

LIVERY BRIEFING

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Message from the Chair, Philip Woodhouse

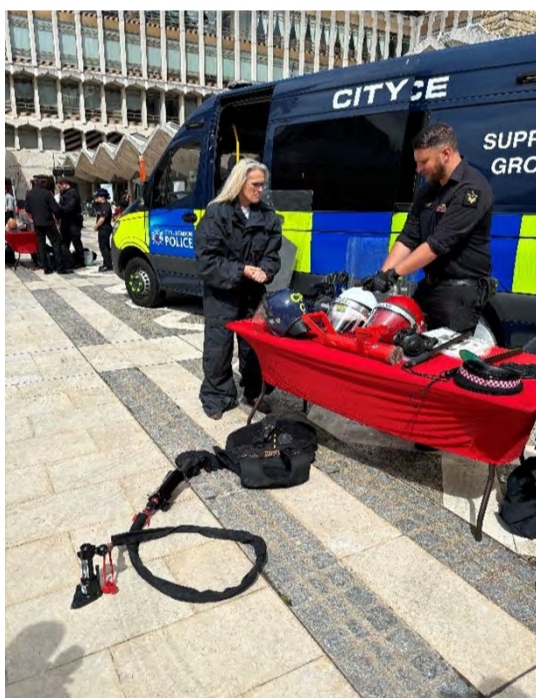
Dear Clerks,

Welcome to the July Livery Briefing newsletter.

In June, we had the great pleasure of attending the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff weekend in London (the first time this important event has taken place in London since Lord Mayor Gadsden kicked off a Livery weekend almost 50 years ago in Ironbridge). The weekend proved to be a hugely enjoyable experience, largely down to the incredibly efficient organisation led by Hannah Grace (City Remembrancer's team); Rhiannon Leary, Clerk to the Livery Committee; Greg Moore, Deputy Town Clerk; and Deputy Chair Julia Sibley, with further support from members of the Town Clerk's team.

The exceptional experience and hospitality started with a barbecue at Haberdashers' Hall on the Friday evening which included a competition for two winners to have the opportunity to lift Tower Bridge on two occasions during the Saturday afternoon, together with Giovanni and Pierre, the 'singing waiters' galvanising impromptu dancing.

Saturday included secret tours of the Tower of London and Tower Bridge, exploring the London Metropolitan Archives, Barbican Centre, Mansion House, Goldsmiths' Hall with a collection of Formula 1 trophies, to name some of the activities. Watching the Lady Mayoress Elisabeth Mainelli, and Sheriff Masojada's wife, Jane, getting into Police riot gear and sounding the alarm in a US cop car are also stand out moments!



The Lord Mayor then hosted Saturday's gala black tie dinner in Guildhall's Old Library. The Sunday morning began for over 100 Masters with a very constructive discussion on the philanthropic giving by the City of London and the combined Livery movement. The City Bridge Foundation awards over £30m per year and the total financial support from the Livery in 2024 was £70m.

The weekend culminated in a wonderful Matins Service at St Lawrence Jewry led by Father James Tittley with the Bishop of London preaching.

This message is an opportunity to remind everyone that the 2022 Pan Livery report - Shared Philanthropic Endeavour is still on the [Livery Committee website](#) for those who may have missed it.

The venue for the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff Weekend 2025 is Aberdeen (6-8 June 2025). The details are still in the process of being finalised but as soon as is practicable they will be posted on the Livery Committee website and communicated to all Clerks/Livery Companies. Thank you for your patience.

Several Livery Committee members, including myself and our Deputy Chair, were also present at Common Hall, where Alderman Greg Jones KC was elected by Liverymen as the Aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London for 2024-25 and David Chalk, Past Master Draper, was elected as the Non-Aldermanic Sheriff. Their speeches are available on the Livery Committee website. They will both take office on Friday 27 September at the Admission of Sheriffs at Guildhall (all Liveryman are welcome to attend; passes are not required) and we all look forward to the beginning of a busy and productive Shrieval year. At June's Common Hall, we also witnessed the first contested election for the appointment of Bridgemasters since 1916 (an appointment that has its origins c.1200), with the election falling on Giles Shilson and Sue Threader. Sue becomes the first female Bridgemaster in the over 700 year history of the role and is a member of the Engineers' Livery and Clerk/CEO of the Rochester Bridge Trust.

The next Common Hall, in September, will see the Election of the Lord Mayor and takes place on Monday 30 September when Liverymen are, once again, asked to attend and cast their votes to elect our 696th Lord Mayor of the City of London. Please do make a note of the date in diaries and attend if you can.

The Livery Committee enjoyed hosting many Masters, Prime Wardens and the Upper Bailiff at the Livery Reception last month at Grocers' Hall. We plan to repeat this reception next year with the provisional date of 4 June 2025. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time. The City of London Corporation has seen the benefit of the Livery Committee website following further development of the site. We celebrated over 500,000 individual visits at the end of May. The City of London Corporation has now made a commitment to help secure funding for the site going forwards, which is extremely helpful. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Livery Companies who gave financial support to get the site to the position it now is in and to the City Corporation for taking this forward.

The Livery Committee is organising a half day programme on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion on 12 September at Guildhall. All Livery Companies will have the opportunity for their Clerk and their representatives to attend this event. Details were emailed separately on 24 July, but you can find [full details for the event](#) on the Livery Committee website for ease of reference.

As usual, a further list of dates, including the popular City Briefings and the Warden and Court Assistants' course, may be found below; and, as always, please check our website <https://www.liverycommittee.org> for the most up-to-date information. Please remember it is the Livery's website and we like receiving news of events and dates for the calendar from you all!

Finally, as the summer recess is nearly upon us, all that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy and healthy summer.

With very warm wishes,

Philip Woodhouse.
Chair
Livery Committee

Dates of importance

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Conference, [12 September](#)

City Briefings (5.30pm), [12 September and 6 November](#)

Wardens and Court Assistants Course, [17 September](#)

Garden of Remembrance, [4 November](#)

Clerks' Forum, [22 January 2025](#)

Upcoming events

The Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG) Conference, 22 October

This year's Conference will tackle 'Planning for a Resilient Future'. The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli will throw down the opening challenge and delegates will then:

- Explore the issues and risks that we face;
- Consider whether planned innovative solutions will be effective;
- Debate how we need to adapt to the different impacts of climate change.

A range of speakers will discuss:

- Building resilience around waste;
- Conserving water as supplies reduce;
- Generating green energy affordably;
- Maintaining biodiversity as climate change threatens habitats;
- Ensuring future skills needs are met.

LCAG will partner with London school students who will provide their insights and hopes for a resilient future. This Conference is open to all, and we welcome Livery Companies, City businesses, SMEs, faith communities and all interested individuals. The event will be held in the magnificent, historic, Merchant Taylors' Hall starting with a light buffet lunch with networking and stalls.

Following the inspiring presentations and panel discussions, there will be further opportunities for networking and conversations over drinks and canapes. Early bird ticket price £70 (available until 9 September). Standard ticket price £90. To purchase tickets scan QR code or use link: <https://2ly.link/1yhRr>



Full details of the conference programme will be published nearer the date.

Alderman Alison Gowman
Chair of LCAG

Stationers Charity Golf Event, 27 September

It's normally for the lucky few (think Vijay, Ernie, Montgomerie, Bernhard ...) but this time golfers of all levels can get the incredible opportunity to play at the legendary Verulam Golf Club – home to the Ryder Cup. What's at stake (apart from pride) is the opportunity to help raise funds for Stationers' Saturday School whilst playing an amazing round of golf in at the same time! The tariff is just £125 per person and includes: 18 holes of golf world class golf, breakfast, and a two-course dinner (excluding wine). In addition to that there will be competition and prizes for:

- Virtual hole 'Ryder Cup Challenge' (in the Professional's Swing Studio, where a par 3 from a Ryder Cup course will be on the screen – and you will see exactly where your 3 balls end up! All proceeds for the charity. Winner and runner-up get prizes).
- Best Team
- Nearest the pin
- Longest drive
- Highest Stableford score (with a second & third place prize)
- Putting competition
- People can join as individuals or as a four-ball team.

The Stationers' Saturday School consists of four schools which are part of a network of 17 supplementary schools across the country. They are organised and managed by Civitas, to encourage disadvantaged children to reach their full academic potential and to open new and exciting opportunities to them. The first of the Stationers' Foundation Schools opened in September 2009 on an estate near King's Cross Station. There are places for 92 children in total, and over the years pupils have made remarkable academic progress. In the world we are living in, giving back by providing educational support to young people living in challenging situations helps to change lives for the better. So, come and join your fellow Liveryman and guests, and have fun raising much needed funds for such a deserving cause.

Whilst we would hope and expect to see many from our own Livery, please encourage your suppliers and/or clients to enter teams (or individuals who we will make up into teams). It is very well proven that having four hours together in a positive "team event" and enjoying a quality occasion cements good contacts – so include golfers from organisations that you would like to attract, as well as encouraging your contacts to enter teams for the same reasons. The fact that this is for charity – and a very worthwhile charity at that – should also resonate positively.

Tickets can be purchased by emailing anneliese@stationers.org and you will receive a confirmatory acknowledgement together with a form on which to provide handicaps, dietary requirements, etc. as well as payment details.

Anneliese Cooper Blake, Golf Committee 2024

The Worshipful Company of Stationers & Newspaper Makers, Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London, EC4M 7DD

London Sheep Drive & Livery Fair, Little Ship Club Open Day, 29 September



You can rest your weary feet in our comfortable clubhouse overlooking the Thames, down the steps from Southwark Bridge where the Drive is taking place. Sandwiches, snacks and hot and cold drinks will be available throughout the day. A Buffet Lunch ([view the menu](#)) will be available between 12 noon - 2.30pm. Please use the links to book: [12 noon sitting](#) or [2pm sitting](#).

We look forward to seeing you! Little Ship Company officers will be on hand to tell you about all they do for sailors and non-sailors alike. For more information, please contact iaim.muspratt@littleshipclub.co.uk

Lord Mayor's Programme

Visit to Singapore and Japan – 27 May

During the last week of May the Lord Mayor visited Singapore and Japan - both are key markets for the UK and significant international financial centres. Singapore accounts for 40% of the UK's trade with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. In particular, the City of London has extensive financial services partnership with Tokyo focused particularly on asset management and green finance. The visits provided opportunities to promote the UK's record of innovation particularly in tech and fintech, and to demonstrate the City's thought leadership in developing sustainable finance. The Lord Mayor's time in Japan enabled him to engage with Governor Koike of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, with which the City of London Corporation has a Memorandum of Understanding in support of financial services collaboration. The visit was extremely timely, coming only a few weeks before the incoming State Visit by the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

Net Zero Delivery Summit – 4 June

The Lord Mayor delivered opening and closing remarks at the third iteration of the Net Zero Delivery Summit (NZDS). The theme for 2024 was 'Finance Enabling Innovation' and featured speeches from the Secretary General of the Commonwealth and the Chair of Network for

Greening the Financial System. Other topics included the Evolution of Carbon Markets and Green Technology. The Lord Mayor then hosted 70 senior stakeholders for a concluding NZDS dinner.

Science and Innovation Dinner – 5 June

The Science and Innovation Banquet took place at Mansion House in June, hosted by the Lord Mayor. The event brought together a diverse range of people from across the science, tech and innovation sectors. During the dinner the City Corporation launched the report "Financial and professional services: the future of AI and the workforce" developed jointly with KPMG.

Meeting with Ambassador of Tunisia – 7 June

An introductory meeting took place between the Lord Mayor and the Ambassador of Tunisia, who took up post in August 2023. Discussions focused on renewable energy developments in Tunisia and the opportunity for City firms to connect capital with green energy projects.

Meeting with CEO of Kuwait Investment Office and the Ambassador of Kuwait – 10 June

The Lord Mayor visited the Kuwait Investment Office which has existed in the City of London since 1953. It is a very significant and long-standing relationship for the City Corporation. During the visit, the Lord Mayor discussed his Mayoral theme, including Ethical AI initiative and Space protection initiative, as well as plans for a Mayoral visit to Kuwait in late 2024.

Meeting with the Irish Minister of Finance – 21 June

As part of the follow up to his visit to Ireland, the Lord Mayor met Neale Richmond TD, the Irish Minister for Financial Services, Credit Unions, and Insurance of Irish Land, who was visiting to promote Irish Exports to the UK. The Lord Mayor gave the Minister and his delegation an overview of his theme and progress with that. The meeting also discussed the challenges of regulation between the UK and EU, especially around the insurance sector.

State Banquet for The Emperor of Japan – 26 June

The Lord Mayor presided at the State Banquet hosted by the City Corporation for the Emperor of Japan during his State Visit to the UK as the guest of His Majesty The King. The Banquet was an opportunity to reflect upon and advance further the warm ties that exist between the UK and Japan. The event was attended by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, representing His Majesty The King, and leaders from UK and Japanese businesses.