

LIVERY BRIEFING

July 2014



This edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing includes a summary of those topics discussed at the meeting of the Livery Committee on 11 June 2014, together with an update on more general subjects of interest to liverymen. This briefing is published by the Town Clerk's Department and PRO at Guildhall, on behalf of the Livery Committee, and recipients are encouraged to please forward this newsletter to their liverymen, or if posting it at your company website, to please tell your members that you have done so.

Feedback and contributions for the next edition are welcome. Copy deadline: 31 August. Please send contributions to lorraine.brook@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

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Common Hall – Election of Sheriffs

At Common Hall on Midsummer Day, 24th June, the Livery elected Dr Andrew Parmley, Alderman and Musician and Ms Fiona Adler, Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker to serve as Sheriffs from 28 September, for one year.

There were three vacancies on the Livery Committee, and the Livery confirmed the nominations of Mr Robin Booth, Clothworker (the liveryman representing the Great 12), Mr David Cole-Adams, Tyler, (one of four liveryman representing the Fellowship Companies – those without halls), and Mr Philip Grant, Clerk to the Needlemakers and Secretary to the Fellowship of Clerks (one of two clerks representing the Fellowship). Each of these will serve for three years. A full list of all 20 members of the Committee may be found at www.liverycompanies.info/livery-committee/membership.html.

A letter has been circulated to livery clerks concerning the outcome of this year's Mayoral and Shrieval Appraisal process. The Court of Aldermen support Alderman Alan Yarrow as Lord Mayor in 2014/15 and Alderman Jeffrey Evans in 2015/16;

and Alderman Andrew Parmley for progression to the office of Sheriff in 2014/15 and Alderman Charles Bowman in 2015/16.

City Livery Club Centenary

Over 20 nominations were received for the inaugural "Root and Branch" Award - which was presented to Thomas Ilube, Information Technologist, who was chosen for his outstanding record of service to education and young people. A Lifetime Award was presented to Geoffrey Bond, Past Master of the Glaziers Company. Both awards were presented by HRH The Princess Royal at the Centenary Banquet, which was held at Guildhall on 9 June 2014.

Lord Mayor's Diary

Events include a visit by the Premier of China, the 500th Anniversary of Trinity House, business related activities to coincide with the Commonwealth Games, the Bankers and Merchants Dinner, and Epping Forest Ladies Day. It was noted that the Lord Mayor would be involved in a number of events that would take place to commemorate the start of the First World War, including a visit to Ypres in August.

Skills / Apprenticeships

It is expected that the Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme will meet the deadline of the end of July for the signing up of 52 apprentices spread across, in varying numbers, 12-15 livery companies. The majority will be for three year (level 3) apprenticeships in all these trades with the balance in 1 year (level 5) apprenticeships. The scheme was oversubscribed and alternative funding is being explored for those unable to join the scheme.

Livery Schools Link (LSL)/Livery Education Working Group

LSL have successfully held another Showcase event for school children, at Apothecaries' Hall, and a Head Teachers' conference in June with a focus on collaborative working between schools and the livery.

New Livery Companies/Guilds

The Arts Scholars received their Letters

Patent at a ceremony in Mansion House in early July, becoming the 110th Livery Company, following the Educators at 109. The only company now seeking livery status are the Public Relations Practitioners. However a number of groups, including the Entrepreneurs, the HR Professionals and the Health Care Practitioners have expressed an interest in pursuing guild status.

City of London Directory & Livery Companies Guide 2014, the "Blue Book"

The Livery Committee have suggested to the publisher that the next edition of the "Blue Book" should be published towards the end of the year, as opposed to February 2015, to coincide better with the livery and civic appointment arrangements. It has also suggested that a standardisation of the format of listings would be helpful (i.e. consistency of surnames followed by initials for both livery and court).

Website

There are many websites that give useful information about livery companies, or relevant facts and background of interest to liverymen. The Livery Committee has now created a new site that aims to pull all these together, and act as a one stop gateway to all sites of relevance or interest to liverymen. www.liverycompanies.info. There you will find links to the Fishmongers' site, the bookings page for the Livery Committee courses and briefings and much more. Additions and corrections can be made on request (subject to the Editor's approval).

Wardens' and Court Assistants' Course

This will take place at Guildhall on 30 September 2014. The course is aimed at Liverymen who are approaching the Chair of a Company (Wardens or on the Court), new Clerks, and other Court members. Full details at www.liverycompanies.info.

Other news:

The Prince Arthur Cup Inter-Livery Golf Organised by the Coachmakers' Company, the "original" inter livery

golf competition was held at a Walton Heath on 15 May. There were 53 Livery teams of two pairs, playing foursome golf over one of the two top courses in the morning and the second course in the afternoon. The Cup went to the Leathersellers for the second successive year, with the Cordwainers in second place, three strokes behind. Other prizes went to the: Wax Chandlers, Apothecaries, Brewers, City of London Solicitors and International Bankers. The Leathersellers are the most successful golfing company in this event, having now won a record 10 times.

Sheep Drive across London Bridge

The annual Sheep Drive across London Bridge, which is organised by the Woolmen, will take place on Sunday 5th October. The entry fee is £50 per person, which will cover the provision of sheep, their health and well-being, and a personal certificate signed by the Master of the Woolmen confirming that their rights have been exercised in accordance with tradition. All proceeds will be divided between the Lord Mayor's Appeal and The Worshipful Company of Woolmen's charitable trust. If you wish to take part in this ancient and honourable tradition, please email [Bill Clark](mailto:Bill.Clark@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

Feltmakers unite Sir Thomas More's Hat and his Chain of Office

At their Summer Banquet on 6 June 2014, the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers united Sir Thomas More's Hat and his Chain of Office for the first time in over 480 years. It has recently come to light that Stonyhurst College in Lancashire has a Felt Hat, which belonged to Sir Thomas More. That it has survived in such good condition owes much to the fact that Thomas More 'lost' this hat when he left it behind during a visit to friends in Holland as a young lawyer. After his execution in 1535, his friend Godfrey Gillekens kept the hat carefully and wore it each year, as Chancellor of the Supreme Court of Guelderland, on the anniversary of the Saint's death. He gave the hat to the Jesuit College of Roermond and after passing through various hands it came to Stonyhurst College in 1835, where it has remained ever since as the property of the Jesuit Province in Britain. Coincidentally the current Master of the Feltmakers, Simon Bartley, is an alumnus of Stonyhurst, as is Jonathan Bates, the Master of the Haberdashers, from whom the Feltmakers grew in 1604.

A Night in Havana

In 1954, prominent members of the Briar Pipe and Tobacco Trades met in the City to recreate what was to

become the third livery company of their craft, now named the "Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders". To mark the Diamond Jubilee of the third incarnation of the Company, a Cuban themed celebration took place on 14th May 2014 at the fine offices of British American Tobacco, on their smoking terrace overlooking the Thames, and with spectacular views across the City skyline.

The annual Festival of the Sons and Friends of the Clergy

The annual Festival took place on 13th May 2014 at St Paul's. Dating back to 1655 when a collection was taken at the service on behalf of the families of clergy who had remained loyal to the Crown following the execution of Charles I and who had been deprived of their livings by Cromwell, the service remains a regular annual event some 360 years later. Behind the splendour of the occasion its purpose remains the same as that of the first service in 1655 – the work of the charity. It is a service of worship combining both thanksgiving for the work of the Sons of the Clergy, and also a reminder of the charity's own need for on-going financial support to enable it to continue performing its vital supportive role.

Cadet Force units seeks Livery affiliation – 12 April 2014

The Masters of the Makers of Playing Cards and the Fan Makers' have visited Middlesex & North West London Army Cadet Force headquarters at Hammersmith. Detachments of the ACF presented an illustrated report on their recent visit to Flanders to mark the Great War centenary. The sector Commandant Colonel Mark Hodson TD is seeking a Livery affiliation for 21 Company located in North West and North London. Any livery company seeking a cadet unit affiliation and would like to learn more, is invited to contact glcedep@rfca.mod.uk

A Century of Promoting Fellowship: The City Livery Club.

This exhibition reveals the Club's 100-year journey from its foundation in 1914 to the present day. The exhibition can be viewed until 24 July.

From Beef Tea to Battleships: Personal Stories from the First World War

will be running from 4th August to 12 November 2014 at the Guildhall Library. To commemorate the First World War, Guildhall Library examines the personal accounts and experiences of individuals, including 'Boy', who served on the first submarines in the British Navy during the war and wrote to his mother



almost every week.

150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Livery Committee

The Chairman hosted a dinner at Haberdashers' Hall on 4th July, marking the anniversary on the exact day in 1864 when the records show the first meeting of the Committee was held. The Committee had been created to bring order to the increasingly rowdy and ill-disciplined proceedings at Common Hall in those days, and to organise the elections of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. The Committee continues to fulfil these roles to this day, as well as now seeking to improve communications and good practice across the livery.

Race for Doggett's Coat & Badge

Harry McCarthy, a Waterman, won the historic Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge on 15 July, and was greeted with an embrace from his father, Simon McCarthy, who won the race in 1984. The 22-year-old completed the race from London Bridge to Cadogan Pier in Chelsea in 24 minutes and 35 seconds, where he was presented with a bottle of champagne by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh. The Race for Doggett's Coat and Badge is sponsored by Thames Tideway Tunnel, a project to build a 25km long tunnel which will reduce the amount of sewage overflowing into the River Thames. The event, first rowed in 1715, (and hence arguably the oldest continuous, annually-staged sporting events in the world), is organised by the Fishmongers' Company.

Silent Ceremony

The Admission of the Lord Mayor will take place on Friday, 7 November 2014 in Guildhall. If you wish to apply for tickets please email Elizabeth Jupp before 30 September 2014. e-tickets will be dispatched immediately after the Election of the Lord Mayor.

Thank you to those who have offered feedback and contributions to this Briefing. You are encouraged to contribute to future editions, by contacting the Committee and Member Services Manager, lorraine.brook@cityoflondon.gov.uk