

# LIVERY BRIEFING

October 2022



## A message from the Chair

Dear Liverymen,

I know I speak for us all when I express my deep sadness at the recent loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The City of London, the nation and the Commonwealth have been immeasurably fortunate to have enjoyed more than seven decades under a Sovereign whose selfless dedication to duty has been both a blessing and an example.

The Livery has a long standing and strong relationship with the Monarch, which everyone saw during the celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee events at St Paul's Cathedral and Guildhall in June. This was shown again during numerous events following Her Majesty's death such as the Remembrance Flotilla sailing along the river Thames in September. I know we are all looking forward to supporting our new Sovereign, King Charles III, and continuing to strengthen our relationship with our Monarch.

Denoting another new era, last week's Common Hall saw Alderman Nicholas Lyons elected by the Livery to be the 694<sup>th</sup> Lord Mayor of the City of London for 2022-2023; the Lord Mayor-Elect's speech is available on the Livery Committee website. The Lord Mayor-Elect, will take office on 11 November at the Silent Ceremony at Guildhall, followed by the Lord Mayor's Show on 12 November, marking the outset of another busy and productive Mayoral year. Further details on the Lord Mayor's Show will be available on the Livery Committee website shortly.

A further list of dates, including the popular City Briefings and the Warden and Court Assistants' course, may be found below. As always, please check the Livery Committee website for the most up-to-date information:

<https://www.liverycommittee.org>

With very best wishes,

**Deputy Philip Woodhouse, Chair.**

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## Livery Committee Courses

The Livery Committee courses for the rest of 2022 and 2023 are as set out below. It is anticipated that all courses will be held as physical meetings at Guildhall. If there is any change to this arrangement, it will be communicated in due course:

### City Briefings (5.30pm)

3 November 2022

6 March 2023

25 May 2023

12 September 2023

2 November 2023

### Clerks' Forum

18 January 2023

### Wardens' and Court Assistants' Course (morning course)

11 September 2023

Further information may be accessed at: <https://www.liverycommittee.org/courses/>

## Annual Livery Weekend 2023 - Glasgow

At the request of the Lord Mayor-Elect, Alderman Nicholas Lyons, the Trades House of Glasgow has been asked to host the Annual Livery Weekend. They state that they are delighted to accept this honour. They are currently working on accommodation and a programme of events which will showcase both the Trades House, where their Incorporations have their home, as well as the City of Glasgow, which is a vibrant City that has so much to offer and enjoy. The date of the weekend is Friday 16 to Sunday 18 June 2023 and we would be pleased if you, as Clerk, could inform your Master, Prime Warden or Upper Bailiff, who will be in office then to reserve it in their diary. In the next month we will produce a pro forma to be completed with all contact details so we can communicate directly with the Master and issue further information.

## Garden of Remembrance Service

For the second year now, the Livery Committee are very pleased to be organising the Garden of Remembrance Service, taking place on 7 November in St Paul's Churchyard garden. The invitations, with full details, have now been sent out and we look forward to seeing as many Masters, Prime Wardens, Upper Bailiff and Clerks as possible, together with the Civic party and other dignitaries.

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## Lord Mayor's Programme

### **Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

Like all Members, I have been deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The City of London, the nation and the Commonwealth has been immeasurably fortunate to have enjoyed more than seven decades under a Sovereign whose selfless dedication to duty has been both a blessing and an example. The City has long enjoyed a close and warm relationship with the monarch, and we had an opportunity to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's reign at the Platinum Jubilee events at St Paul's Cathedral and Guildhall in June and since the death we have had further cause to reflect and give thanks for her life. We have played our own part in some of the major events that have marked this momentous change. On Saturday 10 June, with the Sheriffs and the Recorder of London, I attended the first part of the Accession Council at St James's Palace, before welcoming the Clarenceux King of Arms, with the Heralds and Pursuivants, for the customary Accession Proclamation from the steps of the Royal Exchange. It is a testament to the work of colleagues across the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police, over many years, that the arrangements went so well and the ceremony, which was watched by many millions around the world, was so impressive and dignified. I send my appreciation to all Members and Officers who worked on any aspects of operation London Bridge – whether it has been delivering the ceremonial aspects or co-ordinating security, road closures, crowd management and public information services. I feel confident that we did Her Majesty proud. We now look forward to supporting His Majesty King Charles III in the task to which he has been called.

### **Visit to India**

The Lord Mayor visited India from 21–23 September, spending two days in Mumbai and a day in Bangalore. It was the first in-person visit to the country since 2019 and took place against the backdrop of ongoing Free Trade Agreement negotiations and the imminent uptake of the G20 Presidency. In both cities the topics of sustainable infrastructure, green finance regulation and fintech particularly resonated. The Lord Mayor was able to deliver a positive pitch for City support to promoting investment flows, whilst gathering information on some of the challenges facing the market and exploring ways in which the UK can offer expertise to help combat these and strengthen the UK-India relationship. In Mumbai, the Lord Mayor had many bi-lateral meetings with senior representatives from industry and government, including with the Reserve Bank of India, Reliance, SEBI and the Minister of State for Finance Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad. He was also hosted by the Hinduja Group for a lunch to explore points of collaboration and had the opportunity to speak twice at the Global Fintech Festival. His participation at the Festival provided a platform from which to engage with UK fintechs and hear about their India plans, as well as with India-based representatives from key UK financial and professional services firms, with the festival focused on exploring how we can further green infrastructure opportunities. In Bangalore, the Lord Mayor visited Karnataka Digital Economy Mission and Reserve Bank Innovation Hub where he participated in a roundtable highlighting the Bangalore tech offer and exploring possible ways the UK could support this. The Lord Mayor also took part in a Women in Fintech roundtable hosted by Revolut.

### **Cambridge Economic Crime Symposium**

The Lord Mayor attended the Cambridge Economic Crime Symposium. He delivered a keynote speech to a high-profile international audience alongside the Economic Secretary to the Treasury. The speech was focused on the City Corporation's work to tackle economic crime, in support of City of London Police work in this area. Other Members also attended throughout the conference.