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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.

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 at Drapers' Hall)

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

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 on the Thames)

Evensong organised by the Musicians' Company (October at St Paul's)

Golf organised by the Coachmakers' Company (May, the 'Prince Arthur' at Walton Heath GC. Many other golf days are also arranged)

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

Magical Taxi Tour to EuroDisney organised by the Hackney Carriage Drivers' Company (masters invited to "send-off" in September from Canary Wharf)

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

Pewter Live organised by the Pewterers' Company (June)

Real Tennis organised by the Brewers' Company (October at Queen's Club)

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

Sheep Drive organised by the Woolmen's Company (last Sunday in September on London Bridge)

Shooting (clays) organised by the Environmental Cleaners' Company (May at Holland & Holland Ground)

Shooting (rifle) organised by the Bakers' Company (at Bisley)

Skiing organised by the Ironmongers' Company (January in Morzine)

Tacitus Lecture organised by the World Traders' Company (fourth Thursday in February in Guildhall)

Tennis organised by the Feltmakers' Company (September at Queen's Club)

United Guilds Service organised by the Fishmongers' Company (two Fridays before Good Friday at St Paul's)

Walk, around all livery halls, organised by the Environmental Cleaners' Company (September)

Wizardry in Wood organised by the Turners' Company (every four years at Carpenters' Hall)

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 host livery may be found.

Though the United Guilds Service and the Musicians' Evensong are listed above, a more comprehensive list of "livery" church services is elsewhere in this folder of the 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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