

LIVERY BRIEFING

December 2023



Message from the Chair, Deputy Philip Woodhouse

We are delighted to report that Livery Committee website (<https://www.liverycommittee.org/>) has continued to attract significant viewing figures, with over 17,179 page views in November. The site saw its busiest single day when the Lord Mayor's Show took place this year on Saturday 11 November, with over 1,993 views; it is anticipated that the site will record half a million page views by mid -2024. In the past, as you will recall, the website relied on funds raised from the Livery in order to continue to operate, and I would like to take this opportunity to warmly thank those who have contributed. Going forward I am delighted to report that the City of London Corporation have offered funding for the website for the next three years.

Following Common Hall in June when the two new Sheriffs, Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley and Alderman Broniek Masojada, were elected, this September's Common Hall saw the election of Lord Mayor Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli. The Lord Mayor's speeches to the Livery and at the State Banquet were very warmly received and can be viewed on the website. I'm also pleased to report that following on from the 2022 Pan Livery report, (available to view and download on our website), we are putting plans in motion to repeat the survey in 2024. More details to follow in January.

Common Hall also approved the appointment of new members Penny Graham (Cordwainers' Clerk) and Rob Abernethy (Clerk to the Mercers) and we are very pleased to welcome them to the Livery Committee. I would also like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the committee members for their hard work and support over the past year.

Please do contact any member of the Livery Committee if you have news items for the website. We are very pleased to note that the Calendar is well populated with Inter-Livery events. We also commend to you the various courses that are run for you and your Companies, details of which can be found on the website.

We are especially looking forward to seeing as many clerks and assistant clerks as possible on 17 January at the Clerks' Briefing. We have a very interesting and informative programme for you!

We are sure that all your Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff are aware the Livery Weekend is now on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June 2024 in London. A proforma for the weekend will be shared with you in the next few weeks.

With very warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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Dates of importance

City Briefings (5.30pm)

4 March, 16 May, 12 September, 6 November

Clerks' Forum

17 January

Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff Weekend

21-23 June

Wardens and Court Assistants Course

17 September

Garden of Remembrance

Thank You

The Garden of Remembrance Working Party are delighted to report that following such a successful City & Livery Garden of Remembrance Service on Monday 6 November at St Paul's Cathedral, North Churchyard, the following charitable donations have been awarded:

- Royal British Legion £10,000
- St. Paul's Cathedral £4,000.

The Livery Committee would like to thank all members of the Livery, whose generous donations made the Service such a worthwhile event.

Save the Date

The Garden of Remembrance Service 2024 will be held on Monday 4 November. Please make a note. More details to follow next year.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LIVERY THE BRIEFING WILL RETURN TO ITS STANDARD CONTENT IN THE NEW YEAR