

# LIVERY BRIEFING

November 2014



## Lord Mayor's Address to Masters, Prime Wardens and the Upper Bailiff

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Alan Yarrow, spoke to the masters and clerks of the 110 livery companies in Mansion House on 19 November, and then answered questions. The text of his address may be read [online](#).

The Times profile of the Lord Mayor, to which the Chairman of the Livery Committee referred in his introduction, can be downloaded [online](#).

## Lord Mayor's Show

Following the formal swearing in of Alderman Alan Yarrow at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall the previous afternoon, the new Lord Mayor paraded through the City streets in a spectacular Show, featuring many of the livery companies, including his own - the Fishmongers. Also with floats were the Feltmakers, the Lady Mayoress's livery, and the joint beneficiaries of this year's Lord Mayor's Appeal, Mencap and Scope.

## Poppy Ceremonies

The Masters of the 110 livery companies, together with other representatives of the City of London, and the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, were present at a service to open The Garden of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral on 3 November. Each placed a poppy cross in memory of their liverymen who died in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. The service was conducted by the Dean, the Very Revd. David Ison, and it marked the start of Remembrance Week, culminating in the two minute silence at 11am on 11 November, Armistice Day.

## Diary Dates

At [www.liverycompanies.info](http://www.liverycompanies.info) there is a comprehensive diary of livery related events rolling forward over the next 12 months. Aside from individual company events, there are many sporting, educational and social activities arranged, often open to all liverymen. New examples

include a lunch to be called the Brigantes Breakfast in Manchester on 29 May primarily for liverymen living in the north of England; a new Trial & Error performance at the Old Bailey, by HM judges and other thespians on 9-11 March; and the second inter-livery rifle shoot at Bisley on 18 June.

The now well established inter-livery skiing is in January, and the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch at Guildhall will be on 16 April.

Full details of all these and many more are at [www.liverycompanies.info/city-diary.html](http://www.liverycompanies.info/city-diary.html)

## City Briefings

*City Briefings*, held at Guildhall in the early evening, are aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City of London Corporation and its links with the Livery. They will be given next year on 18 February, 6 May, 14 October, and 23 November. Further information and details on booking are available at [www.liverycommitteecourses.org/index.php](http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org/index.php).

## Aldermanic Elections

There are to be contested elections in the wards of Bishopsgate and Dowgate, as follows:

5 December – Dowgate (sitting Alderman has completed her six year term).

- Alison Gowman, standing for re-election
- Henry Pollard

9 December - Bishopsgate (on the retirement of Neil Redcliffe)

- James De Sausmarez
- Simon Duckworth
- Baroness Patricia Scotland
- Adrian Waddingham

More information is available at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/how-we-work/elections-and-wards/Pages/forthcoming-elections.aspx](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/how-we-work/elections-and-wards/Pages/forthcoming-elections.aspx)

## Clockmakers' Museum

Liverymen may be aware that there have been discussions between the Clockmakers and the City of London Corporation about the future of the Clockmakers' Museum, which for over 140 years past has been in Guildhall Library. The Clockmakers have now decided to move the collection to the Science Museum, where they have been offered a dedicated space in a new gallery, and the new display will open to the public in late summer 2015.

The City of London Corporation is sorry to see the Clockmakers go, after a long association, but appreciates that their new home is an appropriate one with opportunities for larger public audiences. We wish the Clockmakers well in their new home.

## Mary Berry made a Baker!

At the traditional ceremony at Guildhall, "celebrity chef" Mary Berry CBE (of The Great British Bake-Off) was made a [liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Bakers](#) on 19 November, following her grant of Freedom of the City. She had previously been an Honorary Liveryman, but her City Freedom has made her eligible to receive the full livery of the Bakers'.

## World Traders receive their Royal Charter

At a ceremony at Mansion House on 14 October, presided over by the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, Alderman Sir David Howard, the newly installed Master World Trader, Mr Mark Hardy, received the Company's first Royal Charter from the Windsor Herald. The World Traders were formed as a guild in 1985, became a company without livery in 1993, and took their place as the 101st livery company in 2000, the first new livery company of the new millennium! At that time, the Court of Aldermen required a gap of at least seven years between each stage of the progression to livery.

### **Queenhithe Dock Heritage Mosaic Timeline**

Queenhithe Wharf, on the North bank of the Thames, between Southwark and Blackfriars bridges is believed to be the only remaining Anglo Saxon dock in the world. [An impressive new Mosaic has been unveiled by the Lord Mayor and celebrates the key events and personalities that built, used and lived around Queenhithe in the form of a 30m long timeline mosaic on the wall of the Dock. The layers of meaning and symbolism in the 160 mosaic panels and 240 river tile surrounds echo the Bayeux tapestry and stained glass windows when most people could not read and enjoyed visual imaginations. The project was undertaken by Southbank Mosaics, and was the vision of the alderman for the ward, Gordon Haines.](#)

### **Bedrooms at Guildhall**

Masters and Clerks are reminded that a number of bedrooms are available for use at Guildhall, priced at £95 per night for a double room and £60 for a single room. Bookings can be made by emailing [remcommitteerooms@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:remcommitteerooms@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or by telephoning 0207 332 3476. Whilst City of London Corporation Members do have priority booking on the rooms, at least a week's notice will be provided should any clashes occur. Rooms are also available to Immediate Past Masters who are deputising for their Master on official business.

### **Website**

There are many websites that give useful information about livery companies, or relevant facts and background of interest to liverymen. The Livery Committee has created a site that aims to pull all these together,

and act as a one stop gateway to all sites of relevance or interest to liverymen [www.liverycompanies.info](http://www.liverycompanies.info). There you will find links to the Fishmongers site, the bookings page for the Livery Committee courses and briefings, a Diary of forthcoming livery events, and much more. Additions and corrections can be made on request (subject to the Editor's approval).

### **Livery Briefing**

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