

## THE MASTER'S BLOG 30

### **OFFICE MEETINGS: MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018**

I start the week with some meetings in the Plumbers' Company offices in Carpenters' Hall. These relate to the appointment of a Liveryman to look after the Company's treasures followed by a meeting to discuss a budget for the 2018/2019 Livery year.

### **PAN LIVERY INITIATIVE MEETING: MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018**

At the beginning of my year as Master I attended a meeting at Mercers' Hall to consider the establishment of some initiatives across all of London's Livery Companies. Since that time there has been quite a bit of progress and I attend a follow-up meeting at Mansion House this afternoon at the invitation of the Lord Mayor. Most of the 110 Livery Companies are represented and we receive an update on the latest proposals.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE: TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018**

The Company's Finance Committee meets today and as well as reviewing the financial situation for the first half of the financial year, we consider a budget for the coming year, both of which will be reported for consideration at the Court meeting next month.

### **JOINERS' AND CEILERS' SUMMER BANQUET: TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018**

It is good to attend a Banquet in Stationers' Hall this evening at the invitation of the Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers. We meet some of their Liverymen and officers at a reception in the Hall's garden and then enjoy dinner in the Hall with an amusing speech by former Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley.

### **VISIT TO SMITHFIELD MARKET: THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2018**

The Mistress is up early this morning as her visit at London's Smithfield Market commences at 0615am! Following a guided tour of the market (during which she discovers several fascinating facts about the meat preferences of Londoners), the group of Livery consorts has a champagne breakfast at the Zetter Town House before making its way to Charterhouse where it visits the Museum of the Order of St John at Clerkenwell. This is an excellent visit, despite the early start.

### **TYLERS' AND BRICKLAYERS' LUNCHEON: THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2018**

Another construction Livery function today as the Acting Clerk visit Armourers' Hall (just a few minutes' walk from the Company offices) for lunch which follows a meeting of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers. This is another excellent occasion and it is good to see the Master Tyler and Bricklayer receiving the first top in a recent competition to design a tile (which it was stressed on several occasions had been judged independently!).