

# LIVERY BRIEFING

May 2022



## Message from the Chair, Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Dear Liverymen,

I am sorry if this is an unusually long message to you, but in the almost post COVID world there are some important news items to share with you.

Many of your Livery Company Clerks (85 with other observers from Bristol and Wales) attended the Clerks Forum on 31 March with an opportunity to hear more from Alderman & Sheriff Nicholas Lyons, who subject to election may be the next Lord Mayor. Nick gave a most impressive and very clear speech about what he sees as the important areas for consideration as Lord Mayor. We also had presentations from Michael Osbaldeston from City and Guilds and the future link between the City of London Corporation, Liveries, and City and Guilds (a separate letter will be sent in the next few days about these opportunities). Caroline Al-Beyerty, the City Corporation's Chamberlain, explained the various City funds and Assistant Town Clerk Greg Moore provided details about more of the organisations activities. Caroline Jack, the new Executive Director and Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor at Mansion House, also had the opportunity to explain areas of stronger working relationships with the Liveries and Mansion House. Alderman Sir Charles Bowman gave an update on the Pan-Livery and the close relationships being fostered between Mansion House, Guildhall and the Livery, working on areas that complement our skill sets. The final part of the meeting was Murray Craig's opportunity to say goodbye who - with his normal style - had a giant sheep in attendance. When he finished, he received a standing ovation from those present in honour of his over 30 years of exceptional service to the City Corporation. He was also able to announce his successor, Laura Miller, who is now the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court. To contact Laura please email [Laura.miller@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.miller@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

The Court of Aldermen decided at their meeting on 30 March 2022 that Alderman would now retire at 75 years of age, in keeping with the retirement age for the Judiciary with whom the Aldermanic retirement age has always been aligned. As a result, there will be seven Aldermanic elections in 2022 in the wards of: Aldersgate; Bishopsgate; Bridge Within and Without; Cordwainer; Cornhill; Cripplegate and Walbrook. The first three elections will all take place on 26 May in the wards of Aldersgate, Cordwainer and Cornhill.

Many of you will have seen the reports of the generosity of the Livery to Ukraine. Whilst it is difficult to know the actual total, we believe over £1m has been donated. This is amazing support from the Livery: thank you so much. The City Corporation has provided £275,000 to two charities (UNICEF and the Disaster Emergency Committee).

The Livery Committee was delighted to be informed the City Livery Club Root and Branch Awards for 2022 had a record number of 21 nominations from across the Livery, great news.

A full update of the skills programme will be provided to the Livery later this month and will allow further support of Connecting Communities. Connecting Communities is a new City employment service for anyone aged 18 and over who is not in full time work, training or education. To find out more about how your Livery Company can partner with this exciting new initiative, email [Gwen.rhys@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Gwen.rhys@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

London Careers Festival including the Livery Careers Showcase is taking place again this year, over two weeks from 20 June:

- Week one is for virtual events. Livery Schools Link has been offered 21 June, 11.30am-1pm for Primary Schools and 23 June, 1.30-3pm for Secondary Schools.
- Week two will be face to face events at Guildhall. Apprentice Futures takes place on 27-28 June. The Livery Showcase takes place on 28 June for Secondary Schools and 29 June for Primary Schools. The Festival of Apprentices takes place on 1 July.

For further information about the festival please contact Maureen Marden, Livery Liaison Director on [Maureenmarden@btconnect.com](mailto:Maureenmarden@btconnect.com)

I am delighted to advise that we anticipate Common Hall returning in its conventional form on 24 June, when all Liverymen on the electoral roll are invited to the Great Hall to cast their vote for the Shrieval candidates. I can also confirm that Andrew Marsden is uncontested as the candidate for the Non-Aldermanic Sheriff's position. Passes for entry to Common Hall have now been posted out to Livery companies, but should you require further information on this please email [Rhiannon.leary@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Rhiannon.leary@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

Finally, I hope you continue to find the Livery Committee website ([www.liverycommittee.org](http://www.liverycommittee.org)) useful. Please keep sending in any relevant news items for it. This site has been developed for you all and has had over 100,000 visits in April this year alone.

With very best wishes,

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## Livery Committee Courses

The Livery Committee courses for the rest of 2022 are as set out below. It is anticipated that all courses will be held as physical meetings at Guildhall (if there is any change to this arrangement, it will be communicated in due course):

- City Briefings (5.30pm) on 10 May, 19 September, and 3 November.
- Wardens' and Court Assistants' Course (morning course) on 21 September.

<sup>1</sup> Further information is available online at: <https://www.liverycommittee.org/courses/>

## Forthcoming Alderman Elections

A number of Aldermanic elections are anticipated in 2022, and clerks may be interested to have some further detail on these elections and the process involved. The City Corporation is keen that all of its communities understand the democratic process in the City and encourages candidates and electors to participate in these elections. Each of the City's 25 electoral wards elects an Alderman, to serve on the Court of Aldermen for a maximum six-year term before they are obliged to stand for re-election. Elections take place on the resignation of an Alderman before or on the expiry of the six-year term, or on the reaching of the customary retirement age for Aldermen. In some instances the resigning Alderman will intend to stand again, and in other instances they will not seek re-election to the Court.

Several resignations or retirements will take place this year, with a number having been delayed by the pandemic. The Court recently authorised that Wardmotes (the City's term for elections) will take place at the end of May in the following Wards:

- Cordwainer – vacant by the death of Alderman Sir Roger Gifford;
- Aldersgate – vacant on the resignation of Alderman Nicholas Anstee due to long-term illness;
- Cornhill – currently represented by Alderman Robert Howard, who intends to stand for re-election.

These elections will take place on 25/26 May and the official details, including the nomination process for candidates, is on the City Corporation's election page: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-us/voting-elections/forthcoming-elections>

It is anticipated that a number of other Aldermanic seats will become vacant this year, as several Aldermen reach the end of their six-year terms or choose to retire or resign. Wardmotes will be initiated for those vacancies as and when the Aldermen concerned submit their formal resignations to the Court. The details will appear on the same webpage as above. UK, Irish or Commonwealth citizens who are registered on the current Ward List may vote in an Aldermanic election in their Ward. Liverymen who work or live in the City and want to ensure they can vote in elections in future should respond to the voter registration canvass which will take place later this year. It would also be appreciated if individual liverymen who work in the City can encourage their own workplaces to register for a business vote. Anyone wishing to know more about City elections, the electoral process, the registration of voters or the nomination of candidates can find further information on the City of London website: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-us/voting-elections>

**Tim Rolph**  
Swordbearer of London, Mansion House

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## Your invitation to Pewter Live 2022, 17-19 May

The 585th Master Pewterer, Mr Richard Hills, warmly invites you to attend Pewter Live 2022. Pewter Live has taken place in the heart of the City, at Pewterers' Hall, since 1988 and is an annual European Design Competition organised by the Worshipful Company of Pewterers to promote the use of pewter in modern products. It comprises two separate competitions, one exclusively for students of all ages from colleges and universities, and an open competition for all entrants. Pewter Live promotes the design and sale of traditional and contemporary pewter products in the UK and supports the trade from small individual craftspeople to the large pewter manufacturers. The designers use exceptional handcrafted skills to create their pieces, applying techniques that have been passed down over the centuries. Visitors can expect to find beautiful, unique handmade pieces available to be purchased at Pewterers' Hall. For the first time at Pewter Live, visitors are invited to attend a series of live workshops and presentations by professional pewter designers and craftspeople, providing insight into crafting skills, making with pewter and navigating the design industry. You can book tickets for each day of Pewter Live 2022 [via Eventbrite](#), tickets for the individual workshops will be released by the end of April. For more information on Pewter Live and the competition please visit our website <https://pewterlive.co.uk/>. Please note that attendance at evening receptions and exclusive Pewter Live 2022 events is by invitation only. Individuals will be contacted separately with an official invitation.

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## Livery Climate Action Group Update

The level of activity is quite high but, like all organisations, we know we need to deliver outcomes. This is what we have achieved to date:

- Membership - 33 Livery Companies have signed up to be members of the Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG). We are just getting the full names up on our website <https://liverycag.org.uk/> so that this is clear for all to see. Another 25 are at a preliminary stage, having enquired but not yet identified a single point of contact or just reviewing within their Company, Court or a relevant committee. I am confident that with a bit of encouragement the membership will be over 70 by the summer. We will be contacting those who have not yet indicated any interest and I know many Liveries are doing lots of relevant work and engagement but have just not joined.
- Annual Conference will take place on 4 July at 1.30pm in Merchant Taylors' Hall and will be opened by the Lord Mayor and a keynote speaker. It aims to help Livery Companies understand what actions they can take.
- Training Sessions - working alongside Heart of the City, some Livery Companies are participating in the training programme that the City Corporation has commissioned the Heart of the City to deliver. This is a helpful and wide-ranging set of modules to help to understand what net zero means. This course will be run again, details available on the Active City Network website <https://www.activecitynetwork.com/news/climate>. We also ran a climate action seminar with talking about their solutions, which you can watch [on Youtube](#).
- Partnerships - the LCAG is working closely with Pollinating London Together who are an established charity with strong Livery roots. We are also working closely with the Pan Livery Food Group and the Air Pilots Green Aviation Taskforce. We are looking forward to the Textiles Sustainability Conference on 12 May at Drapers Hall, (whilst not in any formal affiliation with them). These ideas all show the strength and depth of the Livery interest in green and sustainable matters and there are many more individual initiatives and programmes.

### What can you do?

If you have already joined, can you tell us what you are doing? You can create a simple short video (we have six already on the website) telling us about your plans or actions. Or you can write a blog about an initiative or event you are holding. We are happy to advertise events and like to hear how they went. If you are not yet a member, joining the LCAG is easy and is not intended to commit you to any financial contribution nor to any specific pledge. However, the LCAG wants to encourage all Livery Companies to work towards the City's own aims to be net zero by 2040 and joining is one sign of this commitment. Clearly, those Companies with Halls will have a key part to play, but all Companies can help make a difference in the way they conduct their business. It would help us (and we hope you) if we had a single point of contact in each Livery. That might be you as the Clerk but for some, there may be a Livery member. We don't want to assume that a keen person is necessarily the right person to be in touch with until you confirm. The LCAG will continue to send regular news and events information to help us all contribute to the City's net zero goal.

**Alderman and Sheriff Alison Gowman**  
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## Lord Mayor's Cup for Livery Yacht Racing – opening up for entries

The Regatta for the Lord Mayor's Cup will take place off Cowes on 21 May. All members of Livery Companies may take part in the exciting races, which are later capped by a Prize Giving Dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron. The Regatta has run for many years. It is the principal event of the City Livery Yacht Club. This year, for the first time, the Regatta is open to non-members of the Club (subject to being a member of a Livery Company). The Company of Watermen and Lightermen is already represented in the Club membership and the more would be very welcome. Nearly 70 years old, Club provides a range of activities for members, of all levels of activity. On the water, there are cruises (this year including a CLYC charter flotilla in the Ionian Islands) in addition to the Regatta. As well as sailing, there are members with motor yachts, and an Inland section of membership. Boat-owning is not a requirement of membership. Social functions ashore are held in the City, in Cowes and on other side of the Solent. These include daytime events and visits as well as Dinners. More information about the Club can be found on its website [www.clyc.co.uk](http://www.clyc.co.uk) alongside details of the Regatta and applications for membership. Contact the Club by emailing [clubsec@clyc.co.uk](mailto:clubsec@clyc.co.uk)

## Inter-Livery Tennis Competition

The Feltmakers' Inter-Livery Tennis Competition will be held on 13 September at the Queen's Club. The Competition is open to teams of mixed pairs, with each Livery Company allowed to enter a maximum of two pairs. The competition is designed for Liverymen and their spouses, partners, or friends: one person in each pair should therefore, ideally, be a Liveryman. The Competition will be run as an American tournament, with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final. The Feltmakers' Trophy will be awarded to the winners. There will be a knock-out Plate Competition for first round group losers. The start time will be 11am. The competition will be followed by dinner when the Master of the Feltmakers' Company will present prizes to the winners and the runners-up. The evening normally ends shortly after 9.30pm. Full details will be available in mid-June.

### Maj. Gen. Aidan Smyth

Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers of London, email [clerk@feltmakers.co.uk](mailto:clerk@feltmakers.co.uk)

## Lord Mayor's Programme

### Dublin Visit, 2-5 March

The Lord Mayor and the Policy Chair made an official visit to Dublin from 2 to 5 March. As the Lord Mayor is the first Irish citizen to hold the office, and a Lord Mayor has not visited Dublin since 2017, the visit carried special significance. They met senior Governmental figures such as the Foreign Minister, the Finance Minister and the Governor of the Central Bank, as well as senior financial figures such as the CEOs of Barclays Europe, Allied Irish Banks and Aviva Ireland. The visit also had a civic element, with engagements at Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin, as well as the Dublin Mansion House and Kings Inns.

### Meetings with Diplomats and Ministers

In addition to his other meetings, the Lord Mayor has recently met ambassadors taking up their postings to the UK, including the ambassadors of Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Belgium, Egypt, Kazakhstan and Qatar. He also met the Minister of Finance and the Environment of Turkey, as well as International Trade Secretary Anne Marie Trevelyan, for a UK Turkey Green Finance Conference hosted at Mansion House on 17 March.

### State Bank of India Engagement

On 10 March, the Lord Mayor joined a series of celebrations in honour of State Bank of India's (SBI) centenary of operations in the UK and silver jubilee of its GDR listing on the London Stock Exchange (LSEG). The day kicked off with a market opening at the LSEG with SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara and LSEG CEO Julia Hoggett. Celebrations ended with a dinner at Mansion House, with speeches delivered by the Lord Mayor and Chairman, attended by SBI stakeholders and dignitaries.

### Dinner with Taoiseach

The Lord Mayor hosted a private dinner in honour of the Taoiseach of Ireland, Micheál Martin on 11 March. Attendees were drawn from the financial and professional services sector in the UK and Ireland. The dinner was the opening engagement for the Taoiseach's visit to the UK, concluding with the St Patrick's Day Parade through London on 13 March, which the Lord Mayor also attended.

### Business of Resilience

On 21 March, the Lord Mayor addressed the delegates at the Business of Resilience Conference in the Crypt of the Guildhall. The Conference was delivered by the Department for International Trade, in partnership with the City Corporation, and outlined the UK's role in leading and shaping the global resilience sector beings home to the world's largest insurance centre. The Lord Mayor thanked the delegates for travelling from across the world and outlined his role as the Lord Mayor in taking the solution proposed here worldwide.

### Virtual Visit to China

The Lord Mayor undertook a virtual visit to Hong Kong and mainland China from 21 to 24 March for which he was joined by Alderman and Sheriff Gowman. The objectives centred on promoting London's strengths as a platform for global asset allocation, the City's thought-leadership in green and sustainable finance, and promoting London's resilience as a leading global finance hub to boost investor confidence in London as springboard for international expansion. Using the City Corporation's new Global Investment Futures campaign as a backdrop, the visit included the Lord Mayor participating in three webinars. These discussed London and the UK's competitive strengths in a changing world, the role of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) data in enabling better investment Decision-Making and ESG Investing. The visit also included a fireside chat with the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and a bilateral meeting with China Life Asset Management Company, one of the largest in China and with significant holdings in London. Further engagements will be undertaken later, having been disrupted by COVID-19 in China.

### Visit to Qatar & Oman

The Lord Mayor's visit to Qatar took place from 25 to 29 March and centred around the Doha Forum. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, this annual event is an initiative of His Highness the Amir of Qatar that brings together leaders in policy to discuss critical challenges facing our world and seeks to create innovative and action-driven solutions. The Lord Mayor had the privilege of speaking on the urban paradigm and the role of green finance in shaping cities. Whilst in Qatar, the Lord Mayor met senior government stakeholders, business leaders, and major banks. He showcased the City's depth of talent, expertise and knowledge, and how we can support Qatar's economic development and diversification plans. In early January, the Lord Mayor hosted an Omani Ministerial delegation at the Mansion House as part of their visit to sign a Sovereign Investment Partnership with the UK. Building on this during the visit to Muscat, he took part in a series of engagements on areas of increasing focus within the Partnership, which includes shipping and maritime, sustainability and renewable energy sources, and vocational skills and training programmes.

### Visit to Wales

The Lord Mayor visited Wales from 11-12 April. This was the first in-person Mayoral visit to Wales since March 2020. It allowed for engagement with

Cardiff's burgeoning fintech scene, including companies like Yoello and Sero. The Lord Mayor also met the global CEO of Monzo, who was in the Cardiff office during the visit. Wales has particular strengths in insurance and financial innovation, and the Lord Mayor co-chaired a series of roundtables on these topics. The visit also included a lunch with the Livery Company of Wales on the Mayoral theme of people and purpose, as well as a Western Gateway roundtable in Newport.

#### **Scotland Finance & Investment Partnership Dinner**

On 19 April the Lord Mayor hosted the Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland, for an Investment and Partnership Dinner in Mansion House to celebrate the links and joint work between the City Corporation and the Scottish Government. The dinner was an opportunity for the Lord Mayor to return the First Minister's hospitality at a Burns Night Dinner in Edinburgh in January 2020 and was attended by over 100 guests, mostly drawn from the financial and professional services sectors in London and Scotland. The event was preceded by a trilateral meeting with the Lord Mayor, First Minister and Policy Chair, as well as a roundtable on social mobility and diversity in the financial and professional services sector with young leaders in London and Scotland.

#### **UK-Portugal Business Breakfast**

On 20 April the Lord Mayor hosted a breakfast meeting in Mansion House to highlight the financial and professional services links between Britain and Portugal. The breakfast was attended by Portuguese financial and professional services representatives in London, as well as those working for Portuguese firms in London and representatives from both embassies in London and Lisbon. In his speech the Lord Mayor underlined his personal links to Portugal as a capital markets lawyer and how he chose Lisbon to feature on his first Mayoral overseas visit. He mentioned that 2023 is the 650th anniversary of the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance and the enduring bonds between the UK and Portugal. Guests of honour were José Manuel Barroso, Chairman of Goldman Sachs International and former Prime Minister of Portugal, and the EU Ambassador to the UK, João Vale de Almeida, both of whom delivered speeches at the end of the breakfast.

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