

The Welsh Livery Bulletin of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales

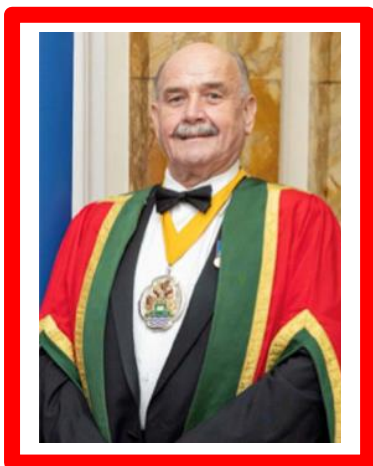


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MASTER'S LETTER



We enjoyed a splendid concert in St. German's Church on 30th, September 2023. This event marked the Company's 30th year, Liveryman Father Paul Bigmore's 50th, Year as a Hymnist and our Primus Master, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards 90th Year. I am grateful for the huge team effort from the Company to deliver this event and the excellent afternoon tea.

I attended the Worcester Clothiers' dinner in the Guildhall on 17th, October 2023.

Common Hall was held in the Cardiff & County Club on 25th, October 2023 with the Meeting being completed in a sporty 21-minutes; many of us stayed for an excellent supper.

We had a convivial 'Curry Evening' at Cardiff Masonic Hall on 28th, October 2023; many went back for 'Seconds'!

On 8th, November 2023, we enjoyed a wonderful lecture on the 'Tonypany Riots, 2010' by David

Maddox, OBE. We were well fed and watered by Elizabeth and her team from Café Chocolate

before and after the talk. A serious road traffic accident delayed the arrival of many; but we finished on time. I provided the wine.

Myself, IPM Stuart Castledine and SCA Jane Croad marched in the Lord Mayor's Parade, thanks to the anonymous donor for making this possible. Our two 'Y Ddraig Goch' flags made an impact and were picked up on the TV coverage.

On 19th, November 2023, I and IPM Stuart Castledine attended the 'Cello Gold' concert at the Royal Academy of Music in London to hear one of our award winners, Ben Tarlton, perform in the event.

On 23rd, November 2023, LM Dyfrig James kindly hosted me at the Paviers' Dinner in Merchant Taylor's Hall. We were treated to an Organ Recital after the meal.

We as a Company need to continually revisit our membership and in that respect, I would urge all Liverymen to help boost our membership.

Major John Charles, TD*, DL
Master

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – CHAIR'S UPDATE



The PR Committee meet quarterly and the Christmas celebration for 2023 has been carried forward to January 2024 following its next meeting.

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THE WELSH BULLETIN

This Christmas issue is the final WLB for 2023 and you will note from the Master's Letter that he has had a busy quarter. All the events attended have been posted on the Livery website and some posted on our social media platforms and have also been included in this bulletin.



WEBSITE

Liverymen who missed any of the events or need more information can catch up through the website. The website is the main channel of communication and Liverymen are encouraged to visit it. The Editorial Team are very robust in keeping it current.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Social Media platforms are continuing to gain traction. One request of all Liverymen who subscribe to social media, to please share/repost all our Livery posts so that it reaches all your contacts who can then share with their contacts thereby raising more awareness of our Livery. It may attract new members - given the Master's message on recruitment, let's all play our part!



THE WELSH TEAM/YTIM CYMRAEG

Welcome and many thanks to Liveryman **Angharad Lloyd Beynon** who has agreed to help the Welsh Team and started off proof reading the September issue of the WLB - Diolch!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW LIVERYMEN



Court welcomed newly Clothed Liverymen **Emlyn John Huish** (No 536) and **Dominic Charles Morgan** (No 537) on Monday 2nd October at the Cardiff & County Club. Both pictured here with the Master **John Charles**.



THE ORCHESTRAL SYMPOSIUM FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS 2024 BRADENSTOKE HALL, ATLANTIC COLLEGE, LLANTWIT MAJOR, WALES 8 OCTOBER 2023

Following on from the great success of the first Orchestral Symposium, the founder patron **Nigel Payne**, Honorary Consul for Slovakia, organised the second Orchestral Symposium for Young Musicians 2024 which was held at Bradenstoke Hall, Atlantic College, Wales on 8 October.



Our Senior Warden **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** JP DL was delighted to represent the Company at the event. Students from UWC Atlantic teamed up with students from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama and talented young musicians from across South Wales. They performed against the beautiful backdrop of the Welsh coast and Bradenstoke Hall

More information

[131029-young-musicians.pdf](#)
([liverycompanywales.cymru](#))

“THE GIRL FROM TIGER BAY” NOAH’S ARK CHARITY GALA CONCERT CELTIC MANOR RESORT FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023



Liverymen **Andrew Board**, **Rod McKerlich** and **Anthony Ward** joined our Senior Warden **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** JP DL to support the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity Gala Ball at the Celtic Manor Resort

More information

[231023-noah's-ark-charity-gala-concert.pdf](#)
([liverycompanywale](#))



WALES DISABLED SPORTS DAY



PM **Peter Coleman** and CA **Roger Harper**, both Rotarians and supporters of the Rotary Disabled Sports Team, attended the Welsh Disabled Sports Day on 26 November 2023 at the Sport Wales National Centre in Cardiff. They thoroughly enjoyed the day!

STEPHEN DAVIES AS GUEST SPEAKER



Liveryman **Stephen Davies**, CEO of the iconic Welsh business - Penderyn Distillery was the guest speaker of EVO Business Networking Club Wales event in The Ivy, Cardiff. He shared his remarkable journey in business, telling the story of Welsh whisky and much more! Pictured here with EVO Leader **Jamie Breeze**

STEPHEN DAVIES WITH MATTHEW RHYS



Welsh Actor Matthew Rhys as brand ambassador of Penderyn Whisky talks to their CEO Liveryman **Stephen Davies** about Wales and Whisky. Visit our website for the video.



Agnes Xavier- Phillips JP DL was the guest of Cardiff Business Club at their lunch lecture with guest speaker **Tom Glover** Country Chairman RWE. Seated on the top table with her was the Founder Chairman of the Worshipful Livery Company **Sir Norman Lloyd- Edwards** and the High Sheriff of West Glamorgan **Alan Brayley** VR DL.

More information

[011223-cardiff-business-club-lecture.pdf](#) (liverycompanywales.cymru)

CARDIFF BUSINESS AWARDS



The SW **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** was honoured to be invited as a Judge and presented the Financial & Professional Services Business of the year Award at the glittering Cardiff Business Awards Ceremony at the Mercure Hotel on 17 November 2023.



More information

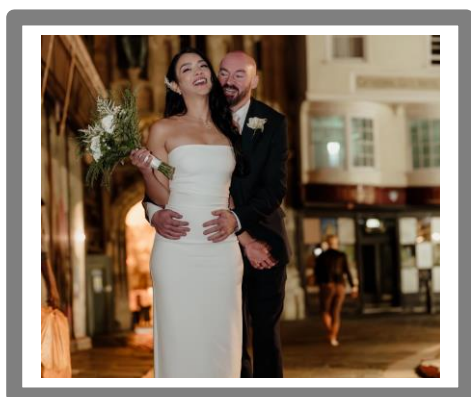
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DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION



The Master **John Charles** was invited to join PM Lt Col **David Suthers** and his wife **Joyce** at a party to celebrate their Diamond Wedding. David & Joyce received a congratulatory card from the King & Queen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLERK CHRISTOPHER DALE



His son Damien got married – pictured here with his bride Xemina, on their wedding day..



Congratulations to the **Master Major John Charles TD* DL** who has been selected as the High Sheriff in Nomination for Mid Glamorgan.



COMMON HALL



The Master, Junior Warden and twenty-seven Liverymen attended in person and a further fourteen through the Zoom link. Business was concluded in 21 minutes. Convivial drinks were had before and after the formal proceedings and some thirty- two members and guests enjoyed a pleasant supper.



THE WORSHIPFUL LIVELY COMPANY OF WALES IN THE MEDIA

Samanta Gudziunaite, Rachel Knight and Alex Swain all received travel grants of £250 each to speak at the International Paediatric Work Physiology Conference in Chepstow, September 2023.

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/111223-pwp-award.pdf>



Laura Hughes-Dowdle, Caitlin Tanner, Jason Pitt; all three Swansea researchers have won travel scholarships from the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales which will allow them to enhance their research.

Research on diabetes, peatlands and supporting deaf nurses will benefit from Livery Company awards



PM and Almoner, Professor **Ron Eccles**, Emeritus Professor at Cardiff University's School of Biosciences, has commented in MailOnline, 02/12/23 an article entitled: Is it the flu, Covid or just a cold? To see the ultimate guide on how to tell your symptoms apart this winter, click here:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-12794919/Is-flu-Covid-just-cold-Ultimate-guide-tell-symptoms-apart-winter.html>



**Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL
SW & Chair PRC – 2023**

COMPANY AWARDS



SCHOOL AWARDS



*Ysgol y Deri, Vale of Glamorgan:
Jennaliese Salter*



*Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi: Millie
Crowe*



*St David's College:
Kenzie Hollingsworth*



*Calon Cymru, Builth: Henry
Bonos*



Coleg Merthyr: Ismail Shaikh



Ysgol Hari

Ysgol y Vards



*Coleg y Cymoedd, Nantgarw: Carys Jones and
Jacob Lewis*



*Bishop Vaughan School -Annabel
Parry*



More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/151123-wlcow-schools-awards-2023.pdf>

HILLSIDE SCHOOL



On, 14 November 2023, the Master **John Charles** visited Hillside Secure Unit in Cimla, Neath to present an award of tools and PPE to a young man who aspires to become a Bricklayer when he leaves this facility on 16 November 2023. We cannot identify the individual due to legal provisions. Many thanks to PM **Dr Kathy Seddon** for her involvement in this award; Kathy has established a good rapport with the Staff at Hillside.

WLCOW MASTER'S AWARD WINNER 2022 BEN TARLTON



On Sunday, 19th, November 2023, the Master **John Charles** & Immediate Past Master **Stuart Castledine** were present at a concert entitled 'Cello Gold' as guests of past award winner **Ben Tarlton** in the Royal Academy of Music, London.

CURRY EVENING AT THE CARDIFF MASONIC HALL



On Saturday, 28th, October 2023 a Curry Supper was held in Cardiff Masonic Hall.

We were able to enjoy the excellent food and watch the Rugby World Cup final on the big screen.



More information

[311023-master's-curry-evening-at-cardiff-masonic-hall.pdf \(liverycompanywales.cymru\)](#)

CHARITY GALA CONCERT, ST GERMANS CHURCH CARDIFF, 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales held a very successful Gala Charity Concert on Saturday 30 September 2023 at St Germans Church with over 200 people attending to celebrate our 30th anniversary, the 90th birthday of our founder Master, **Captain Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards** and 50 years of the musical achievements by **Father Paul Bigmore**.



Mr Roy Noble oversaw the event as our Master of Ceremonies with his usual humour and panache. We were truly honoured that **Rebecca Evans** found time out from her international commitments to sing some of her songs. The Côr Meibion Morlais Choir sang a hymn specially composed by **Father Paul Bigmore** for the occasion and dedicated to **Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards**. The event was completed by a presentation to Sir Norman of a plaque featuring the music and words of the hymn.



The audience then joined **Sir Norman** for his birthday cream tea with a special birthday cake expertly baked and decorated by **Janet Williams**. We certainly achieved our first three aims with a most enjoyable concert, making about £1,700 for our Charity and showcasing the extraordinary musical talent we have in Wales.

More information

[061023-charitygala.pdf \(liverycompanywales.cymru\)](#)

LECTURE “TONYPANDY RIOTS” BY D MADDOX ESQ OBE AT THE RHONDDA HERITAGE PARK

A lecture on the ‘Tonypandy Riots, 1910’ was delivered by Mr David Maddox, OBE to a packed lecture room at the Rhondda Heritage Park, Trehafod.



All those attending had to battle through a gridlocked road network due to a vehicle crash. We were held spellbound by David’s delivery; he covered the causation of the strike, the rioting, the support of the Colliery Owner by other mining companies and the support of the Miners by their enlarged Union, the ‘Churchill Question’ (an urban myth in the Rhondda) and the aftermath. We were well fed and watered by Elizabeth and her team in Café Chocolate; tea, coffee & Welsh cakes beforehand and sandwiches, bara brith and scones afterwards. The Master provided the wine.

NORTH WALES ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AND DINNER – 3rd DECEMBER 2023



It is now ten years since the North Wales Committee invited Liverymen to the service of the Advent Carols in St. Asaph Cathedral. At this years’ service both the Master **John Charles** and Liveryman **Rosemary Solbé** delivered the readings



The service was preceded by a superb reception hosted by Liverymen **John & Rosie Solbé** at their home; followed by a delicious luncheon cooked by Rosie. After lunch, puzzles and crosswords filled the afternoon until it was time to move to the Cathedral.





CAROL SERVICE AT ST BASIL'S CHURCH BASSALEG – 7th DECEMBER 2023



Supper was held at St. Basil, Bassaleg with us dining in their Church Hall. Our Chaplain the Reverend Canon Sarah Jones took the service with musical accompaniment by the Church's Organist.

Liverymen and guests enjoyed a traditional service of Prayers, Readings & Carols. For many this marked the start of the Christmas Season



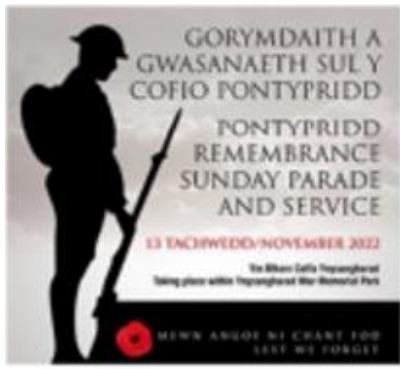
Afterwards we retired to the Church Hall for a delicious meal prepared and served by Senior Court Assistant **Jane Croad**, her Mam and the rest of her family and some friends; 'Team Croad' really did us proud with a delicious four course meal. Everyone was highly complementary of the fare. The Master provided the wine and table decorations. The able bodied assisted in stripping out the venue to hand back a clear room to the Church. We are most grateful to the **Reverend Christopher Stone** and his Church Warden for their assistance in allowing us to use their facilities.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service

On Sunday 12th November 2023 the Master took the Salute on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant at the Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC's Remembrance Parade in Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, Pontypridd.



The Master also represented the Company at the RLB Festival of Remembrance at St David's Cathedral. The Company's wreath was laid at the National War Memorial in Cathays Park, Cardiff by PM **Dr Sarah Cockbill**.

More information

[221123-remembrance-day-2023.pdf \(liverycompanywales.cymru\)](#)

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ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2023



SCA **Jane Croad** and CA **Stephen Richards** represented the Company at St. Paul's Cathedral and joined the procession for the Lord Mayor's wreath laying. This was followed by lunch at the Guildhall where they were joined by London Liverymen.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2023

The Master **John Charles** together with IPM **Stuart Castledine** and SCA **Jane Croad** represented the Company at the Lord Mayor's show in London on Saturday 11th November 2023.



Court Assistant **Roger Harper** and former Master of the Company of Basketmakers met up with the Team before the start of the Show.



The Welsh Team were delighted to be able to welcome Alderman Professor **Michael Mainelli** as the 695th Lord Mayor of the City of London

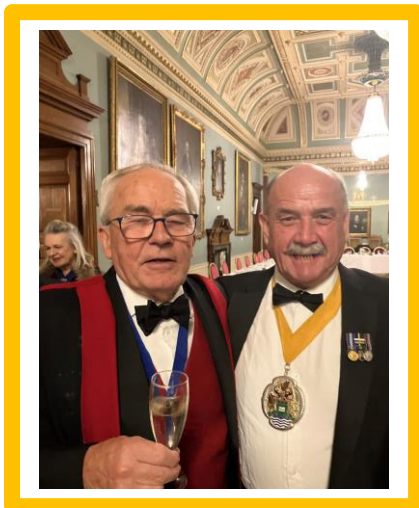


More information

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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CLOTHIERS WORCESTERSHIRE



On 17th October 2023 the Master **John Charles** dined as a guest of the Worcester Clothiers Company at the Guildhall Worcester. It was a jolly affair with very convivial company. Pictured here are the High Master of Worcester Clothiers **Peter Garland** & Master **John Charles**

More information

[311023-the-worcester-clothiers-dinner.pdf \(liverycompanywales.cymru\)](#)



ANNUAL ST CECILIA DAY SERVICE



Immediate Past Master **Stuart Castledine** represented the Company at the Annual St Cecilia Day Service, held this year in Westminster Cathedral on 22nd November 2023. The service organized by Help for Musicians and supported by Livery Companies from the City was also attended by Past Master **Wayne Warlow**, who is also a member of the Musicians Company, and this was followed by a sumptuous Lunch at Merchant Taylors Hall.

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF PAVIORS AT MERCHANT TAYLOR'S HALL



Worshipful Company of Paviers at Merchant Taylor's Hall As requested some photos for next edition of our magazine. This is our Master **John Charles** attending the Autumn dinner of The Worshipful Company of Paviers at Merchant Taylor's Hall, being introduced to The Master and Wardens, enjoying participating in loving cup ceremony with his top table guests, listening to the only live organ recital in any livery hall, and listening to the first speech made by this year's Lady Mayoress to a Livery Dinner. Wonderful night.

More information

[271123-the-worshipful-company-of-paviers-autumn-dinner.pdf](#)
([liverycompanywales.cymru](#))



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The Master **John Charles** was the guest of PM **Windsor Coles**, OBE (Member) at the 40th, Anniversary Dinner of the Engineers' Company at the Mansion House on 1st, November 2023. Windsor's party also included **Mrs Sue Hewerdine** and PM **Dr Sarah Cockbill**.

More information

[131123-livery-company-of-engineers.pdf](#)
([liverycompanywales.cymru](#))

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FANMAKERS



Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL, and her husband **Nigel** were the guests of Liveryman **HHJ Nicholas Cooke** KC at the recent Selection Court Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers.

More information

[061123-fan-makers-dinner-girdlers-hall.pdf](#)
([liverycompanywales.cymru](#))





The Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Firefighters, **Max Dissanayake**, has sent a message to all Modern Livery Clerks thanking and commending them for all their hard work and supreme effort in delivering a superb Lord Mayor's show 2023!

Together with The Pageant Master, feedback and observations of the LM's Show were sought for consideration.

ANNUAL COURT LEET FEAST OF THE GUILDABLE MANOR OF SOUTHWARK



At the Annual Court Leet Feast of the Guildable Manor of Southwark held at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, CA **Lawrence Day** was invested as the Foreman of the Guildable Manor of Southwark.

A sumptuous lunch was served followed by an interesting talk by **HHJ Lucraft** on the changes in the legal system in England and Wales.

Among guests from WLCOW were IPM **Stuart Castledine** and his wife **Christine**.



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 17th January 2024

London Dinner at the Victory Services Club



Thursday 14th March 2024

Awards Celebration Event at the Dylan Thomas Centre, Swansea, Commencing at 7:00pm



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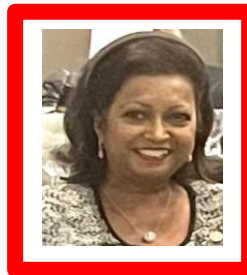
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WELSH LIVERY BULLETIN

The next edition of the Welsh Livery Bulletin will be issued in **March 2024**.

If you have any articles you wish to be included in future editions of the WLB, please contact **Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL (PRC Chair)** and **Angela Parry MBE (Assistant Clerk)**, who compile the WLB based on contributions/articles received.

THE EDITORIAL TEAM



Wish

All Liverymen and their families

A Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year

