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Master's Blog

We continue to live in interesting and uncertain times.

Since our September Newsletter two groups of 6 liverymen were given a tour of Apothecaries Hall, by their Clerk, accompanied by Monty the Dog.



On the 1st October we did hold our Annual Service at St James' Garlickhythe, for which we thank Father Tim, where we heard the superb organ playing by Sir Andrew Parmley, unfortunately we were not allowed to sing ourselves, but we were privileged to hear Cheryl's wonderful soprano voice. Our Chaplain, Bishop Christopher gave a most uplifting and enjoyable sermon. Those of us who were lucky enough to attend in person enjoyed the service immensely and I am very pleased that so many also watched online.

The service and the sermon can be viewed and read in this newsletter.

Following completion of the Annual Service, we remained in the church to clothe two new liverymen, Martin Francis and Mike Jeffries and we welcome them into our Company.

Our next Zoom meeting is a talk on "*The Blitz and the Second Fire of London*" on 3rd November, followed on 17th November by the next in our series of Webinars with Peter Tomkins (PM Wax Chandler) talking about "*The Clock Tower of St Pancras*".

As I write, London is just about to enter Tier 2, which sadly means that our series of lunches are temporarily suspended until further notice. This does make planning difficult, but we shall persevere.

I would like to draw your attention to:

- * the new Livery Committee website which has a wealth of interesting information relating to the livery and the City;
- * the latest bulletin from the Lord Mayor; and also
- * a full account from St Paul's Cathedral London updating us on their services, their work in the cathedral and fund-raising activities,

all of which I invite you to read using the buttons below.

STOP PRESS: At a meeting of the Court of Aldermen, held on Tuesday, 20th October 2020, the Petition to become a Company, of the Guild of Entrepreneurs, which was founded by our late liveryman Dan Doherty, was granted.

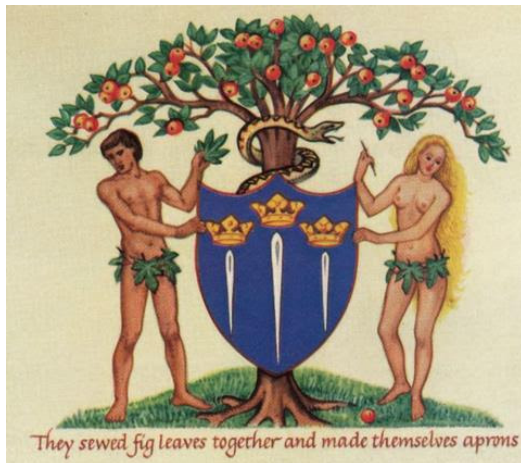
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But above all KEEP WELL.

[View The Livery Committee website](#)

[View St Paul's Cathedral Update](#)

[View the latest Bulletin from the Lord Myor](#)



Dates for the Diary

Forward planning in these times is dependent on current Covid 19 guidelines. The following 2021 dates have been arranged for the Court Meetings:

January 13th	April 14th
July 7th	July 14th
September 15th	September 30th

The Master will be arranging events for us and details will be circulated. Please look at our website where you will have



The Annual Service

This was held on October 1st at St. James Garlickhythe and could be attended or viewed virtually via YouTube.

The service and the Clothing can be viewed by clicking on the link below. We are aware that the written word is important and so have attached The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun's sermon.

[View the Service recording](#)

[Read the Service summary and sermon](#)

access to our various committees and membership.



Welcome to Mike Francis and Martin Jeffries

Mike (on the left) and Martin (on the right) were clothed on October 1st after the Annual Service. We welcome them both to the Company and look forward to seeing them at future events.

Mike worked as a stockbroker before joining the family Funeral directors. He is actively involved in Round Table and 41 Club and has organised social and charitable events. He also enjoys gardening, travelling, walking and history.

Martin is a retired from the City where he spent his career as an Equity Trader. He is a member of the Bishopsgate Ward Club. He is a keen spectator of football, rugby and golf and spends time raising monies for charity within Hertfordshire.



David Miller CBE

Farewell to old friends

At our Annual Service on the 1 st October we sadly noted the death of the following Liverymen during the year:

Robin Horlock died on the 21 st September 2020 aged 97 – Robin became a Needlemaker in 1989.

Douglas Newton died in August 2020 – Douglas joined the Livery in 2008

David Miller CBE died 24 th April 2020 – David joined the Livery in 1983 and he was appointed CBE for services to education in 1997. David was a respected industrialist whose main career was with J&P Coats, the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of sewing threads. The firm was founded in Paisley in 1755 as makers of loom equipment and silk thread.

To read a full obituary from The Times click the link

[Read the David Miller Times obituary](#)



Needle Museum Tour

Jo-Ann Gloger, Keeper of Collections at Forge Mill Needle Museum gave her talk "*There's more to a needle than meets the eye*" which was accompanied by a live tour of the museum. For those who missed this or would like to watch again please follow the link:

[View the Needle Museum Tour](#)



Inter-Livery Bridge

Despite covid restrictions there are still events going on such as bridge. Many thanks to Claire Cross for writing this update.

[View Inter-Livery Bridge](#)

Finally, we hope you that the Newsletter is keeping you in touch with all the changes that are happening. If you have had an event or experience during this time you would like to share please write and let us know (Email: clerk@needlemakers.org.uk)

Stay safe

Our next newsletter will be in November 2020.



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