

LIVERY BRIEFING

April 2014



From the Chairman

Welcome to the second edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing, published by the Town Clerk's Department and PRO at Guildhall, on behalf of the Livery Committee. 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.

Feedback and contributions for the next edition are welcome. Copy deadline is 31 May. Please send contributions to lorraine.brook@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

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New Livery Committee Website

In an effort to pull the multiplicity of livery company related websites together under one roof, the Livery Committee have created a new domain www.liverycompanies.info which aims to be the gateway into all livery related on-line information. From there, a couple of clicks will take you quickly to the City Briefings booking site, the Fishmongers list of liveries, a Diary of City events, and much more. You are encouraged to set this up as a bookmark or favourite and give feedback as to what else would be useful to include.

The Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme

The scheme is well on the way of meeting the target of signing up 52 apprentices by 31 July 2014. As the Livery Briefing goes to press, 23 apprentices have been enrolled at the following companies – Wheelwrights, Clockmakers, Wax Chandlers (in the activity of bee farming), Blacksmiths, Spectacle Makers and Dyers. More apprentices and companies will join the scheme in the coming weeks. These apprentices have been taken on by small or micro businesses in their trades under the Employer Ownership of Skills Pilot

scheme is supported by public money.

Livery Schools Link

The second Showcase Event at Apothecaries' Hall last month featured over 25 livery companies demonstrating their crafts to over 300 students. With plenty of interactive stalls, students had the opportunity to talk to liverymen about the connections between the livery and the modern world of work. [Find out more.](#)

An LSL Open Meeting for all livery companies will be held in the City Marketing Suite on Monday 19 May at 3.45pm. The main agenda item will be a discussion about the City of London's new education policy, in particular, how the livery might best lend their support.

The Education Conference for head teachers is on Thursday 26 June at Staple Inn. The aim is to strengthen links between the livery and schools. The Lord Mayor will address the conference, and presentations about current support for education will be followed by a panel discussion about future developments. alisontruphetts@gmail.com

News

Good-bye to GAPAN

Possibly the ugliest of Livery acronyms, the Air Pilots and Air Navigators have stuck to their use of the description Guild long after becoming a livery company in 1956. It was their new Royal Charter which really started discussions in earnest about a change of the name, and it was their Patron, Prince Philip, who originally suggested it. As with the Master Mariners in 1926, their royal patronage has allowed them to become Honourable. They do still include navigators (the AN of GAPAN) in their ranks, although the decision was taken to drop 'Navigator' in the company title in recognition of the fact that the role simply no longer exists. So, the

Honourable Company of Air Pilots it now is, and the Grand Master Prince Andrew having replaced his father some years ago.

Girl Power in World Trade

27 February saw the XXVIIth World Traders' Tacitus Lecture, with the Great Hall at Guildhall again filled to capacity. The formal elements for this annual event follow a strict unchanging routine: The Clerk opens the proceedings, the Master welcomes the guests, and the Lord Mayor introduces the Speaker, who then delivers her Lecture.

And so it was on the platform this year – Gaye Duffy, followed by the Master, Dr Heather McLaughlin; then the Lord Mayor, and the lecturer Angela Knight. Not a man to be seen! But it was the subject of the Chief Executive of Energy UK's lecture that would have especially appealed to the Lord Mayor – "[Is Energy just another Power Game?](#)", as it did to the capacity audience.

United Guilds Service

On the 4 of April 2014, the 72nd Service of the United Guilds of the City of London was held at St Paul's, when representatives of the Livery Companies packed the Cathedral to capacity. The UGS was first held on Lady Day in 1943 "to help lift the spirits of the City following the Blitz during the Second World War" (the service is no longer held on Lady Day, but usually two weeks before Good Friday). [View photos from the service.](#)

Opening the service, the Very Reverend David Ison, Dean of St Paul's, said: "We give thanks to God for the fellowship and service of the Livery Companies: for the customs which carry the memory of times past into the future with confidence and hope; for the skills and talents which they represent and promote in each generation; and for the generosity of their charitable work which provides opportunities for others to share the many blessings that we enjoy. A special feature of this year's service

was the choir's Anthem, a new work (Fire, Silver, Gold composed by Samuel Bordoli) commissioned by the Founders' Company to mark the 400th Anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter in 1614.

Lord Mayor's Dinner for Master and Prime Wardens

Read the Lord Mayor's speech at Mansion House on 3rd April 2014 [online](#).

Blacksmiths' New Treloars Arch

It was 12 months ago during the then Lord Mayor's visit to Treloars when the Prime Warden Blacksmith agreed to produce a new Wind Vane (to replace the rather decrepit one on top of the College entrance.)

But it quickly became clear that what was really needed was an Arch (a very much more ambitious project), through which all students symbolically will pass on graduation. 30 Blacksmiths duly combined to produce a hugely impressive arch, which was formally opened by the Lord Mayor during her visit to Treloars in March. Photos available [online](#).

The new arch was first seen in last November's Lord Mayor's Show on the Blacksmiths' float, towed by a Sultan steam lorry. [Treloars](#), a residential School and College in Alton, founded by Lord Mayor Treloar over 100 years ago, educates severely physically disabled students, and is actively supported by many Livery Companies.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races

The Poulterers' Company, supported The Cook and the Butler, and many others, hosted the 10th Inter Livery Pancake Races in Guildhall Yard. View [photos online](#). Next year's event will be on [17 February](#).

Inter-Livery Bridge Competition

Some 59 Pairs from 38 Companies competed in the annual Inter-Livery

Bridge competition organised by the Makers of Playing Cards, at Drapers' Hall on 3rd March. The Lord Mayor's Consort Nicholas Woolf, himself usually a participant for the Tax Advisers, presented the trophies and prizes. The overall winners were the Loriners' Company, whilst the winners of the Fitch prize (the Actuaries Trophy) were the Spectacle Makers. View the [full results online](#).

The proceeds of the evening will shortly be donated to the Lord Mayor's Appeal as usual. The next Competition is on Monday 2 March 2015.

Latest from the City

All that Jazz - Barbican Music Library

The Barbican Music Library's current exhibition, All that Jazz - The Golden Age of British Popular Music, 1919-1950, looks at the social and cultural impact that jazz had on the UK during the forgotten age of British popular music. On Tuesday evenings, when the Library remains open until 7.30pm, staff from the National Jazz Archive will be on hand to offer visitors the unique opportunity to handle archive material. The exhibition runs until April 29.

Guildhall Library

The next exhibition, Shakespeare in Print, will start on Wednesday 2 April, exploring Guildhall Library's Shakespeare collections with many treasures on display. To celebrate the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, we are also hosting a week of Shakespeare-themed events from 22-25 April. This includes a complete reading of Shakespeare's sonnets on Wednesday 23 April, to which anyone can drop-in to listen. If you would like to volunteer to read a sonnet please do get in touch. Contact: [Sara Pink](#), ext 1866.

New Barbican 2014-2015 Season Announced

Highlights of the new programme include Benedict Cumberbatch playing Hamlet in Summer 2015, Sir Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic celebrating the conductor's 60th birthday (10 February 2015 – 12 February 2015), New York Philharmonic (17 April 2015 – 19 April 2015) and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (30 June 2014 – 2 July 2014), an international season of Ibsen productions and a concert paying tribute to folklorist Alan Lomax (15 December 2014).

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 1 May - [City Briefing](#) at Livery Hall in Guildhall

Tuesday 13 May - [Festival of the Sons of the Clergy](#) at St Paul's

Wednesday 14 May – Barts View Day

Thursday 15 May - Inter-livery Golf at Walton Heath "Prince Arthur Cup" (organised by the [Coachmakers' Company](#)) (note, there are several other inter-livery golf events arranged through the year)

Friday 16 - 18 May – [Inter-livery Regatta](#) at Cowes (organised by the [City Livery Yacht Club](#))

Wednesday 21 May - [Inter livery Clay Shoot](#) at Holland & Holland ground (organised by the [Environmental Cleaners' Company](#))

Thursday 29 May - Ascension Day. [Beating the Bounds](#) at All Hallows by the Tower.

