This edition of the bi-monthly Livery Briefing includes a summary of those topics discussed at the meeting of the Livery Committee on 10 September 2014, together with an update on more general subjects of interest to liverymen. This briefing is published by the Town Clerk’s Department and PRO at Guildhall, on behalf of the Livery Committee, and recipients are encouraged to please forward this newsletter to their liverymen, or if posting it at your company website, to please tell your members that you have done so.

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Feedback and contributions for the next edition are welcome. Copy deadline: 31 October. Please send contributions to gregory.moore@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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Elections and appointments
There have been a number of these over the past week or two:
Lord Mayor. At Common Hall on Michaelmas Day, Alderman Alan Yarrow was elected to be the new Lord Mayor. His Silent Ceremony of installation will be on Friday 7 November, followed by the Lord Mayor’s Show next day.
Sheriffs. Immediately prior to the Sheriffs’ Breakfast on 26 September, Dr Andrew Parmley, Alderman and Musician, and Mrs Fiona Adler, Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker were admitted to serve as Sheriffs, in a ceremony at Guildhall.
Recorder. It has been confirmed that the new Recorder (the senior judge at the Central Criminal Court) is to be His Honour Judge Nicholas Hilliard QC. Judge Hilliard is presently the Common Serjeant at the Old Bailey, and he will succeed the current Recorder, His Honour Judge Brian Barker QC, early in 2015.
Speechwriter. Mr Robert Coppin has succeeded Hugo Deadman as Senior Speechwriter to the Lord Mayor, arriving from positions at the Department of Health and the Government of Qatar.

Livery Committee. At the recent meeting, Nigel Pullman was re-elected as the Chairman for a further year, and Ian Seaton CC as his deputy.

New Members
Following their appointment at Common Hall on Midsummer Day, the three new members of the Livery Committee were welcomed to their first meeting on 10 September. Mr Robin Booth, Clothworker (the liveryman representing the Great 12), Mr David Cole-Adams, Tyler, (one of four liveryman representing the Fellowship Companies – those without halls), and Mr Philip Grant, Clerk to the Needlemakers and Secretary to the Fellowship of Clerks (one of two clerks representing the Fellowship). Each of these will serve for three years. A full list of all 20 members of the Committee may be found at www.liverycompanies.info/livery-committee/membership.html
Gregory Moore has been appointed as the Committee Clerk.

Website
There are many websites that give useful information about livery companies, or relevant facts and background of interest to liverymen. The Livery Committee has created a new site that aims to pull all these together, and act as a one stop gateway to all sites of relevance or interest to liverymen. www.liverycompanies.info. There you will find links to the Fishmongers site, the bookings page for the Livery Committee courses and briefings, a Diary of forthcoming livery events, and much more. Additions and corrections can be made on request (nrpulledman@btinternet.com)

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor attended the Closing Ceremony of the Commonwealth and the opening of the Edinburgh Festival. Both events linked with the commemorations marking the start of the First World War in 1914, and the Lord Mayor attended the National Service of Commemoration at Glasgow Cathedral and laid a wreath on behalf of the City at Holyrood Park, before travelling to Westminster Abbey to attend the Candlelight vigil.

In addition, she had led a delegation of some 150 people representing the City to Ypres to lay a wreath at the Menin Gate Memorial, accompanied by the Masters of the Worshipful Companies of Actuaries, Carmen and Marketors, organised by the City of London Historical Society.

Lord Mayor appointed to chair Home Office Inquiry
The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Fiona Woolf, has been appointed by the Government to chair an inquiry into historic child sexual abuse. The inquiry will consider whether and the extent to which public bodies and other important institutions have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse.

Lord Mayor’s Briefing to Masters and Prime Wardens
The Lord Mayor’s Annual Briefing this year is on 19 November in the afternoon. Invitations will be sent by Mansion House.

Lord Mayor’s Overseas Visits programme 2014-15
The programme of overseas and regional visits for the new mayoral year has been published. It may be viewed in the Useful Links page of the website (see above).

City Briefings
These early evening events (5.30pm-7.30pm), aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City of London Corporation and its links with the Livery, have been scheduled for the coming months. Further information and details on booking are available at the website – go to the Briefings & Courses menu tab.

City of London Freeman’s Guide
The Guide, a concise pocket guidebook to The Freedom of the City of London, the Livery Companies and their links to City governance, Charity, Education, Youth organisations, The Church, The Armed Forces and The Royal Family is available in hardback (priced £10) from Information Technologists’ Hall, or in eBook format. For further details, please go to the Library tab at the website.
In her speech the Master talked of the origins of the custom of presenting gloves to the judiciary and described the process by which these unique gloves were made. In reply Lord Thomas praised the workmanship of the gloves and also spoke to the students of London College of Excellence who had been invited to attend the ceremony and to tour the Courts afterwards, hoping that the visit would awaken an interest in a legal career.

Inter Livery Tennis competition, 10 September
This annual event organised by the Feltmakers’ Company at Queen’s Club was another popular and successful day, followed by dinner and prize-giving.

Catering contract in Guildhall goes to The Cook & The Butler
Following the decision by the Court of Common Council to put the catering in the Members’ dining area and other rooms to tender from outside contractors, the contact has been awarded to The Cook & The Butler (Mark Grove).

Magna Carta
In response to enquiries about the forthcoming Magna Carta celebrations, more details of the City and livery involvement on this will be posted at the website (see above) shortly. The Remembrancer is leading the City planning for the celebrations. See also Heritage Gallery item below.

Presentation of Gloves to the Lord Chief Justice
The Grovers’ Company has a long tradition of presenting gloves to the holders of major offices of state. Every year gloves are presented to the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs in the City and for many years embroidered gloves have been presented to the Lord Chief Justice on taking office. In the past this was a private ceremony but a new tradition was established when the Master Glover, Alderman Alison Gowman, presented gloves to the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, in open court at the Royal Courts of Justice.

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