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Inter livery sport, social and other events

Introduction

There are an increasing number of annual (or sometimes occasional) inter livery sporting contests, or other activities, exhibitions etc. They are usually organised by one livery company, but open to all others (though this may not always be the case).

Dates of these events are shown at the Diary page of this website, along with email links to the organiser, and to the event URL where known.

Some examples are below.

List

Archery organised by the Bowyers' & Fletchers' Companies (a bilateral contest just for these two companies)

Art exhibitions organised by the Painter-Stainers' Company

Bridge organised by the Makers of Playing Cards Company (first Monday in March)

Cart Marking organised by the Carmen's Company (July)

Concert organised by the Mercers' Company (by invitation)

Croquet organised by the Founders' Company (by invitation)

Doggetts Coat & Badge Race organised by the Fishmongers' Company (only for Watermen)

EuroDisney trip organised by the Hackney Carriage Drivers' Company (masters invited to "send-off" in September)

Evensong organised by the Musicians' Company (October)

Golf organised by the Coachmakers' Company (May, the 'Prince Arthur'. Other golf competitions are also arranged)

Livery Hall Walk organised by the Environmental Cleaners' Company (September)

Pancake Races organised by the Poulterers' Company (Shrove Tuesday)

Pewter Live organised by the Pewterers' Company (June)

Real Tennis organised by the Brewers' Company Tennis organised by the Feltmakers' Company (September)

Sailing organized by the City Livery YC (offshore) and Framework Knitters' Company (dinghies, but dormant). Also Seaview Regatta – but Great 12 only!

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Sheep Drive organised by the Woolmen's Company (last Sunday in September)
Shooting (clays) organised by the Environmental Cleaners' Company (May)
Shooting (rifle) organised by the Bakers' Company
Skiing organised by the Ironmongers' Company (January)
Swimming organised by the Chartered Surveyors' Company (dormant)
Tacitus Lecture organised by the World Traders' Company (fourth Thursday in February)
Tennis organised by the Feltmakers' Company (September)
United Guilds Service organised by the Fishmongers' Company (two Fridays before Good Friday)
Walk, around all livery halls, organised by the Environmental Cleaners' Company (September)
Wizardry in Wood organised by the Turners' Company (every four years)

Dates and notes

Most of these events are listed at the Diary page of this website, where exact dates, venues, further details and email links to the organisers may be found.

Though the United Guilds Service and the Musicians' Evensong (both at St Paul's) are listed above, a more comprehensive list of "livery" church services is elsewhere in this folder of the Clerks' Almanac.

The "entry fee" for many of these events includes a contribution to the Lord Mayor's Appeal or other charity.

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