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The 2016 City Food Lecture

The Lord Mayor opened this year's City Food Lecture, held in the wonderfully historic Guildhall, by stating that the event has now become an important fixture in the City's annual calendar and one not to be missed

From the size of the audience, comprising members of the seven sponsoring 'Food' Livery Companies – the Bakers, the Butchers, The Cooks, the Fishmongers, the Fruiterers, the Poulterers and ourselves the Farmers; the sponsors, invitees plus an impressive list of principal guests, this opinion is clearly, widely shared.

The event was wonderfully well choreographed and went off like clockwork. The 400 delegates were seated in good time to greet the principal guests, including once again this year, HRH The Princess Royal, Past Master of both the Farmers and the Butchers.

In the event's 15 year history we have been treated to a range of excellent speakers, from companies and organisations as diverse as PepsiCo and the Food Standards Agency, Unilever and the Soil Association, all of them providing a perspective on the Food Industry,



Mr Christophe Jouan

its challenges, its foibles and perhaps most importantly its future.

Surely none of the previous speakers can have been better qualified to provide an insight into the future than this year's special guest - Christophe Jouan, Chief Executive of the Future Foundation, a leading independent, global trends consultancy.



The presentation was 'at its heart' an analysis of the effects of global, societal trends on the future of food consumption. His key thesis being that macro trends filter through into the preferences, behaviours and buying habits, thus determine the winners and the losers in the battle for the consumer's wallet.

He identified four key trends that would shape food consumption up to 2025. 'The Death of Risk', 'The Cult of Immediacy', 'The Society of Sobriety' and 'Seeking for Control' as being the key drivers. The Future Foundation has predicted the effects of these drivers.

The 'Rise of the Flexitarians' - consumers who, in a world where meat consumption becomes ever more contentious, choose a path of meat moderation, rather than abstinence.

An increase in 'Offsetting' - where consumers, increasingly risk averse, choose to indulge some of the time but 'offset' at other times.

'Food Plus' - the creation and marketing of foods that aim to be far more than just fuel, examples include 'Beauty

Dust', an ingredient which, claims to enhance skin tone, hydration and appearance; and 'Problem Solver' a beer which claims to help create the perfect 'creative thinking' state of mind!

The 'Race for Convenience' – not the convenience of the junk food past - but convenience combined with healthy eating.

Following the lecture Margaret Mountford, chaired a Q&A session featuring food writer and advisor Lyndon Gee, Professor Chris Elliot founder of the Institute for Global Food Security and Judith Batchelar Director of brand at Sainsbury's. The final summing up by HRH The Princess Royal, was as sharp and insightful as we have come to expect.

Following the conclusion of the formal part of the evening guests enjoyed a reception in the Old Library where debate and discussion could be overheard in every corner and behind every pillar.

The goal of the City Food Lecture - to encourage debate of all aspects of the process of getting food from the field to the plate - had once again been well and truly fulfilled and it left all of us with a great deal to think about in the weeks and months ahead. RED



Inter-Livery Pancake Race

The morning of Tuesday 8th February was a bright but chilly one when the WCF Pancake Race Team and supporters, assembled in the impressive and historic surrounds of the Guildhall Courtyard in the heart of the City of London.

The Master, and his intrepid team of liverymen - Caroline Ratcliffe, Hilary Russell and Tim Gibbons - donned their race attire of trainers (Caroline decided, as part of her novelty costume, perhaps a little ambitiously, to race in wellington boots), embroidered race aprons, paper chef's hats and gloves - and joined competitors from over 30 other Livery Companies; all in some way, some rather more tenuously than others, linked to the making of pancakes for the start of racing.

The event, conceived, organised and ably marshalled by members of the Poulter's Company, is in its 12th year and seems to grow in both participation and interest each year. This year's iteration was attended by both the Lady Mayoress and the newly installed Sheriff, Christine Rigden - wife of our liveryman Stephen Rigden.

After a suitably tongue-in-cheek

prayer for the safety and well being of all the competitors, delivered by the Reverend Canon Paul Thomas OBE, the Gunmakers started the first heat with a bang. Time-keeping was conducted by the Clockmakers while the Fruiterers,



resplendent in their Adam and Eve adorned regalia, provided the lemons for the pancakes

Our Master was the first of our team to compete, and rather set the tone for our performances throughout, by finishing a creditable and possibly tactical, second. I am sorry to report that despite valiant efforts in all four heats, our team remained strangers to the 'Winners Enclosure'.

With heats for Masters, Liverymen, Ladies and Novelty/Fancy Dress, followed by finals and the Victor Ludorum the racing continued for some 90 minutes. The weather remained bright but became gradually colder. And as the wind got sharper the consumption of the freshly made, hot apricot pancakes provided welcome protection.

For the record the heat winners were The Farriers, Old Bailey, The Information Technologists and the Tylers & Bricklayers, with the Victor Ludorum going to the Old Bailey. The prize in the Novelty Parade, after careful judging by the Chief Commoner, went to a gentleman from the Society of Young Freemen, dressed, a little bizarrely, in an



inflatable baby costume! Lunch for competitors was taken in the Guild Hall crypt and was enjoyed by all.

catapulted out of his skis, leaving him bleeding and shaken. He still took part in the race but inevitably it affected his performance. Hugh came 63rd of 134. And a very creditable 7th in 'Men over 60'.

Socializing with the other 23 Companies at the prize giving and meal, was very enjoyable. Our thanks to Ironmonger Christopher Hudson for organisation.

We would like to encourage all Liverymen to join the team for next year's competition, to be held in Morzine again on the 19th and 20th January. For further information contact Hugh Wykes.

Email: hugh@wykeslodge.co.uk

Inter-Livery Ski Championship

The 21st and 22nd of January saw the 7th running of the Inter-Livery Ski Championships in Morzine.

Liveryman Hugh Wykes and Freeman John Ward, both Lincs flatlanders, ably supported by holidaying Liveryman Kate Hall and husband Tim, presented themselves for battle in the French mountains.

No prizes again this year, but John managed a very respectable time in the slalom. Hugh trailed somewhat but did manage to put the farmers on the map by skiing backwards through the finish and losing a ski

without falling over! Guest - Marie O'Brien, sportingly joined us in the first race.

Bad luck struck on the way to the giant slalom. John hit some very sticky, artificial snow and was





Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management



Roland Brown, a delegate on the 65th WCF ACABM at Cirencester reports on behalf of the Class of 2016

The Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management (ACABM), held each year at the Cirencester Agricultural University, is a powerful experience. There is good reason why little information on the detail of the course is released ahead of the three week experience. It means that all delegates, there were 18 in 2016, go in on a level playing field in terms of understanding. This is essential in developing a bond between the group and, by the time we had finished, what a bond it was!

Having three weeks away from work and home, I almost dreaded someone asking 'so, what did you learn?' when I returned from the course. I wasn't sure that I could articulate it beyond 'Focus, Confidence and Direction' and I really didn't think that was going to wash. But sat here now, just a few days after the course has finished, I have been surprised about how much of the intensive three weeks has sunk in and I have been able to articulate that to other people.

I am now so much clearer about the agricultural economy generally, the future challenges and opportunities,

what that means for me and the business I work in and various other related issues – the big picture stuff.

Whilst not oppressively technical in its own right, the course encourages debate and understanding so there is plenty of technical knowledge that comes out of it. However, what most delegates will want to tell you about is 'the journey'.

"I have been surprised at just how much has sunk in"

The journey is a fascinating one. These 18 strangers have to bond but this isn't a forced process. Sat in a horseshoe arrangement whilst a speaker made a controversial point, it almost felt like we were 'the board'. A team covering each other's backs and working together. This flowed through the whole experience - in lectures, visits and socially. I was struck by the level of support we offered each other and the openness with which everyone approached it. Even the businesses which we covered in case studies were disarmingly open with us – much to our benefit and, I believe, theirs.

Towards the end of the course, there is such a strong commitment and team ethic between the group that

it might be easy to think we could have achieved this on our own. This in itself is another clever part of the course. The environment created by the team at the Royal Agricultural University, masterfully led by Professor John Alliston, is carefully structured. They enable, with a professionally light touch, a type of organic growth of trust and bonding between the individuals.

What Professor

Alliston and his team also achieved was to put a stellar list of speakers in front of us. Many of the big hitters in the industry were kind enough to give their time, not to lecture, but to discuss. We were made to feel equal amongst them and encouraged to debate points.

I would recommend this course to anyone and there are some specific people who I intend to recommend it to. Has it changed my life? Not yet. I don't expect it to immediately and, writing this less than a week after the course has finished, I wouldn't expect any reader to believe me if I said it had at this stage. Do I expect it to change my life? Yes. I have no doubt that I will look back on the course and remember that it gave me that Focus, Confidence and Direction which will put me on a different trajectory than the one I was on before.

I could reel off quote after quote that inspired thought and changed or challenged perception but perhaps the most relevant for businesses and individuals is: *'In a volatile world, be the best that you can be.'* This course will help you do that. But then, if you are reading this, you are already the sort of person to be considering further personal development and that is the first step.

Roland Brown



The Challenge of Rural Leadership Course

The Challenge of Rural Leadership Course is one of our flagship education offerings, it was established to help identify and develop the future leaders of the agricultural industry.

This course is run by the Rural Business School Team from the Duchy College and attracts delegates from not just the UK but worldwide. A selection process takes place each year in October via interviews held at Three Cloth Street. We are looking for delegates who can generate a long term endowment benefit for the agricultural industry through participation on the course which is held over a two week period at Dartington Hall, Devon.

The course provides the opportunity for the delegates to examine the challenges faced by rural industries and through this develop a better awareness of the strategic issues likely to affect individual businesses.

The delegates' own strengths, weaknesses and leadership style are profiled and examined and the development of the motivation and communication skills - so vital if the alumni are to be able to influence outcomes in the rural community

both nationally and internationally - are highlighted and developed.

Financial, political and environmental issues are also addressed and over the two weeks delegates are addressed by over thirty top class speakers and presenters, The course also takes delegates to visit a leading agri-business to undertake a strategic review, this is presented back to the business managers/owners.

Each year up to eighteen delegates are selected, four of them usually being from overseas. It is the networking and discussions between the delegates that is the magic ingredient. In essence individuals leave Dartington with seventeen ready-made, non-executive directors and often lifelong friendships too.

Mike Rowe an alumni from the 2008 Rural Leadership Course and a member of the Education Committee says this ...

"For me the course was life changing and the best 2 weeks I have spent in a working environment since leaving school. I had been an agricultural banking manager for 8 years before becoming part of the bank's national policy team and heading up my own team. Agriculturally, I was self -

taught and never truly confident. Add to this the fact that training within a bank does little to equip you for the unique challenges of agriculture.

The Rural Leadership Course had an enormous impact on both of these areas; with the networking creating a wonderful database of agri-business experts I could call on and the rural leadership training of a quality that is just not available within the bank'

The Cranfield MBA

The WCF and The Cranfield School of Management are once again this year offering suitably qualified, post-graduates within agriculture the opportunity to study on the Cranfield MBA programme. Full details of the Cranfield MBA, are given on the Cranfield School of Management website - www.som.cranfield.ac.uk/som/mba. Potential students wishing to be considered for a WCF-Beckett Scholarship should apply in the first instance to The Cranfield School of Management, because only applicants who meet Cranfield's admission criteria can be considered for an award. The contact at the WCF is Belinda Young, on this email - belinda@land-partners.co.uk

Upskilling UK Farming Mini-Conference

Liveryman Andrew Brown reports from a well attended and interesting two days on the Royal Estate in Windsor



Some of the most forward thinking farmers and members of the wider agricultural industry met at Windsor

castle recently for a consultation on upskilling UK agriculture. Among the notable attendees were several WCF liverymen including: former Master John Reynolds and Liverymen Allan Wilkinson, Richard Cooksley, David Leaver, Richard Soffe and myself.

Presentations, followed by lively discussions, were held in Vicar's Hall adjacent to St George's Chapel. And at the end of day one there was a chance to go to evensong in the chapel itself and sit in the hallowed pews of the Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The second day was dedicated to break-out sessions and facilitated group discussion.

My personal view was that agriculture needs to professionalise, with more emphasis on Chartered Agriculturalist status and that there needs to be a change of mind-set within agriculture in order to move our industry forward. If we are to face and overcome the challenges of the future we can't afford to stay as we are, we need to act now.

After two exciting and stimulating days of debate, in a beautiful Royal residence, I am looking forward to the publication of the full report.

Anyone interested in seeing the report should contact me by emailing twbfarms@aol.com



Annual Banquet



The 2016
Company of
Annual Banquet
at the
Clothworkers' Hall

The Cloth Workers' Hall in Mincing Lane is the sixth to be built on this historic site. The current building, refurbished in 1985, provided an outstanding venue for the 200 members and guests of the Company to enjoy another, wonderfully organised, Annual Banquet.

The 2016 Banquet, the highlight of the year for many members of our Company, hosted by our Master Thomas Wheatley-Hubbard, lived up to all expectations.

The evening was formally opened by Senior Warden Philip Wynn, who welcomed liverymen, guests and principal guests on behalf of the Company. A sumptuous dinner, with beautifully cooked venison as the

centre-piece, was accompanied by splendid wines, conversation and conviviality, as members and guests caught up with old friends and made new ones.

The 'Loving Cup' made its stately progress around the assembled company, accompanied as ever by a rendition of 'To be a Farmer's Boy', sung with rather more enthusiasm than finesse!



Annual Banquet



Worshipful of Farmers Banquet the kers' Hall



The Master proposed the toast to the guests and announced the award of the Company's Silver Salver – presented each year to a liveryman who has made an exceptional contribution to the life of the Company – to Mr John Evans the retiring editor of the Company's newsletter and webmaster of the Company's website. He thanked John for his tireless efforts over the past five years and commended

him on his work for the Company.

The principal guest, Mr Marcus O'loné CVO, the Queen's land agent provided a host of fascinating insights into the inner workings of the Queen's 8,000 ha estate at Sandringham; its history, land use and some particularly pertinent thoughts on the approach to sustainability being developed and trialled on large

areas of the estate land. He made particular mention of the remarkable abilities of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, his on-going involvement in the management of the estate and his encouragement and insistence on innovation and development.

Carriages at 11.00pm were preceded by a stirrup cup, ending another splendid Company event.



Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Like buses, we waited for ages for the first event at our newly refurbished hall to come along and then suddenly two came along together.

Inevitably there were questions in all our minds. How would the new hall perform when pressed into regular service? Was all that hard work really worth it? Would we, the ordinary Liverymen, see a real benefit when we attended events? Two events in quick succession at Three Cloth Street, provided the answers to all these questions. All in the positive.

March 8th Livery Luncheon

As Liverymen and their guests gathered in the newly refurbished reception at Three Cloth Street the benefits of the re-development became immediately apparent.



The upstairs reception area is light, airy and most convivial. It coped admirably as it gradually filled with members and guests arriving from their trains, taxis and cars from all parts of the country.

Drinks were served and enjoyed and the buzz of conversation rose, as friend greeted friend, but never overpowered. I have heard it said that this opportunity to mingle, meet and greet is almost the best part of our Livery Lunches – it is certainly important - and was made more

enjoyable and more practical by the new surroundings.

The improvements continued to be appreciated as the assembled company, called to lunch by the Beadle, made its way down the spectacular new spiral staircase and into the much brighter and more modern dining hall.

With one hundred and twenty Liverymen and Guests sitting down to dine the hall was at capacity as the Master stood to greet his audience and to welcome guest speaker Professor Jane Rickman. Her topic was SOIL.. And it was clear that she could only scratch the surface (no pun intended) of a subject many of us would have loved to have explored more fully.

The three-course lunch was the first time many of us had to try the fare from our new catering supplier. They didn't let us down.

The meal opened with a salmon and monkfish roulade followed by some excellent salt marsh lamb and concluded with a deeply indulgent chocolate truffle. All accompanied by three excellent wines.

The old saying, 'time flies when you are enjoying yourself' could accurately be applied to this day. All too soon we were making our way back upstairs and heading for home. Delighted with the hall and the event.

United Guilds Service

On February 1st 1943, following the devastation wreaked on London during the Blitz, the Masters and Prime Wardens of the Great Twelve Livery Companies met at Goldsmiths Hall.

At that meeting it was decided to hold a service in St Paul's Cathedral for all the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City of London. The purpose was to help lift spirits during one of London's darkest periods.

Over seventy years later the tradition continues. This year's service was



held on 11th May. And a splendid affair it was. There can be few finer venues for a religious service than St Paul's Cathedral – resplendent in lukewarm pre-Spring sunshine - it was packed with Liverymen from all corners of London City Livery.

After the service it was but a short walk back to Three Cloth Street for lunch – providing confirmation, should anyone really need it - of the superbly central location of our Hall.

Guests from the Scientific Instrument Makers, The Glaziers and the International Bankers' Companies joined the Master and Liverymen from the Farmers and Fletchers' Companies for another splendid lunch.

Positive comments, on the refurbishment, the wines and the food, suggest that the reputation of our new Hall will quickly spread around the City. This can only help the team marketing the Hall to fill it often and profitably. A task we all have a responsibility to assist by talking to everyone we know about the Hall and its many virtues and benefits.



Military Affiliations

HMS Defender

The start to the year saw DEFENDER operating with the French and American Carrier Strike Groups as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, continuing to strike key Islamic State strongholds in Iraq and Syria from maritime operating areas in the Northern Arabian Gulf. DEFENDER conducted Air

In addition to providing Maritime Security and operating with coalition partners, DEFENDER has achieved a number of Defence Engagement objectives throughout the region, in port visits including Bahrain, Oman, Sri Lanka and more recently India.



Towards the end of January, DEFENDER proceeded alongside Muscat, Oman, hosting a Capability Demonstration to over 250 guests, and was another opportunity to discuss topics such as regional developments and the importance of the UK-Oman relationship. Leaving the KIPION

DEFENDER was the flagship of the UK at this large scale event and it provided a valuable opportunity to showcase modern British technology and innovation to the broad spectrum of navies.

Following a mid-deployment support period in Bahrain, we returned to Coalition Task Force operations in the Gulf, where our role is to protect the US Carriers, exercise with international partners and further 'Defence Engagement' across the region.

Gunnery Practice

Command and Control duties in support of this coalition effort and reinforced the UK's commitment to stability in the Gulf region.

operating areas temporarily, DEFENDER transited east for a short stop (36 hours) in Sri Lanka before attending the International Fleet Review hosted by the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam.

Air Training Corps

On Sunday 7th February our Affiliations Officer - Liveryman Anne Courtney and her husband, Past Master Jeremy Courtney, attended the Air Training Corps 75th Anniversary Celebrations at St Clement Danes Church in The Strand in London.

This was a particularly special occasion because it was the first official engagement of the ATC's new Honorary Air Commodore-in-Chief, H.R.H. The Duchess of Cambridge.

The church was packed with guests from the ATC and other Military Services together a large number of Air Cadets. The Cadets took an



The 75th Anniversary cake

active part in the service with a number musical and choral renditions and the top male and female Cadets each reading one of the lessons. The following day the Times

newspaper reported that while speaking at the service the Duchess revealed that, following in the footsteps of William and Harry and their father and grandfather before them, there is another royal pilot in waiting:

Prince George is apparently already obsessed with Spitfires and has said he wants

to join the Air Training Corps as soon as he can. The Duchess was presented with the Dacre Brooch. The service was followed by a Reception at the Royal Courts of Justice.



The Implications of Brexit for Agriculture

A new report by Professor Allan Buckwell, commissioned by the Worshipful Company of Farmers, was launched at the Farmers and Fletchers' Hall on Monday 8th February.

An audience of over 60 delegates from a wide variety of businesses and organisations within the agricultural industry heard the author highlight the deep uncertainties that exit from the EU would be likely to create, especially for agriculture which currently relies so heavily on EU support and regulation.

“The possibility of a ‘vote to leave’ has now to be given serious consideration”

He pointed out that the only certainties at present are that a referendum will occur and that it will be held on the 23rd June 2016.

And, whilst the outcome of this referendum is currently impossible to predict, the possibility of a vote to leave has now to be given serious consideration. He also made it clear that, even with this early date for the referendum now agreed, a vote to leave would, in all probability, mean exit would not occur for at least another four years, making exit the end of 2020. Creating an extended period of enormous, and potentially highly damaging, uncertainty for our industry.

The interim period would involve a whole raft of intensely complex, international negotiations, not just between Britain and the EU but with all our trading partners globally, as the UK Government tries to secure trade deals to replace those negotiated within the EU. At the same time there would need to be a

national debate to establish the basis for agricultural policies to replace EU regulations and the CAP.

Whilst it is clear that even if the British people were for BREXIT, payments due to UK farmers under the CAP will continue right up to the actual exit date, the nightmare scenario for farmers following exit would be a combination of the rapid removal of CAP direct payments, with much, if not all existing regulation



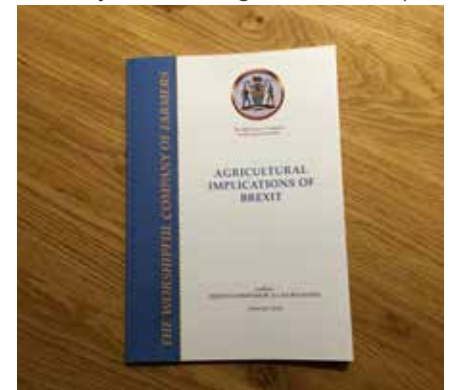
remaining, and with continuing free access to our market for the still-supported EU farmers. At the same time, outside of the EU, UK farming would also be exposed to increased competition from the world's lowest cost exporters.

“The nightmare scenario for farmers would be a combination of the rapid removal of CAP payments with much, if not all, regulation remaining.”

This outcome is likely to be regarded as equally undesirable by environmental interests. Once the immediate effects of a vote to leave have worked through the system, the future of the industry would depend critically on the intelligence and constructiveness of the agricultural policy debate that follows.

Some might argue that in the long run it could result in British

agriculture being in a stronger position with a more resilient industry developing, but this would depend very much on the legislative and policy environment that replaced the CAP and the competitiveness of the industry it encouraged to develop.



You can download a full copy of the report by visiting the Worshipful Company of Farmers website @ www.farmerslivery.org and following the link to 'Past Events' and then looking for the Brexit Launch Report.



Miscellany

Ladies Brooches



The newly minted Ladies Brooch

Our Learned Clerk advises that the new ladies Brooch is now available to purchase. These are intended to be worn exclusively by lady Liverymen, lady Freemen and the wives of Past Masters.

You can obtain one, either directly from the Clerk or, for the more technically minded amongst us, online via the member's portal on our website. They cost £50 each (£57 incl. of PP and insurance if you would like one sent to you at home).

Oxford Farming Conference

One of the sponsorships, dispensed via the Almoners Committee, is to send two NFYFC scholars to the Oxford Farming Conference, this year two Bens - Cavill and Robinson attended. The following is a short extract from Ben Cavill's feedback on the 2016 Conference.

"Inform, Challenge, Inspire - three strong words encapsulating the 2016 OFC vision. Three words that also describe the experience for me. The networking opportunities at the conference were second to none and within minutes of arriving I was in deep conversation with a range of people from across the industry. This would not have been possible without the support of the Worshipful Company of Farmers.

One of the most inspiring things for me was that despite all of the issues facing agriculture at the moment, every person in the room seemed prepared to unite and fight for a successful future for industry"

Livery Communications Survey

In November 2015 the Fellowship and Communications Committee decided to seek guidance from the membership of the Company on a number of issues in the areas of events and communication. Richard Davies arranged for a survey to be sent to the 420 members whose details are held on the Clerk's database, the vast majority (345) by email with the balance posted.

We are grateful to all of you who took the time and trouble to respond. We received 188 responses, an excellent result and far more than is expected for this kind of exercise. The returns contained a great deal of very useful information (far too much to summarise fully here) but there are a few key points worth highlighting.

- The most popular functions we organise are our Company Lunches
- Then come the Agricultural

Lecture and the City Food Lecture.

- A significant majority preferred weekday, lunchtime events to the alternatives of either a weekday evening or weekend timing
- The idea of organising a Common Hall was given strong endorsement and looks likely to be well attended if it can be fitted into the Company's busy schedule of events.
- And the final item worth particular mention was the very clear backing for this Newsletter. Only the Clerk's regular correspondence was considered more important for keeping up-to-date with the Company's many activities.

Any liveryman wanting a fuller summary of the responses can obtain a copy from Richard Davies. Contact details can be found at the bottom of the Editors Note also on this page.

A note from the pen of your Editor

This is my second stint as editor of the Newsletter, the first ended when I moved to Australia for a few years. I am delighted to be back and once again acting as your eyes and ears at all the events the Company organises.

I would like to give my personal thanks to John Evans, not just for 5 years of hard work building up the Newsletter and the Company's website but for the wonderful support he has given me as I have attempted to get to grips with everything in time to get this edition out to the deadline.

This is your Newsletter. You voted overwhelmingly for its continuation in the recent survey of Liverymen and you told us how important it is as a

means of keeping up-to-date. I have done my best to give this edition as broad a perspective as possible. But I need your help. How?

- Let me know what you think of this Newsletter, what you want more of and less of in the next?
 - Make sure you let me know if you are involved in anything the rest of the Company would be interested to hear about. A few words on an event you attended and a decent high-resolution picture always most welcome.



You can email me at this address - Richard@redcomms3d.com, call me on 07836 333008, or if you see me at an event, just grab me.
Richard Davies



MEMBERSHIP

EVENTS

EVENTS

The following were clothed as Liverymen on the 8th December 2015

- Mr Richard George Castelfranc Cheveley
Proposed by A Q Hitchcock
Seconded by T W Kemsley
- Mr Jeremy Paul Finnis
Proposed by C A Monk
Seconded by D J H Bolton
- Ms Mary Isabel Jane Foster
Proposed by A J Alston
Seconded by G M Alston
- Mr Ambrose Eric John Fowler
Proposed by C J Day
Seconded by H C Bourn
- Mr Thomas Michael Curtis Green
Proposed by W R T Crane
Seconded by G J Dodgson
- Mr John Douglas Heath
Proposed by R T Halhead
Seconded by Miss R S N Carne
- Mr Arthur Edward Kenney-Herbert
Proposed by T H Wheatley-Hubbard
Seconded by M R Sheldon
- Mr Scott John Norris
Proposed by J D Courtney
Seconded by J K Reynolds
- Mrs Hilary Ann Russell
Proposed by M A R Webb
Seconded by J C Alliston

The following were clothed as Liverymen on the 8th March 2016

- Mrs Anne Pember
Proposed by J F Thorpe
Seconded by C M Rayner

The following were made Freeman at the Court Meeting on the 8th March 2016

- Mr Mark David Hall
Proposed by R E Davies
Seconded by W A L Gemmill
- Mr Peter Charles Ward
Proposed by F M Usher-Smith
Seconded by R R C Bloomfield CBE

2016

- Tuesday 7th June**
Court Meeting and Livery Luncheon
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall
- Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th June**
Master's Summer Outing
Ragley Hall
- Friday 24th June**
Election of Sheriffs and Luncheon
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall
- Tuesday 29th September**
Election of Lord Mayor and Luncheon
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall
- Tuesday 11th October**
Court Meeting, Harvest Thanksgiving and Installation
Service at St Bartholomew the Great followed by Livery Luncheon at Haberdashers' Hall
- Saturday 12th November**
Lord Mayor's Show and Luncheon
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall
- Tuesday 22nd November**
Past Master's Luncheon
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall
- Tuesday 6th December**
Court Meeting and Livery Luncheon
Fishmongers' Hall
- Tuesday 20th December**
High Tea and Carols
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall

2017

- Tuesday 17th January**
Annual Livery Banquet
Goldsmiths' Hall
- Tuesday 21st February**
City Food Lecture
Guildhall
- Tuesday 28th February**
Inter-Livery Pancake Race
Mansion House Courtyard
- Tuesday 7th March**
Court Meeting and Livery Luncheon
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall
- Friday 31st March**
United Guilds Service
St Paul's Cathedral
- Wednesday 12th April**
Agricultural Lecture and Dinner
Plaisterers' Hall
- Tuesday 6th June**
Court Meeting and Livery Luncheon
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall

CONGRATULATIONS

To Liveryman John Lloyd Evans presented with the Company's Silver Salver at the Annual Livery Banquet 2016 on the occasion of his retirement from editing the Company's Newsletter and Website.

DEATHS

- Mr Wilfrid Joseph Weld DL** of Binden Mill, Wool, Wareham, Dorset who died on the 3rd December 2015. He was clothed on the 14th June 1982.
- Mr Arthur Goddard** of 8b Beech Hill, Hadley Wood, Herts who died on the 29th December 2015. He was clothed on the 12th June 2012.
- Mr John Hartley Beckett** of Hampton Bye, Malpas, Cheshire who died on the 22nd January 2016. He was clothed on the 28th November 1984.
- John Arthur Cadas Godfrey CBE** of The Manor, Searby, Barneby, North Lincolnshire who died on the 1st December 2015. He was clothed on the 2nd December 2008.
- Mr Euen Alexander Robertson** of Old Hall Farm, Roxholme, Sleaford, Lincs who died on the 2nd April 2016. He was clothed on the 10th June 1985.

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