



## ***Annwyl Gyd-Liferiŵyr · Dear Fellow Liverymen***

*An update from Master Jane Croad · June 2026*



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What a glorious, and rather warm, month it has been. I do hope you have all kept cool through those extraordinary temperatures of the past week and are now enjoying this slightly gentler weather. June has been a wonderful chance for me to fly the flag for the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales right across the London Liveries, spreading the word about the good work we do back home in supporting young talented people in Wales. It has been busy, it has been great fun, and at every turn I have been reminded of just how warmly our Company is regarded.

So, let me take you through the highlights of a marvellous month.

***“Respecting our traditions, embracing new technology.”***

**MONDAY 2 JUNE**

## **Installation of the Master Tobacco Makers**



My month began in fine style as a guest of honour at the installation of Master Jacqueline Burrows as Master of the Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders at the Saddlers' Hall in London. It was a splendid occasion, steeped in tradition, and a real pleasure to be among so many fellow Masters who take such genuine interest in our work in Wales. Master Jacqueline Burrows is a great supporter on our work.

*Master Jane Croad of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, Master Nurses, Master of the Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders (installation) and Master Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers at Saddlers Hall June 2nd*



SATURDAY 6 JUNE

## Awards at HMS Cambria



For the second year running I had the great privilege of presenting awards on behalf of the Company to the University Royal Naval Unit at HMS Cambria in Cardiff. Each of these wonderful young people received a certificate and £150. They are incredibly focused, talented young women and men, drawn from all manner of backgrounds, and every one of them brimming with ambition. One young woman I spoke to, having just completed a PhD, told me she wants to be an astronaut and is studying the possibilities of growing plants on the Moon and beyond. I feel extraordinarily privileged to meet people like this, such an asset to Wales and far beyond, so confident and so determined to change the world for the better. It really is a quite wonderful experience.

## Lady Mayor of London Master's weekend in Bournemouth

Later that same day, David and I set off for Bournemouth and the Lord Mayor of London's Master's Weekend, a fantastic opportunity to network with Masters from other Livery companies. Several of the Masters with Welsh heritage were keen to know more about the WLCow and how they might collaborate with us, whether by joining our Livery themselves, by finding Liverymen in their own companies with Welsh roots, or by working with us in other ways. There was an early morning swim for the braver among us, and it was tremendous fun throughout.

The great comradery amongst the Masters from the many different Livery Companies is inspiring and reflects the great positive spirit common to all Liveries to make a positive difference. It is a wonderful movement to be part of.



*Master Insurer Sarah Fardon  
Master Jane Croad Master  
World Traders Richard Burge  
(Welsh) swimming in  
Bournemouth*



WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

## Our Visit to the House of Lords With Baroness Finlay of Llandaff



This was a real highlight of the month. Over forty of us, Liverymen and guests, set off from Wales on an Edwards' luxury coach for the House of Lords, meeting more of our Liverymen and guests in London to make us a company of fifty. We were warmly greeted by Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, who showed us around parts of the Houses of Parliament, including the viewing galleries of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, before we enjoyed a lovely tea. Then it was back on the coach for a few glasses of fizz to speed us merrily home.

It was a day of real fun and fellowship, and a great opportunity for Liverymen to chat and get to know one another better. Father Sebastian held a raffle in aid of City Hospice, the charity founded by Baroness Finlay, and everyone gave so generously that we raised £500. It is exactly the kind of day we should love to repeat.

*Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaff and Master Jane Croad at the House of Lords, June 2026.*

It was a pleasure to spend time with Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, a former recipient of our Outstanding Achievement Award and such a generous friend to the Company. Her support throughout our Westminster visits this month has meant a great deal, and reflects exactly the kind of connections we are so keen to nurture. Baroness Ilora Finlay spoke to us about the work she is doing in the House of Lords and explained the concerns she has with Terminally ill Adult (right to die) Bill and the amazing support she continues to give in her professional capacity as a Professor of palliative care to the people of Wales especially at the City Hospice.



*On the House of Lords trip: Sam, Liveryman Norma Jarboe's nephew, Beadle Mr Simon Care and Fr Sebastian Jones.*

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THURSDAY 11 JUNE

## City Hospice, Cardiff

The following day I met Spiro Borg, an active and dedicated Liveryman, who introduced me to City Hospice, where I was delighted to present the £500 collected on behalf of Baroness Finlay of Llandaff. I spent time learning about the truly wonderful work City Hospice does in supporting terminally ill people and their families. We discussed opportunities for working together and I am thrilled to say we have agreed that our October Country and Western Hoedown will be a joint fundraiser between the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and City Hospice.

*Presenting £500 to City Hospice Director Amanda Fenton, with Liveryman Spiro Borg*



WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE

## Summer Banquet at Painters' Hall



I was privileged to represent the Company as a guest of honour at the Scientific Instrument Makers' Summer Banquet at Painters' Hall, at the kind invitation of Master Jane Fenwick. It was a magnificent evening, David my Consort resplendent in white tie and tails. I was fortunate to sit beside Andreas, the Master of the Shipwrights, who was most interested in our work supporting young talent in Wales, as indeed were many others there. Painters' Hall was glorious, the light pouring through its beautiful stained glass windows. It really is an absolute joy to attend these dinners, in such beautiful surroundings and among such charming and interesting people. And the food was rather good too.

*With Master Jane Fenwick of the Scientific Instrument Makers at the Summer Banquet, Painters' Hall, 18 June.*

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FRIDAY 20 JUNE

## A Welcome Moment in Swansea



On a happily more restful note, I enjoyed a thoroughly relaxing time at the Glo Spa salon of Mrs Elsa Haines, wife of our Liveryman Kevin Haines, in Swansea. I had a much-needed treatment, and Elsa very kindly donated a voucher for a treatment as a raffle prize for our Summer Garden Party on 5 July.

Elsa is a great supporter of the Livery Company of Wales.

Thank you, Elsa.

TUESDAY 24 JUNE

## 125th Anniversary of the Submariners



The month closed with a wonderful evening of fellowship celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Submariners at Mansion House in London.

A good group of Liverymen from the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales were there to lend our support, including Past Master Keith Williams and Janet, Major John Charles, Commander Carolyn John and her son Aneurin, and Father Sebastian Jones.

It was another splendid occasion and yet another chance to raise the profile of our Company among the many Livery companies of London.



Liveryman Commander Carolyn Jones had the opportunity to catch up with many of her former Colleagues.





## With Heartfelt Thanks



It has been another tremendously enjoyable month for me as Master, representing our Company and helping to organise this month's visit to the House of Lords, which was such a success and so warmly enjoyed by Liverymen and guests alike. Thank you to all those Liverymen who have supported events this month and helped to raise the positive profile of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, encouraging more enthusiastic and accomplished Welsh people to join us in our aim of supporting young people in Wales.

My thanks go to Kate Housley, our Acting Clerk, for all her support and help. And my very special thanks go to Angela Parry MBE, our Assistant Clerk, who has worked tirelessly to organise everything and keep the Livery running so efficiently. Angela is quite incredible in her commitment and dedication to the Company. Thank you, Angela.

***“Please do try to join some of the events, it is such fun working together to support young talented people.”***

### LOOKING AHEAD

## Upcoming Events

**Summer Garden Party, Saturday 5 July**, at Strathaven, Manor Road, Risca NP11 6JZ. Please do contact Angela or me if you need any further information about this lovely event. I would be delighted to see as many of you there as possible.

*Hwyl Fawr.*

*With my warmest wishes,*

**Dr Jane Croad**

*Master, The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales · 2026 – 2027*