

# LIVERY BRIEFING

October 2018



## LIVERY COMMITTEE - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

In September, the Committee elected its Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the coming year. Having served as a liveryman member of the Livery Committee since 2011, nominated by the Fellowship of Clerks, and for the last two years as its Deputy Chairman, Vicky Russell was elected as its Chairman.

Vicky has been an active member of the Committee, chairing the Livery Companies Working Group, responsible for the Livery Liaison Scheme, since 2013 and the Communications Working Group since 2015; this latter group being responsible for the four annual City Briefings as well as the annual Wardens and Court Assistants course and the Clerks' Briefing.

Vicky Russell is committed to and cares passionately about the Livery and its activities. She was Master of the Arbitrators' Company 2001-2 and Master of the Constructors' Company 2014-15. She also belongs to the Solicitors' Company. Vicky is a committee member of the Golden Jubilee Masters Association and the Lady Masters Association and an active member of the Magna Masters Association.

In her election address, Vicky stated that, in her view, the Livery Committee is at a critical stage of its development, most particularly in light of the growing momentum of the Pan-Livery Initiative. She added that at this juncture there is the need for positive and strategic change in the work and focus of the Committee in order to ensure that it not only remains relevant but also becomes more significant.

The Livery Committee elected Deputy Chairman, Philip Woodhouse. Philip is a Member of the Court of Common Council, Deputy for the Ward of Langbourn and a past Master of the Grocers' Company.

Tribute was also paid to Richard Regan OBE who led the Committee from 2016. As Chairman, Richard focussed particularly on maintaining good links with the Livery generally and enhancing communication which is critical to achieving the Committee's objectives.

Should you wish to contact Vicky about anything that you think the Committee might be able to help with or if you wish to contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please contact the Livery Committee Manager, Simon Murrells on [simon.murrells@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:simon.murrells@cityoflondon.gov.uk) who will pass on any correspondence.

## ELECTIONS

### Common Hall: Election of Lord Mayor 2018

Common Hall was convened on Monday, 1 October 2018 for the purposes of electing the Lord Mayor. Alderman Peter Estlin was duly elected and will be admitted to Office at the Silent Ceremony which will take place in Guildhall on Friday, 9 November. The traditional Lord Mayor's Show will take place on the following day.

### Admission of Sheriffs 2018

On Friday, 28 September 2018, Alderman Vincent Keaveny and the Hon Liz Green were admitted as Sheriffs of the City of London, having been elected to Office at Common Hall in June.

### Elections – Court of Aldermen

**Candlewick and Cheap:** Following the retirements from the Court of Aldermen of Dame Fiona Woolf (formerly Alderman for the Ward of Candlewick) and The Lord Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans (formerly Alderman for the Ward of Cheap), elections were held in July to fill the vacancies. Seven candidates were nominated for the Ward of Cheap and Robert Hughes-Penny, a former Member of the Common Council, was duly elected. There were four candidates for the Ward of Candlewick and Emma Edham, a current Member of the Common Council, was elected for that Ward.

**Aldgate:** Peter Hewitt surrendered the office of Alderman for the Ward of Aldgate. Two candidates were validly nominated for the Ward and, following a poll in July, Susan Langley was duly elected as Alderman for the Ward.

**Bridge & Bridge Without:** Sir Alan Yarrow also surrendered the office of Alderman for the Ward of Bridge & Bridge Without. Sir Alan was the only person to submit a validly nominated paper for Ward and the vacancy was, therefore, uncontested.

## LIVERY UPDATES

### Pan-Livery Initiative

The Livery Committee received an update on the work currently being carried out as part of the Pan-Livery Initiative. During September, Alderman William Russell wrote to all Masters (through the Clerks) on the status and the Livery Committee thought it might be helpful for the text of his letter to be circulated as part of this briefing. It is as follows:

*"The Survey Monkey (an assessment of Company composition) has been completed and we are now in the process of conducting Survey 1, which is an assessment of Philanthropic support in terms of financial and pro bono contribution. The final survey will arrive with the Clerks during the week of 24 September for onward transmission to their membership – this will be the quantitative survey."*

*"We have raised so far around £20,000 from ten companies. We recognise that many Courts have yet to meet to discuss this and we will provide a further update ahead of the Pan Livery meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Many of you have enquired as to exactly how the £100,000 will be spent. The first £30,000 exc. VAT, is the quantitative survey work that will be sent to 40,000 Liverymen and Freemen, with the accompanying analysis."*

*"The further £50,000 exc. VAT will be focused on the subsequent development of the Pan Livery Communication Plan, that will include an overarching narrative and supporting framework. Brunswick, a leading PR and Communications company will be conducting this part of the initiative – they have already given significant time/resource pro bono."*

*"We hope that as many of you as possible will contribute to this in some way. We feel strongly that all Livery Companies will benefit from the acquisition and analysis of this data and resulting outputs."*

A further update by the Lord Mayor is being held at Mansion House on 6 November.

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### **Livery Committee Liaison**

Common Hall has, amongst other things, charged the Livery Committee with a duty to act as a forum to which Livery Companies can bring matters of concern for discussion. The Committee also has responsibility for researching and advising livery companies on current practices and to develop best practice generally. To help with these tasks, the Committee maintains a scheme for regular liaison with livery companies. This involves individual committee members taking responsibility for contacting Livery Companies allocated to them, to hear about any issues that the Committee may be able to help with. The Committee hopes that Companies will make good use of this service.

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## **LORD MAYOR'S OVERSEA'S VISITS**

### **Visit to Nigeria**

Between 25 and 29 June, the Lord Mayor visited Nigeria with a business delegation consisting of members from the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council, London Stock Exchange Group, and fintech company Open Vector. The visit began with a day in Abuja, where he met the Vice President, Minister of Finance, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank, Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment and the Governor of Kaduna State. This was followed by two days in Lagos, mainly consisting of business-facing events. The visit was an opportunity for the Lord Mayor to reassure both business and government that London would remain the pre-eminent global financial centre long into the future, as well as build on the strong ties between the City and Nigeria.

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### **Visit to Japan and South Korea**

Between 8 and 14 July, the Lord Mayor visited Japan and South Korea. In Japan, he was accompanied by a delegation of asset managers. The objectives were to strengthen partnerships, showcase creativity and innovation in financial services, promote London's expertise in Asset Management and offer current and future investors reassurance over Brexit and the future of the City, and build on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the City of London Corporation and Tokyo Metropolitan Government. Tangible outcomes included a London Stock Exchange agreement with Japan Exchange, a new high-level Market Advisory Group and an MoU between Cass Business School, University of London and Tokyo Metropolitan University. Arriving in Japan at the time of the worst floods for decades provided a sombre backdrop for discussions on Green Finance.

The visit to South Korea was hard on the heels of a visit by Department for International Trade Minister Baroness Fairhead and the fifth UK-Korea Financial Forum, enabling a strong focus on further developing cooperation on Fintech. Opportunities to develop co-operation on Green Finance were also identified, as well as bilateral engagement on financial services more broadly. The Lord Mayor provided strong messages of confidence in the City remaining the pre-eminent international financial centre. The Lord Mayor also promoted the City's "Asia Next Decade" campaign which prompted much demand for reciprocal engagement. This high-level visit with a very warm reception, resulted in a number of opportunities at macro and individual firm levels.

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### **Prime Minister's Visit to Africa**

Between 27 and 30 August, the Lord Mayor accompanied the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Theresa May MP, on her official visit to South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya. Also accompanying them were George Hollingbery MP (Minister of State for Trade Policy), Harriet Baldwin MP (Minister of State for Africa), Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP (Secretary of State for Wales), and a 29-strong business delegation.

The visit began in South Africa where the Lord Mayor participated in a business forum opened by the Prime Minister, before joining a bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and the President of South Africa. Among the topics discussed were the recent Commonwealth Business Forum hosted in the City of London and Foreign Direct Investment into South Africa.

In Nigeria, the Lord Mayor participated in a fintech panel discussion alongside the Vice-President of Nigeria, Finance Minister, Energy Minister, Harriet Baldwin MP and HM Trade Commissioner for Africa. Additionally, the Lord Mayor spoke at an evening reception with senior business stakeholders.

Finally, in Kenya the Lord Mayor took part in a UK-Kenya Financial Services Forum, including a plenary session on fintech and innovation. The visit concluded with a meeting and banquet hosted by the President of Kenya. The visit attracted wide-ranging international media coverage.

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### **Visit to Qatar**

The Lord Mayor visited Qatar from 19 to 20 September, accompanied by a small business delegation. He met His Highness The Deputy Amir, Finance Minister, Central Bank Governor and senior officials from Qatar Financial Centre. In addition, he engaged with senior representatives from Qatar's financial services sector and spoke at the Qatar British Business Forum. Key themes emerging from the visit were Qatar's continued confidence in the UK economy, which remains its number-one destination for outward investment, despite Brexit related uncertainties; and Qatar's keen interest in closer engagement with the City on fintech, cyber-security and Islamic finance. Qatar was keen to raise awareness in the UK of the strengths of Qatar's economy despite the ongoing Gulf Cooperation Council blockade, and the opportunities for foreign businesses to do more in Qatar through free zones and new trading routes through Qatar's port.

## OTHER NEWS

### New Charity Guidelines

The Charity Commission have recently undertaken a consultation on guidance for charities that relate to non-charitable organisations, which may be of relevance to Livery Companies. The results of this have recently been published [here](#) and the final guidance will follow later this year. The draft guidance can be found online on the [.Gov website](#)

### Brigantes Winter Gathering

The 2018 Brigantes Winter Gathering, is being held in the historic City of Chester on Saturday 8 December and will include the annual Christmas Concert in Chester's magnificent Cathedral. The Christmas Concert will be preceded by a Brigantes reception at 5.15pm in the Cathedral's enclosed Cloisters and an early supper at 5.45pm in the fine Cathedral Refectory. It is expected that the Concert will conclude between 9.30-9.45pm. The cost per person is £80, including a £2 donation to the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, with each Liverymen able to invite one guest if they wish. Dress is lounge suits. Further details can be obtained by emailing [the Brigantes](#). If Liverymen would like to stay and make a weekend of it, a number of rooms have been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Hotel which is a few minutes' walk from the Cathedral. Chester railway station is close to the City Centre, with fast services from and to many locations including London Euston (2hr 01m). Finally, some 2019 Brigantes diary dates:

- Brigantes Golf Day – Wednesday 24 April - Lindrick Golf Club, North Nottinghamshire – invitations due out in February
- Brigantes Breakfast – Thursday 25 July – Whitworth Hall, Manchester, in the presence of our Lord Mayor and Civic Party – invitations due out in March

### Keats House

Of interest to Livery Companies and Liverymen is the availability of Keats House for visits or as an event space. Keats House in Hampstead was the Regency home of Romantic poet John Keats, who lived at the house from December 1818 to September 1821. During this short period, he produced much of the work he is best remembered for today and the House, situated close to Hampstead Heath, is an inspirational place to visit or hold an event. Today, Keats House is provided by the City of London Corporation as part of its contribution to the cultural life of London and the nation and is open to the public Wednesday–Sunday, 11am–5pm. The House is also open at these or other times for special events and private hires. It can accommodate up to 25 people for tours of the House and meetings, and up to 100 guests for an event in the Nightingale Room, next door to the House itself. If you would like to find out more, please contact [keatshouse@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:keatshouse@cityoflondon.gov.uk) for more information.

### Doggett's Coat & Badge 2018

This year's Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager took place on 4 September 2018. The competitors were Alfie Anderson, 23 (Poplar, Blackwall and District RC) and George McCarthy, 24 (Globe RC). Following the Draw, which had taken place at Watermen's Hall on 12 July, Anderson rowed in orange from Station 4, while McCarthy wore green on Station 3. It was an extremely well fought race, both competitors put their hearts and souls into it, with Alfie Anderson being the eventual winner. The times were: 1st Alfie Anderson in a time of 25mins 27secs, and 2nd George McCarthy in a time of 25mins 46secs.

## DIARY DATES

### The Lord Mayor's Show

London's Big Day Out, the Lord Mayor's Show, is taking place on Saturday, 10 November 2018. For further information visit the [Lord Mayor's Show website](#).

### Royal Society of St George

The City of London Branch of the Royal Society of St George has advised that 2019 sees the Society's 125th anniversary. The Branch has booked Guildhall for a celebration Banquet on Tuesday 23rd April 2019. The calling notice will go out towards the end of January and the Branch hopes to fill Guildhall and can only do this with the support of other City organisations. The cost of the event will be in line with other events held at Guildhall. For more information please contact the City of London Branch at [www.rssg.org.uk/branches/uk/south/city-of-london/](http://www.rssg.org.uk/branches/uk/south/city-of-london/)

### 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 with the Livery. Taking place at Guildhall, forthcoming dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 20 November 2018
- Tuesday 5 February 2019
- Wednesday 15 May 2019
- Monday 21 October 2019
- Tuesday 19 November 2019

### Wardens and Court Assistants Course

The next Wardens and Court Assistants City Course (primarily intended for those who expect to become Master/Prime Warden within the next year or so) is scheduled for 25 September 2019 and we strongly encourage those who might take up office in 2020 to sign up via the <http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org> website. A half-day **After Dinner Speaking course**, intended for a similar audience, is also scheduled for 12 February 2019.

Comments from past attendees have highlighted how useful and informative they have found these courses and we hope that as many of you as possible will take full advantage of the services offered. To book on to these (or any of the Briefing Courses organised for the benefit of the Livery), please go to the website

### Election of Lord Mayor 2019

Please do not forget the change of arrangements for the election of Lord Mayor in 2019. Because of a clash with Rosh Hashanah – a major Jewish religious festival – it has been agreed that the date for the Election of Lord Mayor in 2019 will move to Wednesday 2 October 2019. Please make a note in your diaries.