

LIVERY BRIEFING

June 2018



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 are not covered 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.

Common Hall has of course been a major event for all Liverymen this month, particularly since it was contested by four candidates. Your Livery Committee considered various ways in which to modify the usual show of hands and visual count to ensure clarity, transparency, accuracy, and equity. It was hoped that a result could be declared on the day and I would like to thank Liverymen assembled for their patience, the candidates for their co-operation and the many staff who attended all three Halls which enabled this to be the case.

We will be looking at how we can further improve the future arrangements where there is a contested Election, in particular the Count where a show of hands is specified under the relevant governing legislation and I would also draw your attention to the arrangements for 2019 and the proposed double Aldermanic Election in 2020/21.

I would like to thank all of you who have written with kind comments and suggestions, which I appreciate very much. May I wish you a very pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Thank you.
Richard Regan OBE, Deputy
Livery Committee

NEWS

Aldermanic Succession

The Court of Aldermen has confirmed its endorsement of its preferred members to go forward to the offices of Lord Mayor and Sheriff over the next two years, subject, as always, to election by the Livery at Common Hall.

For the 2018/19 Mayoral Year the Court of Aldermen has reaffirmed its endorsement for Alderman Peter Estlin to be elected Lord Mayor. The Court decided that it would support Alderman William Russell for election in 2019/20, and beyond that expressed its in-principle support for Alderman Timothy Hailes to take office for the 2020/21 Mayoral Year.

In respect to the Shrievalty, members of the Livery will of course be aware that the Court of Aldermen supported Alderman Vincent Keaveny to take office for the 2018/19 year. Alderman Keaveny was duly elected at the meeting of Common Hall on 25 June 2018, and will serve along side Elizabeth (Liz) Green as the non-Aldermanic Sheriff.

Looking beyond the 2018/19 Mayoral/Shrieval Year, the Court of Aldermen endorsed Alderman Michael Mainelli for election as Sheriff for 2019/20. The Court of Aldermen has also indicated its hopes for the Livery's support of a double Aldermanic Shrievalty in 2020/21, so that the range of those Aldermen eligible for election to the office of Lord Mayor going forward remains sufficient. The Livery Committee has been consulted on this request and the Court of Aldermen will, with the Livery Committee's consent, give support in April 2019 for Alderman Alison Gowman and Alderman Alastair King to serve as Sheriffs in 2020/21.

The Town Clerk wrote to all Clerks, Masters, Prime Wardens and the Upper Bailiff advising the above preferred progression on Friday 15 June.

Common Hall: Election of Sheriffs

Monday 25 June saw the annual election of Sheriffs which, this year, was closely contested. This was the first contested election since 2011 and your Committee worked closely with all four candidates, their agents, and the City Corporation, to make the necessary preparations in the lead-up to the day. The total votes cast in the contested poll, where four candidates stood in total, were as follows:

- Alderman Vincent Keaveny – 1174 (ELECTED)
- Margaret Elizabeth Green – 748 (ELECTED)
- Richard Fleck – 387
- Gwenllian Rhys – 122

Coloured voting cards were used for the first time at Common Hall for this election, following the Livery Committee's decision that these cards should be used to increase both the speed and accuracy of the count. Their introduction proved successful and their use in any future contested polls at Common Hall – and indeed, possible alternative arrangements – will be kept under review by the Livery Committee. As you will appreciate, this ancient ceremony is governed by historic legislation, which limits what can be done from a procedural perspective, so we will be keen to see what can be done within this context.

Common Hall: Election of Livery Committee

Common Hall also elected a new Alderman to the Livery Committee, following the retirement of Sir Michael Bear. We warmly welcome Alderman Sir Alan Yarrow, who served as Lord Mayor in 2014/15. We also welcome back Russell Vaizey and Christopher Twyman, Clerks to the Dyers and Painter-Stainers respectively, who were re-elected for second terms on the Committee.

Common Hall: Election of Lord Mayor 2019

As Liverymen will be aware, the Election of Lord Mayor falls each year on Michaelmas Day (29 September); however, where this date falls on a weekend, it is proscribed that it should be moved to the following Monday. Ordinarily, this would mean that Common Hall in Autumn 2019 would move to Monday 30 September.

However, as you may be aware, this causes a clash with Rosh Hashanah – a major Jewish religious festival – which runs from the evening of 29 September until the 1 October in 2019. Provision exists for the date of Common Hall to be changed in these circumstances and, following consultation with the Livery Committee, the Court of Aldermen and the Court of Common Council, it has been agreed that the date for the Election of Lord Mayor in 2019 will move to Wednesday 2 October 2019. We would be grateful if you could note this in your diaries accordingly.

Forthcoming Elections – Court of Aldermen

Candlewick and Cheap: Dame Fiona Woolf has surrendered the office of Alderman for the Ward of Candlewick. The Lord Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans, has also surrendered the office of Alderman for the Ward of Cheap. Neither are seeking re-election for another term and an election of a new Aldermen will now take place.

Seven candidates are validly nominated for the Ward of Cheap, and four are validly nominated in the Ward of Candlewick. Polls for both Wards will now proceed. Both Wardmotes (Ward meeting) are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4 July, with contested polls to take place on Thursday 5 July 2018.

Aldgate and Bridge & Bridge Without: Peter Hewitt has surrendered the office of Alderman for the Ward of Aldgate and Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow has also surrendered the office of Alderman for the Ward of Bridge & Bridge Without. They are both seeking re-election for another term.

Following the close of nominations at noon on Tuesday 19 June 2018, three candidates had submitted valid nomination papers for the Ward of Aldgate, and one candidate, Alderman Sir Alan Yarrow, had submitted a valid nomination paper for Ward of Bridge & Bridge Without. The Ward of Bridge and Bridge Without is therefore uncontested.

In the Ward of Aldgate, two candidates remain validly nominated and a contested poll will now proceed. A Wardmote will take place on Wednesday 11 July, with the poll to take place on Thursday 12 July.

For more information relating to the forthcoming elections, including details of all candidates, [please visit the City Corporation's website](#).

The Brigantes Breakfast

On Friday 25 May over 360 Liverymen attended the annual Brigantes Breakfast for northern Liverymen at the Royal Armouries in Leeds.

Following a lecture by Dr Karen Watts, Curator Emeritus of the Armouries, as well as a demonstration by the librarian, the various Liverymen assembled enjoyed addresses from Adrian Waddingham CBE, Past Sheriff, Past Master Actuary and Haberdasher, and the principal guest, General the Lord Dannatt GCB, CBE, MC, DL and Chairman of the Royal Armouries.

The 2019 date is currently being arranged. For more information, please contact livery@brigantes.org.uk.

Lord Mayor's Overseas Visits

Visit to Singapore and Indonesia: Between 5 and 10 May, the Lord Mayor visited Singapore and Indonesia. In Singapore, joined by Alderman Peter Estlin, the Lord Mayor met Government figures and regulators, including the Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam and the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Additionally, he engaged in several roundtable discussions with business leaders and gave a speech at the British Chamber of Commerce, which allowed him to reach a broad selection of Singaporean stakeholders. The main themes of discussion included fintech collaboration, the UK-Singapore Fintech Bridge, cybersecurity in financial services, and the City of London Corporation's Asia Next Decade Programme. Following this, the Lord Mayor visited Jakarta, where he met the Minister of Finance and the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank. The Lord Mayor also opened a Green Finance Summit at the Indonesian Stock Exchange and met the President Director of the Stock Exchange. This visit gave the Lord Mayor an opportunity to discuss several key themes, including green finance, sustainable infrastructure finance, the strong links between our stock exchanges and the issuance of Komodo Bonds.

Visit to Norway: The Lord Mayor visited Oslo between 15 and 16 May, where he spent two days meeting Norwegian Government and business figures. The Lord Mayor met the Governor of the Norwegian Central Bank, Director General of the Norwegian Finance Ministry, and had two roundtable meetings to discuss sustainable finance (green and blue) and fintech. The fintech roundtable in particular allowed him to discuss his mayoral theme 'The Business of Trust'. He also gave a speech to around 150 senior business leaders at an event hosted by Deloitte and attended by Norwegian media outlets to demonstrate confidence in the future of the City post-Brexit. The key themes for discussion throughout the visit were Norway's continued relationship with the City on capital market financing and investment management; new collaboration on sustainable finance and fintech; and follow-up from the second Norway Capital Markets day in the City in mid-April.

DIT Board of Trade Meeting: On Thursday 17 May, the Lord Mayor travelled to Stirling Castle for the DIT Board of Trade Meeting as an advisor to the Board of Trade. Some notable attendees at the meeting were the Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade, The Rt. Hon. Dr. Liam Fox MP, the respective Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland, and the Minister of State for Trade Policy, The Rt. Hon. Greg Hands MP. The meeting consisted of presentations from Diageo and UKEF, followed by a discussion on trade and investment offers in the devolved nations. The Lord Mayor also gave a presentation at the meeting to outline what services are offered to businesses by the City of London Corporation, its regional strategy and how the Board of Trade, and the Department for International Trade, might be able to assist in "projecting the city beyond the city". The input was very well received, and the Lord Mayor will be attending the next meeting in Warwickshire in July. In advance of the meeting the Lord Mayor attended a National Trade Academy Event, the next of which will include a day hosted by the City of London Corporation.

DIARY DATES

City Beerfest

This year's City Beerfest, in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the City Music Foundation, is taking place in the Guildhall Yard on Thursday 5 July between 12.30pm and 9pm. The Brewers Company would be delighted if as many Liverymen as possible would come along to enjoy the great beer, good food and live music. The Lord Mayor will be addressing the guests at 5.30pm.

For more information, visit the [City Beerfest website](#).

London Bridge Sheep Drive

Sunday 30 September will see the annual London Bridge Sheep Drive, which for the third year will be accompanied by a Wool Fair, pulling together a range of wool-based traders to showcase the breadth of uses of wool. Intended to raise money for charitable causes associated with the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's Charitable Trust, this year's Drive will be opened by Alan Titchmarsh, MBE.

For more information, please visit the [Sheep Drive website](#).

Common Hall: Election of Lord Mayor 2018

A reminder that the next Common Hall, for the election of Lord Mayor, will take place on Monday 1 October 2018. This is because Michaelmas Day itself falls on a Saturday. Passes were distributed to all Clerks at the same time as those for the Election of Sheriffs, but if any Clerk requires additional passes they are asked to contact the [Town Clerk's Office](#).

Inter-Livery Real Tennis Tournament

Following the success of last year's inaugural Inter-Livery Real Tennis Tournament, we are delighted to announce that the competition will return again this year at the Queen's Club on Tuesday 23 October.

For details and to obtain an entry form, please [contact the Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Brewers](#).

City Briefings

These early evening events (5.30-7.30pm) are aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City Corporation and its links with the Livery. Taking place at Guildhall, forthcoming dates are as follows:

- Monday 8 October 2018
- 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 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 Wednesday 26 September and we strongly encourage those taking up office in 2019 to sign up via the [Livery Committee Courses](#) website. A half-day **After Dinner Speaking course**, intended for a similar audience, is 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 [Livery Committee website](#) or contact your clerk.
