

LIVERY BRIEFING

March 2018



Message from the Chairman, Deputy Richard Regan OBE

Dear Liverymen,

I am pleased to present the latest edition of the Livery Briefing newsletter, which I hope will be interesting and useful to all members of the Livery and Freemen.

The Livery Committee [website](#) also provides a huge source of information and 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 the periodical newsletter or on this website. Should you wish to contact us or contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please contact the Clerk to the Livery Committee, [Gregory Moore](#), who will pass on any correspondence.

Whilst writing, I'd like to observe that many members of the public, perhaps the majority, do not know what Livery Companies do or the huge contribution they make in the community, to charities, education, research etc. More recent developments highlight the desirability that Livery Companies do demonstrate what they're doing for the community and the good of their associated trades and professions. I would encourage you all to work with colleagues across the Livery to raise the profile of your Company and its charitable and philanthropic contributions in the community.

Thank you.
Richard Regan OBE, Deputy
Livery Committee

NEWS

Forthcoming Elections – Court of Common Council

Bishopsgate: Following the election of Prem Goyal (formerly Common Councilman for the Ward of Bishopsgate) as the new Alderman for the Ward of Portsoken, a by-election will now be held to elect a new Common Councilman for Bishopsgate.

A Wardmote will be held on Monday 19 March at 12noon and, if contested, a Poll will be held the following day.

Billingsgate: A by-election will also take place in the Ward of Billingsgate, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Michael Welbank. A Wardmote will be held on Wednesday 21 March at 12noon and, if contested, a Poll will be held the following day.

For more information relating to both elections, [please visit the City Corporation's website](#).

Lord Mayor's Overseas Visits

Between 9 and 14 December, the Lord Mayor embarked on the first visit of his Mayoralty to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. A challenging programme across two countries, covering four cities in four days, it came soon after recent engagement in the region by the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Foreign Secretary and helped to reinforce strategic business links in both countries. The objectives of the visit were framed around delivering positive messages about the future of the City and the wider UK financial services in light of Brexit. It focused on building strategic City partnerships, engaging with Sovereign Wealth funds, and promoting the advantages of investing through and in the UK. It also aimed to advance City of London business interests around capital markets, asset management, Islamic finance, the use of English law and advisory services. The visit to Saudi Arabia was against the backdrop of the Crown Prince's ambitious Vision 2030 plan for economic diversification. The Lord Mayor had meetings with the governors of the Central Banks, the Foreign Minister in Abu Dhabi, representatives of Sovereign Wealth Funds and business leaders in both countries. He also chaired a roundtable on privatisation opportunities emanating from structural changes in the economy in Saudi Arabia. The visit had a significant impact and advanced both City Corporation and Her Majesty's Government's interests and produced significant follow up activities for members of the accompanying business delegation.

GDPR Seminar

As many of you will be aware, the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) coming into force in May 2018 present a potential cause for concern to a huge number of organisations. Livery Companies are no exception to this, and so on 28 February the Livery Committee hosted a special four-hour GDPR Seminar for all clerks at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Chaired by the Livery Committee's Andrew Marsden and opened by the Head of Government Affairs from the Information Commissioner's Office, the seminar was delivered by the Faculty of the GDPR Transition Programme at Henley Business School. Over 100 representatives of the vast majority of Livery Companies and Guilds were in attendance to receive practical instructions on how Livery Companies must comply with the higher standards of data protection, privacy and security which will be required. All attendees left with a specially bound copy of the GDPR, with a foreword from the Lord Mayor and a unique searchable index developed by Imperial College using AI techniques especially for the day - a world first!

The slides and material from the day have been circulated to all clerks, to capture those who were not able to make it on the day.

Pan-Livery Initiative: Update

I hope that all the Livery Companies Clerks have had the opportunity to share the correspondence about the Pan-Livery Initiative with you. This Initiative is developing in response to livery-wide concerns that Companies may need to be more aware of and better prepared to face evolving needs, risks and also the many opportunities.

A meeting was held at the end of 2017 attended by representatives from almost 100 Companies.

This was the second Pan Livery meeting at which it was agreed to establish two working groups to address communications and philanthropy overseen by the Pan-Livery Steering Group. The Pan-Livery steering group is chaired by Alderman William Russell.

The next briefing to Masters and Clerks of all the Livery Companies will take place at 4.30pm on Monday 11 June.

Inter Livery Ski Championships 2018

The ninth Inter Livery Ski Championships was held in Morzine, France on 25 and 26 January. Over 300 liverymen from 40 livery companies attended with slalom and giant slalom races being run over two days. In glorious weather the competition was intense at one extreme and very relaxed at the other. Sheriff Neil Redcliffe presented prizes to 18 livery company winners at a dinner that could only be described as 'like no other' in the livery calendar. This is now the largest livery event held outside the United Kingdom and it is growing every year. Next year's Championships will be held in Morzine on 24 and 25 January 2019. More information at www.liveryskiing.com

Livery Showcase

Some 31 Livery Companies exhibited at this year's successful careers event, which took place on 6 February 2018 in the Old Library at Guildhall. The requests from schools to attend increase every year and, this year, the event was at capacity with several schools turned away. The LSL are hoping to move this successful event to the Guildhall's Great Hall for next year, to accommodate even more Companies and schools. For more information, please contact [Lis Goodwin](mailto:Lis.Goodwin@livery.com).

Livery Companies Apprenticeship Scheme (LCAS)

The LCAS Pilot Scheme culminated in an Achievement Ceremony last October when the Lord Mayor Dr Andrew Parmley presented 22 apprentices with their certificates. 12 additional apprentices completed their one-year apprenticeships earlier in the scheme.

LCAS has set up an Advisory Service which is available for Livery Companies to assist them in setting up both privately funded apprenticeships as well as Trailblazer Schemes. LCAS also continues to manage apprentices through their training. The new website is up and running (www.lcas.co.uk) and LCAS welcomes any enquiries.

Emergency Trauma Bags: The Worshipful Company of Security Professionals are sponsoring a number of free Emergency Trauma Bags for use by Livery Companies. This is an initiative that the City Police have been keen to progress, which would see the installation of such Bags in key sites across the City in preparation for possible future terrorist attacks.

Each Bag contains Russell Chest seals, haemostatic dressings, tourniquets, bandages, goggles, face masks, gloves, foil blankets and a number of other sundry items to treat people. In the event of a major incident close to a Livery Hall, the presence of these Trauma Bags across the City would greatly assist the blue light services (who would be aware of the bags' locations) in responding.

For more details or to register interest, please contact [Stephen Neville](mailto:Stephen.Neville@scps.org) of the Security Professionals.

Armistice Day: The Master Fruiterer, together with Alderman Peter Estlin and the City Remembrancer, have proposed that the Livery should have a major and visible presence at the commemoration of the centenary of the signing of the Armistice, at St Paul's Cathedral. This would be followed by a procession to the Royal Exchange with other representatives of the City and of the Armed Forces, where a single wreath would be presented on behalf of the Livery. A luncheon for those involved would also be arranged following the event.

If your Company would be interested in participating, or for more information, please contact the [Master Fruiterer](mailto:Master.Fruiterer@livery.com).

Workshop: Petitioning for a Grant of Arms

Many Liverymen don't realise that they are eligible to petition the Crown for a grant of Arms, which they can then lawfully display and use as they wish. A workshop, entitled 'A Practical Guide to Petitioning the Crown for a Grant of Arms' is being held at IT Hall on St George's Day (Monday 23rd April), from 6.00-9.00pm, for anybody interested in obtaining their own Arms. The event is open to Freemen, Liverymen of all Companies, and family members and guests. To enrol, please visit heraldry.eventbrite.co.uk.

DATES

Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize

The 13th Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize exhibition of 92 paintings by 83 British artists is currently running (from 5 – 17 March 2018) at the Mall Galleries, The Mall, SW1. The Exhibition can be viewed at the [website](http://www.lps.org.uk) and the Master Painter and his Wardens will be awarding prizes totalling £30,000.

Inter-Livery Regatta

This year's Annual Inter-Livery Regatta, organised by the City Livery Yacht Club, will be held on Saturday 19 May 2018 in Cowes. Full details can be found at <http://www.clyc.co.uk/regattas-rallies/> or please direct e-mail enquiries to clubsec@clyc.co.uk

Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch

A reminder that on Wednesday 11 April 2018, the 11th annual Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch will be held at Guildhall. The Lunch supports members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and, since 2008, has contributed over £1.7m to The Soldiers' Charity. Moving forwards, proceeds will also be donated to The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity and The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, ensuring that all of the Armed Forces are represented. For tickets and more information, please visit the [website](#).

Livery Schools Link: Livery Education Conference

The LSL's annual Heads' conference will be held on 20 June 2018 at Staple Inn Hall on the theme of Careers strategies for schools. The event is timely as the Government Careers Strategy was published in January this year. LSL is working with the Horners' Company on the possibility of developing an app for 14 year olds to help them start on their career journey.

Common Hall: Election of Sheriffs

A reminder that this year's Common Hall will take place on Monday 25 June, as Midsummers' Day itself falls on a Sunday. Passes have now been distributed to all Clerks; please contact [Gregory Moore](#) in the event that yours have not yet arrived

BRIEFINGS

Clerks' Briefing

The annual clerks' briefing, kindly hosted by the Painter-Stainers' Company at their Hall on 15 January, was a great success and I hope proved informative to all clerks in attendance. Amongst other matters, clerks were provided with the latest information on the changes at Mansion House and the Old Bailey, an overview from David Barrett of the Fellowship of Clerks on key issues facing clerks, and an overview of the Freedom applications process and the responsibilities on Livery Companies and clerks.

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, forthcoming dates are as follows:

- Monday 21 May 2018
- Monday 8 October 2018
- Tuesday 20 November 2018
- Tuesday 5 February 2019
- Wednesday 15 May 2019
- Monday 21 October 2019
- Tuesday 19 November 2019

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 organised for the benefit of the Livery), please go to the [website](#) or contact your clerk.
