

LIVERY BRIEFING

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Message from the Chairman, Deputy Richard Regan OBE

Dear Liverymen,

I have pleasure in sending you the latest edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing, which I hope is both interesting and useful to all members of the Livery.

The Livery Committee website (www.liverycompanies.info) also provides a huge source of information and I hope you will not hesitate to let either myself or the Deputy Chairman, Victoria Russell, know if there are any areas of interest that you feel are not covered either in the periodical newsletter or on this website. Should you wish to contact us or contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please contact the Clerk to the Livery Committee, Gregory Moore (gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk), who will pass on any correspondence.

Thank you.

Richard Regan OBE, Deputy
Livery Committee

NEWS

Ward of Farringdon Without Aldermanic Election

On Wednesday 9 February, an Aldermanic election was held in the Ward of Farringdon Without. The result was as follows:

- Carr, Helen Ginette – 26
- Hughes-Penney, Robert Charles – 98
- Jones, Gregory Percy – 443

Greg Jones (Leatherseller) was duly elected as Alderman for the Ward. Mr Jones had previously served as a Common Councilman for the Ward.

Forthcoming Elections – Court of Common Council

On 23 March, the City-wide elections for the Court of Common Council will take place. All existing Common Council Members must seek re-election on that day. The closing date for nominations was 28 February and the Statements of Persons Nominated, providing a list of those standing for election or re-election, were published on 2 March. The results of the elections will be published on the [City of London Corporation's website](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk) as soon as possible after they are known.

New Swordbearer at Mansion House

Tim Rolph has been appointed as the new Swordbearer to the Lord Mayor, in succession to James North. Tim has been one of the Lord Mayor's Senior Programme Managers since 2012 and took up post on Friday 10 February. He has previously worked for the Mayor of London and in the Royal Household.

Lord Mayor's Overseas Visits

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Sheriff Peter Estlin, travelled to Kathmandu, Karachi and Islamabad from 20-28 January. Both Nepal and Pakistan are challenging frontier markets, having suffered political instability over protracted periods. Neither has been heavily accessed by British business in recent years. But prospects have improved as political calm and economic confidence have returned, and they now offer real opportunities for UK firms prepared to adapt to local conditions and take on board the uncertainties involved.

Nepal has a massive untapped hydroelectric capacity which, if funded, could significantly boost economic growth, address deeply-rooted poverty and provide sustainable energy (and thus better environmental outcomes) for the region. To advance this opportunity the Lord Mayor is convening a Nepal Hydropower Investment Conference at Mansion House on 22 March, targeted at investment funds, professional advisory firms and engineering and technical services businesses; ministerial attendance from both sides is promised. An outward mission could follow for potential investors and infrastructure partners to see the opportunities for themselves.

Nepal's attractiveness as an investment destination has been hampered by its low global profile, absence of a sovereign credit rating, a sense of anti-competitive behaviour by private sector players (despite relatively liberal business legislation) and complex bureaucracy. The authorities are seeking to address all of these challenges. The Lord Mayor also lobbied for early agreement on a bilateral double-taxation agreement to help stimulate investment flows from the UK. Electronic banking and payment processing arrangements, after a very slow start, are being rolled out with impressive speed. Digital technologies will deepen the financial system and expand connectivity and financial inclusion, making Nepal ripe for the development of online financial services. UK-based fintech firms are well placed to develop partnerships with local players. The Lord Mayor encouraged Nepalese participation in the Innovate Finance Global Summit in April. Opportunities in tourism, hospitality, infrastructure (including the Kathmandu metro), cement and waste management were also highlighted. The Nepalese Government's Investment Summit (Kathmandu, 2-3 March) provides an opportunity for interested businesses to explore options.

Pakistan now appears to be a much better place to do business. The boost from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor mega project will create significant new opportunities; there is also scope to help boost under-developed professional skills and qualifications (as well as basic education). Provincial authorities and local businesses were keen for UK firms to become more actively involved in the market – which offers a more attractive business environment than some neighbouring countries. Prioritised project lists are promised, following presentations made by representatives of four provinces; these could form the basis for a future Pakistan investment event in the City. The Lord Mayor also encouraged key participants in a dynamic fintech roundtable to participate in the Innovate Finance Global Summit, suggesting that a possible bespoke round-table with interested UK counterparts might be organised at Mansion House afterwards. There are opportunities for advisory firms to help develop deeper markets to promote SME finance (including an effective secondary market), more advanced risk mitigation techniques and expanded use of insurance options (including Islamic/Takaful structures). Further co-operation in Islamic finance more widely could also be productive given the substantial numbers of Pakistani citizens currently excluded from formal structures. The Lord Mayor lobbied for London as the obvious market for Pakistan to place sovereign paper.

Interactive Livery Halls Map

An interactive map of the City's Livery Halls (as well as other points of interest) has now been developed. The map can be found either through the [Livery Committee website](#) or on the [City Corporation's website](#). We hope it is of use to Clerks, Companies and indeed all Liverymen and Freemen.

Technical and Further Education Bill

At its February meeting, the Committee received an update in respect of the Government's Technical and Further Education Bill. Whilst the focus of the Bill is very much in relation to public provision associated with technical education, there is currently a lack of clarity with respect to the extent that various courses operated by the Livery might be within scope. The City Remembrancer is currently liaising with Government officials, Livery Companies and the Livery Companies Skills Council, to ensure that their views are represented in relation to the proposals. An update will be provided to the Livery at the earliest opportunity.

City of London Freeman's Guide and City Livery Map

We are pleased to report that last year's winner of the Root and Branch Award hasn't been sitting on his laurels. Paul Jagger, Court Assistant to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists has kept up his enthusiasm for all things connected with the City and Livery and brings us two new offerings:

The ever popular City of London Freeman's Guide is now in its third edition. The guide, available in full-colour hardback priced £15 (RRP) or as an eBook at £7.99, opens with a glowing foreword by the Lord Mayor and adds a panoply of customs, ceremonies, events, institutions, officers and landmarks not mentioned in earlier editions.

Supporting the guide is the new City Livery Map featuring the halls of all the Livery Companies, the City's places of worship and principle civic buildings. The map is available as an A2 size colour poster priced £10 (RRP).

Trade discounts and bulk purchase enquiries are welcome. Please contact [Mike Jenkins](#), Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

Minstrels' Gallery

At its February meeting, the Livery Committee discussed the viewing of Common Hall from the Minstrels' Gallery in light of the increased demand for places in recent times. In order to streamline the booking process, a protocol was agreed which will limit places to Clerks and guests of principal participants (ie the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and Masters delivering votes of thanks). All clerks will be written to in advance of Common Hall seeking expressions of interest and, in the event of over-subscription, a ballot will be undertaken to ensure fair access to tickets. All Clerks will shortly receive a separate email setting out the protocol and arrangements in more detail.

Inter Livery Ski Championships

On 19 and 20 January, nearly 250 Liverymen from over 30 Livery Companies came to take part in the eighth Inter Livery Ski Championships held in Morzine, Portes du Soleil. The ages ranged from 21 to 77 and the skiing abilities from expert to beginner. With five new Companies fielding teams this year the event has become an important team bonding exercise for Livery Companies raising money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal. Two races of slalom and giant slalom took place over two days with a reception and livery dinner on the last evening. The Paviers provided the musical entertainment at a livery dinner like no other.

Next year's event will take place on 25 and 26 January in Morzine. For full results go to <https://www.liveryskiing.com/results-1>.

DIARY DATES

Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize

The 12th Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize exhibition of 104 paintings by 92 British artists will run from 6-18 March at the Mall Galleries, The Mall, SW1. The Exhibition can be viewed [online](#). The Master Painter and his Wardens will be awarding four prizes totalling £28,000 on Monday 6 March.

Livery Schools Link (LSL) Careers Showcase

This year's LSL Careers Showcase will take place on 20 March at the Guildhall. Around 30 Livery Companies with stands are expected to showcase the careers available in their area to some 750 students registered to attend. If anyone would like to know more please contact the organiser [Peter Cave](#).

Echoes Across the Century

The art work from this schools project on World War 1, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will be on display in the Guildhall Art Gallery from 30 March. 15 Livery Companies and 11 schools have been involved in this project. The official opening ceremony with the Lord Mayor is on 19 April. It promises to be a visually exciting and thought provoking exhibition and it is hoped that many will visit before it closes in July. For further details please contact [Alison Truphet](#).

Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch

The 10th Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch will take place on 6 April, raising money for ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

Join them and take part in the prize draw, bid in the silent auction or visit the Livery Companies showcasing their Companies trades, selling flowers, leather goods fruit, preserves and olives, or enjoy the champagne and cocktails on offer. There will be several brand new attractions and exciting surprises to celebrate the 10th anniversary. The lunch has raised over £1.5 million since its inception and this year the ABF are aiming to make this figure £2 million.

For tickets, please contact Amy Kenyon on 0207 811 3960 or by [e-mail](#). More information can be found at the [website](#).

Learned Friends

On 29 April 2017, Ginny Davis Productions is delighted to return to the Central Criminal Court with "*Learned Friends*", a courtroom drama which won the "Best Original Piece" at Birminghamfest 2016. The play centres around Prosecution and Defence counsel as they await the verdict in the trial of a high profile football manager. Each of them holds a secret which, when revealed, exposes irregularities in the trial and threatens careers, friendships and the true course of justice.

The audience will move between the marbled Lower Hall and, via the magnificent Grand Hall, into Court One, the scene of many notorious trials. Approximately two thirds of the way through a random selection of the audience will choose which of two alternate endings will be performed.

Performance times are 2pm, 5pm and 8pm. Each will last approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. For full details and to purchase tickets, please visit the [website](#).

Lord Mayor's Ascot Race Day

The Lord Mayor's Ascot Race Day takes place this year on 3 May. To join the Lord Mayor for a relaxed and informal day at the races in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal, please [click here](#) to book.

Common Hall: Election of Sheriffs

A reminder that this year's Common Hall will take place on Monday 26 June, as Midsummers' Day itself falls on a Saturday. Passes will be distributed to all Clerks in the coming weeks.

Livery Schools Link (LSL) AGM

The LSL AGM will take place on 3 July in the City Centre. Further details will be sent out nearer the time, but if anyone is interested in working with LSL please contact [Lis Goodwin](#).

Headteachers' Conference

The LSL annual conference for secondary school Headteachers will take place on 7 July at Staple Inn Hall. The theme is apprenticeships, with presentations by the Lord Mayor and Baroness Wolf of Dulwich, and round table discussions. The event provides an opportunity to members of the Livery concerned with education to discuss and exchange views with the Heads on how the Livery and schools can work together to help pupils. The LSL also plan to present their volunteer engagement platform at this event. Invitations will be sent to all Livery Companies in April, but if anyone would like further information at this stage please contact [Lis Goodwin](#).

City Briefings

These early evening events (5.30-7.30pm) are aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City Corporation and its links with the Livery. Taking place at Guildhall, forthcoming dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 10 October 2017
- Monday 6 November 2017
- Wednesday 7 February 2018
- Monday 8 October 2018
- Tuesday 20 November 2018

Comments from past attendees have highlighted how useful and informative they have found these and we hope that as many of you as possible will take full advantage of the service offered. To book on to these (or any of the Briefing Courses organised for the benefit of the Livery), please go to the [website](#) or contact your clerk.
