



# INNOLDERS' NEWSLETTER

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As the pandemic continues, we are using this newsletter to keep in touch with the Company and its friends even though we can't be at Innholders' Hall. We hope that you enjoy this newsletter and if you have news to share, on Covid-19 or anything else, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Assistant Clerk [Rebecca.tomlin@innholders.co.uk](mailto:Rebecca.tomlin@innholders.co.uk) with your news and stories for the next issue.



*The Innholders' have seen off worse threats than Coronavirus in over five centuries- this image shows the bomb damage of 1944.*

Dear Innholders,

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas, and now here we are, already well into the New Year of 2021. I'm sure none of us at this time last year could have believed how badly the virus would affect everything, and for so long. The good news is that vaccination seems to be going well, and those of us in the older category have received our first 'dose'.

I've had quite a few letters wishing all at Innholders well, including one from Delia Chadwick, the new CO at the RAF 32 Royal Squadron, and also from the previous CO Caroline Viles. Caroline, who hosted a few of us on a day out last year, has had the honour of being awarded an OBE for her work at Northolt. We have also had some nice feedback about our Annual Review and our Christmas Newsletter. Many thanks to all those who contributed articles, and those organising them. Thanks especially to our Beadle John for his quiz, and no, I was not able to answer all the questions! The Groom family however made a great response, for which a prize bottle will be heading their way quite soon.

Our Alderman, Alison Gowman, who some of you will know, is standing for Sheriff this year, with which we wish her success. Alison has kindly sent us an article which we have included in this Newsletter.

Work is proceeding at the Hall, mostly on those important but generally unseen things. Our Clerk Charlie Henty gives an update in his article.

With the virus levels dropping, we are hopeful that while we have cancelled all events up to 1st June, soon after that date we may possibly be able to welcome you back to Innholders for some small events at least.

In the meantime, my best wishes to you all,

Keith

## THE BEADLE'S BIG CHRISTMAS QUIZ



We hope that you enjoyed the Beadle's Bumper Quiz over Christmas. Click [here](#) to find all those tricky answers about the history of the Company. No doubt you will all be astonished to discover which school near Slough the Clerk attended. Many congratulations to the Groome/Jeffs family who will receive a prize from the Innholders cellar, just as soon as the Beadle can get back to the Hall to recover it!

## NEWS FROM THE HALL



### From the Clerk

With the New Year comes new hope, and despite the odd snowstorm Spring is making a definite effort to come through and cheer us up. The lockdown definitely makes a difference to the way we work and it's true that it comes a poor second to seeing people in person. While the Hall is not running events, we've been busy with contractors examining and repairing several areas of the Hall before we return *en masse*. Thanks to the valiant efforts of Jason Essenhigh, the Keeper of the Hall Fabric, and of course the Beadle (when not in his polytunnel playing battleships), we have sorted out the kitchen ventilation system which has been a bugbear for Herbert for quite some time. The emergency lighting has passed its safety test and we will soon start the tender process for the fire alarm system which has its own peculiar challenges. The lift is being very thoroughly examined in preparation for a major refurbishment and upgrade. Then there is the replacement of the flat asphalt roof above the Clerk's offices which needs complete replacement and who knows? As we do our best to offset our carbon emissions, maybe the biggest green gain will be here; air sourced heat pumps might yet arrive in due course on a listed building such as ours. Behind the closed doors of the Hall there is a lot going on.

Our meetings are now held predominantly by Zoom and I am working on re-configuring our AV equipment as I believe the in person/remote person hybrid meeting will become not only more common but a useful addition to events people can hold in the Hall. In the picture you will see me trying to manage an *ad hoc* set up from the Court in October- time for an equipment upgrade. At Court last week we had a full house and unlike some Parish Councils, there was no hint of poor behaviour – rather the opposite as tributes were paid to all of those involved in the Annual Review. The fun thing as organiser on Zoom is the chat before the meeting as everyone catches up with everyone else until the Clerk mutes everybody and lifts the restrictions very carefully. The unsaid standing competition at Court of course is not the content but the backdrop. We have speedboats, palm trees, the Court Room, a rugged coastline, the inevitable well-

stocked library (which I am certain is a roll of wallpaper), a ramshackle attic, a barking dog and several cats. If nothing else we have kept a sense of humour and maintain an enviable decorum during the meetings, but as I said, we'd all prefer to be there in person, well and truly vaccinated and hungry for some good company.

Keep well, stay safe and get chitting (one for the gardeners there!)

*Members of the Company should by now have received the Annual Review. Special thanks to Petra Clayton, Jason Essenhigh and Peter Denley for their contributions to the issue. If you have not received your copy, please contact the Assistant Clerk who will be happy to update your details as necessary and to send you a copy.*



### **From the Beadle: Reflections on my Falklands War**

There is little doubt that, in many years to come, young people living through this pandemic will look back and say, for whatever reason: 'it changed my life'.

At the start of 1982 I was a sailor serving on the shiny and new HMS Exeter, the first of the Batch 2 Type 42 Destroyers. I was 23 years old; I had joined the Royal Navy in 1976, and Exeter was my second ship. After a difficult 12 months of trials in UK waters, our reward was a four-month tour of the West

Indies. Or in my mind, 'time to top up the tan'! I'd found I liked being in the Navy a lot as I loved the travel and had already been lucky to have visited the Baltic, Med, East and West Coasts of the States, Central America and South America, so the West Indies would be a further tick in the box of life.

I can clearly recall my Dad saying when I joined the Navy 'the Services are a wonderful life as long as there's not a war going on'. War? There hadn't been a major naval war since the WWII, that was never going to happen, was it? So, after a couple of island visits, with the tan developing well, we fell in on the upper deck to enter Key West in Florida. Then the Operations Officer made an announcement on the main broadcast that changed my life forever: 'Gentlemen, Argentina has invaded the Falklands'. My mate Neil, next to me, immediately asked 'what are the Argies doing off the coast of Scotland?'

As the main Fleet prepared, and indeed sailed, for war and with none of our weapons systems proven, we had the difficult task of sitting tight in the West Indies. Beaches and BBQ's commenced, and the tan continued to improve until things got serious when our sister ship HMS Sheffield took an Exocet and sank. We sailed south, departing from Antigua, and arriving on station the day that our forces landed in San Carlos Bay.

We went from Caribbean Cowboys to a real war, and it was amazing how we adapted; suddenly damage control was a very, very serious subject. I was soon to know the truth of the old adage that 'war is 99% boredom and 1% sheer terror'. The 100 days we spent at sea, until Argentina surrendered, were spent mainly sleeping or on watch being bored, but the two main topics of conversation were 'when?' and 'how?' The 'when?' being when will we take a hit and the 'how?' being how do we get out? Being on a destroyer,

often many miles out from the main fleet providing anti-aircraft picket, was not great. Neither did the alternative, sitting like the proverbial duck in San Carlos, do anything for the fading suntan or indeed the nerves. So, the chances of being hit were massive. As to the how to get out, I think I could still explain to you every escape route from any position that I might find myself in the ship, to the upper deck.

All this was not helped by the fact that the Argentinians particularly wanted to sink the Exeter, due to our predecessor's success in the Battle of the River Plate. It did feel quite personal and the Argentinians did announce in their press that they had succeeded, but that's propaganda for you. By the end of the conflict, we had earned the name "lucky Exeter" for good reason. We avoided various bombs, the failure of a shore based Exocet aimed at us to fire, and the final Exocet which was fired at us on the 25th of May but missed and sank the Atlantic Conveyor. That day, our Captain Hugh Balfour announced 'Exocet locked on two minutes to impact'. Two minutes is a lot of thinking time and I was mid-ships, which is the most likely entry point for an Exocet, and not a good place to be! We survived and were the only Type 42 Destroyer who went the whole conflict without either being hit or being sunk. Then prior to turning for home we got to go ashore in Stanley, the only major ship to do so, because after the River Plate the battered HMS Exeter went to Port Stanley for emergency repairs and buried her war dead there. We paid our respects and wondered why anyone would fight over somewhere so cold and with more sheep than Wales!

Arriving back to a hero's welcome in July (from Carol who was always convinced I would survive) we completed the first West Indies tour to finish in Port Stanley. Everything that happened in that 100 days has stayed with me and made me the person that I am today. I've never taken life for granted since, having lost friends down South and I have good friends who still suffer today from what they experienced. I imagine many youngsters today will re-evaluate their lives and will find their strengths, and indeed weaknesses, exactly as I did in 1982.

*The image shows the youthful Beadle receiving a hero's welcome from Mrs Beadle, the lovely Carol.*

## FROM OUR ALDERMAN, ALISON GOWMAN



A regular visitor to Innholders' Hall (when we're not in lockdown) is our Alderman for Dowgate Ward, Alison Gowman, with whom we share our Beadle, John Cash- as he explained in a previous edition. Alison has kindly written us an article explaining the historic and important relationship between the Livery, the Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor:

‘As all Liverymen are aware, the Livery is closely linked to the Lord Mayor of the City of London (LM) and the City Corporation. It is the Livery who meet together in Common Hall twice a year in Guildhall to vote for the Sheriffs on midsummer day, June 24th, and for the LM on September 29th. These historic ceremonies are amazing public shows of power

and pomp but are also legally required events. Indeed, the pandemic and the decision to roll over the existing office holders sent the lawyers and historians scurrying to their books to see what needs to be done in these circumstances.

I will start with the Sheriffs who, whilst junior in rank to the LM, are historically an older office. Indeed, it is of immediate interest to me as I am approved by the Court of Aldermen to put my name forward this year (deferred from last year) to stand for election. Elected in June but taking office in September, the role of the Sheriff is to form part of the LM's civic team and more specifically to oversee the work of the Old Bailey and look after Her Majesty's Judges. That chimes with the historical role of the Sheriffs to keep the Queen's Peace. One Sheriff each day lunches with the Judges and invites guests to attend. The guests both entertain the Judges in their short break from gruesome trials but also can be enlightened on the work of the Old Bailey. Whilst this is a fixed point in the day the Sheriffs are otherwise at the command of the LM. This will include accompanying the LM to events and meetings or standing in for him or her when the diary is too full. Think last minute changes of plan, and clothes and several spare speeches in your handbag.

As an Alderman, the role of the Sheriff is about learning the role of the LM in order to take it on in due course. Making contacts and understanding the drivers of the City of London and the UK economy are essential traits of the LM. Since the Sheriffs are elected by the Livery I believe that they have an accountability to the Livery and should seek to engage with it whenever they can. This will need to be managed alongside work for various charities and especially the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund that helps prisoners and their families and the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

The top job is that of the Lord Mayor and the year starts following election with the Silent Ceremony and Lord Mayor's Show. The outward show of ceremonial, Church services and banquets is very much the icing on the cake. The hard work is done in countless meetings and much overseas travel. The LM has the rank of a Cabinet Minister when travelling overseas on business to promote the UK's financial and professional services. The schedules are tight, and each meeting has many facets of import to convey and take back for follow up. The LM has a growing schedule in the UK with important links for the City to make across the major conurbations where financial services are important and the real economy drivers are clear.

The LM is, in effect, the number one citizen and is an important interface with the reigning Monarch. The LM receives important news from the Palace first and it is the duty of the LM to relay matters such as the announcing of a general election to the general public – this is declared by the Common Cryer on the steps of the Royal Exchange. As Admiral of the Port of London and holder of many honorary titles, the unusual role of the LM never ceases to fascinate and surprise the postholder and those who closely follow Mansion House.'



We plan to have some further articles explaining different aspects of the Livery and the City in future editions of this newsletter, but in the meantime you can find out more from Alison's book, *The City of London: who, what why?* available from her by emailing [alison.gowman@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:alison.gowman@cityoflondon.gov.uk). The picture shows Alison taking part in the Lord Mayor's show.

## FROM THE LIVERY



### Save the date: Lord Mayor's Cup - Cowes Saturday 15 May 2021

Turning to a less stressful sailing experience than John's engagement in the South Pacific, the City Livery Yacht Club is still planning a regatta in the usual format on Saturday 15 May 2021. To say that things are still somewhat uncertain at the moment is both an understatement and unsurprising, but optimistic sailors in the Company may wish to look forward and 'save the date'. Watch out for further information should the event proceed and let's keep our fingers crossed!



### A new role for Liveryman Adam Hersey MIH

We were pleased to hear from Adam about his new position as General Manager at The Falcon at Castle Ashby, where he started on 4th January. As Adam says, this is 'an unorthodox but interesting time' to join a hospitality business. A coaching inn built in 1594, The Falcon has been restored by Lord and Lady Northampton as a retreat for those in need of rest and renewal in the Northamptonshire countryside. Adam joins the recently appointed Head Chef Russell Bateman who oversees the Eyas restaurant which, wherever possible, uses produce that is grown, harvested and reared from the 10,500 acre Castle Ashby Estate. This is Adam's first GM role after 12 years in the industry working his way up. Congratulations Adam, we wish you every success.

## FROM THE MASTER INNHOLDERS



Thank you to Court Assistant David Morgan-Hewitt, President of the Master Innholders, for this news update: 'The past few months have been absolutely devastating for the hospitality industry as a whole. However, the effects have been felt very differently in city hotels compared to country properties. Many of the MIs enjoyed a very busy summer last year. With foreign travel much curtailed, the Staycation came to the rescue of many of our members hotels outside the major cities. Unfortunately, it was a very different story in our cities and especially London. London hotels have all had to make major reductions in their workforces. What we had all hoped would be a short sharp downturn still looks set to continue for some time, especially with no international travellers on the horizon.'

There have also been many changes to the MI calendar over the past year. Undoubtedly our greatest contributions to the future of our industry are the Innholders Scholarship and MIALD programmes. We were unable to offer any places on either of these programmes for this year, however, Cranfield has worked tirelessly to finish the courses which had already started through new online modules. So, like the rest of the world, we have turned to Zoom and the Internet. Last year a highly successful series of monthly Webinars were offered to our members and the wider hospitality community in the Leading Through The Revival programme. This year a new programme of Webinars will be launched mid-March with a video message from HRH The Prince of Wales - *Hoteliers: Battered but not Beaten*.

In the final week of January we launched MIDAS ('Master Innholders Developing Additional Skills') our new online monthly programme for young members of hotel teams or for those who have lost their jobs. We feel it is vital to keep people connected to hospitality so that when the jobs return these young people will come back to us. In January our topic was Finance, both in the work place and personally. The four events throughout that week reached well over 600 people combining a networking event, a podcast given by young GMs, a video on that month's topic and an interactive Masterclass - all still available online. Thanks go to Dr Hilary Cooke, Joanne Taylor-Stagg and the whole team for driving forward this new initiative. The MIDAS programme has been made possible by a most generous grant from the MICT as a result of a recent request by the late Neil Bannister MI.



We have also launched an expanded mentoring scheme MI MENTOR which aims to include not only our recent scholars but young managers across our industry. Through MI MENTOR we intend to support many more of our young talented colleagues who have been so badly affected by this pandemic and the stresses it has brought to them. Later this month we will open applications for new MIs who we hope to introduce to you all in June at the Hall together with new MIs from 2020 who are unable to be presented last year. Our fingers are firmly crossed! We will also open applications for Innholder Scholarships later this year but do not intend to open MIALD up again until 2022 as it is unlikely many employers will be able to spare staff or pay a contribution to their candidates.'

## NEWS ABOUT OUR CHARITIES



### Innholders' Covid-19 Emergency Appeal

Our latest donation was a further £1,000 to the [Livery Schools Link Digital Divide](#) campaign to help buy devices and connections for disadvantaged students who are suffering device poverty. You can find out more about the campaign [here](#).

We are grateful for the generous contributions that many of you have made to the Emergency Appeal. Many members of the Company already support the Innholders' Charitable Foundation very generously by

direct regular financial contributions (standing orders). If you do not yet make a regular financial contribution, and are in a position to do so, please consider setting up a regular donation so that we can continue to support those most in need. Contact the Assistant Clerk [Rebecca.tomlin@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.tomlin@gmail.com) for a standing order form and Gift Aid declaration which will take only a few minutes to complete. Should you find you have something to spare for a one-off donation, the Emergency Appeal remains open. Click [here](#) to donate.

*Would the generous Innholder who set up a payment to the ICF in January from the Charities Aid Foundation please make themselves known to the Assistant Clerk as we can't identify them from the details supplied by the bank?*



### Livery Kitchen Initiative

Among the awards that the Patronage Committee will recommend to the Court when it meets in early March is the [Livery Kitchen Initiative](#). This project, led by the Drapers' Company and supported by 45 Livery companies, individuals and other organisations has raised over £423,000 toward delivering individually prepared meals for four Barts Health NHS Trust hospitals, and 13 communities in East London in partnership with City Harvest. Between mid-April 2020 and the New Year, over 60,000 meals had been prepared by the kitchens at the Grocers, Drapers, Fishmongers, Merchant Taylors, and Party Ingredients.

During the pressures of the second wave of the pandemic, the LKI is focused on providing meal support where the need is greatest – to the staff of the ICUs in the three Barts hospitals treating Covid-19 patients: The Royal London, Newham and Whipps Cross Hospitals. From 15th February, the target output is 3,300 meals per week together with two weekly deliveries of Welfare Refreshment Packs (WRPs) until the end May. The cost of this level of support is c. £11,500 per week for meals, and the WRPs cost c. £2,500 a week. To sustain this level of support to NHS staff until end of May, a further £179,500 needs to be raised. The Court is expected to approve a substantial donation from the ICF when it next meets. If you wish to make an individual donation, the Drapers have set up a donor link [here](#).

### The Livery Kitchen Recipe Book

The Head Chefs from each of the kitchens involved in the Livery Kitchens Initiative have created a selection of dishes, compiled and written up by chef/cookery food writer, Peter Gladwin. Productions costs are being covered by the Drapers' Company, so all funds raised through book sales (£15 per copy) will go back into LKI meal production, either for the NHS or City Harvest Charities, supporting poverty in the East End. Use this [link](#) to go to the Drapers' website and pre-order your copies, or use this [flyer](#). Pre-orders close 19<sup>th</sup> March.



*Other charities that the Committee proposed to support were the Beyond Food Foundation, The Big Issue Foundation, The Royal School for the Deaf Derby and Springboard Charity.*





## Supporting Small Charities

When the Charity Committee met in December 2020 it agreed that as the pandemic continued, priority should be given to small local charities supporting those in urgent need, especially relating to the homeless and the hungry. After discussion the following grants, amounting to **£17,900** went forward to the Court for approval and were all paid over to the grateful charities before Christmas:

- **Success Stories:** towards Inspire via Wire to give young people struggling socially access to phone support and inspiration.
- **Cheer Up Squad:** to send a personalized activity pack to families in need, containing activities and educational materials.
- **Tower Hamlets Mission:** to support a therapy and rehabilitation course for a person suffering from alcohol and/or drug dependency, who is homeless, or in danger of becoming homeless.
- **Boxes of Basics:** to support people in crisis with boxes of food and household essentials.
- **Turning Corners:** To send emergency baby food, formula, and essential household supplies to support teenage parents and young families with serious mental health concerns.
- **Dementia Support:** Towards Sage House, a community dementia hub in Chichester.
- **Hot Lines Meal Service:** Towards sending food packages to families who have now become vulnerable and are finding themselves in an unexpected financial crisis due to Covid-19.



## Why not coach for Teach First?

The Innholders are proud to support Teach First, and the Assistant Clerk has recently started volunteering as a coach to a young teacher which has been a very rewarding experience. The Coaching Programme 2021 is now open for applications until Monday 15th March.

As a Teach First coach you can help guide teachers who work with disadvantaged children, pass on your professional expertise, and get expert training in coaching techniques. New coaches will need to be available to join one of the training days on 29 March, 6 April, 8 April, or 9 April.

More information can be found on the Teach First website [Coach a Teacher](https://www.teachfirst.org.uk/coach-a-teacher) page. If you have any questions, please contact [coaching@teachfirst.org.uk](mailto:coaching@teachfirst.org.uk) and a member of the team will get back to you.



## Day Visits to Jamie's Farm

We are delighted to hear that Jamie's Farm continues to operate under these challenging circumstances. This extract from their recent newsletter shows that they put it best themselves:



‘Generous and positive. These are two of our core values at Jamie’s Farm, which we encourage our visiting young people to find in themselves when at the farm. Over the last ten months however, we have been reminded just how much our staff team and supporters encompass these qualities too. Thanks to the Jamie’s Farm family, we are still here doing all we can for the most vulnerable children and young people.’

Since launching our adapted day-visit model in June last year, we have welcomed a wonderful 384 children from 39 different organisations to our farms, including mainstream schools, Pupil Referral Units, family groups and those supporting unaccompanied asylum seekers and children in care. The latest lockdown has sadly seen our visits considerably scaled back. However, we are still able to support small groups of vulnerable children, making the most of the fantastic outdoor (and recently very snowy!) environment that our farms offer.’



### **The Show Goes On at GSMD**

Students at Guildhall School of Music and Drama created and performed SNOWGLOBE at the end of 2020, in response to the year they've faced, and to express the hope they have for the future. Follow this [link](#) to watch their moving performance.



### **Volunteering Opportunities at Samaritans City Hub**

The London City Hub, to which the Innholders’ contributed in 2019, is now open and looking for volunteers. You can watch a video about the Hub and its impact [here](#). It offers a flexible approach to volunteering, and is looking to recruit volunteers to help deliver its new online chat service. Full training and ongoing support is provided. If you're looking for a way to make a difference to people’s lives and can get to the new Hub near London Bridge, this could be the ideal opportunity for you. To register your interest in volunteering and the project, sign up using this [link](#).

## **NEWS FROM THE CITY AND THE LIVERY**

Please click here for the latest bulletin from Alderman William Russell, the Lord Mayor of London:



Lord Mayor's  
Bulletin January 202



## Climate Action in the City

The City Corporation has recently committed to a Climate Action Strategy that sets a target to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2040 in respect of all activities, at the same time as building a more resilient City, able to weather flood and climate risk. The City of London Corporation is seeking to ensure that all occupiers, residents, businesses and organisations within the Square Mile are taking relevant steps, whether by regulation or volunteered. Past Master Tim Mellery-Pratt, Chair of the Company's Property Committee, attended a virtual seminar on the subject at the end of January. This is an on-going work in progress, but Innholders will be pleased to know that the environmental impact of all works at the Hall are being carefully evaluated.



## Livestreamed City Walks & Talks

Explore the square mile from the comfort of your own home in association with the City of London Guides. This programme of walks will range far and wide across the City, starting with a special excursion to Greenwich, home of Sir Christopher Wren's second greatest masterpiece, The Royal Naval College. Subsequent walks will vary from the historic to the contemporary within an overall theme of the City's evolution and how enormous changes to its architecture have been brought about by war, fire, plague, religion, and commerce.

The City Guides panel will each bring their unique style to their talk and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the live broadcast. There is a special offer for those who book the whole series, this time offering all eight walks for the price of six. The live streams will start at 5:30 on a Saturday evening, once a month throughout 2021. For those unable to make the real time event, there will be an opportunity to watch later via a recording. Further details and bookings can be found on the Temple Bar Trust website or follow this [link](#)



## Gresham College - free lectures since 1597

Among the Gresham highlights in February was Professor Chris Whitty on 'Vaccination', which you can watch by clicking [here](#). The Lord Mayor's Lecture *Building Back Better – The City's Role in a Green-Led Economic Recovery* by The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor William Russell, Mark Carney, Liv Garfield, Rhian-Mari Thomas OBE, which was given on 1 February 2021, can also be found on the website. Those of you with A' level students in the family may try directing them towards the curated selection of lectures suitable for sixth-formers:

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools>



## Inter-Livery Bridge

The Worshipful Company of Playing Card Makers continue to be busy arranging inter-livery bridge tournaments. The next online inter-livery bridge tournament will be on Monday 1 March 2021 at 2.15pm (with an expected finish time of 5.30pm). Detailed joining instructions can be found on the Company's website,

[www.makersofplayingcards.org](http://www.makersofplayingcards.org). The tournament is open to any member of any Livery Company and, to make the event more inclusive during the pandemic, the organisers are relaxing the normal ILB rule that your Partner must also be a Livery Company member. Accordingly, you are most welcome to join in and play with any partner of your choosing. The only restriction is that no more than one of each pair may have an NGS\* King or Ace designation.

The cost of the event is BB\$10 per person (approximately £7.30), which can be paid for online by following the Joining Instructions and any surplus will be for the benefit of the Makers of Playing Cards Charity, which provides educational and other support to disadvantaged children and others under 25 years of age.

The **annual Inter-Livery Bridge Tournament**, with dinner at Drapers' Hall, has been rescheduled from Monday 1st March to **Monday 6th September 2021**, *if you are interested in attending please get in touch with the Clerk's office.*



### Do you own a pre-1939 Vintage Car?

This year the Worshipful Company of Carmen Car Club are adding a Vintage Car Display to their annual Cart Marking celebrations and are inviting all Liverymen who own a vintage car (pre-1939) to an unforgettable day in the City of London.

Cart Marking is a very special day in the City's calendar when all eras of Commercial Vehicles come to join the ancient ceremony of Marking of Carts. The day will begin with a display and Concours d'Elégance in Guildhall Yard in front of City dignitaries and then you will parade your treasured vehicle through the famous streets. You can then park your vintage (or Veteran) car in Grand Avenue, a secure and guarded area of the cultural centre of Smithfield. Reserved seats at the Cart marking ceremony, a reception, Charity Luncheon and Auction are all being arranged. Every car entrant will receive a special commemorative car badge and be eligible to enter the RAC Epsom to Portsmouth Vintage run in early September. All cars will be judged, and the winner will receive a special presentation at the event.

If you are interested in participating, please email directly to: [carclub@thecarmen.co.uk](mailto:carclub@thecarmen.co.uk) and state your interest together with your name, email address, livery Company you belong to, the make, model and year of your car. They will then send you more information and an entry form for completion.

*If you do participate, don't forget to let the Clerk's Office know, and of course we will want photographs for a future newsletter!*





### Special Offer on German fine wine

The wine barn is offering a special taster case of 12 wines from the different wine making regions of Germany for you to enjoy. The case consists of wines that are not readily available in any shops but were sold to Michelin star restaurants. The Original Price would be £283.68 but the Wine Barn is hoping to attract fellow wine lovers by offering a 15% discount. The case price will be £241.13 and includes delivery to mainland Britain. To take up this offer, follow this [link](#) and enter discount code: LIVERYWINE15 at checkout. This offer is available until 28th February 2021.



### Becket Pageant and Craft Fair

The organisers of the Becket Pageant and Craft Fair scheduled for 18-19 June 2021 are optimistic it will take place. You can find more information on at [www.becketpageantforlondon.com](http://www.becketpageantforlondon.com). The 'Play Your Part' section gives details of how you can register your interest in joining the performance, participating in the craft fair, or volunteering.



### The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch 2021

This annual event in support of service charities was sadly cancelled in 2020 and what will happen on the day selected for the 2021 Lunch - Thursday 29th April - remains uncertain. However, we hear that the 2021 'Lunch' has blossomed into three months of events and activities, some virtual and some, hopefully, live.

During the months of February, March and April, aspects of the Lunch will be re-created in different ways to provide interactive experiences for the event's supporters. There will be a series of virtual events on Zoom, including Indian cookery classes by celebrity masterchefs, leading wine experts talking about what wines go with curry, a champagne masterclass, a lesson in cocktail-making and a number of well-known authors talking about their latest books. More information can be found [here](#).

## AND FINALLY, THE PICTURE SECTION...



While the Assistant Clerk thought it was cold in London, The Upper Warden Lord Thurso reported temperatures as low as -12 at home in Caithness. Here he is enjoying a beautiful, if cold, Scottish afternoon.

Whatever happens, the sun will still rise tomorrow. Thank you to the Beadle for this wonderful image of Tower Bridge at sunrise, January 2021.

*If you have images to share with the Company, do send them to the Assistant Clerk [rebecca.tomlin@innholders.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.tomlin@innholders.co.uk)*



**We hope that you have enjoyed this round up of news from the Innholders'. Do keep well and safe until we can meet at Innholders Hall again.**

**Charles Henty, Clerk**

**Rebecca Tomlin, Assistant Clerk**