

Awards Celebration Dinner Sophia Gardens Friday 4th March 2022



We were delighted to be able to host an event to celebrate our Award's programme and to hear from our Worshipful Livery Company of Wales (WLCow)



young Award Winners. The venue was the Amber Lounge in the Sophia Gardens Cricket Stadium and there was a feeling of anticipation as guests began to arrive



for the sparkling wine reception. Our Beadle, Bob Forster acted as Master of Ceremonies and called everyone to their tables for the start of the evening.



We have been pleased to clothe several new Liverymen since Christmas and they were our guests for the evening. They gathered near the stage and were introduced to their fellow Liverymen and presented with certificates: David Francis, David Honeyman, Gaynor Foulkes-Taylor, Dianne Rees, John Rees and Fiona Curteis. There was a special welcome to Damian Bridgeman who joined a few months ago and is already contributing a huge amount



The Master then formally opened the evening, welcoming Liverymen and guests. A special welcome was given to the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Morfydd Meredith, our Founder Master Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards, The Master of the Haberdashers Company the Rev James Power and his wife Fiona, The Master of the Water Conservators, Mr Peter Hall, and his wife Georgina.



The Chair of our Award's Committee, Wing Commander Graeme Morgan spoke warmly about the role played by the late Past Master Bryan Marsh in our Awards and welcomed his son Richard with his wife Pascale. Graeme announced that we will be giving an award that will bear Bryan's name. "The Bryan Marsh Gold Award"



We then enjoyed short presentations from Award winners; James Bain (Engineering travel award) Sam Clements (Silver Jubilee funded award) and Katie Jenkins (Music, via video from the USA). Josh Williams Chair of the WLCow Young Persons Community of Award Winners had given tremendous help in organising the evening and had made it possible for Award winners to join us. Josh gave an update on the group.



The Reverend James Power gave a wonderful grace, and we began our delightful meal.



After the Second Course Simon Holt, Chair of our Charitable Events Committee and co-organiser Introduced the Aulus Duo who performed brilliantly

After dessert, toast were made by the Senior and Junior Warden. After coffee it was time for Simon to lead us in viewing the slides from a further group of Award Winners. As each stood up to be introduced, their certificate was presented by a member of the Awards Committee. Simon had created posters from their slides which were displayed around the room. Presenters were William Kay, Kristen Hawkins, George Haylock (who had brought a model of his project) Mariella Bucci, Eleanor Furness, Georgina Dadson and Ellie Knott, George Griffiths Bethan Dubber Kiera McNaulty and Rebekah Bristow.

Simon then invited the Lord Lieutenant to make the draw for the David Hurn photoshoot and we all congratulated the winner, Stuart Fletcher



The evening drew to a close with thanks from the Master to Graeme Morgan (Retiring Chair of Awards) and Henry Gilbert (New Chair of Awards). A 'Peter Kettle' painting was presented to Henry by the artist and tokens of appreciation went to Bob, and Simon and to staff at Sophia Garden. We then moved to view the wonderful posters and to enjoy further good fellowship.

