

# LIVERY BRIEFING

October 2016



## Message from the Chairman, Deputy Richard Regan OBE

Dear Liverymen,

I am very pleased to present the latest edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing.

I consider it a great privilege to be elected Chairman of your Livery Committee and I hope that this regular newsletter is both interesting and useful to all members of the Livery.

The Livery Committee [website](#) also provides a huge source of information and I hope you will not hesitate to let either myself or the new Deputy Chairman, Victoria Russell, know if there are any areas of interest that you feel are not covered either in the periodical newsletter or on the website. Should you wish to contact us or contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please email [myself](#) or in the first instance contact the Clerk to the Livery Committee, [Gregory Moore](#) (tel: 020 7332 1399) who will pass on any correspondence or assist directly as appropriate.

Thank you.  
Richard Regan OBE, Deputy,  
Livery Committee

## NEWS

### Election of Lord Mayor and Silent Ceremony

On Michaelmas Day, the Livery assembled at Common Hall elected Dr Andrew Parmley, Alderman and Musician, to be the new Lord Mayor. His admission to office will take place at the Silent Ceremony on Friday 11 November in Guildhall.

### Admission of Sheriffs

In a ceremony at Guildhall on Michaelmas Eve, the two new Sheriffs of the City also took office. They are William Russell, Alderman and Haberdasher, and Peter Estlin, Alderman and International Banker.

### Livery Committee: Election of Chairman / Deputy Chairman

At its 14 September meeting, the Livery Committee elected Deputy Richard Regan OBE as its new Chairman. Richard, currently Prime Warden Blacksmith, has previously served as Master Cutler and was Sheriff of the City in 2006. Richard has been a Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Within since 1998 and has also served as the City Corporation's Chief Commoner.

The Committee was also pleased to elect Victoria Russell as its Deputy Chairman. Victoria brings a wealth of Livery experience to the role and is not only a past Master Constructor and past Master Arbitrator, but is also a committee member of the Golden Jubilee Masters Association and the Lady Masters Association.

The new Chairman and Deputy Chairman express their sincere thanks to Nigel Pullman, past Chairman of the Committee, for his dedication and huge contributions during his term of office.

### Livery Committee: New Members

Following their appointment at Common Hall on Midsummer Day, five new members of the Livery Committee were formally welcomed to their first meeting. They are:

- Fiona Adler (Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender)
- Christopher Hayward (Pattenmaker)
- Andrew Marsden (Marketor)
- Colonel Hamon Massey (Loriner and Clerk to the Ironmongers)
- Judith Pleasance (Clockmaker)

### London Bridge Sheep Drive

On Sunday 25 September, around 600 Freemen and Liverymen of the City of London gathered to participate in the traditional London Bridge Sheep Drive, staged by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen. The event raised thousands of pounds for charitable causes associated with the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's Charitable Trust and was for the first time accompanied by a Wool Fair, which pulled together a range of wool-based traders to showcase the breadth of uses of wool. Next year's sheep drive and wool fair will take place on Sunday 24 September 2017.

### **Great Fire 350: 30 August - 4 September 2016**

At the centre of the Great Fire 350 commemorations, *London's Burning* reimagined the Great Fire of 1666 through the vision of contemporary artists, writers and thinkers. It was a festival of arts and ideas, and you can watch the BBC TV programme that covered it [online](#). Produced by Artichoke, a third of all livery companies supported this commemoration and contributed sponsorship totalling £100,000. As a result, the Livery received full acknowledgement for their contribution, historical and contemporary, in the extensive media coverage, including, for example, in a Radio 4 documentary which can also be listened to [online](#).

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### **Bishop of London announces retirement in 2017**

Richard Chartres has written to clergy and parishes across the Diocese of London to share the timetable for his retirement, with his last public engagement as Bishop of London being Candlemas at St Paul's Cathedral on 2 February 2017. The Bishop, who has held the post for over twenty years, will continue his work and engagements as normal until Christmas and will continue to hold the post of Dean of HM Chapels Royal until the appointment of the 133rd Bishop of London. You can read the statement by Bishop Richard [online](#).

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### **City of London Academy Islington and Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) Combined Cadet Force (CCF)**

The long serving Commanding Officer of the City of London Academy Islington HAC CCF is about to retire. A suitable successor is now being recruited and this notice seeks volunteers from any suitably qualified liveryman who may be interested. The HAC is committed to continue funding their CCF and are fully engaged in providing it with the appropriate support. The candidate will have been an armed services officer; ex regular, retired reservist, or cadet. For more details please email the [Regimental Secretary](#) at the HAC or telephone 07748 764023.

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### **City of London Building of the Year**

Organised by the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects, the City of London Building of the Year, which allows members of the public to nominate a building of their choice, aims to recognise the extraordinary examples of contemporary architecture to be found in the City. This year the prize was won by New Ludgate, a new development by Land Securities designed by Fletcher Priest Architects and Sauerbruch Hutton. The award was presented at a special Livery dinner on 12 July at Haberdashers' Hall and was particularly notable for the involvement of a special Livery Award, created to commend the new Leathersellers' Hall and the refurbished Livery Hall for the Salters' Company by London Wall Place. For more information please visit the [website of the architects company](#).

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### **St Lawrence Jewry – Pews**

The Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry have identified ten pews which are no longer required by the church. They are seeking authority to remove them and, if granted, they would like to sell them to a good home. If any Company would like the pews (either for themselves or perhaps for one of the Schools with which they're associated), please email [Canon David Parrott](#). Each pew measures 180cm(length) x 92cm(height) x 49cm(depth) (71" x 36" x 20").

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## **DATES**

### **Aldermanic Elections: Cordwainer and Queenhithe**

On 21 September, Alderman Gordon Haines resigned from the Court of Aldermen on approaching his 70th birthday later this year. His term of office will end at midnight on 17 November, when he retires from public service. A Wardmote will be held on 18 November, with a poll to determine his successor on 21 November (in the event of a contested election). Alderman Sir Roger Gifford's (Lord Mayor in 2012) current six year term as Alderman is also coming to an end in November. He will be seeking re-election and a Wardmote and election (if contested) will be held on 3 November and 4 November respectively. The results will be made available on the [City of London website](#) as soon as they are known.

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### **Common Council By-Election: Walbrook**

Following the retirement from the Court of Common Council of Lucy Frew, there is a vacancy in the Ward of Walbrook. A Wardmote will be held on 30 November and a poll (if contested) on 1 December.

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### **Memorial services**

On 21 September, a memorial service was held at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the life of former Lord Mayor Sir Robert Finch. The evensong was well attended with representatives of a large number of Companies. A memorial service also took place at Temple Church on 17 October to celebrate the life of another former Lord Mayor, Sir Gavyn Arthur.

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### **Lord Mayor's Briefing to Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff: Date Change**

Following a revised Government policy on the Lord Mayor's overseas visits (and subsequent diary clash), it is with apologies that Mansion House have requested the date of the Lord Mayor's Briefing to Masters, Prime Wardens and their Clerks be bought forward by one week to Wednesday 16 November (in the afternoon). Formal invitations have been issued by Mansion House immediately following the election of the new Lord Mayor.

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## FURTHER BRIEFINGS

### City Briefings

These early evening events (5.30-7.30pm) 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 30 November 2016
- Wednesday 8 February 2017
- Tuesday 10 October 2017
- Monday 6 November 2017

Comments from past attendees have highlighted how useful and informative they have found these sessions 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 [www.liverycommitteecourses.org/](http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org/) or contact your clerk.

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### Clerks' Briefing

On Monday 16 January 2017, the annual Briefing for Livery Company clerks will be held at Ironmongers' Hall. The purpose of the course is primarily to provide participants with an update on the City and the City 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.

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### Livery After Dinner Speaking Course

This half-day course, scheduled for Tuesday 14 February 2017, 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.

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### Livery Schools Link Careers Showcase

The Livery Schools Link Careers Showcase, 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 to work with schools to encourage students to be more aware of the range of exciting and challenging opportunities there are available to young people. It also gives Livery Companies an excellent opportunity to promote themselves and their skills. The event will run from 9.45am-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 who come from a wide 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](mailto:Peter.Cave@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

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### Livery Schools Link: "Echoes Across the Century" - a Livery World War One Commemoration Project

Livery Schools Link is proud to deliver this project where 16 Livery Companies have been partnered with 14 schools across London to discover the role of trades and industries in World War One. A heritage project, fully funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, engages students in the real life stories of soldiers on the frontline and of the supply chain behind the scenes of the war. Their learning of this and their understanding of the emotional impact of the war is then expressed through imaginative art work curated by artist Jane Churchill, culminating in an ambitious final exhibition in the Guildhall Art Gallery in 2017. The final exhibition will take audiences on an immersive journey through the supply trades, trenches, no man's land and beyond. This major project follows on from the success of an initial project with the Pattenmakers and Mulberry School in 2015, when the artwork produced was curated at Livery School's Link Livery Showcase Event.

Livery Companies are warmly invited to visit the exhibition which opens in April. There will be opportunities for workshops and talks and LSL welcomes all enquiries about collaborative events between Livery Companies and schools. Please contact the Project Manager, [Alison Truphet](mailto:Alison.Truphet@cityoflondon.gov.uk), for further information.

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### New Zealand livery dinner in Auckland

A dinner is being planned at the Northern Club in Auckland, to be held on Friday 25 November, for liverymen either based in New Zealand or visiting the country, together with their spouses and partners. For more information please [email](mailto:NewZealand@cityoflondon.gov.uk) the organisers.

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## FUTURE EDITIONS

We would be delighted to hear from you if there are any items of news for future inclusion in this newsletter which would be of general interest to the Livery and, having read this newsletter, any areas of interest which you would like us to cover or we have failed to cover here.

Please send any such submissions in the first instance to [Gregory Moore](mailto:Gregory.Moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk) (tel: 020 7332 1399).

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