

LIVERY BRIEFING

July 2022



Message from the Chair, Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Dear Liverymen,

Many Livery Committee members, including myself, were present at last month's Common Hall, where Alderman Alastair King DL and Andrew Marsden were elected by Liverymen as Sheriffs of the City of London for 2022-2023; their speeches are available on the Livery Committee website:

<https://www.liverycommittee.org>

They will both take office on 28 September at the Admission of Sheriffs at Guildhall (all are welcome to attend) and we all look forward to the beginning of a busy and productive Shrieval year.

Common Hall: Election of the Lord Mayor takes place the following day on **29 September** when Liverymen are, once again, asked to attend and cast their votes to elect our 694th Lord Mayor of the City of London. Please do make a note of the date in diaries and attend if possible.

This is also a time when many Companies change their Master, Prime Warden or Upper Bailiff. We wish those taking on the challenge a great year ahead and hope those retiring have thoroughly enjoyed their year.

The Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff and their consorts enjoyed an exceptional weekend in Sheffield under the careful guidance of the Cutlers of Hallamshire. The weekend was a huge success and we should thank the Cutlers for providing us with an amazing three days. Great hospitality, new friendships and cutting-edge technology!

Summer events are of course now in full swing, and a rousing time was had by all at the City Beerfest which took place recently, on 7 July. Visitors were able to enjoy over 30 different ales and beers from British and international breweries, with food from around the world served from stalls nearby. I am delighted to report that this busy annual event was, once again, a great success, with all profits raised being donated to The Lord Mayor's Appeal.

A further list of dates, including the popular City Briefings and the Warden and Court Assistants' course, may be found below. As always, please visit the Livery Committee website for the most up-to-date information.

As the summer recess is nearly upon us, all that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy and healthy summer.

With very best wishes,

Deputy Philip Woodhouse
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Remaining Livery Committee Courses for 2022

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)

19 September
3 November

Wardens' and Court Assistants' Course (morning course)

21 September

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

Stimulating talent through Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: a seminar

21 July, 2.45-6pm
Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, London, EC2V 8HE

Join us to share ideas and experiences and explore how Livery Companies can grow our talent through equality, diversity and inclusion. Our aim is to:

- encourage Livery companies who have not committed to the Diversity Charter, or a similar statement of principles, to do so.
- persuade Livery company officers of the need for change in order to stimulate recruitment from diverse communities. (Diversity includes race, gender, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation, and disability.)
- provide support/guidance where possible for Livery companies to develop and implement an ED&I plan.

Our facilitator will be Jon Pyzer, a Basketmaker and Diversity & Inclusion champion at the Bank of England.

For further information and joining instructions, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stimulating-talent-through-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-a-seminar-tickets-368090898787>

Root and Branch Awards 2022

As President of the City Livery Club, I am delighted to announce that the panel constituted to judge the nominations for the Root and Branch Award have concluded their deliberations, and the results are as follows:

The overall **Winner of the 2022 Root and Branch Award** is the **Livery Kitchen Initiative**. The panel were extremely impressed by the collaboration of five kitchens, four from Livery Companies, and the support generated across the Livery to deliver 175,000 meals to four hospitals, and 16 East London communities, during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. What is particularly impressive is that the collaboration between the Grocers, Drapers, Fishmongers, Merchant Taylors, and Party Ingredients, ably supported by the Hackney Carriage Drivers delivering meals and staff and the Fruiterers who matched almost every meal with a piece of fruit, has led to a collaboration that is ongoing, and a lasting legacy.

The panel have also awarded a **Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Richard Humphries MBE**, a Liveryman and Past Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company, for his support over his thirty-five years' Livery membership, in engaging with the craft, training the next generation, charitable efforts, and ensuring the Livery movement's relevance to the industry today.

A **Highly Commended Certificate** was also awarded to **Paul Rochford**, a Liveryman and Past Master of the Gardeners' Company, for his charitable support, in particular to the Red Cross Fair and most recently, several years supporting the creation of gardens in Guildhall Yard as a precursor to the annual Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch.

These awards will be presented at City Livery Club's Civic Banquet at Mansion House in the presence of The Lord Mayor Vincent Thomas Keaveny on 22 July.

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Inter Livery Tennis Competition 2022

The Worshipful Company of Feltmakers' Inter Livery Tennis Competition will be held on 13 September at the prestigious Queens Club in London, Palliser Road, London, W14 9EQ, on 13 September, commencing at 11am, followed by dinner at 7.30pm.

The Competition is open to all Livery Companies and each Company may apply to enter one or two teams of mixed doubles of which at least one member in each pair must be a member of the Livery – Liveryman or Freeman. In all, there is a maximum of 48 players permitted. The tournament was oversubscribed in 2021 and Companies are encouraged to submit their teams as soon as is possible to avoid disappointment.

The day commences with registration and morning coffee at 11am with play commencing promptly at 11.30am. Initially the teams are split into five groups and each team plays against the other teams in their group until 3pm. Play is on clay courts with a back-up of indoor courts in case of rain.

There is a running buffet provided for lunch whilst there are breaks during play.

The winners of each group then enter a knock out competition to play for the Feltmakers' Trophy and other prizes. The losers in each group enter a knock out Plate competition for the Feltmakers' Plate. The finals of each competition are held at 5.30pm.

There is a cash bar before dinner commencing at 7.30pm which is held in the Presidents Room at Queens. The dinner is a three course meal with a half-bottle of wine included per person. Masters, liverymen and friends are encouraged to join their teams at dinner.

After dinner, the Master of the Feltmakers' Company will present prizes to the winners and runners-up. The evening normally ends shortly after 9.30pm. The dress code for players on court is predominantly white clothing and for dinner, jacket and ties is required with appropriate equivalent dress for ladies.

The day is intended as an enjoyable event for Liverymen & Freeman and their friends/supporters where they can meet at a sporting occasion.

The charge for the day will be £460 (inclusive of VAT) for each pair entered and includes tennis, match balls, welcome teas/coffees, lunch and dinner. Extra diners are £85 per person including wine. Please complete the attached form below and return to clerk@feltmakers.co.uk as soon as possible. Please ensure dietary requirements are included for all players and additional diners.

Alternatively, the entry form can be returned by post to:

The Clerk
Worshipful Company of Feltmakers
13 Birch Close, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 4TJ.

Payment should be made, preferably electronically, to the bank account detailed at the bottom of the entry form.

Kind regards
Aidan
Clerk, Worshipful Company of Feltmakers
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Your invitation to The Sheriffs' Ball 2022

On behalf of Sheriffs Alderman Alison Gowman and Alderman Nicholas Lyons, the Livery are invited to support the **Sheriffs' Ball**, being held at **Guildhall** on **23 September in aid of The Lord Mayor's Appeal**. This is a great event for the City and the Livery community, with 400 people expected to attend.

This fun, prestigious, black-tie event is called 'The Blooming Marvellous Sheriffs' Ball' with a floral, nature and biodiversity inspired theme. This year we are celebrating the sixth year of the Sheriffs' Ball, which has now become an annual tradition. As well as the ever-popular dancing, the evening will include a drinks reception, three-course dinner with wine, a fundraising auction and an incredible live band – The Earth Lights. Tickets cost £250 each and can be booked online via The Lord Mayor's Appeal website: <https://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org/sheriffsball2022>

Tickets are selling fast so early booking is strongly recommended.

Your Invitation to the 2022 Sheep Drive and Livery Fair 2022

Calling all Liverymen and Freemen

The Lord Mayor and special guest "Harlequin" - a cross-breed ewe from City Farm, The Woodlands Farm Trust - today officially announced the opening of bookings for The Woolmen's annual Sheep Drive taking place on 25 September. This ewe-nique annual City event will be held on London Bridge in 2022, with a magnificent Livery Fair located nearby at The Monument.

Charity Sheep Drive

Bookings for places for Freemen and their guests can be made online via the Sheepdrive website: <https://sheepdrive.london/> where full details of the event can be found. Access to the Sheep Drive, which will occupy the downstream walkway on London Bridge, is restricted to the 1,000 plus pre-booked Freemen of the City of London and their guests, with the remainder of the bridge open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This great Livery occasion will once again be in aid of the Woolmen's Charity and Lord Mayor's Appeal. Hurry as bookings have previously quickly sold out! If you are making a booking for a group larger than 10 people, please email sheepdriveteamenquiries@woolmen.com to discuss your requirements.

Livery Fair: at The Monument, free to all

Join us at the wonderful Livery Fair, located at the north end of London Bridge on the piazza adjacent to The Monument - one of the City's most loved visitor attractions. We are delighted to be welcoming back many livery companies who have joined us in previous years and look forward to welcoming many more. The Livery Fair will also include specialist wool trade and craft stalls. Other fun activities will include expert blade shearing displays and some wonderful rare breed sheep! To find out more and secure your place, please contact: info@SquareEvents.co.uk

Peter Hullah, Master of The Worshipful Company of Woolmen:

"This eagerly-anticipated charity event in the Livery calendar returns to London Bridge for 2022. The Woolmen organise our unique charity fundraising event for all Freemen of the City of London, their families and friends. We look forward to welcoming many livery company members to drive sheep over the Thames and to join us for a marvellous Livery Fair at The Monument. This is sure to be a vibrant and fun day out in the City with the chance to delve into the fascinating history of the livery trades, alongside wonderful wool stalls and even a few sheep... A fantastic family day out."

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny:

"As Lord Mayor and as a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, I am delighted to be taking part in this year's Sheep Drive and visiting the Livery Fair. I would like to thank the Freemen, Livery Companies, The Campaign for Wool and all our sponsors raising funds for the Woolmen's Charity and Lord Mayor's Appeal. The Sheep Drive and Livery Fair reminds us all that the link between City and Wool remains as important to us today as it has ever been."

Kate Humble Announced as Celebrity Guest

The Worshipful Company of Woolmen is delighted to announce that farmer, best-selling author and one of the UK's most-loved broadcasters, Kate Humble will be bringing her passion for nature to the City of London in support, coming from her Wye Valley farm to join the Lord Mayor. Kate will also be attending the open-to-all and free Livery Fair, taking place nearby on the piazza at The Monument. Fascinating displays of traditional Livery Company and wool trades and crafts, including sheep shearing, will take place throughout the day. The Livery Fair is a fantastic day out for all the family and a fun reminder of the abiding and vital connection between city and nature.

City of London Police Cadet Unit

The City of London Police Cadet Unit re-launched last year (2021), and with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions has grown both in number and national provenance. The Unit is now 30-strong, with broad diversity (48% BAME representation); applications are welcome from any background, social group, gender, ethnicity, or ability/disability. The ethos of the Unit is to create a culture of inclusion for young people aged 13-18 years old, and thereafter, develop transferable skills and experiences, as well as affording support and mentorship to those pursuant of a career in policing. The Unit Leadership Team comprises two full time officers, and a cohort of volunteers from both substantive ranks and from the Special Constabulary, as well as Chief Officer oversight. The team have an ever-updating calendar of events; in 2021/2022 Cadets trained in first aid, drill, and core policing skills, all of which culminated in a Regional Competition. Further, Cadets have assisted their full-time colleagues with test purchasing operations, weapons sweeps and the policing of key public/ceremonial events, including those of Livery Companies.

The City of London Police continues to invest in the Unit, both in terms of officer contribution(s), and the National Volunteer Police Cadets annual subscription/associated costs. Additionally, and owing to the demographic makeup of the Unit, Cadets do not pay membership fees; associated clothing, equipment and trips are also heavily subsidised. It is therefore, respectfully, that the Unit requests contributions from Livery Committee Members to further the Unit's ongoing development and offer more extra-curricular activities for young people. The Unit would welcome any such contribution, which would have a positive impact on its operational effectiveness. Contributors are formally recognised in an Annual Report, but more importantly, this is an opportunity to work in partnership to positively influence young people, and more widely, the City's diverse communities.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Inspector Joe Easterbrook

Lord Mayor's Programme: May-July 2022

Lord Mayor's visit to Davos

The Lord Mayor travelled to the World Economic Forum (WEF) with the Policy Chairman from 24-25 May. The agenda was focused on setting out a vision, policies and strategies for a new global context under the theme of 'History at a Turning Point.' The Lord Mayor travelled with three key messages: that the UK is open for business and the City is the global gateway for financial and professional services; that the UK is the international hub for sustainable finance; and that the UK has a world class innovative ecosystem. There was a particular focus on advancing our messaging around climate. The Lord Mayor participated in some high-level WEF-led sessions, during which he was able to engage with several leading global figures. He also had a number of bi-laterals centred on investor engagement with North American, Asian and Middle East stakeholders.

Lord Mayor's visit to Warsaw

The Lord Mayor flew from Davos to Warsaw for a full day of engagements. He visited a centre for Ukrainian refugees with the Deputy Mayor of Warsaw and emphasised the City's support for the Polish Government's aid to the Ukraine since the Russian invasion. Poland has hosted over 3 million Ukrainian refugees since the start of the war, with over 300,000 in Warsaw. The visit was also an opportunity to meet with the Polish Finance Ministry, the National Bank of Poland and a variety of Polish financial and professional services specialists on issues such as green finance, fintech and the growing UK-Polish investment relationship.

London Government Dinner

On 30 May Lord Mayor hosted the Mayor of London and other Borough leaders at the annual London Government Dinner. The Lord Mayor spoke alongside the Mayor of London and Councillor Georgia Gould, Chair of London Councils. In his speech the Lord Mayor focused on the importance of levelling up across London as well as throughout the country, introduced the new membership body Progress Together which will aim to improve socio-economic diversity in FPS firms, and celebrated London as a world leading City.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

At the start of June the Lord Mayor took part in the celebrations marking HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, in particular the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral and the reception which followed at Guildhall. On behalf of the City of London the Lord Mayor welcomed Members of the Royal Family arriving at the cathedral and also had the opportunity to pay tribute to the seventy years of service of HM The Queen in his welcome remarks at Guildhall. As part of the Jubilee weekend, the Lord Mayor was also able to participate in a beacon lighting ceremony on the roof of Nomura in the City, and to join the guests at the Jubilee concert and pageant. The Lord Mayor would like to thank everyone in the Corporation who worked so hard to make sure the various Jubilee activities were such a happy success.

Launch of Progress Together

Over the last year, the Lord Mayor has been a Co-Chair of the Socio-Economic Diversity Taskforce commissioned by the Department for Business and Industry and HM Treasury to boost socio-economic diversity at senior levels in UK financial services. In our sector, employees from lower socio-economic backgrounds progress 25% slower than peers, with zero link to performance. Working with over 100 employers, the taskforce has championed equity of progression, where job performance is valued over 'fit' and 'polish'. Last month the Lord Mayor, launched and will now Chair *Progress Together*, the first of its kind membership body that will support organisations in improving socio-economic diversity at senior levels in financial services, collate data and benchmark organisations. This is a key output of the Taskforce. Progress Together is supported by 12 Founding Partners including Aviva, Schroders, Santander, Paragon Bank, Accenture, EY, PwC, Man Group, Allen & Overy, AXA, Fidelity and the Financial Conduct Authority. Members are now being recruited alongside a permanent team to run Progress Together. For more information please visit the Progress Together website: <https://www.progresstogether.co.uk/>