

LIVERY BRIEFING

February 2014



Report of the Livery Committee meeting

I am pleased to introduce this first edition of the new format of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing. It includes a summary of those topics discussed at the meeting of the Livery Committee held on 12th February 2014, together with an update on more general subjects that will, I hope, be of interest to Liverymen.

From the Chairman

A melancholy introduction. I begin with the sad news of the deaths of Deputy Robin Eve OBE, and Judge Hugh Stubbs. Though Robin had served his full six year term on the Committee, whilst Hugh had only been with us a relatively short time, both will be sorely missed. We stood in their memory, and also remembered Mr Derek Wheatley, the long serving Clerk of the Lightmongers' Company, who also died last month.

On a more positive note, I am delighted to be able to welcome the 109th Livery Company, The Worshipful Company of Educators, who received their Letters Patent earlier this month, and also the Court of Aldermen formally approved the grant of Livery to the Company of Arts Scholars at their recent meeting, who will thus become number 110 in the order of precedence.

Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme Ltd.

The Chairman of the Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme, Peter Cook gave a short presentation on the progress of the scheme to sign-up 52 apprentices with a variety of Livery companies by 31st July 2014. To learn more of this, please email nrpullman@btinternet.com

Diversity of Livery Companies

The Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor reported that a senior political figure had suggested that a lack of

diversity apparent in livery company membership posed a potential political risk to the City Corporation and to livery companies. Whilst much work had successfully been done to promote and encourage women into the livery, there appeared to be not such a positive narrative on ethnic minority membership. Our Livery Companies Working Group undertook to explore this issue further, and would meanwhile welcome any relevant information including any positive case studies.

Livery Schools Link

Event at Apothecaries' Hall

Livery showcase at Apothecaries' Hall on 18th March 2014. A group of Year 9 students have been invited to one of 5 sessions at the Apothecaries' Hall where there will be 25 Livery Companies showcasing a wide range of industries, trades and professions. Skills and trades will be demonstrated and members will talk to the students about the work and careers linked to their company. Invitations from Alison Truphet info@liveryschoolslink.co.uk

City Livery Club Centenary Award

The Club's Centenary Banquet is to take place on 9th June 2014 when the inaugural Award would be presented by a distinguished guest. Deadline for applications to enter were due by the end of February. More at <http://www.cityliveryclub.com/award.html>

News in Brief

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor's programme of civic engagements early in 2014 included the Wax Chandlers, Pattenmakers, Fletchers and Art Scholars. Two further domestic events for the Lord Mayor in January were the London Government Dinner and the Lord Mayor's Annual Gresham Lecture, at which she reflected on the cities of the future arguing that they need to follow "companies in adopting

network models and flat structures over hierarchies".

Elections

New Aldermen

Since 2012, there has been an unusually large number of new Aldermen being elected to the Court. You may find it useful to know the many changes that have come about in the past year or so, and the new membership of the Court.

The following have retired, or taken office:

Retirees:

Sir John Stuttard, Sir Michael Savory, Sir David Lewis, Sir Robert Finch, Simon Walsh, Bob Hall, Philip Remnant and John White.

New Aldermen (Name, Ward, Date of Wardmote):

Matthew Richardson (Billingsgate), November 2012; William Russell (Bread Street), March 2013; Charles Bowman (Lime Street), May 2013; Timothy Hailes (Bassishaw), May 2013; Julian Malins (Farringdon Without), May 2013; Michael Mainelli (Broad Street), July 2013; Vincent Keaveny (Farringdon Within), October 2013; Peter Estlin (Coleman Street), November 2013.

For a complete list of aldermen, together with links to some additional information about them go to <http://nigelpullman.info/elections/aldermen.html>

Castle Baynard Common Council by-election

Following the resignation of Raymond Catt a poll took place on Monday 10 February. The result was as follows: Emma Edhem (161); John Michael Allen Petrie (40). Emma Edhem was therefore duly elected as Common Councilman for the Ward.

The Worshipful Company of Saddlers Annual Awards Evening

The City of London Academy Islington held its prestigious Annual Awards Evening in December 2013. The 'Outstanding student' award

was presented by Mr Charles E. Barclay, Saddlers' Quarter Warden to Stephanie Ford, Year 13 and the 'Outstanding Staff Member' award to Miss Tracey Wilson, Deputy Pastoral Support Leader.

Events

MARCH

1st March to 15th May 2014 – London Metropolitan Archives: Journeys in Archive Conservation Exhibition. This exhibition offers an insight into the challenges that LMA's conservation studio faces making archival material accessible and protecting it from natural degradation. The exhibition runs from 17 February until 15 May 2014.

Mon-Sat through to 29th March - The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers Exhibition at the Guildhall Library. <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visiting-the-city/archives-and-city-history/guildhall-library/exhibitions/Pages/The-Worshipful-Company-of-Needlemakers.aspx>

3rd March - Inter-Livery Bridge Competition at Drapers' Hall (organised by the Makers of Playing Cards Company). http://www.makersofplayingcards.co.uk/company_events.htm

4th March - Shrove Tuesday: Inter-Livery Pancake Races in Guildhall Yard (organised by the Poulterers' Company). <http://www.clockmakers.org/events-2/events/the-poulterers-pancake-race/>

10th March - Modern Companies Dinner at Wax Chandlers' Hall (organised by the Engineers' Company)

18th March - Livery Schools Link Showcase Event at Apothecaries' Hall (organised by LSL). <http://www.liveryschoolslink.co.uk/news.htm>

22nd March to 28 March – The Guildhall Jazz Festival & Improvisation Fringe returns in March to showcase the best of British jazz and improvised music across seven performance-packed days. Highlights include: a

performance from award-winning British jazz singer and broadcaster, Claire Martin, with the Guildhall Jazz Singers & Ensemble (28 March); the Guildhall Jazz Band performing new music and arrangements with internationally-acclaimed saxophonist and composer Julian Siegel (22 March); and Guildhall Professor Kate Williams and her jazz trio (24 Mar). Tickets are available from the Barbican Box Office on 020 7638 8891 or at www.barbican.org.uk.

24th March – Inter-Livery Swimathon at RAC Epsom (organised by the Chartered Surveyors' Company). <http://www.curriers.co.uk/21st-inter-livery-swimathon-on-monday-24-march-2014/>

APRIL

3rd April - Lord Mayor's Banquet for Masters, Prime Wardens & Upper Bailiffs at Mansion House

4th April - United Guilds' Service at St Paul's Cathedral

10th April - Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch at Guildhall, in aid of ABF The Soldiers Charity. <http://bigcurry.org/events/lordmayor>

JUNE

26TH June - Livery Education Conference for Head Teachers hosted by the Master Actuary, the Livery Schools Link and the Worshipful Company of Educators at Staple Inn, WC1V 7QH. The aim of the event is to give secondary head teachers from both independent and maintained sectors an opportunity improve the skills of school leavers by facilitating their transition into the workplace. The Lord Mayor is to open to the conference at 2pm.

Publications

Websites

Work is in progress on two websites, each designed specifically to be of general interest to liverymen, and relevant to you and the work of the Livery Committee. These are <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/livery> which contains general information, and specifically links to

the sites listing Livery contact details, Masters, Clerks etc (eg "Fishmongers") and the Livery Committee Courses site for details and booking the City Briefings etc. And <http://nigelpullman.info> which amongst much else includes a new City Diary of events of interest across all liveries.

Blue Book

The 2014 and 150th edition of the City of London Directory and Livery Guide has just been published. The Committee considered the possibility of making the information in the Blue Book available online. This had been explored was not possible due to data protection. Bringing the publication date forward was also being discussed. The publisher was being sold to another organisation, which, had committed to continue to produce the book. Copies are available from Mel Challen mchallen@seatrade-global.com

City of London Freeman's Guide

A new guide to the customs, ceremonies, institutions and offices of the City of London and its diverse livery companies is now available. The guide, by Paul Jagger and published by the Information Technologists' Company, is a concise almanac that signposts events and traditional activities available to liverymen and freemen, as well as their involvement in charity, education, industry and fellowship. The guide is available to buy here.

Thank you to those who have offered feedback on this new Briefing. You are encouraged to contribute to future editions, which you can do by contacting our Clerk, Sean Cable on 020 7332 1174 or sean.cable@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

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