

LIVERY BRIEFING

September 2014



This edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing includes a summary of those topics discussed at the meeting of the Livery Committee on 10 September 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. This Briefing is also published at www.liverycompanies.info - go to Library.

Feedback and contributions for the next edition are welcome. Copy deadline: 31 October. Please send contributions to gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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Elections and appointments

There have been a number of these over the past week or two:

Lord Mayor. At Common Hall on Michaelmas Day, Alderman Alan Yarrow was elected to be the new Lord Mayor. His Silent Ceremony of installation will be on Friday 7 November, followed by the Lord Mayor's Show next day.

Sheriffs. Immediately prior to the Sheriffs' Breakfast on 26 September, Dr Andrew Parmley, Alderman and Musician, and Mrs Fiona Adler, Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker were admitted to serve as Sheriffs, in a ceremony at Guildhall.

Recorder. It has been confirmed that the new Recorder (the senior judge at the Central Criminal Court) is to be His Honour Judge Nicholas Hilliard QC. Judge Hilliard is presently the Common Serjeant at the Old Bailey, and he will succeed the current Recorder, His Honour Judge Brian Barker QC, early in 2015.

Speechwriter. Mr Robert Coppin has succeeded Hugo Deadman as Senior Speechwriter to the Lord Mayor, arriving from positions at the Department of Health and the Government of Qatar.

Livery Committee. At the recent meeting, Nigel Pullman was re-elected as the Chairman for a further year, and Ian Seaton CC as his deputy.

New Members

Following their appointment at Common Hall on Midsummer Day, the three new members of the Livery Committee were welcomed to their first meeting on 10 September. 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

Gregory Moore has been appointed as the Committee Clerk.

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 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, a Diary of forthcoming livery events, and much more. Additions and corrections can be made on request (nrpullman@btinternet.com)

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor attended the Closing Ceremony of the Commonwealth and the opening of the Edinburgh Festival. Both events linked with the commemorations marking the start of the First World War in 1914, and the Lord Mayor attended the National Service of Commemoration at Glasgow Cathedral and laid a wreath on behalf of the City at Holyrood Park, before travelling to Westminster Abbey to attend the Candlelight vigil.

In addition, she had led a delegation of some 150 people representing the City to Ypres to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate Memorial, accompanied by the Masters of the Worshipful Companies of Actuaries, Carmen and Marketors, organised by the City of London Historical Society.

Lord Mayor appointed to chair Home Office Inquiry

The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Fiona Woolf, has been appointed by the Government to chair an inquiry into historic child sexual abuse. The inquiry will consider whether and the extent to which public bodies and other important institutions have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse.

Lord Mayor's Briefing to Masters and Prime Wardens

The Lord Mayor's Annual Briefing this year is on 19 November in the afternoon. Invitations will be sent by Mansion House.

Lord Mayor's Overseas Visits programme 2014-15

The programme of overseas and regional visits for the new mayoral year has been published. It may be viewed in the Useful Links page of the website (see above).

City Briefings

These early evening events (5.30pm-7.30pm), aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City of London Corporation and its links with the Livery, have been scheduled for the coming months. Further information and details on booking are available at the website – go to the Briefings & Courses menu tab.

City of London Freeman's Guide

The Guide, a concise pocket guidebook to The Freedom of the City of London, the Livery Companies and their links to City governance, Charity, Education, Youth organisations, The Church, The Armed Forces and The Royal Family is available in hardback (priced £10) from Information Technologists' Hall, or in eBook format. For further details, please go to the Library tab at the website.

Creation of New Guilds

Murray Craig, Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court reported that the Guild of Entrepreneurs and the Guild of Human Resources Professionals, have been formally recognised by the Court of Aldermen. They would now commence a period of at least four years as a Guild, followed by four as a Company without Livery, before being eligible to progress to become fully fledged Livery Companies.

Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme

The Committee received an update from Peter Cook of the Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme. It was agreed that the Livery Companies Skills Council would be an appropriate forum to encourage the continuation of this initiative.

Livery Schools Link

Paul Herbage updated the Committee on the work of the Livery Schools Link, drawing particular attention to the next Livery Showcase event, which had now been arranged for 4 March 2015 at Barber-Surgeons' Hall.

Young Livery – best practice

The Livery Committee has been asked to give examples of best practice from Livery Companies who have run successful initiatives aimed at their younger members to encourage their greater involvement. If your company has had notable success in this field, and would like to share it, please email the committee chairman. (see foot of this Briefing)

Magna Carta

In response to enquiries about the forthcoming Magna Carta celebrations, more details of the City and livery involvement on this will be posted at the website (see above) shortly. The Remembrancer is leading the City planning for the celebrations. See also Heritage Gallery item below.

Presentation of Gloves to the Lord Chief Justice

The Glovers' Company has a long tradition of presenting gloves to the holders of major offices of state. Every year gloves are presented to the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs in the City and for many years embroidered gloves have been presented to the Lord Chief Justice on taking office. In the past this was a private ceremony but a new tradition was established when the Master Glover, Alderman Alison Gowman, presented gloves to the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, in open court at the Royal Courts of Justice.

In her speech the Master talked of

the origins of the custom of presenting gloves to the judiciary and described the process by which these unique gloves were made. In reply Lord Thomas praised the workmanship of the gloves and also spoke to the students of London College of Excellence who had been invited to attend the ceremony and to tour the Courts afterwards, hoping that the visit would awaken an interest in a legal career.

Inter Livery Tennis competition, 10 September

This annual event organised by the Feltmakers' Company at Queen's Club was another popular and successful day, followed by dinner and prize-giving.

It was won by the Horners' Company pair, who beat the World Traders 6-4 in the final.

In the Plate competition, the Feltmakers beat the Carmen 6-2 in the final.

Catering contract in Guildhall goes to The Cook & The Butler

Following the decision by the Court of Common Council to put the catering in the Members' dining area and other rooms to tender from outside contractors, the contract has been awarded to The Cook & The Butler (Mark Grove).

They will now be responsible for catering in the Club Members' dining room, the private dining room, the Aldermen's dining room, and The Bar for the next three years. The Cook & The Butler will also assume responsibility for booking these facilities where appropriate.

They will also provide the catering requirements in the meeting rooms, but not be responsible for the booking of those rooms. Finally, The Cook & The Butler remain on the list of approved caterers for events in the public rooms at Guildhall.

Gresham College – Series of Lectures to Dig into London's Past

London Archaeology is to be held in collaboration with Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA). The series of four free public lectures will take place on Mondays at 1pm throughout October in the Museum of London, London Wall. The series will cover Roman Londinium ('Pompeii of the North', 6 October), Middle-Saxon Ludenwic ('London in the Not-so-Dark Ages', 13 October), Archaeology on the banks of the Thames ('Vanishing Archaeology: The Greenwich Foreshore', 20 October), and 'The Archaeology of St Paul's Cathedral' (27 October).



The City of London Heritage Gallery

The Gallery opened to the public on Friday 12 September with the twin aims of highlighting the City of London's stewardship of archival treasures of national significance but also its pivotal role at the centre of London's and the nation's history since at least 1067. The City's 1297 Magna Carta is amongst one of the first items that are on display (until the end of January next year). There is also a touch screen giving more information in the exhibits and clips from some of the 4,000 films held at LMA. The Gallery is located within the Guildhall Art Gallery and is open for the same hours, and free to visit.

First World War Commemorations at Guildhall Library

Guildhall Library presents a programme of events and exhibitions to commemorate the First World War, with three exhibitions running concurrently from 4 August – 12 November. These are: From Beef Tea to Battleships: Personal Stories from the First World War, which looks at the personal accounts and possessions of those who lived through the war; The Remembrance Image Project, which brings together photographer Simon Gregor's contemporary images of sites associated with the conflict; and Poppy by artist Rebecca Louise Law. Visitors will be encouraged to take away a poppy from the 'floral sky' and leave a donation for The Royal British Legion. An accompanying events programme will cover different aspects of the First World War from women's poetry to submarines. Guildhall Library will stock a range of First World War merchandise - 10% of the profits will be donated to The Royal British Legion.

Thank you to those who have offered feedback and contributions to this Briefing. You are encouraged to contribute to future editions, by contacting the Senior Committee and Member Services Officer, Gregory Moore on 020 7332 1399 or gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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