

LIVERY BRIEFING

April 2023



Message from the Chair, Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Dear Clerks,

It was a great pleasure to see so many fellow Liverymen in attendance at the dinner to the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff at Mansion House last month. I had the good fortune to speak with many attendees, who shared their thoughts on topics including how useful the Livery Committee website is. I enjoyed the entertaining speeches which were delivered during the evening – including the Lord Mayor's, during which, of course, his splendid sense of humour shone through.

Several of you were also kind enough to mention during the evening how much you had enjoyed the recent City Briefing, held as usual at Guildhall, with presentations by Alderman & Sheriff King and several City of London Corporation officers (including Greg Moore, Assistant Town Clerk and Laura Miller, Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court) and Paul Jagger, all being very well received.

Our website viewing figures continue to grow, with an average monthly total of 14,000 page views and an overall total of 300,000 page views by February 2023. In September 2022, following the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, single day page views peaked to their highest figure on record; this in turn was subsequently superseded by the Lord Mayor's Show in November 2022. This level of traffic is of great benefit to both the City Corporation and the Livery, improving awareness of both and facilitating much greater communications activity, benefitting all stakeholders. Links to every company and 'How to join a Livery Company' also rank highly in those pages opened.

Many of you will be aware that there has been a change in the leadership of the Fellowship of Clerks, with Jonathan Grosvenor standing down as Chair – we would like to take this opportunity to give our grateful thanks for his sterling work – and now Kate Pink picking up the reins where he has left off. Richard Cole-Mackintosh becomes Deputy Chair of the Fellowship; my fellow Livery Committee members and I look forward to working closely with them both as the year progresses.

Common Hall in June will see the Livery invited to support a double Aldermanic bid for Sheriff in 2023/24, with Alderwoman Sue Langley and Alderman Bronek Masojada nominated to the Livery. We hope you will support them for the year ahead.

With very warm wishes,

Philip Woodhouse

**Chair
Livery Committee.**

Dates of Importance

City Briefings (5.30pm)

25 May
12 September
2 November

Common Hall (Election of Sheriffs)

26 June

Common Hall (Election of Lord Mayor)

29 September 2023.

Wardens' and Court Assistants' Course (morning course)

11 September

Clerks' Forum

17 January 2024.

Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff Weekend

16-18 June (Glasgow)
8-9 June 2024 (Wales)

Upcoming Events

Inter-Livery Regatta, 19-20 May

The City Livery Yacht Club is delighted to announce that bookings are now open to enter to this year's 54th Inter-Livery Regatta taking place in Cowes from Friday 19 to Saturday 20 May. It is time to select your crews and sign up to be in with a chance of being awarded the coveted Lord Mayor's Cup.

The Inter-Livery Regatta challenges friends from Livery Companies across the City to enter a crew to compete in two races on the Solent. There are nine trophies up for grabs with the addition of the new Visitors Vase.

The format is for members and crews to meet informally at one of the local Club houses for a buffet supper on the Friday evening. Racing action takes place on the Saturday with two races, the first commencing following a dockside briefing in the morning and a second race commencing in the early afternoon. The Island Sailing Club's (ISC) Race Officer will run both races. The ISC also offer members and guests facilities to watch the races from their terrace. The Regatta weekend concludes on the Saturday evening with presentations and dinner.

Commodore, Colin Simpson, said:

"The Inter-Livery Regatta is a true highlight in the annual calendar for the City Livery Yacht Club and our fellow Livery Companies. We take pleasure in offering these competitive sailing races and sharing in the camaraderie that comes with it. This is a popular event, so we urge those wishing to take part to submit their entries early and look forward to welcoming you to Cowes."

Eligibility for the Visitor's Vase is that the boat must have no City Livery Yacht Club members on board.

Inter-Livery Rifle Shoot, 2 June

The programme for the Inter-Livery Rifle Shoot is now available:

- 8.30-9am: Arrive Bisley RAF Clubhouse (bacon rolls, pastries, fruit juice, coffee)
- 9.30am-12.30pm: Shooting
- 12.30-1.30pm: Lunch (three courses served in the RAF Clubhouse)
- 1.30-4.30pm: Shooting
- 4.30-5pm: NRA Museum – Rifle shooting since 1860
- 5pm+: Tea, prize giving, free bar opens.

Transfers to the RAF Target Rifle Club are preferred (details in response to a reservation) and please note payments are not required until May. This has proved a popular event, and space at Bisley means that 48 is our maximum. Please do not delay in reserving a slot for your team(s). An early indication of interest to Colin Sach would be appreciated and confirms the place. Any questions please contact Colin via email at colin.sach@sachco.com or by post at The Clerk, Bakers' Hall, Harp Lane, London, EC3 6DP.

The Feltmakers' Inter-Livery Tennis Competition, 13 September

The Inter-Livery Tennis 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 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 Feltmaker will present prizes to the winners and the runners-up. The evening normally ends shortly after 9.30pm. We will follow up with full details and application forms in mid-June. Please note the new email address for all Inter-Livery Tennis matters is: tennis@feltmakers.co.uk

Aidan Smyth

Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers of London

Sheep Drive & Livery Fair, 24 September

The Sheep Drive will be taking place this year on Southwark Bridge and the Livery Fair will be located on Queens Street Place at the primary entrance to the Sheep Drive. This year's celebrity guest is to be announced and we already have a great selection of stalls signed up so far for the fair. Please email sheepdriveteamenquiries@woolmen.com to book your place at the Sheep Drive. If you would like to book a stall at the Livery Fair, please complete and return the attached booking form or alternatively contact me via the details below to discuss further. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jovita Williams

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Mental Health Awareness Week Breakfast Discussion, 17 May

Mental Health Awareness Week is an ideal time for us all to think about mental health, tackle stigma, and find out how we can create a society that prevents mental health problems from developing and protects our mental well-being. This year's theme is anxiety - a normal emotion in us all, but sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health problem.

The City Corporation is hosting a panel discussion to increase people's awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information on the things that can help prevent it from becoming a problem and what options are available to those who need further help. Guests will hear from speakers about their professional experiences with an opportunity to ask questions during the session. The event will be moderated by Anastasia Vinnikova, Head of Workplace Wellbeing, City Mental Health Alliance. Speakers include:

- Ria Bernard, Chief Executive, Action for Stammering Children
- Andrew Horobin, Deputy Director for Adult Mental Health Services in Hackney and the City of London, East London NHS Foundation Trust
- Lea Milligan, Chief Executive Officer, MQ Mental Health Research

Clerks interested in attending should email rem.events@cityoflondon.gov.uk and should space permit, an invitation will then be issued.

Lord Mayor's Programme

Financial Literacy and Inclusion Summit, 12 April

The Lord Mayor hosted the inaugural Financial Literacy and Inclusion Summit at Mansion House, featuring panel discussions, best practice presentations, and a keynote address from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Andrew Griffith MP. Attendees heard from a range of different groups, including experts from the financial services sector – banking, insurance, asset management, and fintech – academics, regulators, young people, and third sector leaders. In his closing remarks, the Lord Mayor set out the next steps for his 10 point plan. Using insights and recommendations from the Summit, and in collaboration with industry experts, the plan will set out actions to boost financial literacy and inclusion and deliver a more prosperous and fairer society.

Meeting with Head of Europe, Middle East and Africa for NAB (National Australia Bank), 5 April

This meeting with John McCluskey, Head of Europe, Middle East and Africa region for NAB, gave the Lord Mayor an opportunity to feedback from his recent visit to Australia, during which he was unable to meet representatives of NAB. The meeting centred on the Lord Mayor's theme

particularly around plans for a Future Growth Fund, and NAB priorities, as well as their investments in London and the rest of the UK.

Meeting with the Ambassador of China, 4 April

The Lord Mayor had a courtesy call with the Ambassador of China whom he had not met before. The Lord Mayor spoke of the success of the recent Global Investment Management Summit and his associated roundtable with Chinese financial institutions and the upcoming Net Zero Delivery Summit. He noted the importance of the City of London and China working together to tackle challenges posed by Climate Change. The Ambassador thanked the Lord Mayor for the meeting and noted that China will keep opening up, but from time to time there will be adjustments as governments have to keep up with changes. He also referenced that the political atmosphere between China and the UK had improved, but that cooperation on trade, investment, financial services and energy remained important, notwithstanding the political environment.

Meeting with newly appointed UK Trade Commissioner for Asia-Pacific, 4 April

The Lord Mayor met Martin Kent, the incoming Trade Commissioner for the Asia Pacific (APAC) region who took over from Natalie Black. The Commissioner is an important stakeholder with whom the Lord Mayor engages to promote financial and professional services in the region. The Lord Mayor was updated on the APAC region broadly, and the priorities of the Department of Business and Trade, both market and campaign focussed. The Lord Mayor promoted the priorities of his Mayoralty and the City of London Corporation, including the Future Growth Fund, the Global Investment Futures campaign, and Finance for Growth.

Visit to Manchester, 29-30 March

The Lord Mayor travelled up to Manchester at the end of March with a business delegation for a series of high-profile engagements including with the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham, and the Leader of Manchester City Council, Councillor Bev Craig. The Lord Mayor started his visit co-hosting a dinner on 29 March with Manchester's inward investment promotion agency - MIDAS, and a group of stakeholders based in Manchester. The dinner was based around the Lord Mayor's theme asking questions of the room on financial literacy, skills in the workforce and growth capital. The following day the Lord Mayor co-hosted a session with British Business Bank where Manchester companies looking for investment were directly connected with the business delegation. Following the investor session, the Lord Mayor and British Business Bank CEO Louis Taylor co-chaired a roundtable discussion on how the narrative of Manchester's strong fintech ecosystem could be supported.

Global Investment Futures event on China, 29 March

This event was a parallel event held in the margins of the Global Investment Management Summit. The Lord Mayor spoke at the beginning of an online China-focused roundtable to promote the UK as the global asset management centre to Chinese asset managers and asset owners. The roundtable also had a strong focus on sustainable finance and was used by the ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) Leaders' Forum to support the launch of the second-year report. This report focuses on institutional investors' engagement with corporates on low carbon transition.

Visit to India, 19-22 March

The Lord Mayor's successful visit to India included senior engagement with Ministers, business leaders, regulators, policymakers, and government think tanks in Mumbai and New Delhi. With a focus on sustainable finance and financial inclusion, the trip established important new relationships for the City Corporation, while supporting UK business and government during a pivotal year. India holds the G20 Presidency in 2023 and has already welcomed several senior UK government ministers ahead of the Leaders' Summit which will take place in New Delhi in September. The Government of India has placed an emphasis on shared learning from India's transformative engagement on digital public infrastructure and the opportunities this creates for greater international collaboration that reaches ever-greater segments of what is now the world's most populous state. Bilaterally, the UK and India remain in negotiations over a Free Trade Agreement that both sides hope to see signed this year. The Lord Mayor met the UK negotiating team while in New Delhi.