**Geoffrey Charles Bond OBE, OStJ, DL, BSc (Econ), LLD (Hon), FSA (1939-2026)**

Solicitor, businessman, broadcaster, writer, polymath, Citizen and Glazier

*Geoffrey Bond in November 2006*

Geoffrey Bond died on 24 July 2026 aged 86 years. He is survived by his wife Dianora, daughter Charlotte, son Charles, and six grandchildren. Although I knew Geoffrey for some 30 years, it is almost impossible to write an adequate obituary of someone with so many varied interests and achievements.

Geoffrey was senior partner of law firm Ashton Bond Gigg and director of various companies, including several in the media. He developed a parallel career in broadcasting on antiques and heritage, including as an expert on the Antiques Roadshow. He collected Derby Porcelain and was Chairman of the Byron Society, having an encyclopaedic knowledge of Lord Byron and publishing three books on his life.

In Nottinghamshire Geoffrey was a Deputy Lieutenant and driving force in the National Justice Museum, Papplewick Pumping Station, Southwell Music Festival, and the Midlands Agricultural Engineering Traineeship & Apprenticeship Scheme.

He received the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit from King Olav V for his work as Honorary Consul for Norway in the Midlands and was presented with the Seed Forum Global Achievement Award at a special awards ceremony at the Norwegian Ambassador's Residence in London. He also founded the Bridge Ward Club Norwegian Business Scholars' Trust.

In the City of London Geoffrey served as Sheriff (2003/04), Chairman of the Livery Committee (2007-10), Master Glazier (1997/98) and first Master of the Arts Scholars' Company in 2008. He organised the Treasures of the Livery Companies Exhibition in 2012 and founded the Rolls Building Arts & Education Trust. He belonged to several other livery companies and was an active Hon Liveryman of the Plumbers' Company.

His interests included music, stained glass, gardening, rowing, rugby football and writing and lecturing about antiques. He was a loyal member of the Garrick Club.

Geoffrey was a very generous benefactor of many different charitable organisations, both financially and in the time he devoted to their activities, and was awarded the OBE for charitable services in the 2008 New Year's Honours list. His energy, enthusiasm and force of personality touched the lives of many and, like so many others, I am deeply grateful to have known him and enjoyed his friendship.

Michael Cooper
Upper Warden Elect
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