

# Report of the Livery Committee

To be presented on 24th June 2016

**To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Liverymen of the several Companies of the City of London in Common Hall assembled.**

*A copy of this report is to be issued to all Liverymen who attend Common Hall and only a summary will, therefore, be presented at the meeting so as not to delay the proceedings.*

## **APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

Your Committee has suggested to the nominating bodies that those they nominate should have a broad knowledge of Livery affairs and a good understanding of the workings of the City Corporation and, particularly, how the City Corporation interfaces with Livery Companies.

Towards the end of 2015, Robert Howard was elected to the Court of Aldermen and, consequently, was no longer eligible to serve on the Livery Committee as one of the Court of Common Council representatives (the Aldermen having separate appointment rights to the Commoners). Deputy John Barker's term as a Court of Common Council representative also expires today. In early 2016, Brigadier Robert Pridham stepped down from the Committee and now the final terms of long-serving Livery Committee members Ray Blaber and Richard Lewis have also come to an end. We thank all five for their contribution during their time on the Committee and look forward to welcoming their successors.

We **recommend**, in accordance with the terms of the report agreed by Common Hall on 24 June 2002 and 24 June 2005, that the following persons be appointed as members of the Livery Committee, each for a three year term:-

### **Nominated by the several Livery Companies, through the Fellowship of Clerks**

*In place of Raymond Blaber and Richard Lewis, whose terms of office have expired:-*  
Fiona Josephine Adler – Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender  
Andrew Marsden – Citizen and Marketor

### **Nominated by the Great XII, through the Great XII Clerks' Association**

*In place of Brigadier Robert Pridham:-*  
Colonel Hamon Massey – Clerk to the Ironmongers' Company

### **Nominated by the Court of Aldermen**

*For re-appointment for a final three year term:-*  
Sir Michael Bear – Alderman and Pavior

### **Nominated by the Court of Common Council**

*For re-appointment for a final three year term:-*  
Deputy William Barrie Fraser, OBE – Citizen and Gardener  
Wendy Mead, OBE – Citizen and Glover

*For appointment for a three year term:-*

Christopher Michael Hayward – Citizen and Pattenmaker

Judith Lindsay Pleasance – Citizen and Clockmaker

## **THE LIVERY COMMITTEE 2015/16**

### **Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

At the meeting on 10 September 2015, Nigel Pullman, Citizen and Leatherseller was re-elected Chairman; and Ian Seaton, Citizen and Girdler, Deputy Chairman.

In May 2016 however, Ian Seaton stepped down as Deputy Chairman. We thank Ian for his work as Deputy Chairman over the past two years and welcome his successor, Deputy Richard Regan OBE (Citizen and Cutler) who was elected by the Committee at our meeting on 8 June. At this meeting your Committee was also pleased to pass a resolution of congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen, marking her 90<sup>th</sup> year.

### **Committee Activities**

Your Livery Committee has, over the past 12 months, looked at a range of issues and some of the Committee's work is discussed in more detail below:

#### **Livery Committee website**

The Livery Committee website, launched in 2014 - <http://www.liverycompanies.info/> - continues to be developed and provides the latest news and diary dates for members of the Livery. It has been designed to be a "one-stop shop" with information or links to all Livery related matters and websites.

#### **Livery Companies Database**

Last year, we reported that the database previously known as the Fishmongers' website had been moved to a new host now accessed via the Livery Committee website. The Committee, which has assumed responsibility for this valuable Livery resource, is now also pleased to announce that Phase 2 of the new Livery Companies Database has "gone live".

The database now includes many City institutions and organisations, including Guildhall, Mansion House and the Old Bailey, as well as various City guilds, clubs, ward clubs and past master associations. Also included are a number of trade and business related bodies, military units, and places available for venue hire. A selection of merchants and guilds from outside London are also included and all entries are listed alphabetically and by type.

The new list complements the similarly structured list of the City Livery Companies and we hope it will prove of use to the Livery in the years ahead, as secretaries and administrators populate the data at their page. Our gratitude goes to *Mvine*, a web consultancy owned by a Court Assistant Information Technologist, who have undertaken much of this work for the Committee on a pro bono basis.

#### **Bi-monthly Livery Committee Briefing**

The bi-monthly *Livery Briefing* newsletter, published by Guildhall on behalf of the Livery Committee, is intended for all Liverymen and is emailed via the Clerk to each Livery Company. We encourage all Clerks to circulate the Briefing which can also be accessed in the "Library" at <http://www.liverycompanies.info/> .

## **Working Groups**

Both the Communications Working Group and the Livery Companies' Working Group have met on a number of occasions over the last year.

### Communications Working Group

The Communications Working Group aims to encourage and develop communication between the City of London Corporation, the Livery Companies and the general public. In pursuing these aims, it is responsible for arranging the Wardens' & Court Assistants' Course; the City Briefings; and Briefings for Clerks.

### Briefings & Courses

The three City Briefings arranged each year in February, October and November continue to be held in Guildhall. The Wardens and Court Assistants City Course (primarily intended for those who expect to become Master/Prime Warden within the next year or so), is an all-day course held in September. Spouses and partners are welcome at each of these events. A half day After Dinner Speaking course intended for a similar audience is arranged each February, and an annual Briefing for Clerks is held in January. All are administered by the Guildhall's Communications Department.

We would ask that Liverymen continue to promote attendance at these events as widely as possible. A link to the web-based booking system can be found at: [www.liverycompanies.info](http://www.liverycompanies.info)

### Livery Companies' Working Group

The Livery Companies' Working Group is concerned with the development and dissemination of information about good practice in Livery Companies, particularly to new or aspiring Companies, as well as responding to any matters of common interest or concern raised by the Livery Companies or the City of London Corporation. Information of interest is posted at the Clerks' Almanac, also at [www.liverycompanies.info](http://www.liverycompanies.info), and in the past year has included items such as guidance on the progression route for prospective Guilds and Livery Companies.

Your Committee continues to promote the Livery Liaison scheme which sees each Livery assigned a Member of the Committee to act as an intermediary. It serves to simplify the channels of communication between the Livery Committee (and hence Guildhall, Mansion House, and the Shrievalty), and the Companies (and their Masters, Courts, Liverymen and Clerks); Liverymen are encouraged to use these links wherever helpful.

### Livery Companies Skills Council (LCSC)

Liverymen may be aware that the new Enterprise Bill received Royal Assent in May 2016. This legislation creates a new statutory body, the Institute for Apprenticeships, responsible for the future regulation and public funding of apprenticeships and contains provisions on the use of the term 'apprentice' and 'apprenticeships'. Through the considerable efforts of the City Remembrancer and LCSC, significant progress has been made in obtaining assurances from the Department of Business Innovation and Skills that the legislation would not affect the use of the term by the Livery Companies. Further opportunities will be sought in the new Session of Parliament to formalise the position of the Livery.

Separately, the Lord Mayor presented certificates on behalf of 13 Livery Companies at the Master Craft awards ceremony held at Fishmongers Hall in February. The Livery Apprenticeship Scheme Ltd continues to administer the Livery apprentices who will complete their training in July 2017.

#### Livery Schools Link (LSL)

LSL hosted its highly successful Showcase careers fair in March in the Old Library at Guildhall. The Livery Showcase Event, held annually, is a key opportunity for Livery Companies to engage with students inspiring them to consider career paths and job opportunities in the wide range of skills, trades and professions they represent. Over 600 students from 25 schools across London attended this year's event, where 30 widely differing career paths were showcased.

LSL has also strengthened its governance arrangements over the past year, reconstituting itself as a company limited by guarantee to give member Livery Companies limited liability, and enable the LSL to apply for charitable status in due course. The Committee wishes to place on record its thanks to David Steward, outgoing Chairman of the LSL, for his dedication and efforts in securing the status of the LSL during his tenure.

#### **New Livery Companies**

Having granted Guild status to two prospective Companies (the Entrepreneurs and the Human Resources Professionals) in 2014/15, the growth of prospective Companies has continued with the further granting of Guild status over the past year to the new Guild of Nurses. With the Public Relations Practitioners having already gained the status of Company without Livery, it is pleasing to see that the appeal of Livery status continues to attract and be relevant to modern professions.

All of which we submit to the judgement of Common Hall.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Nigel Pullman, J.P.**  
**Chairman, Livery Committee**