

LIVERY BRIEFING

December 2016



Message from the Chairman, Deputy Richard Regan OBE

Dear Liverymen,

The past two months have been quite busy and I am pleased to present 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) is also available to you, providing a huge source of information on a wide range of relevant topics. 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 this periodical newsletter or on this website. Should you wish to contact us or like to contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please contact the Clerk to the Livery Committee, Gregory Moore (Senior Committee and Member Services Officer, Town Clerk's Department) at gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk who will pass on any correspondence. As you will see there are a number of courses you can attend which will tell you more about the inter-relationship between the Livery and the City Corporation.

I would like in particular to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and rewarding New Year, coupled with a relaxing break.

Thank you.
Richard Regan OBE, Deputy
Livery Committee Chairman

NEWS

Silent Ceremony

Following his election by the Livery on Michaelmas Day, on Friday 11 November Dr Andrew Parmley, Alderman and Musician, was admitted to office as the 689th Lord Mayor of the City at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall.

Ward of Queenhithe: Result of Aldermanic Election

On Monday 21 November an election was held to appoint a new Alderman for the Ward of Queenhithe. The result was as follows:

- KING, Alistair John Naisbitt - Independent - 46
- STREETER, Patrick John - Independent - 3

Alistair King (Blacksmith) was duly elected as Alderman for the ward.

Ward of Walbrook: Result of Common Council Election

On Thursday 1 December an election was held in the Ward of Walbrook. The result was as follows:

- BATES, Xuelin Li - Independent - 34 votes
- BENNETT, Peter Gordon - Independent - 72 votes
- MORRELL, Sophia Ellen - Independent - 46 votes

Peter Bennett (Chartered Surveyor) was duly elected as Common Councilman for the Ward. Some of you may be familiar with Peter as the former City Surveyor of the City Corporation; Peter also currently serves as one of the two Bridgemasters elected by Common Hall.

DATES

Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch

The 10th Annual Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch will take place on 6 April. Held at Guildhall, the Lunch raises much needed funds for soldiers and veterans who have been affected by military service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Since its inception in 2008 the Lunch has raised over £1.5m for ABF The Soldiers' Charity. For tickets, please contact Amy Kenyon on 0207 811 3960 or by [e-mail](mailto:amy.kenyon@abf.org.uk). More information can be found at the [website](http://www.abf.org.uk).

Shrove Tuesday: Inter-Livery Pancake Races

The 13th annual Inter-Livery Pancake Races (supported by [The Cook & The Butler](http://www.thecookandthebutler.com)) will take place next year in Guildhall Yard on Tuesday 28 February, organised by the Poulterers' Company.

Inter-Livery Ski Competition

Hosted by the Ironmongers' Company, the 8th Annual Inter-Livery Ski Championship will take place in Morzine, Portes du Soleil, France on 19 and 20 January. All Livery Companies are invited to send teams and/or individual members of their Company and their guests to race in Slalom and Giant Slalom events to be held over the two days. Last year over 30 Livery Companies were represented and over the years there have been entries from 45 Companies. Each company, team or individual is responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements for the event. Entries will close on 1 January and will be limited to a maximum of 150 competitors on a 'first come first served' basis. For more information and to register, please visit the [website](#).

Inter-Livery Bridge Competition

The 35th Inter-Livery Bridge Competition at Drapers' Hall organised by the Makers of Playing Cards Company, will take place on Monday 6 March at 5pm. The event involves 64 pairs competing, and includes a supper interlude, trophies and prizes. Please email your enquiries to the [Clerk](#).

The Clothworkers' Company – 2nd year of The Charity Governance Awards

As with many Livery Companies, The Clothworkers' Company has long been a supporter of charities. To deepen its focus on charity governance, it launched a new set of awards – The Charity Governance Awards – in 2016 to help tell the stories of charities who are using good governance to move their charities forward. The Awards return for a second year, with an additional category. The Awards are for UK registered charities and entry is free. There is a £5,000 prize for each of the seven categories, which include digital, impact, board diversity, turnarounds and harnessing risk. The deadline for nominations is 13 January. Full details can be found on the [Charity Governance Awards website](#).

Tacitus Lecture

The World Traders' 30th annual Tacitus Lecture will be given on Thursday 23 February at Guildhall by Sir Simon Fraser, GCMG, who will speak on "The World is our Oyster? Britain's Future Trade Relationships". Sir Simon was Head of the Foreign Office for five years after working on Global Trade at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and as Chef de Cabinet for Rt Hon Lord Mandelson when he was EU Trade Commissioner. To book your place, please visit the [website](#). Places will be allocated strictly on a first come first served basis.

Forever Trial and Error

From Monday 13 March through to Wednesday 15 March, a theatrical revue entitled *Forever Trial and Error* will be running at the Old Bailey. Held in aid of the Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund and PAN Intercultural Arts, timings on each evening will be 6.15pm for 7pm reception and show. Please [e-mail](#) with enquires or visit the [website](#) for more information.

Livery Schools Link Careers Showcase

The Livery Schools Link Careers Showcase which is now in its fifth year is an inspirational event, where around 30 Livery Companies are able to demonstrate their trades and professions and interact with an invited audience of over 500 students and their teachers. Its main aim is work with schools to help in encouraging students be more aware of the range of exciting and challenging opportunities there are available to young people and gives Livery an excellent opportunity to promote themselves and their skills. The event will run from 9.45am to 3.30pm for students and staff, followed by a Private View and Reception which is an excellent chance for a wider audience to see what is on show and to meet the stallholders from a variety of industries and workplaces. For 2017 we are also hoping to invite some School Governors. The "Livery Showcase" will be held at Guildhall on Monday 20 March. If you would like more information please email [Peter Cave](#).

Ironbridge 2017

Save *the date*: The Ironbridge Weekend for 2017 has been confirmed for Friday 9 June to Sunday 11 June. Further information will be made available in due course.

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City Briefings

These early evening events (5.30pm-7.30pm) are aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City of London Corporation and its links with the Livery. Taking place at Guildhall, they have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday 8 February
- Tuesday 10 October
- Monday 6 November

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 set out below, please visit the [Livery Committee website](#) or contact your clerk.

Clerks' Briefing

On Monday 16 January, this annual Briefing for Livery Company clerks only will be held at Ironmongers' Hall. The purpose of the Course is primarily to provide participants with an update on the City and the Corporation's activities, which will be of interest and relevant to the needs of all clerks. The event is divided into two parts, with the first half specifically aimed at new clerks (those with two years or less experience in the job). Longer serving clerks may wish to attend just the second session but everyone is invited to attend both sessions and will be very welcome.

Livery After Dinner Speaking Course

This half-day course, scheduled for Tuesday 14 February, is aimed at the wardens of Livery Companies with a view to helping them prepare and deliver speeches, both now and for when they become Master. The morning includes tips on style and common errors, as well as help in understanding the different contexts and types of speeches.