

EVENING SOCIAL PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018



17:30 – 19:15 | The President's Drinks Reception

Mr Simon Dexter, our President, the ALSGBI Council and special guest, Mr Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, are all looking forward to extending a warm welcome to delegates at this drinks reception in the Industry Exhibition, located in Charter 2 & 3, Ground Floor, Manchester Central. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with old colleagues and the ALSGBI Industry Partners.

FREE to registered delegates only (pre-book)

19:30 – 22:30 | ALSGBI Conference Dinner | Dress code: Lounge Suit

Venue: The Midland Hotel, 16 Peter Street | Manchester M60 2DS

Join us in the elegant Trafford Room at Manchester's most iconic hotel for an evening of fine dining and conversation. The Midland Hotel is steeped in history **but did you know....**

- The hotel was designed by Charles Trubshaw and constructed between 1898 and 1903 for the Midland Railway Company at a cost £1.5 million – an enormous sum in those days.
- In 1908 *The Railway News* reported that the hotel had over 70,000 guests in its first year and described it as a '20th century palace'. The hotel had a 1,000 seat purpose-built theatre where opera and drama were staged plus a roof terrace where a string quartet performed.
- The Midland Hotel was allegedly coveted by Adolf Hitler, who maintained a keen interest in architecture, as a possible Nazi headquarters in Britain. American intelligence speculated that the area of Manchester around the town hall was spared from bombing so as not to damage or destroy the Midland Hotel.
- The Midland was where Charles Rolls met Henry Royce leading to the formation of Rolls-Royce Limited in 1904. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother dined in the hotel's Trafford Restaurant in November 1959 after attending a Royal Variety Performance at the Palace Theatre. The Beatles were famously refused access to the French Restaurant for being 'inappropriately dressed'.



This year we will be entertained by **Mr Farokh Maneksha Engineer**, our guest speaker, who is:

- A former Indian cricketer, who has played 46 test matches for India and has played first-class cricket for Mumbai in India from 1959 to 1975 and Lancashire in England from 1968 to 1976.
- In his career he has been known as an aggressive batsman and an alert wicketkeeper.

- He was really admired by Brian Statham, Lancashire teammate of Engineer.
- Today, he is one of the most respected referees with the Indian Premier League.
- He was popular not only for his game but also for his good looks and sharp features and was the first Indian cricketer to give brand endorsements. He had done celebrity brand endorsements for Brylcreem, Jaguar Land Rover and Lycamobile in the UK.

£70 per delegate

