

# LIVERY BRIEFING

October 2019



## LIVERY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Livery Committee has recently re-elected Vicky Russell as its Chairman and Philip Woodhouse as Deputy Chairman, for a further year. And with the election of Alderman William Russell as Lord Mayor for 2019/20, we can all look forward to an exciting Lord Mayor's Show on 9 November. Please make a note in your diaries and attend this spectacular annual event.

Having agreed the principle of a five-year strategy, the Committee remains focused on carrying out the planned review of its activities and programs. With Common Hall at its core, the Committee is making progress in other areas of work including its new website. Having accepted a tender for the design and implementation, the project should now begin to take shape and more information about this and other services provided by the Committee will be made available later.

Prior to the summer break, the Committee commenced a review of its constitution, including its membership and terms of reference. These are agreed by Common Hall, so any changes would need to be approved there. To help inform the process, the Committee plans to consult the Livery, through the Clerks.

The dedicated support for the Committee put in place last year, through the provision of a committee manager (Simon Murrells), has now come to an end. Going forward, the Committee will continue to be supported by the Town Clerk's Department and should you wish to make contact you can do so by emailing the Chairman, Vicky Russell on [vrussell@fenwickelliott.com](mailto:vrussell@fenwickelliott.com) or Greg Moore in the Town Clerk's Department on [gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

Finally, a reminder about the Livery Committee courses that are organised throughout the year. They include City Briefings, aimed at giving some insight into the work of the Committee and the City of London Corporation, which are held in Guildhall at 5.30pm. They are popular and well-received, and dates for 2019 and 2020 are as follows:

- Monday 21 October 2019
- Tuesday 19 November 2019
- Tuesday 11 February 2020
- Wednesday 20 May 2020
- Tuesday 15 September 2020
- Monday 9 November 2020

The next Wardens and Court Assistants City Course is scheduled for 24 September 2020 and those taking up office in the next few years are strongly encouraged to sign up via the <http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org> website. If have any queries or issues with using the online booking facility, please email [livery.courses@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:livery.courses@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

A half-day Livery After Dinner Speaking course intended for a similar audience is arranged for 11 February 2020, and an annual Briefing for Clerks is also scheduled to take place on 16 January 2020.

Spouses and partners are always welcome and separate courses will be arranged if this is felt appropriate.

## ELECTIONS IN THE CITY

### Farringdon Within

Following the resignation from the Court of Common Council of Thomas Anderson, a by-election for the Ward of Farringdon Within was held on 24 July 2019, where John Edwards was elected.

### Coleman Street

Following the resignation from the Court of Common Council of Stuart Fraser, a by-election was held for the Ward of Coleman Street on 30 July 2019, and Dawn Wright was elected.

### Aldersgate

There will be a further Common Council by-election in due course following the recent resignation of Richard Crossan in the Ward of Aldersgate.

## BIG CURRY LUNCH 2019

The 2019 Big Curry Lunch raised £250,000 for the three National Service Charities; a record sum from any one Lunch. This takes the total distributed by the Curry Lunch Committee over the last twelve years of the Big Curry Lunch to over £2.1m, a huge result for the City and the National Service Charities.

The event organisers confirm this would not have been possible without the support of so many sponsors, both corporate and individual, and

the generosity of the Livery Companies and Ward Clubs, whose support forms the backbone of the Lunch. Given the City's historic links to the Armed Forces of the Crown, they are delighted that the Lunch continues to be so well supported.

Members of our Armed Forces continue to distinguish themselves by their actions, their discipline and their bravery. In return, the nation owes them a debt of gratitude and one of responsibility. The three National Service Charities, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity and the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, are our conduit for helping current and former members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces who have risked so much.

A new initiative for this year's Lunch, and one which will continue for the 2020 and 2021 Lunches, is that part of the money raised will provide financial support for veterans to take part in a Pain Management Programme at King Edward VII's Hospital's new Centre for Veterans' Health. This carefully developed programme will assist with their transition into permanent, sustainable civilian employment and aligns with the Civic and Mayoral theme of "Employment and Employability" in the City of London.

As the demand from our Armed Forces for support increases, the challenge for the Big Curry Lunch Committee is to make sure that all of us, as guardians of the City, give as much as we can to meet this need. Even more City businesses and our fellow Livery Companies and Ward Clubs should be encouraged to support this important annual City event.



Former Sheriff the Hon Liz Green and Mr Michael Hockney announcing the result of the 2019 Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch at Leathersellers Hall.

## LORD MAYOR

### Visit to Northern England

From 23-26 July the Lord Mayor visited three northern cities; Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield. The Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs and their consorts joined the civic party for parts of the visit. All cities expressed the need for collaboration with London and development of the Northern Powerhouse brand. The creation and retention of talent and Brexit resolutions were enduring themes. The need for infrastructure improvements, particularly in transport was also often discussed.

Leeds saw collaboration with Yorkshire Building Society and Leeds City Council, to bring forward meetings about the 2020 Leeds Digital Festival, with engagements focussing on FinTech, HealthTech and Media. In meetings with Andy Burnham (Mayor of Greater Manchester) and Eamonn Boylan (Chief Executive of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority), discussions included the socialisation of their Local Industrial Strategy. Discussions also touched on how health innovation, manufacturing and digital creative media will open opportunities for further collaboration between Manchester and London.

A strong civic focus in Sheffield included discussions on apprenticeships and opportunities through the Young Apprentice Ambassador Network. The first two UK Mansion House Scholars were also presented with certificates at the annual Cutler's Forfeit Feast.

### Visit to Australia

From 6-14 September, the Lord Mayor was accompanied by a senior business delegation of Asset Managers and FinTech firms in a week-long visit across Perth, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. In Perth the focus was on cyber security and smart cities. The Lord Mayor toured Edith Cowan University Cyber Security Lab and Woodside Robotics Lab. He met the State treasurer and Western Australian Business leaders at a dinner hosted by the Governor of Western Australia where the Lord Mayor emphasised London's global expertise in Green Finance, FinTech and its growing Cyber industry.

The larger business delegation joined the visit in Melbourne. Engagements relating to asset management included the Australian Investment Council Conference and senior level meetings with large Australian banks such as NAB, ANZ and the largest Australian Superannuation fund - Aus Super. At Fintech, Sustainable Finance and Renewable Investment roundtables, the Lord Mayor and his delegation encouraged UK-Australian Business development. The visit coincided the BAE Systems Business Defence Forum, where the Lord Mayor spoke on cyber. In Canberra the Lord Mayor met the first Australian Minister for FinTech, Senator Jane Hume to discuss FinTech Bridge progress and promotional work by the UK Green Finance Strategy and the Green Finance Institute.

The Lord Mayor also met the Treasurer of Australia to provide reassurance around the future of London in light of Brexit and hear his expectations for the future of Australia's economy. Lunch with the UK High Commissioner in Australia was well attended by senior government and industry officials, giving the Lord Mayor the scope to address key Australian economic and political decision makers on Green Finance. In Sydney, focus reverted to Asset Management and FinTech. An Australian British Chamber of Commerce lunch allowed the Lord Mayor to reinforce opportunities arising out of Brexit. The Lord Mayor touched on the future of financial services at a breakfast organised by Accenture and discussed his digital skills programme at the Good Things Foundation roundtable; raising the profile of basic digital skills as a significant issue for action in Australia.

## CITY LIVERY CLUB REWARDS THREE OUTSTANDING LIVERYMEN

This year's City Livery Club annual "Root & Branch Award" went to an outstanding Liveryman for his initiative and innovation in creating an award for those who have shown courage, bravery and initiative in protecting Londoners. The judging panel also awarded a "Highly Commended" prize to a Liveryman who encourages young people - especially young women - to engage in engineering, and a "Lifetime Achievement" award presented to a Liveryman whose professional life has championed his craft and revived an interest in it across the country. The three awards were presented at the City Livery Club's annual Civic Banquet in Mansion House by the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens Alderman Sir David Wootton.

### **Root & Branch Award - Liveryman Peter French MBE**

The 2019 Root & Branch Award Winner this year is Liveryman Peter French MBE, a Liveryman of the Security Professionals. Peter is a founder member of this modern Livery Company, the Security Professionals. His drive and initiative led to the setting up of the Sheriffs' Award for Bravery which was conceived following the London 7/7 bombings.

### **Highly Commended Prize - Liveryman John Blauth**

From a strong field, the Panel chose John Blauth, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers. John co-ordinated the work of the Livery in bringing young people to the automotive, aerospace and coachbuilding industries. Using the Company's strapline of "An Active Company Investing in Young People", John has taken their work to new heights. In conjunction with the Livery Schools Link, John endeavours to enable youngsters to understand career opportunities through liaison with major engineering businesses such as Jaguar Land Rover.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award - Liveryman Hugh Adams**

Exceptionally, this year the Panel acknowledged an individual who has excelled over a lifetime of work. Hugh Adams is a working blacksmith and a Liveryman. For more than 30 years he has been promoting the craft and inspiring young people to get involved. Hugh has revived and reconnected the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths with County Shows where a blacksmith's stall is always a draw to the public.

More information about the City Livery Club and the awards can be found on its' website online at <https://cityliveryclub.com>

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## CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

See Guildhall transformed into the ultimate shopping experience on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 November. You can shop at over 100 stalls selling handmade, unique and exclusive gifts; get a cookery book signed by William Sitwell or Monica Galetti; listen to guest speakers sharing their tips for wellness; or see designers showcasing their clothes on the Catwalk of Kindness.

On Monday at 8pm in the Art Gallery there will be a live auction with a Spitfire flight, a visit to William Sitwell's Supper Club, and a year of wine on offer. Or you can muse over the items in the silent auction online via the [jumblebee website](#). With prizes including holidays, tickets to the Royal Opera House, a box at Ascot, and sumptuous dinners in top restaurants, there really is something for everyone.

On Tuesday you can treat yourself to a Festive Luncheon or Champagne Afternoon Tea. With both served in the beautiful medieval crypt you will feel truly spoilt as you enjoy delicious food served by Clink Events. If you fancy something a little lighter, then visit the Café in the Crypt or one of the food stalls in the Guildhall Yard. Don't forget to check out the fabulous charity auctions!

All proceeds go towards the life-saving work of the British Red Cross in the UK and overseas. For more details and to book tickets visit the [Red Cross website](#).