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LIVERY BRIEFING



Over the past couple of years or so, two types of email briefings to the livery have been sent from Guildhall to all Clerks. One, from the Town Clerk's Department followed each of our Livery Committee meetings (ie three times a year, in February, June and September), which essentially summarised the business that had taken place at that meeting.

The other quarterly email came from the PRO Department, and was a more general summary of what had been going on within the City of London Corporation, and by the Lord Mayor etc. It largely derived its content from the "Members' Briefing" sent to Common Councilmen.

Following discussion it has now been agreed to combine these two (seven) into one bi-monthly email Livery Briefing, which will include reports of the Livery Committee's business, and matters of more general interest from the City Corporation to the Livery. They will be sent by email in February, April, June, September, and November. There will be a gap during the summer holiday period, and over Christmas/New Year.

There will be ample scope within this new format to include notices of forthcoming events of general interest to all livery companies, as well as to report on significant activities and achievements within the livery. If you have such material you wish to submit, please email it to sean. cable@cityoflondon.gov.uk. The copy deadline for each edition is the last day of the preceding month (though it may be possible to also include stop press late items).

How you choose to distribute these Livery Briefings to your livery is, of course, up to you. I know that some of you email a copy to all your members (thank you!), others just to the Court, whilst others place it at your website. There may be another category! If you choose to place it at your website, please may I ask that you

tell your livery that you have done so, and draw their attention to it.

Thank you for your interest and support. I would welcome any feedback on this modest improvement, and hope that you find these new Briefings of help and interest. The first will follow after our Committee meeting, in the second half of February.

On a slightly different topic, you would be disappointed if I didn't mention a couple of our Livery Committee Courses coming up soon. All details are at

http://www.liverycommitteecourses. org and the After Dinner Speaking Course is on 18th February, and the next City Briefing is on 19th February. Bookings may be made at the website now.

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