



MESSAGE FROM THE RT HON THE LORD MAYOR

15th March 2024

Fellow Liverymen

I send this bulletin to you exactly 18 weeks into my Mayoralty – just over a third of the way through my year in office. It's been an honour to serve you for the last 126 days and I'm proud you, the Livery, have been at the heart of my Mayoral theme, Connect to Prosper, promoting the many opportunities and areas of expertise that exist across our City.

I am particularly grateful to our Livery Companies for offering the 'Livery Experience' to external guests to learn more about our thriving Livery movement. I would like to thank the Weavers, Vintners, International Bankers, Tax Advisors, Builders Merchants and Entrepreneurs for inviting guests, such as the High Commissioner for Bangladesh, the Swiss Ambassador and HM Trade Commissioner for Latin America, to join one of their Livery events and experience a slice of Livery life. Many more companies have offered spaces at their events in 2024 and it's a great way to expand interest and knowledge in our Livery Companies. Please [contact my office](#) if you would like to match extra spots at events with relevant external guests.

The Mansion House Coffee Colloquies and Knowledge Miles Lecture Series continue to be a success, with many Liverymen attending and participating, either in person at the colloquies or virtually at a lecture. My particular thanks go to the Water Conservators and Plumbers for jointly organising the colloquy

on Clean Water and Sanitation on 16th January. Please take a moment to review the [Lecture Series list](#) or the [Colloquy List](#) to see if you would like to attend any event in 2024.

Since my Christmas bulletin, my international visit programme has continued apace, allowing opportunities to meet with Liverymen who live and work abroad. I was delighted to meet City of London Liverymen in Dublin in January and Boston in February, and look forward to meeting more during my trip to Hong Kong next week. I will continue to advertise which countries I am visiting on [my LinkedIn page](#) and please contact my office if you would like to meet me on the advertised date.

Moreover, it's wonderful news that since December, the [City of London Livery Community LinkedIn group](#) has grown its membership more than 50% to nearly 1,450. Please keep using the group to share information and events. I'm keen to see membership go beyond 2,000 by the end of my Mayoralty, connecting Liverymen all around the world at the touch of a button.

Closer to home, I recently met with the Commanding Officer of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) – an all-female historic charity known as the FANY – which have assisted at every major crisis in London since the 1975 Moorgate Tube Disaster. The 150 female volunteers are on call 24/7, 365 days a year and have assisted the police and military at terrorist incidents such as Fishmongers Hall and Westminster Bridge, in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire and during the Covid pandemic.

The FANY receive no government funding, and are already supported by a number of Livery companies, but are in need of further funding to maintain their vital work. £4,000 would train, equip and support a new recruit during their first year of training. Please contact their Commanding Officer, Lisa Giles at co@fany.org.uk if you would like to learn more about their work and fundraising efforts.

The Lord Mayor's Appeal continues their great work supporting our three charity partners - MQ Mental Health Research, Homewards: A Royal

Foundation programme and National Numeracy. In aid of these three great charities, the Lady Mayoress and I are also delighted to be hosting a Bavarian Ball on Thursday 13 June 2024 at Mansion House from 6.30pm-11.30pm. This unique Bavarian-inspired event will reflect the Lady Mayoress' heritage. The evening includes a beer and champagne reception, a mouthwatering Bavarian feast, a five-piece roaming (Oompah) band, a live auction, a silent auction and a True or False fundraiser. You can book tickets now [at this link](#) and we look forward to seeing many of you in June.

Looking further ahead, the flagship City Giving Day takes place on 24th September this year. Over 100 Livery companies registered in 2023 and I hope we can match that, and better, in 2024. [Please contact](#) the Lord Mayor's Appeal team if you'd like to get involved in this year's City Giving Day and celebrate the wonderful philanthropic and volunteering achievements taking place all across the City of London.

Finally, I would like to thank all Liverymen who attended the Banquet to the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff last night. It was a truly wonderful evening, with the Egyptian Hall at near full capacity with 345 guests. I also look forward to seeing many more Liveryman today at the United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral. Four years since the start of Covid lockdowns in the UK, events at the Mansion House, and in the wider City, are back to their best and busiest. And the Livery are at the heart of this renaissance, cementing the City as the world's greatest business and social centre.

Thank you again for your kind support and I look forward to connecting with many more of you in the remaining two thirds of my year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Mainelli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor



The Lord Mayor meeting Liverymen during his visit to Boston in February 2024.



Celebrating with winning students in the tenth Livery Academy Awards from St Saviour's and St Olave's School and the Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors.