

LIVERY BRIEFING

June 2015



From the Chairman of the Livery Committee.

Dear Clerk,

Herewith the latest edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing, for onward distribution to your Livery, please. This edition of the bi-monthly Briefing includes a summary of those topics discussed at the meeting of the Livery Committee on 10 June 2015, together with an update on more general subjects of interest to liverymen.

The content draws heavily on the News pages at the Livery Committee website, where you can find details and links to a host of livery related information. If you wish to post any item on the site (please aim for between 50-150 words), please email me at nrpullman@btinternet.com

Please may I draw your attention to the Diary menu tab. If you wish to list any date of general interest beyond your own Livery, please tell me, with web links as appropriate.

Please may I also draw your attention to the Report to the Livery by the Livery Committee, which will be presented at Common Hall on 24 June. A copy of the Report may be read at the [Livery Committee website](#). Please go to the Livery Committee menu tab, and look in Reports.

To comment or contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please contact either myself at nrpullman@btinternet.com or Gregory Moore (Senior Committee and Member Services Officer, Town Clerk's Department) at gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk Back numbers of earlier Briefings are available in the Library pages of the website, as is this one.

Thank you.

Nigel Pullman
Livery Committee

NEWS

Court of Aldermen support for future Lord Mayor

On 11 June the Town Clerk wrote to all Masters, Prime Wardens, and the Upper Bailiff, setting out the Court of Aldermen's position regarding succession to the Mayoralty. In summary, if, at the election of the Lord Mayor this year, Alderman The Lord Mountevans (formerly Jeffrey Evans) is one of the two Aldermen whose name is returned by the Livery to the Court, then he will be elected.

Concerning the Mayoralty for 2016-17, the names of three Aldermen were considered: Andrew Parmley (who was elected an Alderman in 2001), Sir Paul Judge (elected 2007) and Charles Bowman (elected 2013), who would each be qualified by virtue of having by then served as Sheriff. The Court then decided that it would support Andrew Parmley for election as Lord Mayor for 2016-17.

With respect to the Shrievalty in 2016-17 the Livery Committee has given favourable consideration to supporting the possibility of two Aldermen holding the office of Sheriff in that year.

The full letter may be [downloaded here](#).

Election of Sheriffs

Wednesday 24 June will see the annual election of Sheriffs. At the closing date for nominations (1 May), two candidates had put their names forward for election to be the two Sheriffs from 28 September. They are: [Charles Bowman](#), Alderman and Grocer [Christine Rigden](#), Citizen and Constructor. The election at Common Hall will therefore be uncontested.

Common Council by-elections

On 17 and 18 June, by-elections were held for the Ward of Candlewick and Bassishaw respectively following the retirements of Keith Knowles and Ken Ayers. Graeme Harrower was elected for Bassishaw and James de Sausmarez for Candlewick; both join the Common Council with immediate effect.

3 July will see a further by-election, in the room of John Owen-Ward who recently stood down from the Ward of Bridge & Bridge Without.

New Chief Commoner

Following his earlier election, Deputy Billy Dove OBE was on 23 April installed as Chief Commoner for 2015-16 by the Court of Common Council. [Billy Dove](#) is one of the Deputies for the Bishopsgate Ward, and is a liveryman of the Ironmongers' Company. For more on the role of the Chief Commoner, [click here](#).

Livery Companies database

The database previously held on the Fishmongers' website has been using an obsolescent server, and has recently 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 extremely grateful to the Fishmongers' Company who have hosted the database for very many years

(at no cost to the Livery), and to *Mvine*, a web consultancy owned by a Court Assistant Information Technologist, who are now doing this work pro bono. To find the Database, which gives contact details of all liversies, together with masters' names, bio's, photos, company information and other links go to www.liverycompanies.info

Magna Carta 800 celebrations

800 years to the day since the sealing of Magna Carta, on 15 June Her Majesty the Queen led a celebration in the meadow at Runnymede attended by other senior members of the Royal Family, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister, and many guests which included a large City delegation of livery masters and others led by the Lord Mayor.

[The City of London played an active role](#) in the events that led to Magna Carta's creation in 1215 and the Mayor (later known as the Lord Mayor) was appointed, along with the barons, to see that its provisions were carried out. London was also the only city specifically named in the document, in the clause that stated that 'the City of London shall have all its ancient liberties by land as well as by water.' The City Corporation's 1297 Magna Carta, widely regarded as one of the finest surviving 13th century copies, can be viewed in the Heritage Gallery at Guildhall Art Gallery.

Livery Education Conference at Staple Inn

On 17 June over 100 delegates from schools and Livery Companies were at the Livery Schools Link (LSL) organised conference aimed at encouraging students to pursue careers in design, engineering and manufacturing. Delegates also discussed how girls in particular might be drawn into the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) subjects by more targeted careers guidance.

Opening the conference, the Lord Mayor, Alan Yarrow, endorsed the validity of the vocational route into work and Sheriff Andrew Parmley presented a vision of involvement in education by Livery Companies over the next 10 years. Professor Sir John Holman from the University of York further developed this theme which sparked a lively debate among delegates. Sheriff Fiona Adler, who has had a career encompassing several engineering disciplines, led a platform discussion with the head of Mulberry School for Girls in Tower Hamlets, about support for careers guidance.

The LSL AGM and Open Meeting is on Tuesday 30 June (from 4.45pm). Contact info@liveryschoolslink.co.uk for further details.

London Mathematical Society (LMS) 150th Anniversary Dinner

On 18 June the LMS held a glittering dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall, hosted by Professor Terry Lyons (President) as part of their 150th anniversary celebrations. Amongst a largely academic and mathematically minded guest list, the Prime Warden Goldsmith led a small group of Livery Masters fortunate enough to be invited. The guest speaker was Dr James Simons, a US philanthropist (and distinguished mathematician), whose [Foundation](#) gives away well over \$300m annually.

Successful launch for Brigantes Breakfast in Manchester

The Late Sheriff, Past Master Actuary and staunch Lancastrian Adrian Waddingham CBE was in the chair at the inaugural Brigantes Breakfast, the northern luncheon attended by 230 liverymen and their guests, on 29 May.

Around 1200 City of London Liverymen are resident in the North of England which, for this purpose, runs from Leicestershire and Staffordshire to the Scottish border. Some of them find it difficult to attend City-based events and may become less engaged from the Livery. In a move to redress that situation, and with the full support of the Lord Mayor and his predecessor, this event was planned.

The Late Sheriff explained that a name was required for the northern luncheon, embracing the main elements of who, what and where. After some head-scratching, the geographical area under consideration was found, fortuitously, to coincide with that occupied in pre-Roman times by the fearsome Brigantes tribe, and thus the Brigantes Breakfast was born. Other speakers were Alderman Sir David Wootton, Nicholas Woolf, Past Master Tax Advisor, deputising for the Late Lord Mayor, and David Bentley, Immediate Past Master Baker, who announced that the 2016 Brigantes Breakfast would be on Friday 20 May in Sheffield.

Root and Branch Award

The annual City Livery Club Award is given to a liveryman who has delivered outstanding service in their work within the Livery. On 13 May, the 2015 award was presented to Phillip Davis, Past Master of the Hackney Carriage Drivers', for his work as Chairman of the [Children's Magical Taxi Tour](#) organising committee. He has been the driving force for 21 years behind the annual trip which takes seriously ill children and their families to Disneyland Paris. Over 100 London cabs and teams take the children, with assistance from organisations including London Ambulance, paramedics, the AA, the City and Metropolitan Police, and the Gendarmerie Nationale. In addition many Livery companies also support the Tour. [Click here for a fuller report.](#)

The Prince Arthur Cup Inter Livery Golf Competition

Organised by the Coachmakers' Company, the "original" inter Livery golf competition was held at Walton Heath on 21 May. There were 53 Livery teams of two pairs, playing foursome golf over one of the two top courses in the morning and the second course in the afternoon. The Cup went to the Leathersellers for the third successive year,

with the Cordwainers in second place, three strokes behind, tied with the International Bankers.

Inter Livery Rifle Shooting day at Bisley

On 5 June 50 liverymen shots from the Ironmongers, Clothworkers, Loriners, Art Scholars, Bakers, Gunmakers, Launderers, Builders Merchants, Carmen, Barbers, Coopers, Horners, and Tallow Chandlers took part in five different disciplines: 1,000m target rifle; 300m McQueen; black powder pistol; and two .22 rimfire turning targets.

RAF Benevolent Fund Controller Air Marshall Chris Nickols presented prizes including the Bakers Cup to Derek Stimpson, David Cooper and Richard Black who made up the Gunmakers overall winning team.

The main purpose of the day is for liverymen to meet and have a great competition. However, by working with the RAF Target Rifle Club and the RAF Benevolent Fund, it has been possible to raise nearly £15,000 for the charity in only its second year.

DIARY DATES

Cart Marking Ceremony

On Wednesday 15 July is the annual Cart Marking ceremony 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.

Race for Dogget's Coat and Badge – 300th Anniversary Race

Saturday 1 August will see the 300th 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, see <http://www.doggettsrace.org.uk/>.

Silent Ceremony – Admission of Lord Mayor

The Admission of Lord Mayor, or Silent Ceremony, as it is also known, will take place on Friday 13 November in Guildhall. Ticket application forms for the Silent Ceremony will be available via the City of London website from 25 June 2015. Please contact silentceremony@cityoflondon.gov.uk for further information.



NOTICES

The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps)

Looking for a volunteering opportunity that's fulfilling and rewarding? Want to learn new skills and meet interesting people? FANY are the Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps. They are a thriving organisation which provides support to civil and military authorities in London during major incidents or in planning and exercise roles, in order to protect life and relieve human suffering. They were founded in 1907, and have a proud history that includes service in both World Wars. Always on call members of FANY are resourceful women who come from all walks of life and are united in their aim to be of service in whatever capacity is asked of them. The FANY have enjoyed a long association with many Livery companies, and would welcome liverymen into their ranks who are female British citizens, aged between 18 and 45, living or working within the M25. To find out more visit www.fany.org.uk

Lord Mayors' Portraits - Dame Mary Donaldson to Dame Fiona Woolf

A new City book created by Nicholas Woolf, Robert Woolf and Alexandra Epps is being launched on 13 July. Dame Mary Donaldson was the 656th Lord Mayor; Dame Fiona Woolf was the 686th. By coincidence, portraits of the two women as Lord Mayor were painted by the same artist, Richard Stone.

Inspired by this fact, this book explores the tradition of commissioning artists to paint portraits of Lord Mayors, looks at the wide variety of resulting portraits with comments from some of the artists, and talks about each of their time in office with portraits from 1983-2013.

Price £12 +£2.50 P&P. Contact nicholas.woolf@btinternet.com or go to www.artandlife.co.uk or www.fionawoolf.com.