

# The Guild of Guardians

Newsletter June 2024



Dear Guardians,

It has been a busy time since our last Guild of Guardian's newsletter came out in March, and I can't quite believe I'm more than halfway through my tenure as Lead Guardian.

In the last few months, we've said goodbye to Councillor Paul Goggin as Lord Mayor, and I was lucky enough to also see him get married at the Lord Mayor's Chapel followed by a reception at The Mansion House. It is testament to the enduring relationship between the Lord Mayor and the Guild that we were able to be there to celebrate Paul and Debs.

Just last week I had the pleasure of spending time with our new Lord Mayor, Councillor Andrew Varney at the D Day Service and am excited that the Guild can welcome him personally at our garden party at The Mansion House this August.

It has been wonderful to see some of you at recent events, a little run down of those are below, and I do hope to see everyone at the garden party and at our gin tasting this week!

*Donna Speed, Lead Guardian 2024*

## Signpost unveiling

25<sup>th</sup> April 2024



After much hard work from Guardians past and present on 25<sup>th</sup> April the Bristol twinning signpost was unveiled on College Green outside City Hall. This wonderful visual representation of our twinned cities, created by artist Steve Joyce is down the incredible hard work and commitment of members of the guild past and present, and also to the team at City Hall.

## Pytch Lunch on a Plane

16<sup>th</sup> April 2024



In April we held a networking lunch in possibly the most unusual location yet, on a plane! Johnny Palmer from Pytch showed us wonderful hospitality, and we were spoilt by private chef Tom Green who cooked the most phenomenal food for us. It was a great day, full of fascinating conversations between guild members.

## City Waits Awards

7<sup>th</sup> May 2024



This years' City Waits Awards at The Bristol Beacon showcased a group of incredible young musicians. The hugely talented winners included pianists, strings, wind, brass and a rapper. The young people and their families were blown away by the support from the guild, and what the support will be able to help them achieve in the coming months and years. I've asked them to keep in touch and look forward to being able to update you on what they're doing with that support, and where they get up to next. A huge thank you to those of you who were able to join us.



## Lord Mayors Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> May 2024



We said Thank You to Paul Goggin for his time as Lord Mayor of Bristol on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Paul gave a heartfelt speech proving yet again, what an asset he has been to the city, and support he has been to the Guild.

## Lord Mayors D Day Service

6<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Our first official event with the new Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor Andrew Varney was the D Day Service on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and what a service it was, the perfect tribute to all those who did so much for our country.

# Calendar of Events

Please visit the website to find out more and book your tickets for our 2024 events [www.guildofguardians.org](http://www.guildofguardians.org)

Date	Event
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	<b>Gin tasting at Gatsbys</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	<b>Guild of Guardians Summer Garden Party</b> A summer soiree at The Mansion House to welcome the new Lord Mayor
September TBC	<b>Annual Golf Day</b> Join Jon Press and our guild golfers on the green
September TBC	<b>Annual Charity Walk</b> Help us raise money for the Lord Mayor's Charity on our annual stroll
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Sustainability Tour of Future Leap</b> Behind the scenes tour and talk on sustainability in our city
October TBC	<b>Concert at St George's Bristol</b> Join us at St George's for an evening of music (details tbc)
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<b>Guild of Guardians Annual General Meeting</b> AGM at The Mansion House
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Lead Guardian's Annual Dinner

## Welcoming new members to the Guild of Guardians

### Athanasios Lazarides (aka Laz)



Honorary Consul for the Republic of Cyprus based in Bristol. Owner of Lazco Ltd, hospitality sector, t/a Antix and Gatsbys

"I joined the Guardians through contact with Bill Marshall. I am looking forward to meeting new people, networking for mutual benefits and having a great time. So pleased that the Guardians recognise the importance of both the member and the member's partner."

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**HELP THE GUILD TO GROW:** If you would be happy to share your contact details with other members of the Guild of Guardians to increase our networking power, please [CLICK HERE](#) to give consent to share your information. If you would like to spread the word about The Guild of Guardians, please do direct people to our website, or [download our brand new PDF](#), all about who we are, and what we do.

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