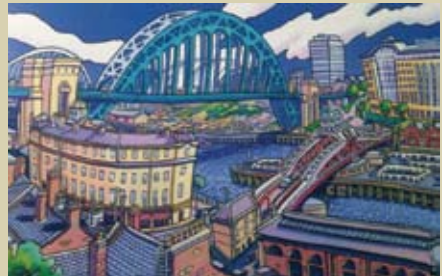
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John Coatsworth

Artist John Coatsworth fulfilled an ambition when he held a major exhibition in his home town. John a Freeman of Newcastle upon Tyne is a member of the Upholsterers Company has been a professional artist since 1996.

John has produced some of the most instantly recognizable images of Tyneside over the last 12 years. Famous Newcastle landmarks including the Quayside, the Tyne Bridge, Grey Street and St James' Park have all been depicted in his unique 'bendy' style.

This is the artist's first solo exhibition to



be held in Newcastle city centre, and featured some early works, painted before he developed his current style, and several new, never-before-seen paintings.



Barber Surgeons

'That the society should uphold the light of St. John Baptist, in St. Nicholas' Church, as long as they were of ability, that no brother, apprentice, nor servant, should shave on a Sunday, neither within the town nor without, by a mile's space.'

Agricultural equipment upgrade



As part of our continued infrastructure improvements we have replaced our oldest tractor which had given good service but was showing signs of wear. We secured a very favourable trade in to enable the purchase of a state of the art New Holland tractor and attachments.

During last Winter we experienced difficulty with access to Moor Bank Lodge due to inadequate snow clearing on Claremont Road. Also within the residential estate of the Holy Jesus and Mary Magdalene Hostipal our staff regularly supply manpower to clear and grit. To assist with these activities we have purchased a snow plough attachment and a specialist gritting box to help keep the areas safe for staff, residents and visitors.



**Bakers
& Brewers**

'Forbidding any brother to strike another at any meeting with fist, hand, elbow, dagger, staff, stick, rod, or otherwise, on pain of twenty shillings.'

Superintendent's Report

The grazing season has ended somewhat warmer than it began. The milder conditions have ensured that the cattle departed from our moors in good health, and the graziers' happy with the quality outcome, especially with the price of beef being at a premium.

Our environmental programme continued, and I reported in the June issue, the drainage and flooding problems to the rear of the Blue House and Dukes Moor have been resolved. A new system was installed which enabled the surface water to be diverted away from the residential property, with connection to existing major drainage outfalls and decanting it into the main system within the Great North Road.

We have undertaken several inspections on the main Town Moor with our drainage contractor David Walton and Stewards Committee member Ricky Alder to review the next phase of drainage improvements on the Hoppings site. It has been agreed that several hundred metres of the road side gravel drains need to be raked out and filled with clean stone to ensure the water can drain quickly from the edge of the service road thereby minimizing vehicular damage. The excavated material will be used to infill low spots and pot holes on the exit route road which takes the traffic to Claremont bridge. On the western side of the service road we are installing 450 metres of road side drainage. This will alleviate the road side pooling and prevent damage to the moor and the service road which will cut the cost of reinstatement in the long term. There are several issues with collapsed drains on the main Moor and these will be explored further by Mr. Walton and



Brush

our staff as part of the winter works programme.

Continuing with the environmental improvements, another item on our agenda is the installation of Elizabethan fencing around the boundary of Hunters Moor. A grand total of 1,236 metres will be installed to complete this phase. The vista across Hunters Moor shall be enhanced upon whilst improving the access for the public and more importantly creating a safer environment for the cattle to graze.

Plant replacement over the Summer months has continued. We had a choice of tractor on demonstration. The decision was to purchase a New Holland T6050 Elite and as the tractor has front linkage we have acquired a bucket with mechanical brush attachment for public footpath works and also a snow plough. This equipment which will without doubt



Topper

prove very useful over the Winter months. Two new grass topping machines have also been purchased, ie a Kvernlland for the rougher ground

conditions and a Cutlass 9' topper for the more general ground conditions.

Kevin Batey
Town Moor Superintendent.



Butchers

"No one should kill after nine o'clock on Saturday night, nor keep open shop after eight o'clock on Sunday morning. – that no one should kill at Lent or any time within the liberties of the High-Castle."



Colliers, Paviers, and Carriage-Men

"That no stranger, not having duly served an apprenticeship to their calling, should be set to work, on pain of forfeiting the sum of forty shillings. That they should choose a warden yearly on the feast of St. Marks."



Coopers

"That none should take a Scotsman born to apprentice, nor set any such to work. No brother to take any more than one apprentice in seven years. All turners and pulley-makers coming to Newcastle, to be bound by the same ordinary."

Fence Replacement



The dilapidated Nuns Moor fence

Herdsmen member Billy Harland assists with site reinstatement following fence installation on Hunters Moor.

During June an incident arose on Nuns Moor following an attempted break in to a residential property adjacent to the boundary of the Moor. A gate at the rear of the property leading onto the Moor was left open by a would be burglar and being inquisitive by nature several cattle wandered into the garden of the property. Different levels of the land with the garden being higher than the Moor, one of the cattle attempted to return to the Moor by jumping the metal boundary fence but unfortunately she slipped and was disembowelled on the spikes of the fence. Sadly the animal did not survive the incident.

Investigations indicated the fence as being the responsibility of the City Council, but a decision was taken to undertake a complete survey of the condition of the fence line. The decision has been taken to directly underwrite the cost of the removal and replacement of the boundary fence with a palisade fence, giving security for the cattle and adjoining property. We raised this issue with the City Council representatives during a Town Moor Consultative meeting and the City through local councillors are liaising with the residents prior to the commencement of this major improvement scheme.

Town Moor Money Charity

Since 2010 the Newcastle Freeman numbers have raised considerably, many may not be aware of the existence of the Town Moor Money Charity which is administered by the Freeman of Newcastle.

The Charity exists to offer financial help to Freeman, Widows or Widowers provided they are on a lower income, grants are awarded biannually in June and December.

We also assist students, sons or daughters of Freeman who are embarking on Higher Education courses. With the cost of going to University/College often a burden, the TMMC is already helping many students. If you know of a son or daughter of a Freeman who is attending or about to start University/ College please encourage them to complete an application form and let us help ease the financial burden so they can concentrate on succeeding in acquiring their qualifications.

It is not just young people who can benefit from the Charity in this way, Freeman entering into adult Higher Education courses are often surprised to discover they qualify; it only costs the time to fill in the application form and the price of a stamp and you could be in receipt of a bi-annual grant while in education.

In addition to the scheduled Grants, our Charity can also help Freeman, Widows or Widowers, who "are in need" through unexpected expense at any time, we have in the past assisted with the purchase of disability items or mobility equipment, if you think you may qualify, write to me at the Moor Bank Lodge office with the particulars of your request, the address can be found at the back of this publication.

We have received many letters of appreciation from applicants who have benefited from the charity. May I say that it is very encouraging to hear the grants have made such a difference.

Application Forms are available from Company Stewards, or Moor Bank Lodge.

Keith Hall
Chairman and Trustee,
Town Moor Money Charity



Cordwainers

"Every apprentice should serve 10 years, 5 of which is to be expired before a second could be taken. that foreigners might be admitted into the company on payment of 5L. one half whereof to go to the fellowship and the other to the reparation of Tyne Bridge."

Hoppings 2011



As reported in Issue 10 the Freemen of Newcastle in partnership with the City Council took control of the organisation and management of the Hoppings Fair.

This event, was described as being bigger and better than for many years as we were able to attract many more rides and shows including the latest white knuckle ride AIR. In total we had over 360 attractions ranging from mega and juvenile rides, stalls and kiosks and a good selection of fortune tellers, something for everyone. To rejuvenate the event which had seen a decline over the years we invested considerable investment in marketing including, advertising on posters in the City and public transport, bridge banners, news papers, radio and television all complemented with our website www.Hoppingsfunfairs.com and social media Facebook and Twitter. Our media partner Evening Chronicle ran a competition with the winner receiving £250 to spend at the fair and to assist the Lord Mayor with the opening ceremony.

Comments from the Showmen indicated the first Friday opening night was the best ever and they felt sure had the weather been kind during the subsequent days we would have seen a record attendance.

The event was a financial success returning a profit reversing a deficit in previous years all this serves to demonstrate that taking control of the event being the right decision.

The administration and day to day running was handled by an Events Team made up of members of the Stewards Committee complemented by City officers, In addition David Hughes of the Coopers Company and Sherod Walker of the Plumbers Company assisted with the development of the advertising strategy and related activity.

Planning is underway for the 2012



The winner of the Evening Chronicle competition Lucy Jamieson assists Lord Mayor Geoff O'Brien with the opening of the fair

event with meetings involving the Northern Section of the Showmen's Guild and the implementation of a consultative panel with Showmen from across the country who had expressed an interest in assisting in an advisory capacity. The inaugural meeting

was held at the Guildhall on 16th November 2011.

Put the date of the 2012 Hoppings June 22nd – 30th 2012 in your diary and come along and support the 2012 event.



Fuller & Dyers

"That they should take no Scotsman born to apprentice, nor set any such to work under penalty of twenty shillings, half whereof to go to the society, and half to the support of Tyne Bridge."



Masters & Mariners

"That every brother should furnish himself with a silver whistle and chain; and every younger brother, with a silver whistle and silk scarf."



Masons

"That at the marriages and burials of brethren, and their wives, the company should attend to the church such persons to be married or buried, that half their fines should go to the maintenance of the great bridge."

Michaelmas Guild 10th October 2011

Michaelmas Guild, Close Guild which is restricted to Company Stewards only, commenced at 10:00am, following welcome from the Chairman of the Stewards Committee.

2012 Stewards Committee – there were 14 nominations for the 12 positions, the following being elected: F.H. Alder, Butchers: H. Alder, Butchers: P.Anderson, Bricklayers: C. Atkinson, Ropemakers: A.R. Bainbridge, Goldsmiths: Sir L.R. Fenwick, Shipwrights: W.G. Frizzle, Goldsmiths: R.M. Grey, Hostmen: K. Hall, Colliers: J. Johnson, Tanners: I.F. Miller, Shipwrights: H.D. Wilson, Ropemakers.

Sir Leonard Fenwick, was re-elected Chairman of the Stewards Committee, and David Wilson, re-elected Vice Chairman. Michael Grey was re-appointed as Honorary Treasurer.

Open Guild, which is open to all Freemen of Newcastle commenced at 12 noon and presided over by Lord Mayor Councillor Geoff O'Brien. The swearing in ceremony was convened directly after the proceedings.



Plumbers and Glaziers

"To have four wardens, one Goldsmith, one Plumber, one Glazier, and one Pewterer or Painter; to be sworn on admission , not to interfere with each others occupation"



Councillor Lord Mayor Geoff O'Brien and Sir Leonard Fenwick with proud newly sworn in Freemen at Michaelmas Guild

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Merchants

"It enacts that two should be chosen annually by the most voices, for the election of the mayor and officers of the town, at the Spital. That on the Wednesday after the election of the mayor, they should meet at the Maison-Dieu on the sand-hill, to choose their stewards, two auditors."



Saddlers

"It enjoins them to go together in procession in a livery, at the feast of Corpus Christi, and play their play at their own costs, and that each brother should be at the procession when his hour was assigned, under pain of 40d."



Slaters

"That none should work upon St. Catherine's day, on pain of forfeiting a pound of wax. that no brother should take less that six shillings and eight pence , for handling a rod of slate covering."

Swearing in Ceremonies

Since his election in May as Lord Mayor Geoff O'Brien has presided over specially arranged swearing in ceremonies bringing his infectious enthusiasm for Newcastle upon Tyne and the Freelage to the proceedings.

Guildhall 18th July 2011





Guildhall 25th July 2011



Guildhall 25th July 2011





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Guildhall 22nd August 2011



Shipwrights Trip



Shipwrights Boat trip on the River Tyne

Ian Miller, Senior Steward of the Shipwrights Company reported on a get together of company members, saying "Shipwright members attending the Head Meeting in June expressed an interest in arranging a cruise on the river, so a taster was organised for a

one hour trip on the 24th September and travelled up river to Dunston Staiths then down river to Walker passing under all of the bridges. We were lucky that the sun shone and even the Millennium footbridge opened for us." explained Ian.



Smiths

"Enjoined that they should go in procession on the feast of Corpus Christi, every brother should be at St. Nicholas' church at the setting forth of the procession on St. Loy-day on the penalty of forfeiting a pound of wax."



Tanners

"That each brother should have but one butcher to buy slaughter of, on pain of 10s, and not to buy above eight fothers of bark, or forty trees, on pain of 6s.8d."

Company Involvement, Senior Stewards, Head Meeting Day

The Stewards Committee encourages all Newcastle Freemen to become involved with the Freelage of Newcastle upon Tyne. The first starting point is to become a member of the Company from which you hail and attend their meetings. The Head Steward information and Company meeting dates of active Companies are listed for your convenience. Company

Stewards will be able to inform on the history of your Guild, many have historical artefacts which we are sure will be of interest and instil a pride in the Company and Freelage. Senior Stewards contact information may be obtained by contacting Moor Bank Lodge or from the Company tab on our web site.

Bakers and Brewers

– I. Donkin

23rd November

Barber Surgeons

– T.T. Hogarth

Trinity Monday

Bricklayers, Wallers and Plasterers – P. Anderson

St. Matthias' Day (24th February)

Butchers – F.H. Alder

Ash Wednesday

Colliers, Pavors and Carriagemen – N. Frizzell

St. Mark's Day (25th April)

Coopers – D.J. Hughes

Monday after Corpus Christi

Cordwainers

– D.M. Loraine

Monday after Corpus Christi

Curriers, Felt Makers and Armourers – L. Turnbull

St. Peter's Day (29th June)

Goldsmiths – W.G. Frizzle

3rd May

Hostmen – R.M. Grey

4th January

House Carpenters

– A.D. Tate

Monday after Corpus Christi

Joiners and Cabinet Makers – K. Shaw

St. Peter's Day (June 29th)

Masons – D. Powell

St. John's Day (27th December)

Masters & Mariners (Freemen of Trinity House)

– Capt. S.C. Healy
Second Friday in August

Merchants

– J.McM. Carr-Ellison

Millers – Capt. R. Shipley

St. Andrew's Day (30th November)

Plumbers and Glaziers

– G.M. Jobling
Corpus Christi Day

Ropemakers – H.D. Wilson

Monday after Corpus Christi

Saddlers – B.J.M. Mather

First Thursday in July

Scriveners – A.G. Wright

St. John's Day (27th December)

Shipwrights – I.F. Miller

First Monday in June

Skinner and Glovers

– J. Angus

First Monday after Corpus Christi

Slaters and Tilers

– F.W. Blackett

St. Cuthbert's Day (25th November)

Smiths – D. Melville

25th June

Tanners – I.H. Alexander

Monday after Corpus Christi

Tailors – P. Foggin

6th May

Upholsterers, Tinplate Workers and Stationers

– D. Waugh

25th July

Weavers – P.M. Errington

Monday after Corpus Christi

The National Association of City & Town Sheriffs of England and Wales



**Back Row, Keith Hall, Alan Bainbridge, Kevin Batey, Jim Johnson.
Front Row, Jean Bainbridge, Danielle Batey, Sheila Johnson, Sheila Hall.**

The Annual Meeting of the National Association of City and Town Sheriffs of England and Wales was held in Newcastle upon Tyne during the weekend of 30th September through to 2nd October.

At the request and in association with the Newcastle upon Tyne Lord Mayors Office, the Stewards Committee held a welcome reception in the Guildhall on Friday 30th September. A talk by Sir Leonard Fenwick on the history of the Freeman of Newcastle and the importance of Royal Charters and Parliamentary legislation was followed by a champagne reception.

The members of the Sheriffs association also enjoyed a full programme of sightseeing tours around the City

The Freeman were represented at a Dinner in the Civic Centre Banqueting Suite on 1st October.

On Sunday 2nd October there was a procession of the Sheriffs in full regalia from the Civic Centre for a service in the church of St Thomas the Martyr.

Of particular note the Sheriff of Gloucester (where the 2012 meeting is set to take place) was heard to say "how can we top this?"



Sheriffs congregate for their Annual Meeting at the Civic Centre.



Sir Leonard Fenwick gives a talk on the History of the Newcastle upon Tyne Freemen.

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Taylors

“That every brother at his setting up shop should pay a pot of oil to the fellowship; as also thirteen pence a year to the stewards for “our Ladylight”



Weavers

“Without any forgiveness; to admit any person who had served an apprenticeship with a brother of the society, a member thereof, on a payment of thirteen shillings and four pence, and twelve pence for a pot of ale.

Summer Spectacular



Moor Bank Lodge opened the gates for our first Summer Social on August 6th 2011, Newcastle United had their game with Fiorentina called off due to the torrential rain but nothing could dampen the spirits of the Newcastle Freeman and their families who turned out to enjoy what has since been described as a 'cracking day'.

Alan Bainbridge summed up the day:

It rained and it rained. Standing on the tarmac area at Moor Bank Lodge on the morning of the 6th of August at about 11.30 I thought the whole day was going to be a wash out. The Marquee roof was showing signs of collapse due to the weight of water that had become trapped in its

corners, the rain was at times blowing sideways and the shelter that was there to protect the centrepiece of the day, namely, the Hog Roast looked as if it would disappear into the field.

At about 1.30 the Birds of Prey and the Exotic animals arrived, the rain had eased a little so we were able to direct them to their allotted areas around the ground but it was at this time that the heavens opened the flood gates again and it became obvious that it would be impossible to work with either the Birds of Prey or the Exotic animals - the smell of panic wafted over the area.

It takes more than a monsoon to put Geordies off and by 2.30 people



began to turn up and by the time the entertainment struck up there was about 200 Freemen and visitors in the Marquee and what a smashing afternoon it turned out to be.

The Birds of Prey were unable fly but everyone had a chance to see them at close quarters and have their photo taken, the Exotic animals were handled by those that wished and they eventually decamped into a room in Botanic Gardens.

The Botanic Gardens was a haven for many, those that visited there were astounded at the selection of plants that were on display together with advice from a great many knowledgeable people.

In the marquee Local band 'Heartbeat' entertained with an excellent mix of

music from the 60s and 70s and more triggering spontaneous 'bopping' 'twisting' 'jiving' and uncontrollable foot tapping, while tea, coffee, juice, not to mention the wine and ample supply of Freeman's Ale that flowed. Doug Tate of the House Carpenters Company and leader of the band said they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Those Freemen that failed to turn up missed out on a great afternoon with good food and plenty of refreshment to wash it down, the conversation was bright and cheerful despite the weather.

My thanks goes out to all that helped me in getting the show on the road, but my big thanks go to all who turned up and made the day such a success.

Roll on the next one!.



History: Rights and Privileges

The name burgess is usually deduced from the Saxon burg, signifying a village or fortified town. Consequently, a burgess was an inhabitant charged with the defence of the place in which he lived, and, in return for his military services, was entitled to certain privileges and immunities. Accordingly, all the burgesses of Newcastle upon Tyne hold their privileges by military tenure, being to this day charged with a musket for the defence of the town. And because (as is expressed in Queen Elizabeth's charter) "Newcastle hath in times past been the bulwark of the neighbouring parts, bravely resisting and opposing our rebels," therefore hath the royal munificence been employed, from periods very remote, to reward the loyal men of this town with charters, grants.

The Franchise of Newcastle is claimed either by birth, servitude, marriage, or gift. Of the first are all the sons of burgesses; of the second are the apprentices of burgesses; of the third are the widows of burgesses; and of the fourth are all freemen made so gratis, for the sale of it was never known.

There are three distinct classes of freemen. 1st, Those having fellowship with the Twelve Mysteries or the Fifteen Bye-trades: those belonging to the former enjoy the ancient right of sending two of each Mystery to the election of mayors; and those belonging to the latter trades the privilege of sending one from each society. 2nd, Those in fellowship with the other Companies of the town, who are without this privilege; but they are qualified to sit upon juries, to enfranchise their apprentices, to

perambulate the boundaries. 3rd, Those in fellowship with the whole body, called the Freedom of the Town, and which may be enjoyed without any connexion with the Company: it entitles a burgess to vote for a representative in parliament, to an exemption from tolls, quay-dues, and two stints on the common pasture, and to transfer the franchise to his sons.

Franchise by Birth

The sons of freemen claim all equally alike the franchises of the father – the youngest as well as the eldest; but neither daughters nor sons in law, as in some corporations, can inherit or transfer any thing. In case of franchise by birth, should a father die before he is admitted to his freedom, the sons by such neglect lose their claim, even should their grandfather, from whom their father claimed his freedom, be living, and an admitted burgess. Illegitimate sons, as in all other cases, cannot inherit from their father.

Franchise by Servitude

This is by indenture of apprenticeship, for seven years at least, and may be forfeited various ways. 1. By elopement from his master. 2. By compact with his master: – for if any master agree to give up to an apprentice any part of his time, any burgess has a full power to prevent his franchise being obtained. 3. By turning over an apprentice to a non-freemen. 4. By the master not being free of the company. 5. By the removal of the master to a residence without the liberties of the town, during any part of his servitude. 6. By the master not occupying the trade the apprentice is bound to.

Leges of Free Burgesses

Franchise by Marriage

If a freeman marries a freeman's daughter, prior to his admission, he is admitted for 6s. 8d. less than either by birth or by servitude only. By marriage the resident widow of the burges is entitled to two stints for cows on the Town Moor; and if she continues the business, not only to enfranchise the apprentices her husband left at his decease, but may also take others, with leave of the company, and enfranchise them also. She is also clear of tolls, quay-dues, the same as her husband was when living.

Franchise by Gift

The franchise of Newcastle cannot be sold, but may be presented as a gift; when it is usually styled, an honorary or personal freedom. It has been generally supposed, that an honorary freeman can neither transmit his franchise to his sons, nor confer it upon his apprentices: but we must allow, if a person is a burges, he must have the privileges of one; for an estate given (if the giver has a right to give) is as good a tenure as either a purchase or a patrimony: and what made the first men burgesses, but a gift of the crown? and what made the present burgesses such, – but being their descendants or apprentices?

By the charter of Queen Elizabeth, it was ordered that all burgesses should be admitted by the mayor and burgesses, or common council, whereof the mayor and six aldermen were to be seven: this is now dispensed with, and the oath

administered by any one of the magistrates is deemed sufficient. It is usual, on admission, to present the mayor or alderman, who admits, with a silver penny, or the silver coin nearest to it in value.

From: 'The Corporation: Rights and privileges of free burgesses', Historical Account of Newcastle-upon-Tyne: www.british-history.ac.uk



Diary Dates

Monday 16th January 2012

CHRISTMAS GUILD

Upstairs in the Newcastle Guildhall (On Quayside, bottom of Dean Street)

Close Court of Guild (for Company Stewards only) begins at 10am

Open Court of Guild (for all Freemen of Newcastle upon Tyne) commences at 12 noon prompt

You must be seated by 12 noon for the Open Guild in readiness to receive the Lord Mayor.

The meeting concludes with new Freemen being called, and if present sworn in by the Lord Mayor.

Following the proceedings a buffet lunch is served in the Merchant Adventurers Court.

Monday 16th April 2012

EASTER GUILD

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Sunday 13th May 2012

FREEMEN OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE

Held in the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

Robing in the Cathedral Refectory at 9.30a.m. for commencement of parade into the Cathedral at 9.45 a.m. with the Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne. All Newcastle Freemen are welcome.

Should you need to borrow a robe there will be a small quantity available on the day.

To assist on the day, parking will be available at Moor Bank Lodge and transport at 9:00am to and from the Cathedral will be provided.

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Annual Guild Days

Christmas Guild - the first Monday after 13th January

Easter Guild - the first Monday after Easter Monday

Michaelmas Guild - the first Monday after Michaelmas Monday

Notice Board

New Stewards

Nicholas Baron Atkinson
Ropemakers Company



Kathryn Shaw
Joiners Company



Maureen Bell
Weavers Company



Bereavements

John Annan
Tanners Company



William Longstaff
Butchers



R. C. Spoor
Hostmen



J. A. Boutland
Shipwrights



Gifts



If you are looking for a small gift for someone close may we suggest you give a Freeman of Newcastle upon Tyne pin badge or cuff links which are available to order from Moor Bank Lodge.

Badges: Pin £3:00. Stick Pin £4:00. Cuff Links £6.00. Prices inclusive of P&P.

Please include payment with your order, cheques made payable to 'Freemen of Newcastle'



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