

LIVERY BRIEFING

June 2016



NEWS

Aldermanic Succession

The Court of Aldermen have announced (or confirmed) their endorsement of their preferred members to go forward to the offices of Lord Mayor and Sheriff over the next two years, subject, as always, to election by the Livery at Common Hall.

2016 - Lord Mayor, Andrew Parmley; Sheriffs, William Russell and Peter Estlin

2017 - Lord Mayor, Charles Bowman; Sheriff, Tim Hailes

The Town Clerk wrote to all Clerks, Masters, Prime Wardens, and the Upper Bailiff advising the above preferred progression on 8 June.

Election of Sheriffs

Friday 24 June will see the annual election of Sheriffs. At the closing date for nominations, two candidates had put their names forward for election to be the two Sheriffs from 28 September. They are:

- Peter Estlin, Alderman and International Banker
- William Russell, Alderman and Haberdasher

The election at Common Hall will therefore be uncontested.

Liverymen are reminded that the annual Armed Forces Flag Raising Day ceremony will also be held on this date, at 3.30pm in the Guildhall Yard.

So, Farewell then

To past Lord Mayor Sir Gavyn Arthur, former Alderman for the Ward of Cripplegate and the Lord Mayor 2002-03, who died on 16 May. He served as Master of the Gardeners', Wax Chandlers', Public Relations Practitioners' and the Guild of Freemen.

Livery Committee: New Deputy Chairman

At our recent meeting, Ian Seaton CC (Girdler) announced that he would have to step down as Deputy Chairman, due to a number of other commitments which called on his time. The Committee thanks Ian Seaton for his contribution over the past two years and is pleased to note that he will remain on the Committee as a Member.

The Committee subsequently elected Deputy Richard Regan OBE (Cutler) as his successor and as the new Deputy Chairman.

The Livery Committee was also pleased at this meeting to pass a congratulatory resolution to mark the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen.

Livery Schools Link

Livery Schools Link (LSL) is looking for a volunteer to be the Secretary of the group. LSL works with schools and Livery Companies to help develop links between the two. As a group we have about six formal meetings during the year for which we need minutes. In addition there will be incoming emails and other contacts to pass on to other members of the group. This is likely to require about two- three hours weekly. If anyone is interested in this volunteer role please contact [Lis Goodwin](#) - Chairman of LSL.

City Livery Yacht Club Regatta

On 21 May sixteen sailing boats representing 11 different Livery Companies competed at Cowes for the 47th award of the Lord Mayor's Cup.

The Island Sailing Club start line saw the fleet jostling for position heading off towards the east. The wind was in the South West at about 17 knots gusting to 25 so the sailing was challenging and exciting.

The overall winner was Assassin, jointly crewed by Stationers and Marketors. The Leathersellers won the Millennium Cup, and the full results may be viewed [at this link](#).

Next year's Regatta will be held on Saturday 20 May.

Prince Arthur Cup Golf

The competition was played at Walton Heath Golf Club this year on 19 May and 208 players participated over 36 holes. Prizes were presented by the Master Coachmaker, including to the winning pair, the Brewers, and to the runners-up, the Spectacle Makers. Next year's event will be on Thursday 18 May - for entry details, please contact [the Secretary](#).

Inter Livery Clay Shoot

117 teams consisting of 470 guns from 64 different Livery Companies attended the Shoot on 18 May at the Holland & Holland Ground, again organised by the Environmental Cleaners'. For the first time in 23 years it rained and rained, but the brave wet guns continued to the end knowing that wine and roast pig were awaiting them in the marquee when they finished.

The eventual overall winners were Butchers A team, closely followed by Gunmakers C just one point behind, with Gunmakers D in third place. Individual discipline winners included the Grocers E in the Side by Side and the Dyers A in the Flush. Graham Cudlip, Mercer, was the Top Gun, and Emma Maybery, Butcher, the Top Lady.

The provisional date for next year's Shoot is 17 May.

Inter Livery Rifle Shooting Meet

Now in its third year, the Livery Rifle day on 3 June, organised by the Bakers' Company at Bisley Camp, brought together 45 liverymen from 14 companies, representing all types of liveries - Great Twelve, Companies with and without Halls, and Modern Companies. An opportunity in the livery calendar for such a diverse group to mix.

Five disciplines were shot, including pistols from the Wild West, 900 yard Target rifles, and running boar – a very old former Olympic discipline. Amazingly, after each team had fired well in excess of 500 shots between them there was a tie for first place between the Gunmakers and Clothworkers. After the tie break Gunmakers won by a short neck.

Next year's event is on Friday 2 June (subject to confirmation). To register your interest, email [Colin Sach](mailto:Colin.Sach).

Brigantes Breakfast at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield

Opening to a fanfare of 'Ilkley Moor Baht'at', with a menu rich in Yorkshire provenance and a marching Brass Band concert over coffee, the 2016 annual luncheon of City of London Liverymen in the North on 20 May was a lively affair.

310 Liverymen and their guests attended, including 18 current Masters, representing 76 Livery Companies. Adrian Waddingham, Sheriff in 2013/14, Past Master Actuary and Lancastrian, presided. The speakers were Dame Fiona Woolf, Master Solicitor, James Newman, Ironmonger, Yorkshireman and Past Master Cutler in Hallamshire, and His Honour Judge Paul Worsley, Cooper and Yorkshireman, who sits at the Old Bailey.

If you would like to be included in notices of future Brigantes occasions in the north, please email [David Bentley](mailto:David.Bentley) with your contact details.

Nottinghamshire County Show

The Newark & Nottinghamshire Agricultural Society founded in 1799 each year stages the County Show. This year, their president, Geoffrey Bond (past master Glazier), invited some of the craft-based Livery Companies, including the Farriers, Turners, and Wheelwrights, to the Show on 22 May, demonstrating their skills and support for apprenticeships. With the use of Livery Company display banners visitors were told about the great contribution the Livery Companies make to our society in general and apprenticeship in particular. Geoffrey has also set up a new Midlands Agricultural Engineering Apprenticeship Scheme because as he states 'more young people are needed for this important industry which offers very rewarding careers'.

DIARY DATES

6 July

City Beerfest

Organised by the City Music Foundation, in partnership with The Worshipful Company of Brewers, the fourth annual City Beerfest will take place in Guildhall Yard on Wednesday 6 July. The event is held in support of the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the City Music Foundation – for more information, [click here](#).

13 July

Cart Marking Ceremony

On Wednesday 13 July the annual Cart Marking ceremony will take place in Guildhall Yard. The event, open to the public, sees each vehicle brought for the Master Carman's inspection, then branded by the Keeper of Guildhall, using a special brazier and gloves provided by the Glovers' Company. The duties of the Keeper are shared with the Lord Mayor, and also the Master Carman. Afterwards the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Master Carman and Wardens doff their caps as each vehicle passes the rostrum.

20 July

Race for Dogget's Coat and Badge

Wednesday 20 July will see the 301st annual race for Dogget's Coat and Badge. The event, first rowed in 1715, (and hence arguably the oldest continuous, annually-staged sporting event in the world), is organised by the Fishmongers' Company. For more details, please visit the [website](#).

1 – 4 September

Great Fire 350

For more, please visit the [website](#).

19 September

A Practical Guide to Petitioning for a Grant of Arms

This talk, presentation and practical workshop is aimed at those persons who might be considering petitioning for a grant of arms and those interested in learning more about the process and practicalities involved. No prior knowledge of heraldry or the language of coats of arms (blazon) is expected or required. Participants will have the opportunity to prepare their own petition, design their own arms, consider the various options, gather evidence for their petition and learn more about the process, timescale and costs. More at [this link](#).

Friday 23 September

Sheriffs' Ball

At Guildhall – for details visit the [website](#).

Monday 26 September 2016

Wardens' City Course

A reminder that the all-day Course for future livery masters is on 26 September. Spouses and consorts are also welcome to attend the day at Guildhall. The programme and online booking can be found [here](#). It is particularly aimed at those expecting to take office in 2017.

Wednesday 5 October

City Briefing

The programme and online booking can be found [here](#).

11 November 2016

Silent Ceremony

The Admission of Lord Mayor, or Silent Ceremony, as it is also known, will take place on Friday 11 November in Guildhall. Ticket application forms for the Silent Ceremony will be available via the City of London website from Friday 24 June 2016. For further information, please email the Remembrancer's department.

NOTICES

Titles connected with Orders, Decorations and Medals conferred by another country, including countries of which the Sovereign is Head of State, other members of the Commonwealth and by all other foreign countries

The Livery Committee has been asked to promulgate the notice below that has appeared in the *London Gazette*. In doing so, there is no implication that liverymen have abused the convention.

"Notice is hereby given that, in line with the long-established convention concerning foreign titles, British nationals who have been awarded an honour by another country may not use any associated title, that the award might bestow, in the United Kingdom.

Only those British nationals, including dual nationals, awarded a British Knighthood or appointed to a British Order of Chivalry as a Dame, may use the title 'Sir' or 'Dame' in the United Kingdom."

Livery Committee Website

This *Livery Briefing*, and all earlier editions, may be viewed in the Library at the [website](#).

Also at the **Livery Companies Database** at the same site, there is now a facility to see core details of many City institutions, such as ward and other clubs and guilds etc. (as well as livery companies). Secretaries/clerks/administrators who have not yet populated their page with data are invited to do so, or to contact the [webmaster](#).
