

LIVERY BRIEFING

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LIVERY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Liverymen,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Livery Briefing newsletter, which I hope is both interesting and useful to all members of the Livery.

As highlighted in the October newsletter, the dedicated committee manager supporting the Livery Committee, Simon Murrells, has now retired. I am pleased to say that Peter Nelson, whom many of you will recall as a former Assistant Town Clerk and giver of speeches at Common Hall, has agreed to assist the Committee in a pro-bono capacity, and I would like to place on record my thanks to him for his generous offer of assistance. The Committee will also continue to be supported by the Town Clerk's Department and, should you wish to make contact, you can do so by emailing me at vrussell@fenwickelliott.com or Greg Moore in the Town Clerk's Department at gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk

I would like to remind everyone about the Livery Committee courses that are organised throughout the year. They include City Briefings, aimed at giving some insight into the work of the Committee and the City Corporation, which are held in Guildhall at 5.30pm. They are popular and well-received and dates for 2020 are as follows:

- Tuesday 11 February 2020
- Wednesday 20 May 2020
- Tuesday 15 September 2020
- Monday 9 November 2020

The next Wardens and Court Assistants City Course is scheduled for 24 September 2020 and those taking up office in the next few years are strongly encouraged to sign up via the <http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org> website. Please email livery.courses@cityoflondon.gov.uk if you have any queries or issues with using the online booking facility. A half-day Livery After Dinner Speaking course intended for a similar audience is arranged for 11 February 2020, and an annual Clerks' Forum is also scheduled to take place on 16 January 2020. Spouses and partners are always welcome and separate courses will be arranged if this is felt appropriate.

Finally, may I also take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a relaxing, healthy and successful new year.

Thank you.

Vicky Russell
Chairman
Livery Committee

NEWS

Silent Ceremony

Following his election by the Livery on 2 October, William Anthony Bowater Russell, Alderman and Haberdasher, was admitted to office as the 692nd Lord Mayor of the City of London at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall on 8 November.

Lord Mayor's Briefing to Masters, the Upper Bailiff, Prime Wardens, and their Clerks

The new Lord Mayor was pleased to be able to address all Masters and Clerks at the briefing on 20 November, setting out his key objectives and Mayoral Theme for the forthcoming year, 'Global UK: Championing Trade, Innovation, and Culture' and how he intended to deliver on it. He also touched on the work of the Pan-Livery initiative before opening up to a question and answer session, together with the Chairman of the Livery Committee.

Elections in the City

Aldersgate: Following the resignation from the Court of Common Council of Richard Crossan, a by-election was held for the Ward of Aldersgate on 13 November 2019, at which Helen Fentimen was elected.

Coleman Street: Following the surrender of the office of Alderman by Peter Estlin (who was seeking re-election), an Aldermanic election was held for the Ward of Coleman Street. At the close of nominations, Peter Estlin was the only candidate in nomination and was duly re-elected at a Wardmote on 18 December 2019.

Dowgate: Following the surrender of the office of Alderman by Alison Gowman (who was seeking re-election), an Aldermanic election was held for the Ward of Dowgate. At the close of nominations, Alison Gowman was the only candidate in nomination and was duly re-elected at a Wardmote on 18 December 2019.

Farringdon Within: Following the surrender of the office of Alderman by Vincent Keaveny (who was seeking re-election), an Aldermanic election was held for the Ward of Farringdon Within. At the close of nominations, Vincent Keaveny was the only candidate in nomination and was duly re-elected at a Wardmote on 18 December 2019.

City Livery Club, Root & Branch Awards 2020

We are pleased to announce that applications for the City Livery Club's Root and Branch Awards for 2020 are now open. The award is for exceptional service within and across the Livery Companies. All Livery Companies, or Companies without Livery will have members who work tirelessly and sometimes for many years delivering benefits which have an impact beyond their own Company, directly or by example.

In addition to the 2019 winners mentioned in the last Livery Briefing, the City Livery Club was pleased to present a special 'Company' Award to the Worshipful Company of Poulterers for 'Increasing Public awareness of the Livery, raising funds and providing entertainment through holding the Inter-Livery Pancake Races for 15 years.' Court Assistant Liz Garner and Clerk, Julie Pearce accompanied by Master, David Walker, were delighted to accept a Root & Branch certificate at the City Livery Club premises on 8 October. Congratulations go to them!

Other previous winners include Phil Davies of the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers, organiser for many years of the Magical Taxi Tour; Peter French of the Worshipful Company of Security Professionals, who initiated the Sheriffs' Award for Bravery and established the Register of Security Professionals; Reg Brown of the Worshipful Company of Insurers, whose work has helped equip many disadvantaged young adults for professional careers in the City, and Paul Jagger of the Worshipful Company of IT, whose Twitter account, books, and website, have done so much to raise the profile of the Livery and the City Civic. We have also made Lifetime Achievement Awards, most recently to Hugh Adams, for all he has done to support the blacksmiths' craft and encourage working blacksmiths. The Judging Panel, chaired by a Past President of the City Livery Club and hosted by one of the Sheriffs, has also awarded, at its discretion, Highly Commended Certificates. Last year one such award was made to John Blauth of the Coachmakers, who has done a great deal to encourage young people into that and related professions.

We also have some breaking news and are very pleased to report that HRH The Princess Royal has indicated she will be delighted to accept a special 'Lifetime Achievement Award' in 2020. Her nomination for this Award has been endorsed by numerous Masters from the 11 Livery Companies of which she is a member.

Details of the 2020 Awards are available at <https://cityliveryclub.com/award/> along with an application form. More information about past winners is available at <https://cityliveryclub.com/award/past-award-winners/>

The deadline for applications, which must be supported by the Livery Master, is 9 April 2020, and the Award/s will be presented by a distinguished guest at our Civic Banquet in July 2020.

Please email the Clerk, Liz Wicksteed on clerk@cityliveryclub.com with your application (a short form and letter(s) of support). Any other queries, please contact Liz or the Chairman of the Root & Branch Awards Committee, Past President Judy Tayler-Smith, judytaylersmith@gmail.com

You can also follow developments on Twitter at [@CityLiveryClub](https://twitter.com/CityLiveryClub)

LORD MAYOR'S BIG CURRY LUNCH 2020

Speech by the founder and co-chairman of the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch (LMBCL), Michael Hockney MBE, at the launch reception on Thursday 20 November 2019 at the Honourable Artillery Company.

"My Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Sheriffs, Minister, Generals, Masters and Prime Warden, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen.

As you all know, since the first LMBCL in 2008, we have supported individual members of the military who have served in Iraq and subsequently in Afghanistan and their families. We have done so in many ways - adapting homes, improving mobility, re-training, providing education, respite care and holidays.

Sometimes the cost has been small but the difference immense; sometimes substantial funding may have to be provided for a lifetime of support. But, always, the focus has been on the individual and his or her family. From 2008 to 2017 we supported members of the British Army, regulars and reservists, through their national charity, ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

From the 2018 Lunch we have widened the beneficiaries to include all members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families and we have welcomed the enthusiastic involvement of the two other national service charities.

For the 2019 Lunch we took a further step, as a result of a happy coming together of three strands of thought.

The first; the Civic and Mayoral theme of employment and employability.

The second; the three national single service charities' current commitment to help veterans into employment.

The third; hearing about an initiative which helps veterans find meaningful work.

As a result, the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch Committee made a commitment to support the Pain Management Programme (PMP) at the new Centre for Veterans' Health at the King Edward VII Hospital.

We will, for the next three years, provide financial support for individual veterans to take part in the carefully researched and trialled programme designed to help prepare veterans manage their pain, take on employment and hold down a job.

Last week the late Lord Mayor hosted a Banquet at Mansion House to mark the first 12 years of the LMBCL and to celebrate the £2.1 million the LMBCL Committee has handed over to the three national service charities.

During that very special evening, I had the privilege of interviewing a recent participant in the PMP. She had served for 16 years in the Royal Navy.

For most of that time her life was blighted by virtually constant pain. She really did her best to work through it and she did, getting promotion and winning several competitions for sporting prowess.

Eventually, the continuing pain took its toll and she had to leave her beloved Royal Navy.

She heard about the PMP, was interviewed as to her suitability and was accepted. She completed the course.

As she said in her modest but moving answers to my questions, she learnt through the course to manage her pain.

She has now completed the training for a new career and has been confident enough to set up her own business. So if any of you live in Devon and want your dog expertly groomed, seek out 'All Paws on Deck'.

A life transformed. Whatever the cost, so worthwhile.

Speaking of the cost, we are not funding capital work or infrastructure or the overheads of the Pain Management Programme.

We are paying the fees to go on the course. It costs a veteran £6,500 for the six month course. A lot of money to find oneself.

That's where the LMBCL - and all of you - come in.

Our intention is that the LMBCL will fund up to 18 veterans from any of Her Majesty's Armed Forces on the Programme, in each of the next three years. This will be managed through ABF The Soldiers' Charity's welfare team.

It will cost a total of £120,000 each year, which will still leave us with a significant sum to fund other programmes that support employment and employability and the wider work of the three national service charities amongst those who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families.

You already do so much. There is your much-valued sponsorship of the Lunch, including Rathbone Investment Management, the London Metal Exchange, Commonwealth Access Partners and twenty Livery Companies so far. Then there's the hugely-popular Livery stalls and the events you organise in the run-up to the Lunch, where we get the proceeds and the tickets you buy and encourage others to do so. The Committee is very grateful.

In addition to all these generous ways of supporting the LMBCL, I wonder if we might also ask individual supporters, businesses and Livery companies to consider funding an individual to be able to go on the PMP?

It's very early days but so far we have five of the 18 places funded. One by an individual, two by a corporate sponsor, AdvantageGo, and two by Livery Companies.

Think what a difference that will make to those veterans and their families.

It's a potent story; specific, practical, measurable and very personal.

Could you fund a veteran?

However you do it, please support the Curry Lunch to help those who put themselves in harm's way for their country make a success of life once they are back in the civilian world.

The Lord Mayor and I look forward to welcoming you to the 2020 Lunch on 2nd April".



LORD MAYOR'S VISITS

Meeting with Deputy Director General Zhang Zhengwei and Chinese Ministry of Finance delegation

On 15 November, the Lord Mayor met Deputy Director General Zhang Zhengwei and a delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Finance as part of the follow-up from the UK-China Economic and Financial Dialogue that took place in June. The Lord Mayor spoke of the strength of the engagement between the City of London and China, introduced his Mayoral theme and touched upon how he was looking forward to his visits to China in the coming year. The Deputy Director General highlighted the importance of strong collaboration, particularly around innovation and sustainable finance.

Opportunities for Sustainable Growth in Europe Conference with VP of European Commission

The Lord Mayor and Policy Chair welcomed European Commission Vice President, Valdis Dombrovskis, to the Guildhall on 15 November, to deliver a keynote address as part of the conference on the theme of Sustainable Finance. 150 people attended the conference, including EU diplomats and representatives from City businesses. The Vice President set out the EU's priorities for the new Commission, highlighting the desire for the EU to become the global leader for sustainable finance. Standing in for the Latvian Prime Minister, the Latvian Ambassador stressed the importance of collective action and set out Latvia's national ambitions. A panel discussion followed, bringing in industry representatives who identified the key challenges and opportunities going forward.

Third Fusion Prize Symposium

The Lord Mayor attended the Third Fusion Prize Symposium on 19 November, a key Culture Mile and Foundation for the Future of London Project aimed at inspiring and supporting applications. The Lord Mayor spoke to an audience of 80, including students, encouraging applications for innovative solutions to ensure that creativity and culture can help young Londoners develop the skills they require for the 21st century workplace. This also served as a key initial engagement relating to the Culture pillar of the Lord Mayor's Global UK Trade Innovation and Culture theme, which aims to champion the creative economy, fusion skills and the Culture Mile.

Regional Visit to Leeds and Manchester

On 21 November the Lord Mayor embarked on his first Mayoral visit of the year to Manchester and Leeds – two cities in the City Corporation's newly-updated Regional Strategy. The visit aimed to build on the strategy, by strengthening existing, and building new, relationships with financial and professional services firms and local government figures based in Leeds and Manchester. There was also opportunity to highlight the key themes of FinTech, Venture Capital and culture and encourage regional participation on business delegations for future Mayoral visits.

In Manchester, the Lord Mayor attended a Venture Capital roundtable, hosted by Barclays, where he raised the City Corporation's Venture Capital campaign. He also met MIDAS – Manchester's Inward Investment Agency and the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. There were also meetings in relation to Cyber Security, and wider conversations about Manchester's Financial and Professional Services success.

In Leeds, the Lord Mayor met the Chairman of Yorkshire Building Society, John Heaps, before attending a roundtable discussion on innovation in Financial Professional Services and FinTech innovation in Leeds (also attended by the Chief Executive of Leeds City Council, Tom Riordan). He then attended a meeting at West Yorkshire Combined Authority to discuss developing FinTech in Leeds and encouraging more investment into the city. The visit also identified potential opportunities for collaboration along the Culture pillar of the Mayoral theme, whilst learning about Leeds 2023 cultural programme.

Bank of China 90th Anniversary Dinner

The Bank of China celebrated 90 years of its presence in London at a dinner on 20 November at Guildhall. Attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the dinner attracted 450 people, including senior government representatives and officials from both UK and China Banks and financial institutions as well as a number of significant institutional and representative bodies. The principal guests from China was Mr Sun Yu, the Executive Vice President of Bank of China (and formerly the General Manager and CEO of Bank of China, London). HE Liu Xiamong, the Chinese Ambassador to the UK also attended. Both spoke of how the Bank of China London Branch is taking a lead amongst UK based Chinese financial institutions and acknowledged how it is developing itself into one of the mainstream foreign banks in the European market. This complemented the Lord Mayor's speech that also recognised the part they play as a corporate citizen supporting activities such as the Lord Mayor's Appeal and City Giving Day.
