A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWLY INSTALLED
MASTER MR PETER COLEMAN

I am delighted and honoured to have been elected as the next Master and am writing to outline the plans for 2019-2020.

My first ambition for the coming year is focused on four “i’s” namely Involvement, Inclusion, International, and “Injoyment”. My hope is to achieve these ambitions, primarily by providing events, some of which are “money can’t buy” that will appeal to all Liverymen, partners and, where space is available, to friends and guests.

The first event, which was a change from previous years, was the Installation Ceremony and Banquet at Howells School, Llandaff, Cardiff on Saturday 12th October 2019.
The event started at 5pm with the Installation Court, followed by a service led by our new Chaplain, and, thereafter, a drinks reception and Dinner. The event was all on one site and was, fortunately, “weatherproof”. A report on the event will be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

In November there will be a lecture followed by dinner at the Firing Line Museum in Cardiff Castle. The subject is about the very topical issue of Water, that commodity that we cannot live without and will be given by Professor Roger Falconer, a well known authority on the subject.

In December there will be the two traditional carol services, the first being at St Asaph’s Cathedral. The second is a service at our mother church, St John’s, central Cardiff, followed by dinner at the Cardiff and County Club.

January is a time to recover from the Christmas festivities and to take stock of the cost of Christmas. A tour of the Royal Mint is being arranged. While I know from past experience that there will be no free samples I hope that visit coupled with a warming lunch will banish any post-Christmas blues.

In the spring it has also been arranged to take a tour of the Viridor huge incinerator site in Cardiff Bay followed by lunch. Not a tour for the fainthearted but fascinating none the less and one to guarantee to keep you warm.

In February there will be a talk and lunch at Whitchurch Golf Club. The speaker is Professor Robert Pickard who has lectured on topics such as “The Birds, Bees and Sex”, and “Shakespeare and Science”. On this occasion he will talk about “Health and Happiness”, a most entertaining and interesting topic.

In March it is hoped to take a tour of the new Aston Martin car factory at St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan. While again I doubt that we will be given free samples I feel that it will be a unique opportunity to visit a major investment project here in Wales.

In April, and after the clocks have sprung forward the plan is to go to Tredegar Park and House, for “3 T’s”, a Tour, Talk and Tea. Those who are familiar with the reputations of the Morgans of Tredegar will know the colourful nature of the various owners and for those who do not then beware the stories are not for the prudish or faint-hearted.
In May it is planned to hold an International Away weekend ......... well....... based in Stratford Upon Avon. While it is not possible to finalise the details until later this year the grand plan is to have a charabanc trip from South Wales as well from North Wales if there is sufficient interest and with some options including the opportunity to attend a Royal Shakespeare Company production (depending on the yet to be published programme) a different tour of Stratford upon Avon and a ride on a steam railway on one of their themed evenings.

The Company holds great store of our connection with our “Mother” church, St Johns, in central Cardiff and it is proposed that we further this bond by joining the congregation for a Sunday service to celebrate the good works of the Company and, afterwards to join the congregation for tea and cream cakes.

In June a number of Tier 1 seats have been obtained for the sell-out show “Riverdance” at St Davids Hall, in Cardiff. Later in the month there will be a walking Treasure Hunt around Cowbridge, a town with a rich history. Afterwards there will be lunch at the Bear Hotel.

July sees a garden party in the “Lesser Hall” in Dinas Powys. The venue provides for indoor accommodation if it is wet and a large garden area to enjoy any sunshine as well as fellowship that might be about. There will also be a unique and enjoyable musical show during the afternoon…

If August is hot then maybe a tour of a brewery will appeal. If the new Brains brewery visitor centre is open then we will be amongst the first to visit – otherwise a tour will be arranged to one of the many breweries scattered across South Wales. This is an event which will, no doubt, be of interested to many.

In September there will be a “one night away” weekend, to Yeovil, to visit amongst other attractions the RNAS Museum where you can even clamber aboard a real Concorde.

During the year there will also be an Awards event and a Court Luncheon as well as one or two other tours which are yet to be finalised

I do hope that the foregoing appeals and that you will come along and enjoy both the activities and the fellowship which is such a cornerstone of our very being.

With regards to “International” I am looking to spread our wings and to focus on recruiting eligible Liverymen from beyond the geographic boundaries of Wales. Many of our fellow countrymen have emigrated to foreign parts but who still take great pride in their Welsh roots; dare I call them Welsh missionaries? I am hoping that we can recruit such people whether they are nearby in other parts of the UK or across the globe and give them the opportunity to support the company, and, equally support our awards programme.

I mentioned from the outset, the “4 i’s” and as well as providing a programme that aims to be inclusive, “injoyable” and international the fourth “I” is Involvement and is just as important as the other three. We can all, justly, take pride in being Liverymen but the company can only survive by the efforts of its members. Many hands make light work and we have active and very important service committees, namely the Charitable Events, Public Relations, Awards, North Wales and London committees who achieve and deliver our fundamental objectives and tasks. There are always vacancies on all of these committees and by donating just a couple of hours each month you could help to ensure our continued success and also derive personal enjoyment and satisfaction.

There are also several other ways in which you can really make a difference. Why not become a mentor in the proposed mentoring programme. Within the company we have a broad and extensive range of expertise and skills. Our strap line is “Nurturing Welsh Talent” and what better way can we achieve this than passing on our knowledge and experience to those who are starting their careers. It can be really enjoyable, rewarding and satisfying and also helps to keep “those little grey cells” active and healthy.

I would encourage those who are not yet donors to join the charitable giving scheme which is a very tax efficient way of supporting the awards programme. For example a monthly donation of £20 can generate £300 per annum towards the short term and longer term awards scheme; a simple way to help fund awards

Finally I look forward to meeting all my fellow Liverymen during the year and would like to thank all the active Liverymen for all your efforts. Yes, we can and do make a difference to the community in which we live and serve. Long may it continue!
Peter Coleman was installed as the new Master of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, Master Geoff Hughes was installed as Deputy Master, Kathy Seddon was clothed as Senior Warden and Stuart Castledine clothed as Junior Warden.
INSTALLION DINNER, SPEECHES AND THE POMP AND CEREMONY OF THE LOVING CUP
THE BEADLE OF THE WLCoW BIPIN PITROLA RECEIVES THE BEADLE COLLAR
Born in Burundi, Belgium Congo and in 1975 Bipin came to live in Cardiff, where he grew up and started to make a positive contribution to a number of charitable organisations and public bodies.

Between 1999 and 2006 he worked in London as a senior regional officer, and decided to moved back to Wales to be with family and friends and a better quality of life.

Whilst working in London he was a member of the Middlesex Masonic Province and in 2008 he was appointed by the Grand Master to the post of Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

On 6th June 2005 he was presented with the Freedom of the City of London and was admitted into The Guild of the Freemen of the City of London and presented with my warrant by the Master.

Here in Wales, he was admitted into The Welsh Livery Guild on 11th September 2007. After the Admission court and due to enjoyment for ceremonies, Past master Keith Williams proposed the role of Beadle and at the November Court meeting Past Master Colin Richards invested him as the Beadle.

Bipin also likes photography and the WLCoW presents a perfect opportunity to capture those special moments at WLCoW events- a photograph speaks a thousand words!

To date I have had the pleasure of working with Twelve Masters, Four Clerks, Five Treasurers, and Two Chaplains.

It has also been very nice to meet Liverymen from WLCoW at other organisations where I am a member. Some of these include Cardiff Business Club, The Captain Scott Society, United Services Mess, St John’s Church, Reserve Forces and Cadets Association and The Popular Greedy Boys Club.

THE NEW CHAPLAIN OF WLCoW
THE REVEREND CANON SARAH JONES

Sarah left school at 16 when her parents divorced. She worked in retail and in the music business before moving into industry as a salesperson where she sold heavy commercial electrical equipment. She also worked as a salesperson and trainer in the finance sector for Lloyds Bowmaker. At 28 she left work and resumed her education, taking A levels and then a degree in Psychology.

After university, she continued her career in sales, management and training for an electrical wholesaler before starting her own consultancy. In 2004 she was ordained in the Church of England and served in parishes in Hereford Diocese.

In October 2018 she was made Priest-in-Charge of The City Parish of St John The Baptist, Cardiff which has close links with the Livery Company. Sarah is a regular contributor to radio, tv and print media and also speaks to organisations and businesses on issues to do with Diversity, Inclusion, Sex and Gender.
In September 2019 Sarah was made a Canon of Llandaff Cathedral and at the Court Meeting on 17 September was appointed Chaplain to the WLCoW.

**NEWLY ELECTED COURT ASSISTANTS**

**PROFESSOR ROSEMARY SOLBÉ**

I was born in Cardiff but had my Senior education in Edinburgh returning to Cardiff to read zoology for BSc (Hons) in Zoology at University College Cardiff, subsequently studying for MSc Environmental Biology (Liverpool University) and PhD in Plant Physiology at Bangor.

I am a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology having been Chair of the Herts, Beds and Essex branch and for many years secretary of the North Wales branch. I still serve on the N W Branch committee.

My first teaching job was at Ashford School, Kent, then at Alleyne’s Stevenage and then I became Head of Biology at Haberdashers’ Aske’s Girls’ School in Elstree.

After moving to North Wales in 1988 I lectured in Biology at Llandrillo College of FE until retirement and during this time became a Senior Examiner for the International Baccalaureate until 2016.

I’m married to John who is an Honorary Court Assistant. I have regularly assisted with interviewing candidates for awards in schools and at Llandrillo College. I am mother of Anne Louise and the late Michael.

I was for several years on the board of Clwyd Alyn Housing Association, but currently do voluntary work at RSPB Conwy and I am Secretary of the Friends of St Asaph Cathedral.

My interests include music – I belong to two choirs, researching the history of St Asaph Cathedral and giving guided tours of the cathedral, gardening, reading.

**COLONEL ROBIN MELVIN**

From 1961 to 1977, he was a regular army officer and held various middle management appointments in maritime transport and human resource development following which he held a number of senior personnel, training and management appointments in both the public and private sectors in the United Kingdom and the Middle East. From 1987 to 1997 he had his own consultancy practice, Management & Psychological Services and from 1997 to 2005 he was the Executive Chairman of Alpha Consolidated Training Limited, a management development and training consultancy contracted to the Office of the Deputy Prime minister and the Department for Transport.

He was Commandant of Gwent Army Cadet Force, a member of the Army Cadet Force Council, the Council of TAVRA for Wales and a member of its General Purposes Committee from 1994 to 2000. He was previously TA staff officer for administration and finance in Wales.

He was a Director of Brecon Jazz Limited from 1996 to 2000 and was a member of the Academic Board of the Institute for Supervision & Management and its President’s Forum from 1996 to 2001.

He has been a member of the Honourable Artillery Company since 1960; is a Life Governor of the Royal
National Lifeboat Institute; a Freeman of the City of London; a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Officer (Brother) in the Order of St. John.

Robin became a Liveryman in February, 1999 and served on the Awards Committee from 2008 until 2014. He was elected a Court Assistant in January, 2009 and was Senior Court Assistant in 2013/14, Junior Warden & Senior Warden 2016/17. He was a Trustee from March 2016 to Sep 2017.

**GWENLLIAN RHYS**

Born in Milford Haven, raised in Neath and made in London, Gwen joined the Welsh Livery Company in 2015 at the end of her year as Master of the Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers.

Gwen has had a varied career and in 2003 set up Women in the City, an award-winning organisation that champions female talent working predominantly in professional services.

She is a frequent conference speaker and chair, mentors students and young professionals.

As well as her involvement with the Glass Sellers, Gwen is a Liveryman in the Needlemakers and Spectacle Makers Companies and is a member of several City Ward Clubs.

Gwen is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and her eclectic range of interests include running, hiking and conversation!

She lives in South Northamptonshire with her husband, Peter Rawlinson, and two Burmese cats.

**FORMER HIGH SHERIFF OF WEST GLAMORGAN**

**HENRY GILBERT ESQ**

Henry Gilbert, holder of the ancient Office of High Sheriff and representative of Her Majesty the Queen’ in West Glamorgan was admitted to the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales on 27 November 2018. His special interests lie in the advancement of young people. He is keen to work within the Company and alongside the Shrievalty of Wales and the volunteers in St John Cymru Wales, to further this end. He hopes also to engage the Company in his outreach work for minority communities, particularly in South Wales

**FORTHCOMING EVENT /DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Tuesday 12th November**
Autumn Lecture at the Firing Line Museum, Cardiff Castle

**Thursday 14th November**
GPC Meeting at the Cardiff & County Club

**Thursday 28th November**
Court Meeting at Cardiff University

**Friday 29th November**
London Group Dinner at the East India Club, London

**Sunday 1st December**
Advent Carols at St Asaph Cathedral preceded by lunch

**Tuesday 10th December**
Carol Service at St John the Baptist Church followed by Dinner at the Cardiff & County Club

**EDITORIAL TEAM**

Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL - Chair of the PR Committee
Angela Parry, MBE – Assistant Clerk
Photographer, Bipin Pitrola, Beadle