

New Membership System - Assistant David Emanuel, Chairman of the Membership Committee

I am delighted to inform the livery that the Court gave its consent to purchase a new integrated membership system and once that goes live in February, we'll all be able to book events directly from the members area and pay using a Direct Debit Mandate with GoCardless. So please look out for an email from the Clerk announcing that the new system is live and ready to use.

It has taken us many years to change the way we book and indeed pay for events and dinners at the livery, today its rather rare for anyone to pay by cheque, as it is time consuming and administratively expensive for us all. Whilst we are all very used to making our payments by BACS, going forward, it will be even more simple to do, just a few clicks of a button once on the members area, no paper forms to complete and email off, no payments to be sent from your bank accounts, all seamlessly done from the members area.

That said, Its been about 18 months since we asked everyone to reset their passwords on the existing system, many of us did so immediately, some took a few weeks to get round to it and others, well they never did! We will need all our members to reset their password on the new system and to ensure that their details are up to date and to set up a Direct Debit Mandate.

Claire Hobson our Clerk designate will be there to assist anyone that needs any assistance with this, she'll be a phone call away. We all currently have a Direct Debit mandate set up for our quarterage payments, so I trust that this will not be an issue for anyone, in be asked to set up a separate one for payments of events.

There is nothing that needs to be done yet, more information will be sent out in due course, this is just to keep you appraised.