Message from the Chairman, Deputy Richard Regan OBE

Dear Liverymen,

I present the latest edition of the Livery Briefing newsletter, which I hope is both interesting and useful to all members of the Livery.

The Livery Committee website also provides a huge source of information and I hope you will not hesitate to let either myself or the Deputy Chairman, Victoria Russell, know if there are any areas of interest that you feel we are not covering either in the periodical newsletter or on this website. Should you wish to contact us or contribute to future editions of the Briefing, please contact the Clerk to the Livery Committee, Gregory Moore, who will pass on any correspondence.

May I also take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a relaxing, healthy and successful new year.

Thank you,
Richard Regan OBE, Deputy
Livery Committee

NEWS

Silent Ceremony
Following his election by the Livery on Michaelmas Day, on 10 November, Charles Edward Beck Bowman, Alderman and Grocer, was admitted to office as the 690th Lord Mayor of the City of London at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall.

Lord Mayor’s Briefing to Masters and Prime Wardens, and their Clerks
The new Lord Mayor was pleased to be able to address all Masters and Clerks at the briefing on 22 November, setting out his key objectives for the forthcoming year and how he intended to deliver on them. He also touched on the work of the new Pan-Livery initiative (on which, more below). The full text of the address can be found here.

Pan Livery Collaboration
The Pan Livery Collaboration continues to gain support and momentum after a second breakfast held at Mercers’ Hall on 22 November, attended by representatives of almost 100 Livery Companies together with key individuals from the City of London Corporation. The working groups established in June presented their findings and the Livery decided to take forward two strands, a communications piece and a philanthropic ‘employability’ piece. You will hear more on this initiative in 2018.

The Business of Trust
The Lord Mayor has recently launched The Business of Trust, a new initiative designed to make a positive difference to public levels of trust in the financial and professional services. This programme of work, which is based on the views of the public and new guiding principles for business, aims for a lasting legacy of better business trusted by society. The programme will be focused around five strands including: inspiring business to operate with integrity and grow their positive impact, supporting businesses and their leaders to meet tomorrow’s challenges, and working with others at home and abroad to build trust in business. To get involved or find out more please email responsible.city@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Late Lord Mayor – Inward Visits
As the Mayoralty of Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley came to a close, the late Lord Mayor hosted a series of follow-up events connected to the overseas visits he had undertaken earlier in the year. Following his visit to Algeria in April, the late Lord Mayor convened and hosted, with the Department for International Trade, a major investment conference at Mansion House in October, to bring to the attention of UK investors the market opportunities available in Algeria, principally in green finance and Public Private Partnerships. A few days later, he chaired a roundtable meeting with a visiting delegation from Georgia, headed by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary of Georgia, to introduce the delegation to key contacts and potential partners in London.

UK-Kazakhstan Investment Forum
The Late Lord Mayor also hosted the UK-Kazakhstan Investment Forum at Mansion House on 8 November. The conference was a follow-up to the successful visit to Kazakhstan earlier in the year, and was intended to position the City as a key player in facilitating closer trade and investment links between the UK and Kazakhstan. Over 150 delegates from the UK and Kazakhstan business and financial communities heard keynote speeches from the Late Lord Mayor, the Prime Minister’s Trade Envoy to Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan’s Ambassador to the UK, the Deputy Chairman of Kazakh Invest, and the Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre. These speeches were followed by panel discussions on investment opportunities in Kazakhstan and strengthening the links between the City and Astana’s financial centre. The key deliverable from the conference was helping to position the London Stock Exchange as the go-to venue for future initial public offerings of Kazakh companies, including large state-owned enterprises, across a diverse range of sectors.
Ward of Portsoken: Aldermanic Election
Following the surrender of office by Alderman Sir Michael Bear, on 14 December an Aldermanic Election was held for the Ward of Portsoken. The result was as follows:
• BARKER, David James - Independent - 20 votes
• CAMPBELL-TAYLOR, William Goodacre - Labour - 143 votes
• GOYAL, Prem Babu - Independent - 228 votes (E)
• SAMUELS, Anthony David – Independent – 2 votes
Prem Goyal was duly elected as Alderman for the Ward.

Ward of Bishopsgate: Result of Common Council Election
On 14 November 2017, an election was held in the Ward of Bishopsgate. The result was as follows:
• BECKER, Timothy George Christie - Independent - 18 votes
• MURPHY, Benjamin Daniel - Independent - 112 votes (E)
• STREETER, Patrick Thomas - Independent - 35 votes
Benjamin Murphy was duly elected as Common Councilman for the Ward.

Livery Schools Link (LSL): Volunteer brokerage platform
LSL’s main new project is the development of the volunteer brokerage platform, which aims to match volunteers from Livery Companies with schools helping young people think about the world beyond formal education. The platform now has the following features:
• Motivational talks
• Careers events
• Partners Module: Enabling partners to sign-up to increase volume of volunteering opportunities and volunteers available. e.g. We work with Enterprise Business Councils who arrange various opportunities for schools.
• Livery Members Recommending Trusted Peers: Livery Company members are connected to individuals, often younger people, who are not yet members of Livery Companies but might help with volunteering.
• Multiple Postcode Locations for Volunteers: Volunteers have the ability to specify multiple postcodes for volunteering as sometimes they can volunteer from home or from near their work.
• Recruiting Governors

LSL would like to encourage more Livery Companies to consider signing up and then recruiting their members to be registered volunteers on the platform. For further details please email David Barker.

Lord Mayor’s Appeal
The new ‘multi-year’ Lord Mayor’s Appeal will work on four key pillars to build a City that is Inclusive, Healthy, Skilled and Fair. They will deliver ground breaking programmes over three years with three new charity partners, Place2Be, OnSide Youth Zones and Samaritans and will continue to develop their three existing thought leadership initiatives: Power of Diversity, This is Me and City Giving Day. Their work will benefit two communities, City employees and their family and friends, as well as those who live and work in our neighbouring communities with the one aim to create: ‘A Better City for All’ – helping one million people thrive. For more information and a list of forthcoming events, please visit the Lord Mayor’s Appeal website.

“Once a Scout, always a Scout”
Were you a Scout? The Scout Association would like to hear from all Liverymen who spent time in the Scouts, with a view to inviting you to a reception at Guildhall in February. For more information, please email Jess.Moore@scouts.org.uk

Inter-Livery Indoor Golf Simulator Competition
The Constructors are looking to host an annual Inter-Livery Indoor Golf simulator competition. A snappier title to be found! They would take two communities, City employees and their family and friends, as well as those who live and work in our neighbouring communities with the one aim to create: ‘A Better City for All’ – helping one million people thrive. For more information and to register interest, please contact Roger Southam of the Constructors’ Company.

DATES

Inter-Livery Ski Competition
Hosted by the Ironmongers’ Company, the 9th Annual Inter-Livery Ski Championship will take place in Morzine, Portes du Soleil, France, on 25 and 26 January 2018. For more information and to register, please visit the website.

Livery Schools Link (LSL) Careers Showcase
The LSL’s next annual Careers Showcase will be held on 6 February 2018 at Guildhall. If any Company is interested in being part of this event please be contact event organiser Peter Cave.

Shrove Tuesday: Inter-Livery Pancake Races
The 14th annual Inter-Livery Pancake Races (supported by The Cook & The Butler) will take place next year in Guildhall Yard on 13 February 2018, organised by the Poulters’ Company. A fun event with teams entered by a considerable number of Livery Companies.

Inter-Livery Bridge Competition
The 36th Inter-Livery Bridge Competition, organised by the Makers of Playing Cards Company, will be held on 5 March 2018 at 5pm in Drapers’ Hall. The evening will include a supper interlude, trophies and prizes. To register, please visit the website or make enquires to the Clerk.
Lord Mayor’s Big Curry Lunch
On 11 April 2018, the 11th annual Lord Mayor’s Big Curry Lunch will be held at Guildhall. The Lunch supports members of Her Majesty’s Armed Forces and veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and, since 2008, has contributed over £1.7m to The Soldiers’ Charity. Moving forwards, proceeds will also be donated to The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity and The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, ensuring that all of the Armed Forces are represented. For tickets and more information, please visit the website.

Brigantes
A reminder that the 2018 Brigantes Breakfast will be held at The Royal Armouries, Leeds, on 25 May. For more information, please email livery@brigantes.org.uk.

LSL Livery Education Conference
The LSL’s next annual conference for headteachers is planned for 20 June 2018 at Staple Inn Hall. The event provides an opportunity to members of the Livery concerned with education to discuss and exchange views with the Heads on how Livery and schools can work together to help pupils. This year’s event is likely to look at aspects of preparation for work and employability.

Ironbridge
Save the date: The Ironbridge Weekend for 2018 has been confirmed for Friday 8 June to Sunday 10 June. Further information will be made available in due course. Dates have also now been confirmed for both 2019 (Friday 7 June to Sunday 9 June) and 2020 (Friday 5 June to Sunday 7 June).

BRIEFINGS

Clerks’ Briefing
On 15 January 2018, this annual Briefing for Livery Company clerks will be held at Painters’ Hall. The purpose of the Course is primarily to provide participants with an update on the City and the City Corporation’s activities, which will be of interest and relevant to the needs of all clerks. The event is divided into two parts, with the first half specifically aimed at new clerks (those with two years or less experience in the job). Longer serving clerks may wish to attend just the second session but everyone is invited to attend both sessions and will be very welcome. The Briefing is followed by a lunch, which all clerks are invited to stay for.

To register and for more information, please visit the website.

City Briefings
These early evening events (5.30-7.30pm) are aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City of London Corporation and its links with the Livery. Taking place at Guildhall, they have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday 7 February 2018
- Monday 21 May 2018
- Monday 8 October 2018
- Tuesday 20 November 2018

Comments from past attendees have highlighted how useful and informative they have found these and we hope that as many of you as possible will take full advantage of the service offered. To book, please go to http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org/ or contact your clerk.

Livery After Dinner Speaking Course
This half-day course, scheduled for 14 February 2018, is aimed at the wardens of Livery Companies with a view to helping them prepare and deliver speeches, both now and for when they become Master. The morning includes tips on style and common errors, as well as help in understanding the different contexts and types of speeches. Click here to register.