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# Events 2019



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For 2019 the Master has organised a number of exciting social events for Liverymen, Freemen and Guests. The events cover a broad range of interests so there is something for everyone! Highlights include a Day at Newbury Races, Supper on HQS Wellington and a spectacular evening enjoying the Horse Guards Parade. Not forgetting of course, the Master's weekend in Oxford. **Read on to find out more...**

To reserve your place or if you'd like to know more about any of the events before you book, please email our Learned Clerk Virginia Rounding at [info@wcobm.co.uk](mailto:info@wcobm.co.uk).

Visit [www.wcobm.co.uk](http://www.wcobm.co.uk) for all upcoming events and add them directly to your diary.

## Our main events this year include...

**Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> March**

### City & Awards Luncheon. L

Venue: Grocers' Hall, Princes St, London EC2R 8AD

**Liverymen, Freemen and Guests**

A popular annual event to recognise and award the achievements of young merchants and other individuals the Company supports in training, education and our military affiliations.



### City & Awards Luncheon continued...

This event provides a great platform for networking, but it is also an opportunity for new and potential Liverymen to learn more about our industry and the good work of the Livery. So we encourage members to bring along their high achievers or 'rising stars' from their businesses so they can gain more insight into WCoBM and have the opportunity to talk to senior figures in our industry and learn more.

Members and their guests can have a tour of the Hall before the drinks reception. The awards and prizes are presented during lunch by the guest of honour who this year is Lord Dannatt.

**Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> March**

### City Livery Celebrations. L

Venue: St. Paul's Cathedral followed by lunch at Carpenters' Hall

**Liverymen and Freemen**



Traditionally known as the 'United Guilds' Service', this event is also described as 'costume drama with hymns'! It's a service to experience, bringing together all 110 Livery Companies in the City of London. Seats are limited so please contact The Clerk if you'd like to reserve your place.

**NEW EVENT**

**Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> April**

## Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch. L

Venue: Guildhall, Gresham St, London EC2V 7HH

**Liverymen and Freemen**

This annual event is a new addition to our social calendar. Organised by the Lord Mayor, the event raises money for Her Majesty's Armed Forces and Veterans through the three National Service Charities: ABF The Soldiers' Charity; the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity; and the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

More details from The Clerk.



**Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> April**

## A Day at Newbury Races

**Liverymen, Freemen and Guests**



A new event to this year's social calendar. If you're a horse racing fan or would like to entertain guests, then this is one for your diary. Look out for more details out soon.

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**Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> April**

## Election Court General followed by supper on HQS Wellington. L

Venue: Temple Stairs, Victoria Embankment, London WC2R 2PN

**Liverymen, Freemen and Guests**



All Liverymen and Freemen are expected to attend the annual Election Court General. It's the occasion where our new Master and Wardens are elected for the ensuing year so it's important members take part. While the Election takes place, guests are invited for a tour of HQS Wellington. Following the Election there will be a drinks reception and supper for members and guests on HQS Wellington.

Supper on the HQS Wellington is a new experience in our social calendar. In the past our Court Election was followed by a church service in the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula, Tower of London. For the first time this year, we are introducing a different format.

Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> May

## Company Golf Day

Venue: Hadley Wood, Beech Hill, Barnet, Herts EN4 0JJ

Liverymen, Freeman and Partners

Our popular annual golf day is an 18 hole Stableford full handicap competition organised by Past Masters Roddy Taylor and Martin Earle.



Hadley Wood is situated one mile from Junction 24 of the M25, and the course is well known among keen golfers. It was designed by Alister MacKenzie, who also designed the famous Masters course at the Augusta National.

To book your place or for more information email Martin Earle at [martin@migsy.com](mailto:martin@migsy.com).

Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> May

## Festival of thanksgiving. L

Venue: St. Paul's Cathedral, London EC4M 8AD

Liverymen and Freeman

This thanksgiving service in the amazing St Paul's Cathedral acknowledges the good work of the Sons of the Clergy charity. It is followed by supper at a local venue. Seats are limited so please contact The Clerk if you'd like to reserve your place.



Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> May

## Dinner for new Liverymen & Freeman. L

Venue: Private Members' Dining Room, Guildhall

This is a welcome dinner arranged for new Freeman and Liverymen. It's a great opportunity for new members to learn more about the Livery, meet other new members and talk to the Master and Court Assistants in a relaxed environment.



Weds. 5<sup>th</sup> June

## The Household Division Beating Retreat

Venue: Horse Guards Parade

Liverymen, Freeman and Guests



Experience a spectacular evening pageant of music and military precision drill, including horses, cannon and fireworks. A great one to enjoy with family and friends.

NEW EVENT

**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> June**

## **Master's Weekend, Oxford**

**Accommodation: Oxford Spires Hotel**

**Liverymen, Freeman and Guests**

The Master looks forward to welcoming members and guests to Oxford, where a varied and fascinating weekend is planned. There will also be time to explore on your own.

**The Weekend includes:**

**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Visit to Blenheim Palace, home to the Dukes of Marlborough in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The visit will include afternoon tea and the opportunity to visit the Capability Brown landscaped gardens. In the evening the Master has organised a private view of the State Rooms of Blenheim Palace and the Churchill War Rooms (Sir Winston Churchill was born in Blenheim in 1874). Members and guests return to Oxford for Supper in the evening.

**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> June**

The day starts with a visit to Williams Formula 1 Grand Prix Car collection in the morning, with a buffet lunch and the option for team competitions in the Williams Games Room.

For the afternoon members and guests have the option of a visit to the Ashmolean Museum, a guided tour of Oxford or time to explore on your own.

In the evening it will be Punting on the Cherwell for those who would like to join followed by Regatta Blazers' Dinner at the Cherwell Boat House.

**Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> June**

For those who would like to stay for the Garsington Opera in the evening, there will be a pub lunch planned. Garsington Opera is based at the Wormsley Estate, Stokenchurch, and the opera will be a performance of Smetana's "The Bartered Bride". Gates open at 3.30pm and the performance finishes by 10pm with a catered picnic dinner provided.

**Full details and timings will be circulated in the New Year.**



Blenheim Palace



Williams Martini F1



Cherwell Boathouse



Garsington Opera

Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> September

## The Great Sheep Drive across London Bridge

Liverymen and Freemen

Join the hundreds of Freemen that take up their historic entitlement to drive their sheep across London Bridge. A traditional and fun day in the City to enjoy with family and friends. A TV personality usually joins the ancient tradition too. Last year it was Freeman Alan Titchmarsh MBE.



Weds. 2<sup>nd</sup> October

## Election of Lord Mayor. L

Venue: Guildhall, Gresham St, London EC2V 7HH

Liverymen only



No matter how many times you see or take part in it, the ceremony and election of the Lord Mayor is a unique and impressive event, and it's a privilege to be part of an historic tradition. Liverymen are summoned to vote and Builders' Merchants are among them. The Election is a popular event and you need to turn up at least an hour early to secure a seat.

Following the Election, WCoBM is among many Livery Companies invited by The Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers for lunch in their Hall.

Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> October

## Installation Court General & Dinner. E

Venue: Mansion House, Walbrook, London EC4N 8BH

Liverymen, Freemen and Guests



The installation of a new Master is the highlight of our social calendar and this year it takes place at Mansion House - home and office of the Lord Mayor of London.

The evening starts with a formal ceremony in the Court where the new Master and Wardens are installed. The ceremony also acknowledges the role of other Court Assistants. This part of the evening is open to members only while guests enjoy a tour of Mansion House. Subject to Election, our next Master will be Senior Warden Dame Fiona Woolf, DBE, DL.

Following the election, the new Master, Liverymen and Freemen join their guests for a champagne reception, followed by a white-tie Dinner (black tie is acceptable).

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> November

## The Lord Mayor's Show, London

Liverymen, Freemen and Guests



The longest, oldest, most popular procession in the world. A spectacular show with over 150 very colourful and creative floats, and crowds of people lining the City streets to welcome the new Lord Mayor of London.

Tickets for the North Stand will be available from The Clerk for those wishing to attend. The stand is situated close to St Paul's Cathedral where the Lord Mayor descends from his carriage. It provides perfect views of the show from start to finish.

Tickets are limited so get in early to avoid disappointment!

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> December**

## **Christmas Carol Service & Supper. L**

Venue: St. Peter ad Vincula, H.M. Tower of London, EC3N 4AB

**Liverymen, Freemen and Guests**

We always end the year on a high with our popular Christmas Carol Service at H.M. Tower of London in the historic Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula, followed by supper. It's an extremely popular event and this year the reception and dinner takes place at Fishmongers' Hall, only a short walk from the Tower.

The Service starts promptly at 6.00pm accompanied by a superb choir who lead the traditional Carols. It's a unique experience to attend a service in such an historic chapel, and a fantastic occasion for Liverymen and Freemen to enjoy with guests, family and friends.



We also have in 2019 a number of Inter-Livery events and competitions open to our Liverymen and Freemen. If you are interested in any of these, please contact The Clerk for more details.

**Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**Inter-Livery Bridge Competition at 5.00pm**

Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, EC2N 2DQ

**Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Inter-Livery Pancake Race at Noon.**

Guildhall Yard

**Weds. 15<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Inter-Livery Clay Shoot**

Holland & Holland, Northwood, Middlesex

**Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Inter-Livery Golf**

Prince Arthur Cup, Walton Heath Golf Club

[A team has been selected to represent WCoBM]

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Inter-Livery Sailing Regatta**

Cowes

**Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**Inter-Livery Rifle Shoot**

Bisley

[A team has been selected to represent WCoBM]

**The following event was introduced last year for members retired from the industry. Further details available from The Clerk.**

**Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Master's Reception for members retired from the industry**

Venue and details tbc

Dress for functions is indicated as follows: **E** Evening dress (white tie)  
**D** Dinner Jackets (black tie) **L** Lounge Suits and Ties

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