

The Guild of Guardians

Newsletter March 2024



Dear Guardians,

Welcome to the first Guild of Guardian's newsletter of 2024. I am honoured to be at the helm of this wonderful organisation this year and am incredibly excited about the events we have planned and charitable contributions I believe we can make this year.

We had a great first committee meeting in February and are looking forward to welcoming new members over the course of the next 12 months who can help us continue the great work that has been done to date. Our first event of 2024 was a great hit, and I was also pleased to see so many guild members supporting the Lord Mayor's charity at the gala dinner just last week. I started this week attending the Commonwealth Flag Raising at City Hall and had a wonderful meeting with the civic team about what they have in store for the coming year.

We are updating our communications and website soon, so keep your eyes peeled for further updates. We also have some more wonderful events coming up where you can network with fellow guild members, support the young people of Bristol, and enjoy once in a lifetime experiences. You can find our current calendar of events on the next page, and we'll be releasing more opportunities, and information on how to book tickets on the website very soon. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Donna Speed, Lead Guardian 2024

Tour of Lord Mayor's Chambers

31st January 2024



Thank you to all of you who joined us for the first event of 2024, our exclusive tour of the Lord Mayor's Chambers.

The Lord Mayor's team were wonderful hosts, showing us around the twin city rooms, the council chamber, the conference room and the chamber itself where we go to admire all the wonderful treasures. This gave us a wonderful insight into the twinning work being done, and revealed new possibilities for ways we can support this worthwhile civic activity.

Lord Mayor's Gala Dinner

7th March 2024



Last week it was the Lord Mayor's Gala Dinner in aid of the Bristol Children's Appeal (previously known as the Christmas Children's Appeal).

It was a wonderful evening, and a treat to see some of my fellow Guardians and past masters there.

Our current Lord Mayor Paul Goggin was on wonderful form, and I'm sure a huge amount of money was raised for this worthwhile charity.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
2nd April 2024 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Shining Stars Showcase - Invitation from High Sherriff of Bristol Launch of Project Inclusion not Exclusion
16th April 2024 12.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch on the Pytch Plane (passports not required) Join Johnny Palmer and the Pytch team for an exclusive lunch for 8 people!
25th April 2024 11.30am – 12.30pm	Unveiling of twin city signpost on college green See our wonderful signpost unveiled followed by tea and networking
7th May 5.30pm – Early evening	City Waits Awards Award giving and concert from young musicians at The Bristol Beacon
15th May 12.30pm - Lunch	Guild of Guardian's Thank You lunch for Lord Mayor Join us for lunch at the Mansion House to thank Paul Goggin
20th June TBC – Early evening	Guild of Guardians Summer Garden Party A summer soiree at The Mansion House to welcome the new Lord Mayor
July TBC TBC	Annual Golf Day Join Jon Press and our guild golfers on the green
August TBC TBC	Tour of We The Curious Join Lead Guardian Donna Speed for a behind the scenes tour
September TBC TBC	Annual Charity Walk Help us raise money for the Lord Mayor's Charity on our annual stroll
September TBC TBC	Sustainability Tour of Future Leap Behind the scenes tour and talk on sustainability in our city
October TBC TBC	Tour of Fears Watches Visit to Fears Watches workshop at Paintworks
October TBC TBC	Concert at St George's Bristol Join us at St George's for an evening of music (details tbc)
12th November TBC – Early evening	Guild of Guardians Annual General Meeting AGM at The Mansion House
27th November TBC - Dinner	Lead Guardian's Annual Dinner

We will be releasing tickets for existing events, and information about more events and networking opportunities soon. Please visit the website to find out more and secure your space.

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For further information please email Sean office.guildofguardians@gmail.com

Other opportunities for guild members:

- The **Canynoges Society**, who are celebrating their 175th anniversary this year are looking for members and trustees. Would you like to support St Mary Redcliffe, or do you know someone who would? If so then get in touch with [Simon Prescott](#).
- In addition to being invited to the **Shining Stars Showcase** by the High Sherriff of Bristol Sharon Foster, they are looking for supporters. You can [donate here](#) or find out more by [emailing Sharon](#) directly.