



Upholders Company
Royal Charter 1626

The Worshipful Company of Upholders



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The Worshipful Company of Upholders 400th Anniversary of the Granting of its Royal Charter Exhibition & Celebratory Lunch

Guildhall, Thursday 9 July 2026

Application Form

Our Company will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the grant of its Royal Charter with an exceptional event on Thursday 9th July 2026.

There has been a heavy demand for tickets from within the Upholders' Company but we are pleased to make available the remaining tickets to other Livery Companies. These tickets are available on a strictly first come, first served, basis.

You are therefore strongly advised to submit your application as soon as possible.

The event comprises three main activities and will take place in the prime public spaces of the Guildhall, comprising:

10am to 12 noon - A public exhibition held in The Old Library with two main themes: The Worshipful Company of Upholders: its history, crafts, trades and activities over the centuries; The Circle of Life project: with displays on the planning and realisation of the most significant piece of Opus Anglicanum embroidery produced in over 500 years.

Luncheon in the Great Hall, preceded by a champagne reception where an authentic recreation of our lost original Charter will be unveiled by the Lady Mayor of London. The luncheon tables will be adorned with the rarely seen treasures of the Company, including the Upholders' Salt and the Master's Chair.

Unveiling of The Circle of Life. The artwork, over three years in planning, 18 months in creation, completed by 106 volunteers, will be revealed and will attract national media attention.

An event of this nature has not been celebrated by our Company for a generation or more and represents an historic occasion in the annals of our Livery. As a result, the ticket price has been very heavily subsidised; we thank the City Corporation, our Livery Company, event suppliers and individual Liverymen for their generous support. We do hope that you will take this unique opportunity to experience a once in a lifetime event.

The price per person is £155; why not start your day in the Guildhall Art Gallery, then visit our Exhibition, followed by the champagne reception, an excellent luncheon with quality wines, the unveiling ceremony and the ability to be the first to view the sensational Circle of Life. Enjoy a magical full day out, in the best City tradition!

400th Anniversary Application Form

To: Mrs R Selfe, Chesterwood, Hollymead Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3LQ

From: Name & Organisation:

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(Address).....

(Email).....

I wish to attend the Anniversary Exhibition & Lunch at Guildhall on Thursday 9 July 2026

I wish to invite guests, please print names & give addresses only if pour mémoire is to be sent separately (please continue overleaf):

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If possible, I would like to be seated near:

If you or any of your guests have any special dietary requirements, please give details overleaf.

I enclosed a cheque for £ to cover the cost of tickets at £155 each, made payable to “The Worshipful Company of Upholders”.

OR

I have paid £ for tickets by bank transfer to account number 09509534, sort code 60-00-01, giving my surname and initials followed by COL as a reference. Please email your completed application form to the Clerk once you have made payment.