

LIVERY BRIEFING

October 2021



All Change at the Livery Committee - Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

At the Livery Committee meeting in Guildhall on 9 September last, Philip Woodhouse, Past Master Grocer, was elected to the Chair, having served as Deputy for the previous three years, and Julia Sibley, MBE, Past Master Innholder, was elected as the Deputy Chair.

Message from the Chair and Deputy Chair

Dear Liverymen,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves.

Philip: I spent almost 40 years working in the City of London, mostly as a trader. When my career gave me the time and opportunity to become more involved in civic matters, I, like many Liverymen before me, stood for and was elected as a member of the Court of Common Council, in my case to the Ward of Langbourn in 2013.

Julia: I became involved with the Innholders in the late 1990s and spend most of my time working for a grant-giving charity for the hospitality industry. There is, therefore, great synergy with the Innholders and their charitable giving in particular. I was Master of the Company in 2015/16; the first lady to hold that Office in the Company.

Together, we hope to continue to develop the co-operation between the City of London Corporation, including, of course, Mansion House, and the various Livery Companies and Guilds over the coming years.

The exceptional website, now in its second year and supported by most Livery Companies, goes from strength to strength. We would love there to be 100% support. During last month (September), over 3,000 visits were made to the website and over 10,000 pages looked at. Given the growing interest in the site we would welcome any news items you have to share with your fellow Livery Companies.

As many of you know, one of the Livery Committee's roles is to manage the running of Common Hall and recently, we held the elections of Lord Mayor Elect, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, and the two new Sheriffs: Alderman Alison Gowman and Alderman Nicholas Lyons.

Your Livery Committee and the Pan Livery Initiative have made significant progress in the last four years, whilst focusing on different activities but with the same goal, and we are committed to continue working closely together, building on these achievements for the collective good of the Livery.

Victoria Russell, a Past Master Arbitrator and Past Master Constructor, did so much for the Livery as Chair of this Committee over the last three years. The members of the Committee thanked her, on behalf of all Liverymen and the text of that Vote of Thanks is shown on the [Livery Committee website](#).

We would also like to say a huge "Thank you" to those whose term of office on the Committee has drawn to a close, namely to Robin Booth (Clothworker), David Cole-Adams (Tylers and Bricklayers) and Ian Seaton (Girdler), for their hard work and support over the years.

Please do contact us if you have news items for the website and we also commend to you the various courses that are run for you, details of which can be found on the [courses page of the Livery Committee website](#) as well as being listed below.

With very best wishes,

Philip Woodhouse and Julia Sibley

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Livery Committee Courses

The Livery Committee courses for the rest of this year and 2022 are as set out below. It is anticipated that all courses will be held as physical meetings at Guildhall. If there is any change to this arrangement, it will be communicated in due course.

City Briefings (5.30pm)

21 October 2021
2 February 2022
10 May 2022
19 September 2022
3 November 2022

Clerks' Forum (morning course)

18 January 2022.

Wardens' and Court Assistants' Course (morning course)

21 Sept 2022.

Further information may be accessed on the [courses page of the Livery Committee website](#).

Remembrance Sunday - Message on behalf Past Master Fruiterer, John Warner

As notified to you in July, with the kind permission of the Lord Mayor, the City Remembrancer and the Livery Committee, your Company is invited to attend the Service of Remembrance in St Paul's Cathedral followed by a wreath-laying outside the Royal Exchange on Remembrance Sunday, all in the company of the Lord Mayor and the Civic Party.

As before, this is being organised by Past Master Fruiterer John Warner, who will be the point of contact via [his email](#).

As in previous years, The Cook & The Butler will be holding a lunch in Guildhall for those who wish to participate in what has become an annual event,

Further details on timings will be provided as soon as they are available.

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Clean City Awards Scheme and Recycling Events

The City of London's Clean City Award Scheme (CCAS) opened for applications on 13 September, meaning that any CCAS member can apply for an award in the following categories: Plastic Free City; Resource and Circular Economy; Communication and Engagement; Air Quality and Climate Action. The theme for this year's Chairman Cup is 'Embedding environmental and sustainability issues to install a resilient recovery post the COVID-19 outbreak'.

The CCAS is open to all businesses, Livery Halls and Companies within the Square Mile and it's not too late to join the Scheme. If your Company is striving to be more sustainable, align with the Climate Action Strategy or wants recognition for the great work already being done, the CCAS is for you.

Deadline for submission of awards is 15 October. In addition to applying for awards, CCAS members will also receive a monthly e-newsletter, invites to regular meetings, access to resource packs and an invitation to the annual luncheon award ceremony. For further information please visit the [CCAS London website](#).

The City of London Recycling Team will shortly be re-starting their residential and community events to encourage residents to waste less by encouraging and supporting residents to keep items in use for longer and be more sustainable. This could be through providing residents with skills such as repairing clothes, repairing electrical items, cookery demos and much more. Is your Company able to share skills (all skills welcome!) with the Recycling Team and residents to help them achieve this? Would your Company be able to provide a workshop, training or skills, whether online or in-person? Maybe your Company would like to provide a space for residents and the wider community to get involved?

If you would like to find out more about how your Company could get involved with residents through waste reduction and improving sustainability, please email the [Recycling Team](#).

The Lives of the Great and the Good

Bill Clark's new book, 'The Lives of The Great and The Good' about the 265 people who have been voted the Honorary Freemen of the City of London is now available. Further details are on the flyer attached to this email. You can also get more information by emailing wcgandg@gmail.com. All proceeds will be divided between the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's Charitable Trust.

The Worshipful Company of Plumbers - Annual Lecture

The Annual Plumbers' Lecture 2021 is being given by the Master of the The Plumbers' Company, Dr Peter Rumley, an architectural historian who writes: 'As Master of The Plumbers' Company, I welcome this opportunity to invite all Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiffs to our Annual Company lecture. This invitation is to attend the lecture (with tea/coffee before and drinks reception afterwards) free of charge, as my personal guest. You are welcome to stay for the dinner that follows (at a cost of £80 per head). I very much look forward to seeing you and enjoying your fellowship.'

The Lecture (which will last up to 60 minutes including questions) is to be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regents Park, on Monday 4 October and is described on the flyer attached to this email. Dress is lounge suits with badges.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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The Yorkshire Shepherdess takes part in the City of London Annual Sheep Drive

The Yorkshire Shepherdess, Amanda Owen, swapped the Yorkshire Dales for the day to drive sheep over the river Thames, re-enacting an ancient tradition in support of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen's Charitable Trust and Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Best-selling author of four books and star of Channel 5's "Our Yorkshire Farm", Amanda swapped her 2,000 acre hill farm in Swaledale, North Yorkshire, one of the most remote places in England, for the City of London for the day, on Sunday 26 September. Amanda accompanied the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman William Russell, and hundreds of the City's Freemen, becoming river shepherds for the day as they practiced their ancient "right" to drive sheep over the Thames and into the City.

Now into its 9th year, hosted by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, the 2021 Sheep Drive and Livery Fair took place on historic Southwark Bridge, which was traffic-free for the day. The accompanying Livery Fair included many Liveries demonstrating their skills from trades, ancient and modern, alongside a range of wool related stalls selling products that showcased the enduring relevance of wool as a sustainable and versatile material. Along with other interactive displays and food and drinks stalls, this was a wonderful family day out over the majestic Thames.

Web and Social Media

Website: <https://sheepdrive.london/>

Twitter: @sheepdriveldn @AmandaOwen8 @CampaignForWool

Instagram: @Sheepdrivelondon @Yorkshireshepherdess @CampaignForWool

Facebook: @The Worshipful Company of Woolmen @AmandaOwen @CampaignForWool

Hashtags: #SheepInTheCity #SheepDrive #LiveryFair #ChooseWool #AThingofBeauty

Lord Mayor's Programme

Nairobi International Financial Centre Authority (NIFCA) Launch Event, 27 July

President Kenyatta led a Kenyan delegation to Mansion House, alongside the Foreign Secretary. The event aimed to build a deeper partnership between the UK and Kenya in financial services and green investment. The Lord Mayor and President Kenyatta signed a memorandum of understanding between TheCityUK and NIFCA.

Leeds and Sheffield Visit, 29-30 July

This was the Lord Mayor's first in-person regional visit since March 2020. It allowed the Lord Mayor to meet the new Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, and to visit the National Infrastructure Bank on its first day in its new Leeds premises. The Lord Mayor also engaged with Leeds City Council and Leeds-based businesses including Yorkshire Building Society, Iwoca and the Open Data Institute Leeds. The visit allowed for the resumption of the annual Forfeit Feast in Sheffield with the Cutlers of Hallamshire and for the Lord Mayor to conduct his own business programme in Sheffield for the first time.

Indian Cricket Dinner, 7 September

The Lord Mayor hosted British and Indian businesses for a reception and dinner at Mansion House to celebrate the economic and cultural links between the UK and India. The event was timed to coincide with the England vs India cricket test match series. The then Secretary of State for International Trade, Rt Hon Liz Truss MP, attended and spoke at the event.

Lunch with the Lord Mayor of Westminster, 8 September

The Lord Mayor attended the annual Two Cities Lunch with the outgoing Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Jonathan

Glanz. The lunch brings together civic and political stakeholders from Westminster and the City of London.

ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Virtual Visit, 8-10 September

This virtual visit built on the UK recently attaining Dialogue Partner status within ASEAN and against the backdrop of the UK Government's Indo-Pacific tilt. The visit was timely, ahead of the inaugural UK-ASEAN Economic Minister's Consultation, where financial services are a priority area of discussion.

The Lord Mayor had meetings in Singapore (discussing Digital Trade); Vietnam (meeting the Minister of Finance); Indonesia (engaging with the Finance Ministry, Sovereign Wealth Fund and regulators); and Thailand (hosting a fintech roundtable. The ASEAN Deputy Secretary General was keen to learn of opportunities for collaboration with UK financial and professional services firms.

Innovation and Agility: the next chapter in Financial Services & The City Roundtable, 9 September

As part of follow-up to his virtual visit to Australia, the Lord Mayor met several Australian fintech firms considering entry to the UK market. He explained why Australian fintech should view the UK positively, why innovation in financial services is so important for post-pandemic recovery and explained how the City can support Australian entrants to the UK market.

Green Horizons Summit (GHS) @COP26 Strategic Reception, 9 September

This reception announced the full list of sponsors for GHS@COP26. They heard first-hand from UK Government representatives planning COP26 and met Mansion House and City Corporation staff who are delivering the GHS@COP26 programme.

High Commissioners' Banquet, 13 September

The Lord Mayor welcomed attendees to Guildhall for the High Commissioners banquet. Speakers included Dr Yueh (Chair, Royal Commonwealth Society, Lord Marland (Chair, Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council), James Duddridge (Minister for Africa) and Baroness Vadera (Chair, Prudential).

China Virtual Visit, 13-17 September

The fourth of the Lord Mayor's virtual visits to China sought to promote London as the centre for global asset allocation and Environmental, Social and Governance investing. The visit consisted of smaller meetings with selected Asset Managers, as well as larger workshops with several companies. The Lord Mayor co-chaired the UK China Green Finance Taskforce, with Dr Ma Jun, for the Annual Meeting of the Green Investment Principles for Belt and Road Annual Meeting.

The visit provided an opportunity to promote the GHS@COP26 conference, highlighting Sino-UK thought leadership in sustainable finance. The Lord Mayor was joined by a strong business delegation of Asset and Wealth Managers, and by representatives from the London Stock Exchange Group.

Commonwealth Trade and Investment Summit (CTIS) the African Opportunity Panel, 14 September

The Lord Mayor took part in a virtual panel event during the CTIS. The discussion focused on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement and decreasing trade barriers across Africa.

Kuwait Joint Steering Group Roundtable, 15 September

This roundtable, held by the Lord Mayor, facilitated discussion on priority themes between the Bank of England and the Central Bank of Kuwait, highlighting themes of interest for the City of London.

UK-UAE Prosperity and Innovation Partnership Reception, 16 September

The Lord Mayor attended a lunchtime reception hosted by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street in honour of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE. The reception celebrated the new UK-UAE Prosperity and Innovation Partnership, which enables both countries to work more closely on security, climate change and knowledge sharing.

The Silent Ceremony - Friday 12 November

Tickets for the Silent Ceremony (Admission of the Lord Mayor), which takes place on Friday 12 November at Guildhall, are still available for application until Friday 15 October 2021.

Members of the public may apply for a maximum of four tickets. You can apply online via the Guildhall website on the City events page which may be found at <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events> or via a direct link to the application at: <https://forms.office.com/r/fCbK7gBifi>

Please note: should Government Covid-19 guidance change, the format of the event may be subject to alteration at short notice.

If you have any questions regarding tickets or have any queries, please email silentceremony@cityoflondon.gov.uk