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Dear Fellow Liverymen

I write to you all on a somewhat windy but nice and sunny Easter Monday afternoon.

This time I wish to thank those liverymen who were involved in the production of our first email Newsletter. I have received some very nice compliments, but the thanks must go really to those who have been working very hard. Liveryman Valerie Wilkins for her help in creating the format and sending it out, PM Martyn Chase for coordinating its production and the contributors; liverymen Susan Kay-Williams, CEO at the Royal School of Needlework, Liveryman Ken Allen, Chairman of our Industry Committee for the video on the Museum Waterwheel and our Hon. Archivist, Assistant Angie Lewis, for her, "Did you know?" piece.

As ever, the behind the scenes work of Fiona Sedgwick, our Clerk continues apace and I thank her both personally and on behalf of the Company for the efforts she is putting in.

We have all been in some form of isolation for a couple of weeks and during that time it has come to my attention that we have among us, many who have volunteered to help, both within our Company to keep in touch with each other, but also going onto the front-line in helping others. I would like to share the stories of two such Liverymen. Firstly, Dr Ellie Cannon, with her articles for the Mail on Sunday and who will be delivering our first webinar for us on Tuesday, 21st April at 5pm. Secondly, Liveryman Claire Chitty, who will be working in the new NHS Nightingale London. I quote from Claire's email:

"As I am sure you know I am a working Nurse so have been keeping busy over the last few weeks! Today I officially start secondment with the NHS Nightingale Hospital at the Excel Centre in London, I am doing my online training from home today, then await rostering and at that stage I will move to a nearby hotel which could be as early as tomorrow. It is many years since I have looked after ventilated patients, so I hope it will all come flooding back! The work is structured so a current and experienced ICU nurse oversees 6 patients and each patient has a nurse like me by the bedside. We are supported by Doctors, Health Care Assistants, Physiotherapists and a big admin team. We are expected to work 4 -12.5 hours shifts a week, so that will be a shock to my system! ...."

These are but two examples and I know that there are many other stories to tell, so this is also a request for interesting items for us to include in future Newsletters.

Let me finish today with hoping that you and all NEFs (Needlemakers Extended Family) are in good health and KEEP WELL

Yours very truly

Master