

LIVERY BRIEFING

September 2017



Message from the Chairman, Deputy Richard Regan OBE

Dear Liverymen,

I have pleasure in sending you the latest edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing, which I hope you will find interesting, informative and useful to all Members and Freemen of the Livery.

The Livery Committee website (www.liverycommittee.info) also provides a huge source of information and I hope you will not hesitate to let either myself or the Deputy Chairman, Victoria Russell, know if there are any areas of interest that you feel are not covered either in these periodical newsletters or on this website. You may find the paragraph about the new approach to the Lord Mayors Appeal of particular interest and I have included the links to the Corporation's policy on diversity and inclusivity which may be helpful - these are included on our web site.

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/jobs/Pages/commitment-to-equality-and-diversity.aspx>

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/how-we-make-decisions/Pages/equality-inclusion.aspx>

Should you wish to contact us or contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please contact the Clerk to the Livery Committee, Gregory Moore (Senior Committee and Member Services Officer, Town Clerk's Department) at gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk, who will pass on any correspondence.

Thank you.

Richard Regan OBE, Deputy
Chairman, Livery Committee

NEWS

Election of Lord Mayor and Silent Ceremony

On Michaelmas Day, the Livery assembled at Common Hall elected Charles Bowman, Alderman and Grocer, to be the new Lord Mayor. His admission to office will take place at the Silent Ceremony on Friday 10 November in Guildhall.

Admission of Sheriffs

In a ceremony at Guildhall on Michaelmas Eve, the two new Sheriffs of the City also took office. They are Tim Hailes, Alderman and International Banker, and Neil Redcliffe, Citizen and Basketmaker.

Livery Committee: Election of Chairman / Deputy Chairman

At its 13 September meeting, the Livery Committee re-elected Deputy Richard Regan OBE as its Chairman and Victoria Russell as its Deputy Chairman.

Livery Committee: New Members

Following their appointment at Common Hall on Midsummer Day, five new members of the Livery Committee were formally welcomed to their first meeting. They are:

- Rob Abernethy (Clerk to the Mercers)
- David Barrett (Clerk to the Makers of Playing Cards)
- Maj. Gen. Andrew Kennett CB CBE (Clerk to the Skinners)
- Col. Robert Murfin TD DL (Clerk to the Pattenmakers)
- Julia Sibley MBE (Innholder)
- Deputy Philip Woodhouse (Grocer)

Aldermanic Elections: Tower and Langbourn

Tower: On Tuesday 12 September, an Aldermanic election was held in the Ward of Tower. The results were as follows:

- FREDERICKS, Marianne Bernadette - 61
- HINDLE, Jonathan Mark - 6
- LYONS, Nicholas Stephen Leland - 91
- MARSDEN, Andrew Charles - 37
- PETTIGREW, Jonathan Stephen - 3
- TUMBRIDGE, James Richard - 52

Nicholas Lyons (Merchant-Taylor) was duly elected as Alderman for the Ward.

Langbourn: On Monday 11 September, Sir David Wootton was re-elected as Alderman for the Ward of Langbourn following an uncontested election.

Lord Mayor's Appeal

The new 'multi year' Lord Mayor's Appeal will work on four key pillars to build a City that is Inclusive, Healthy, Skilled and Fair.

They will deliver ground breaking programmes over three years with three new charity partners, *Place2Be*, *OnSide Youth Zones* and *Samaritans* and will continue to develop their three existing thought leadership initiatives: *Power of Diversity*, *This is Me* and *City Giving Day*.

Their work will benefit two communities, City employees and their family and friends, as well as those who live and work in our neighbouring communities with the one aim to create: 'A Better City for All' – helping 1 million people thrive.

Lord Mayor's Visits: the Isle of Man & Northern England

From 23-29 July, the Lord Mayor visited the Isle of Man and a number of northern cities. The visit to the Isle of Man complemented his visit to the other two Crown Dependencies, having visited Jersey and Guernsey earlier this year. In a short time he was able to meet the Chief Minister and other senior Ministers, the financial services regulator and many local politicians as well as a good cross section of community and business leaders. The Island has a very diverse economy and the relationship with London is very positive, hence there are significant concerns that any diminution of the City of London as the pre-eminent Financial Services Centre will have a detrimental effect on the island.

His visit to Blackpool was an example of the Lord Mayor using his convening powers outside the City as he co-hosted a Business in the Community Initiative with Barclays Chairman, Sir John MacFarlane. The visit brought together senior business leaders as they engaged with local officials to share ideas on regeneration of the economy and community within one of the most deprived areas of the UK.

In Liverpool the Lord Mayor was able to feedback from his overseas visits and learn more about the strength of financial and professional services within the region. Aside from managing the impact of Brexit, another principal concern was the view that the government was reducing future investment in the rail network in the North to the benefit of the South. He was also briefed on planning for the International Business Festival 2018, for which the organisers were most keen to welcome strong involvement of the City of London.

The Lord Mayor continued his tour of the Northern Powerhouse cities by visiting Manchester, where he met the new Mayor of Greater Manchester, Rt Hon Andy Burnham, to discuss rail infrastructure and other potential collaborations between Manchester and London. At lunch with Pro Manchester he took part in a discussion about the region's growing FinTech industry.

In Leeds he met the Board of the Yorkshire Building Society and the Chamber of Commerce to learn more about local business opportunities, in particular perspectives on Brexit. In Sheffield the Lord Mayor met representatives of the city's high tech steel manufacturing industry before touring Gripple Ltd, an innovative local business and exporter. The Lord Mayor's tour of the North concluded with the traditional Forfeit Feast, hosted by the Company of Cutlers of Hallamshire at Cutlers Hall, Sheffield.

London Bridge Sheep Drive

On Sunday 24 September, Freemen and Liverymen of the City of London gathered to participate in the traditional London Bridge Sheep Drive, staged by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen. This year's event was opened by Mary Berry CBE and raised thousands of pounds for charitable causes associated with the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's Charitable Trust. Once more, the Drive was accompanied by a Wool Fair, which pulled together a range of wool-based traders to showcase the breadth of uses of wool.

Luminaire Design Competition

The Lord Mayor's Luminaire Design Competition brief was to design a new luminaire that would look at home in the unique setting of Mansion House and be a demonstration of design talent in the UK. The winners attended the Lightmongers' Summer Banquet and were presented with their certificate and prize money by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London. The winning designs are currently on the staircase entrance for all visitors to Mansion House to view. The Worshipful Company of Lightmongers have featured the competition on their [website](#) which includes a photograph of the winners and their designs.

The winners were:

- 18-21 Year Winner - Mr James Macmillan, Loughborough University
 - 15-18 Year Winner - Miss Ruby Grut, Alleyns School
 - 15-18 Year Runner Up - Mr Ben Marcus, Merchant Taylors School
-

Brigantes Breakfast

A record 420 Liverymen and guests attended the Brigantes Breakfast, the annual Northern lunch for Liverymen of the City of London, held in the spectacular St Georges Hall Liverpool on Wednesday 26 July. 84 Livery Companies were represented, including 19 by their Masters. The Light Cavalry, Honourable Artillery Company, provided the Carpet Guard.

The speakers were Dame Lorna Muirhead DCVO DBE, The Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, The Rt Hon Lord Mayor Dr Andrew Parmley, and Past Masters Adrian Waddingham CBE (Actuaries), Nick Gale (Plumbers) and David Bentley (Bakers). The Chaplain for the Day was The Rt Rev Richard Blackburn, Bishop of Warrington.

At the lunch it was announced that, due to the considerable success of Brigantes since its formation in 2014, Brigantes will become constituted as an Association using the familiar Past Masters Association format. Nothing too formal, and importantly retaining the special chemistry that makes Brigantes what it is.

The next Brigantes function is the Winter Gathering in York on Friday 15 December for dinner at Merchant Adventurers Hall followed by the Christmas Concert in York Minster. The 2018 Brigantes Breakfast will be at The Royal Armouries Leeds on Friday 25 May.

For more information, please use the new email address for all Brigantes communication – livery@brigantes.org.uk.

DATES

Lord Mayor's Appeal: Forthcoming Events

A reminder to all of the final fundraiser of the year, the Grand Finale Dinner, taking place at Guildhall on Tuesday 7 November - just a few days before it is time for the Lord Mayor to wave goodbye to his unforgettable Mayoral year. It is promising to be a spectacular evening with a grand performance by musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra as well as a live and silent auction with some truly 'money-can't-buy' prizes. Both individual tickets and whole tables are now available for purchase.

For more information about these events please visit the Appeal [website](#) or, to book tickets, please [email](#) the Appeal team or call 0207 332 1582.

Painters' Decorative & Fine Art Society (PDFAS)

The PDFAS Annual Exhibition **ART IN THE CITY** will run this year from Monday, 2 October to Wednesday, 4 October at Painters' Hall, 9 Little Trinity Lane, EC4V 2AD. Over 200 works in a variety of media by over 20 of the Painters' Company's artists will be exhibited and all works will be for sale. The opening times are 10am to 5.30pm Monday – Tuesday and 10am to 8pm on Wednesday. Admission is free.

A reminder that the ever popular Master's Reception for all Livery Company Masters, Clerks and their partners will be held on Tuesday, 3 October commencing at 6pm.

City Briefings

These early evening events (5.30pm-7.30pm) are aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City of London Corporation and its links and inter-relationships with the Livery. Taking place at Guildhall, forthcoming dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 10 October 2017
- Monday 6 November 2017
- Wednesday 7 February 2018
- Monday 8 October 2018
- Tuesday 20 November 2018

Comments from past attendees have highlighted how useful and informative they have found these sessions, as they provide an opportunity for you to ask questions of the City Corporation and the role of the Livery. We hope that as many of you as possible will take full advantage of the service offered. To book on to these (or any of the Briefing Courses organised for the benefit of the Livery), please go to the [website](#) or contact your clerk.

Clerks' Briefing

On Monday 15 January 2018, [this annual Briefing](#) for Livery Company clerks only will be held at Painters' Hall. The purpose of the Course is primarily to provide participants with an update on the City and the City Corporation's activities, which will be of interest and relevant to the needs of all clerks. The event is divided into two parts, with the first half specifically aimed at new clerks (those with two years or less experience in the job). Longer serving clerks may wish to attend just the second session but everyone is invited to attend both sessions and will be very welcome.

Livery After Dinner Speaking Course

This is a [half-day course](#), scheduled for Wednesday 14 February 2018, aimed at the wardens of Livery Companies with a view to helping them prepare and deliver speeches, both now and for when they become Master. The morning includes tips on style and common errors, as well as help in understanding the different contexts and types of speeches.

Livery Schools Link (LSL)

The LSL's 2018 Livery Showcase will be held at the Guildhall on Tuesday 6 February. Please contact [Peter Cave](#), the event organiser, if your Company would like to be involved.

The LSL would also like to encourage all Companies to consider joining their volunteer engagement platform, which enables Livery Company members to volunteer for events such as careers fairs in schools. Details may be found on the [website](#) or from [David Barker](#).

We are always keen to hear from Livery Company members who would like to get more closely involved in our activities. Please contact [Lis Goodwin](#), LSL Chairman.
