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## Master's Blog

Here again, another eNewsletter, which I am sure you will enjoy.

I have written a precis of our recent Court meeting and it is now on the website - please see the link below. Ken Allen has sent an update on the busy activities of our Industry Committee and you can hear the two excellent webinars we have enjoyed (vested interest declared) from my son, Alexander, about University Education, and also with Karen Gadd on TRIZ which I found very thought-provoking.

Lieutenant Colonel Brennan Dwyer of the 3rd Battalion PWRR provides a very interesting report on all training activities, and in this very current Covid-19 pandemic, their operational front-line activities in various parts of the UK for which we are tremendously grateful. We say thank you and farewell to Lieutenant Colonel Brennan Dwyer and wish him well in the future; and welcome Lieutenant Colonel Tim Petransky who now takes over the command of the 3rd Battalion.

The City of London Livery Briefing July 2020 is now available for viewing in the link below. It is a very useful resource especially in providing an insight to the impact of Covid-19 on City life going forward.

Please enjoy the hard work of our contributors and those behind the scenes who make it all possible. The team is keen to receive your ideas and contributions to the eNewsletter: please email the Clerk.

Do join and visit our Facebook page.

But above all KEEP WELL.

[View the Court Summary July 2020](#)

[View the City of London Livery Briefing July 2020](#)



***Industry Committee - an update from the Chairman***

Liveryman Ken Allen is our new Chairman and reports back on our support for the Needle Museum, Royal School of Needlework, Arkwright Engineering and City and Guilds.

[View The Industry Committee article](#)



***Needlemakers Charity: volunteers please!***

Liveryman Pippa Rousselet has the role of Charity Liaison Lead on our Charity Committee and is seeking volunteers for liaison with two of our charities: Royal College of Surgeons and Treloars School.

[View The Needlemakers Charity article](#)



## ***Past Master remembers***

Past Master George Borthwick hosted the Needlemakers for a splendid weekend in Edinburgh in 2013: a highlight was the dinner and tour aboard HMY Britannia.

[View Past Master remembers](#)

## ***Two webinars to replay***

We have enjoyed two webinars since our last Newsletter. In case you missed any here are the links to the recordings:

Alexander Whitton from Universify Education, on "Inspiring students to aspire in education".

[View the Alexander Whitton Webinar](#)

Karen Gadd, Founder and Managing Director of Oxford Creativity on "Genius brain skills in 30 minutes - Russian tools for problem solving."

[View the Karen Gadd Webinar](#)



## ***The 3rd Battalion 3PWRR has a new Commander***

Lieutenant Colonel Brennan Dwyer, former Commander 3PWRR, has sent us a report on their exercises on Salisbury Plain, anti-poaching work at Sierra Leone and Brunei and then (after lockdown) running Mobile Testing Units in three counties. PWRR also supported refitting of Headley Court as a 300 bed intensive care unit.

Brennan also sends news of their new Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Tim Petransky. He signs off saying: as a Battalion we highly value our links with the Needlemakers and, on a personal side, I have always been so very impressed by your friendship, interest and support. You are very much a force multiplier for the work we do, and particularly with your help for the welfare of our soldiers. Thank you very much, from myself and the Battalion, for all you have done for us for the last two and a half years, it is both very memorable and very much appreciated.

[View Lieutenant Colonel Brennan Dwyer's report](#)

### *Did you know?*

The DORCAS statue, our much loved treasure seen at all formal events, was presented to us by The Newey Group in 1998 to mark their 200th anniversary. The Group was at one stage the world's largest manufacturer of pins and haberdashery, which included needles. Liveryman Bryan Knight was formerly their Managing Director. The business has since been acquired by William Prym, the German manufacturer of needles and haberdashery.

[View the Prym Group website](#)[View the Dorcas treasure](#)

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