

LIVERY BRIEFING

November 2015



NEWS

New Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor's Show

On Michaelmas Day, the Livery assembled at Common Hall, elected the Lord Mountevans (previously Jeffrey Evans), Alderman and Shipwright, to be the new Lord Mayor. The Lord Mountevans took up office at the Silent Ceremony at Guildhall on Friday 13 November, with his Lord Mayor's Show the following day when he paraded through the City streets in a spectacular procession, featuring many of the Livery Companies, including his own - the Shipwrights. The Show began at 11am with a two minute silence, to mark the terrorist atrocity in Paris the night before. Later, at nightfall, Tower Bridge was illuminated in the colours of the French tricolour, as London stood in solidarity with its sister European capital. To read The Times profile of the new Lord Mayor (published 16 November), go to [the Livery Committee website](#).

Admission of Sheriffs

In a ceremony at Guildhall on Michaelmas Eve, the two new Sheriffs of the City of London took office. They are [Charles Bowman](#), Alderman and Grocer, and [Christine Rigden](#), Citizen and Constructor.

Ward of Cornhill Result of Aldermanic Election

On Tuesday 13 October, an election was held to appoint a new Alderman for the Ward of Cornhill. The result was as follows:

- Richard John Hills – 46
- Robert Picton Seymour Howard – 137

Robert Picton Seymour Howard was duly elected as Alderman for the ward. A list of all the current Aldermen may be found at [The Livery Committee website](#).

Ward of Walbrook forthcoming Aldermanic Election

There is to be a contested election in the ward of Walbrook on Wednesday 2 December, following the completion of the sitting Alderman's six year term. The candidates are as follows:

- Clive Bannister
- John Garbutt (standing for re-election)
- Adrian Waddingham

More information is available on [the City of London website](#)

Apprentices

Following the publication in August of the White Paper on *The Future of Apprenticeships* by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Livery Companies Skills Council (LCSC) have formally submitted comments. The Remembrancer at the City Corporation (the officer responsible for the relationship between the City Corporation and the Houses of Parliament) is aware of the concerns of some Livery companies to the provisions of the Enterprise Bill regarding the use of the term "apprentice" and is considering tabling a suitable amendment to the offending provisions. Enquiries on this matter may be referred in the first instance to the Town Clerk's Department (gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or to the LCSC. The White Paper may be [read here](#).

Unveiling the Crystal Sceptre: Henry V's Gift to the City

The Crystal Sceptre, only 17in tall but rich in ornate detail, is being shown at the Guildhall Art Gallery until 3 December. It was given by Henry V to the City of London in thanks for funding his forces against the French at the battle in 1415 and is on public display for the first time. Normally the sceptre is only removed from its home in the vaults of the Guildhall for coronations and for the ceremonial swearing in of each new Lord Mayor. During this annual [Silent Ceremony](#), the outgoing and incoming Lord Mayors place their hands on the sceptre, marking a direct link back six centuries to when Henry presented it to the City.

New Past Masters Association

As is the custom, the Livery Masters and Prime Wardens who have served office during the mayoralty of Alan Yarrow have formed themselves into a Past Masters Association (PMA), to continue the friendships they have made during their year together. They call themselves the MagnaMasters, and their spouses and partners have formed a twin group, the CartaConsorts. For more, please visit their [new website](#). For more on PMAs in general, [follow this link](#).

Gala Dinner for Treloar's at Mansion House

Over 250 liverymen from a wide range of companies, and other friends of Treloar's College, dined with the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs at Mansion House on 3 November, in an unashamed fund-raiser for the College in Alton, founded by Lord Mayor Treloar over 100 years ago. Treloar's provides education, care, therapies, medical support and independence for young people with complex physical disabilities. Under the energetic chairmanship of past master Chartered Surveyor Roger Southam, nearly £80,000 (gross) was raised from the night. Amongst many highlights of the evening, the sing-along by students and guests led by the ever smiling Head of Music Jocelyn Watkins got everyone in a cheerful and generous mood. Next year's dinner will be on Wednesday 12 October 2016. For more information visit [the Treloar's website](#).

World's oldest clock collection finds a new home at the Science Museum

The Clockmakers' Museum has been re-opened at its new home in the Science Museum. Moving from Guildhall, the Museum, founded in 1814, has taken up permanent residence at the Science Museum, and is free to visit. This remarkable Collection was assembled by the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and includes some 600 watches, 80 clocks and 25 marine timekeepers. Spanning the period from the 15th century to the present day, the Collection tells the story of 'the Clockmakers of London' and charts their history through the years. [Full Press Release](#) from the Science Museum.

Chartered Architects' Company City Building of the Year Award

In October, the Leadenhall Building, informally known as "[The Cheese grater](#)" because of its distinctive wedge shape, and designed by Rogers Stirk Harbour and developed by British Land and Oxford Properties, won The City of London Building of the Year Award 2015. The jury look for buildings that support the ambitions of the City of London in delivering a world class environment for business. They assess the quality of the architectural design as well as the impact the building has on the city street scene. Buildings may be new or refurbished and they should have been completed in the previous two years. More information is available on [the Architects Company website](#).

DIARY DATES

Zurich Sechseläuten, 16-19 April

As in the City of London, the Zurich Guilds are similarly an active force for philanthropy and fellowship. In April 2016 the Zurich Guild members invite liverymen for the Sechseläuten celebrations, which take place between 16-19 April, to encourage and promote further good relations between the London Livery Companies and the Zurich Guilds and between England and Switzerland in general. *Sechseläuten* translates as the Six O'clock Bell, and refers to a medieval tradition, whereby according to a law from 1525, the end of the working day was delayed from 5pm to 6pm, at the [March equinox](#). The switch was marked by the ringing of the cathedral's bell. For more visit [Zurich Guilds Sechseläuten](#) or [email](#).

Red Cross Christmas Market, 30 November-1 December

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor and The Lady Mayoress will open The City of London's original [Christmas Market](#) at Guildhall on 30 November, in aid of the British Red Cross. Over two days the City will welcome over 4000 visitors to the Market where they can enjoy shopping at livery company and commercial stalls, entertainment, food, art, workshops, fashion shows and much more. Order preview tickets [online](#) or [email](#) for more information.

Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch 7 April 2016

[Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch](#) will take place at Guildhall on Thursday 7 April 2016 - in aid of ABF The Soldiers Charity.

NOTICES

Closing date for applications for The City Livery Club Root and Branch Award

Nominations from Livery companies are now invited; the closing date for applications is 1 February 2016. For more details and to download an application form, please visit the [City Livery Club website](#). The 2016 Award celebrates the achievements of those who have delivered exceptional service within and across the Livery Companies. It is a unique way of showing the City Livery Club's appreciation of the contribution made by those in the Livery who are doing outstanding work to advance the wider aims of the Livery.

Livery Companies Database

The recently re-launched database of all contact and other information about each of the livery companies (previously hosted by the Fishmongers' Company) had a SSL glitch on some browsers. This has now been resolved by [Mvine Limited](#) (the website designer providing this service at no cost to the livery). It is accessible at the [Livery Committee website](#), but if you have earlier saved it as a bookmark or favourite, or created a link from another site, you will need to change the URL from https to http.

Archives & History

Liverymen with an interest in research and details of past incumbents at the Mansion House and Old Bailey (i.e. the Lord Mayors and Sheriffs) may wish to be aware that the records at the Livery Committee website (at the A-Z List menu tab, in the *Aldermen, Lord Mayors, Sheriffs* folder) have now been significantly enhanced. The list of all Lord Mayors (1189-2015) has recently been further researched and updated, and the list of non-aldermanic Sheriffs now includes the Election Addresses (effectively a potted biography at the time of their election) of most back to the 1980's.

Livery Briefing

This bi-monthly newsletter published by the Livery Committee and emailed to all Clerks for onward distribution to their liverymen, draws heavily on the News pages at the Livery Committee website www.liverycompanies.info, where you can find details and links to a host of livery related information. If you wish to post any News item on the site (please aim for between 50-150 words), and to appear in the February *Briefing*, please [email the Editor](#).

Thank you.

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