

LIVERY BRIEFING

February 2015



NEWS

Shrove Tuesday: Inter Livery Pancake Races

The Inter Livery Pancake Races took place in Guildhall Yard on 17 February 2015. The overall winners were the Butchers' Company, in this annual event organised by the Poulterers' Company, with the support of The Cook & The Butler. Next year's races will be on Shrove Tuesday 9 February.

Lynn Painter-Stainers' Art Prize

Many companies were represented at the Private View at the Mall Galleries on 16 February, and at the prize giving of the 10th annual award organised by the Painter-Stainers' Company.

The winners of the awards were as follows:

Lynn Painter-Stainers' Prize (£15,000)

- Wladyslaw Mirecki - *Viaduct and tank traps*

Runners-up (£1500 each):

- Patrick Cullen - *Death in Varanasi, burning ghats at Dusk*
- Danny Markey - *Tom in Summer field*
- Peter Archer - *Grounded*
- Daisy Cook - *Between the Witterings*
- Jeanette Barnes - *Canary Wharf Cross Rail Station nearing completion*

Young Artist (£2,500):

- Louis Appleby - *Planet of the Apps*

Past Master Brian Botting Prize (£5,000):

- Ema Pina - *Bóbó*

Inter Livery Ski Championships

On 23 and 24 January, 30 Livery Companies participated with nearly 200 skiers in four races of slalom and giant slalom at Morzine in the French Alps. Despite poor snow falls at the beginning of the season racing took place in near perfect conditions over two days. The Vintners' Company won the best livery company trophy narrowly beating the Leathersellers'

and Shipwrights'. The ages of the skiers ranged from 21 to 75 and the abilities from brilliant to questionable. None of these factors affected the genuine pleasure that these Championships gave to those who participated. Next year the seventh Championships will again be organised by the Ironmongers' Company, and will take place on 22 and 23 January. For more visit www.liveryskiing.com

Bakers' Cake marks the 750th anniversary of the Montfort Parliament

To mark Parliament's 750th 'birthday' on 20 January, the Bakers' Company and the National Bakery School presented a giant cake to The Speaker of the House of Commons. The cake, shaped as the Palace of Westminster, was 2 feet wide by 3½ feet long and 1 foot tall. The gift marked the anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament (20 January 1265), which is widely recognised as the beginnings of the House of Commons.

Accepting the gift, and before cutting the cake, The Speaker, the Rt Hon John Bercow MP, said: "We are truly grateful to the Worshipful Company of Bakers for this gift and for the talent and effort it took to create it. This magnificent cake really is testament to the excellent work of the National Bakery School."

The cake was eaten by visitors to Parliament, including school groups, tourists, visitors to the gallery and constituents visiting their MP, in Westminster Hall.

The event also marked the start of the year of Parliament in the Making, including, of course, the Magna Carta 800.

The Curriers' Company London History Essay Prize

The prize for academic research into the history of London this year will be presented by The Lord Mayor, on Thursday 9 April at the Mansion House. The prize judges are from the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) and the London Journal Trust.

The winning essay is by Mr Ian Stone of King's College, on Arnold fitz Thedmar: his place in London; and the proxime accessit is Dr Peter Jones of Queen Mary University on Redressing Reform Narratives: Victorian London's Street Markets and the Informal Supply Lines of Urban Modernity.

The Defeat of the Floating Batteries at Gibraltar

This picture by American-born John Singleton Copley, one of Britain's largest oil paintings, has recently been rehung at the Guildhall Art Gallery. It was commissioned by the City of London in 1791 (depicting the battle in September 1782). The Gallery is free and open to the public.

New Year's Honours

- Fiona Woolf, late Lord Mayor, created DBE
- Brian Barker QC, former Recorder of London, CBE
- Common Councilman Wendy Mead, a member of the Livery Committee, OBE
- Peter Wynne Rees, long serving Planning Officer at Guildhall (now retired), CBE
- Sir David Brewer CMG, former Lord Mayor, and presently Lord Lieutenant of London, CVO

Livery Schools Link

David Steward, Chairman of the Livery Schools Link, attended the recent Livery Committee meeting and discussed an ongoing review in to the general involvement of the Livery in education. [Alison Truphet](#), the Livery Schools Link Administrator, is now undertaking a consultation exercise with a view to speaking with all Livery Clerks. Those who have not yet participated are encouraged to do so; a report will be produced following this consultation exercise to facilitate further discussion.

DIARY DATES

Two worthwhile charity events coming up (and for which bookings are now being taken) promise to be great fun, and especially of interest to the Livery. They are:

- Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 March: *Trial & Error*, at the Old Bailey - an entertainment in aid of the Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund
- Thursday 16 April: *Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch* at Guildhall, in aid of ABF The Soldiers Charity.

In addition, on 22 April, the annual Fire Lecture will be given in the Insurance Hall on *the Fire Safety of New Build Timber Structures*. For further information please visit the [Fire Fighters Company](#) website.

And on Friday 5 June the second Inter livery Rifle Shooting Meet at Bisley takes place.

Finally, the Brigantes Breakfast, a lunch in central Manchester, will be held on Friday 29 May, primarily for the 1,200 or so Liverymen with a connection to the north, but open to all liverymen.

Contact and booking details for all these events are listed at the Diary page of the [Livery Companies](#) website, where there are many other calendar dates relevant to liverymen.

Note - in November 2015, Remembrance Sunday (8 November, the Sunday nearest 11 November) will fall the weekend before the Lord Mayors Show (14 November). See also the Diary.

WEBSITE MATTERS

Fishmongers' Database of Livery Companies

The Fishmongers' website with its database of livery company contact and other information has existed in its largely unchanged present form for well over 10 years, and remains a very useful resource for clerks and liverymen. But now, following discussions between representatives of the Fishmongers', the Information Technologists', the Fellowship of Clerks, and the Livery Committee, it has been agreed to migrate the site to a new host. A Steering Group has been established (with representation from all the above) to oversee this project, and to suggest ways in which the opportunity may be taken to concurrently improve the site. The Group will report to the Livery Committee.

I am grateful to the moderator of the site, Walter Gill, (Clerk to the Carmen's Company), as I am (on all our behalves) to the Fishmongers' who have hosted this site for so long.

Attention historians, archivists and genealogists

An academic researcher at the University of Toronto has drawn my attention to a new website listing all Mayors (as they then were) and Sheriffs of London from 1190-1642. A link to this excellent site may be found at the Lists menu tab on the [Livery Companies](#) website.

Attention new Clerks

The Clerks' page at [Livery Companies](#) website has been re-named *Clerks' Almanac*. It contains an increasing number of short papers intended to advise new clerks on some of the routine procedures and background on livery matters and events. Suggestions for new pages are welcomed, or feedback on those already there.

NOTICES

Accounting for Companies with Halls

A new facility from Livery Accounting Service ("LAS"), an Ironmongers' Company initiative, offers a complete accounting service for companies with halls.

LAS will take over your accounting records, and your accounts staff if you wish, and post your books. It will answer questions on your data between reporting dates, and is working on giving access on-line. Management reports are sent monthly, quarterly and annually depending on need.

If interested, please contact [John Hayes](#)

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Feedback and contributions for the next edition are welcome. Copy deadline: 31 March. Please send contributions to [Gregory Moore](#)

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