

The Welsh Livery Bulletin of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales



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MASTER'S LETTER



Dear Liverymen

Hope you have all had a very enjoyable summer and now ready to embrace Autumn! Autumn carries a symbolic message of letting go, connected to the trees shedding their leaves and embracing change.

The Livery has not been short of changes! A couple of major changes has been the retirement of the Treasurer before I took office in March this year and the retirement of our Clerk Christopher Dale upon reaching 70 years in September. Whilst it posed a challenge to recruit not one but two senior Livery members, we have successfully recruited two excellent candidates!

Colin Morris BA (Hons) FCA CPA took office as Treasurer in August and has been kindly assisted in his induction by Liveryman **Philip Kitchen** the outgoing Treasurer. Our new Clerk **David Sneddon** MA (Hons) CA started on 1 November and will be appointed as Clerk of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales at

the forthcoming Court Meeting on 18 November 2024. In the meantime he is undergoing his induction with the help of our former Clerk, Liveryman **Christopher Dale**. During recruitment and pending appointment of the new Treasurer and Clerk, our Assistant Clerk Angela Parry has been helping me out to ensure the administrative services continued. On behalf of the Company, I would like to thank **Christopher Dale**, **Phillip Kitchen** and **Angela Parry** for their continuing support to me as Master and to the Company which is much appreciated. We were able to thank Christopher in person and present him with a gift following the last Court meeting. We wish him well for the future.

My Master's theme to increase membership continues and my campaign to enlist the support of members to introduce one new member is also very much encouraged. I have introduced 3 more new members proposed by me and another new member proposed by our new Treasurer **Colin Morris** and are all currently awaiting Court approval. In total since my Installation, I have introduced 10 new members and many thanks to our IPM, SW and new Treasurer for also introducing a new member each.

I attended many events since the Summer Bulletin. I was delighted and honoured to represent the Company at various London Livery Dinners and Banquets. In particular, I was very honoured to be invited as the Guest Speaker at the Watermen and Lightermen Company's Court Luncheon. All events attended are listed below:

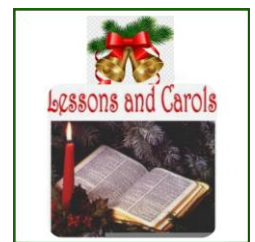
- National Eisteddfod Welsh Mass St .Dyfrig's Church, Pontypridd
- Lord Mayor's Election Guildhall London
- The Watermen and Lightermen Company Court Luncheon, Watermen Hall
- The Glovers Annual Banquet Mansion House

- The Worshipful Company of Constructors Dinner, Grocers' Hall, London
- The Clothiers Banquet, Guildhall, Worcester
- The Worshipful Company of Engineers, Annual Livery Banquet, Mansion House
- The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Dinner, Grocers Hall
- The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers, Austin Friars Hall
- The RBL Wales Festival of Remembrance, ICC
- The Lord Mayor's Grand Finale Ball, Guildhall, London
- The Silent Ceremony, Guildhall, London as guest of the Lady Mayoress Elizabeth Mainelli
- The Lord Mayor's Show, London
- The National Service of Remembrance for Wales

As can be seen, it has been an extremely busy time for me and all of it very enjoyable and a great way of sharing fellowship! It also helped my Master's theme to raise the profile and awareness of the WLCOW. In between, I also managed to include two of my Calendar events - the Master's weekend in N. Wales - Llandudno and the Swansea Penderyn Distillery Copperworks Tour and Luncheon. Both were very well attended and extremely successful events!

Full details of appointments and events referred to above appear later in the Bulletin.

Please refer to the **Save the Date** section in this Bulletin for upcoming events and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Lessons and Carols on 3 December 2024 - please invite your family and guests to come along with you.



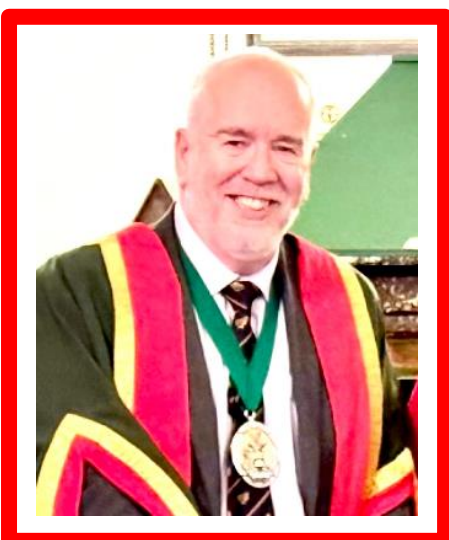
Regards/Coifon

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AWARDS COMMITTEE



As Chair of the **Awards Committee**, Senior Warden **Henry Gilbert** is specifically wanting to reach out and invite Liverymen to consider joining the Awards Committee.

The Awards Committee determines how we will deliver our Livery Company's aims of developing young Welsh talent within the arts, science and technology.

There is a variety of ways through financial awards, recognition and celebration. In total, the annual budget is £40,000 and three awards have recently been made, namely the **Bryan Marsh Gold Development Award** for £5,000, **Travel Award** for £1,000 and the **Financial Literacy Award** for £500. Full details will be given in the next edition of the WLB.

FLYING HIGH!



October saw the annual awards to the Babcock (sub-contractors to RAF Valley) apprentices take place at RAF Valley. Four young men had successfully completed their training and duly received a variety of awards, amongst high praise and congratulations. Amongst those awards, each was recognised by our Livery Company and presented with a certificate to commemorate the occasion with a small financial sum, by **Liveryman, Noel Hulumston**, from North Wales.

From L-R – Liveryman **Noel Hulumston**: **Ethan Griffiths**, **Adam Valleley**, **Brendan Sweetman**: **Liam Capper**: **Bethan McCrohan** (Babcocks Apprentice Supervisor).

CHARITABLE EVENTS COMMITTEE



Chair of the Charitable Events Committee **Father Sebastian Jones** reports on the recent Charitable Events Committee, Croquet and Tea Event at the Llandaff Croquet Club on 1st September 2024 and it was a fun time, enjoyed by all. The Chair of the croquet club **Geoff Barton-Greenwood** welcomed us all and gave a brief history and background of croquet. We were then invited in groups to play croquet with members of the Club. Most people joined in and enjoyed it enormously with many Liverymen thinking about taking up this new hobby. **Jenny Barton- Greenwood** led the cream tea event, greeting everyone with a chilled glass of Pimms and a Welsh cake. **JW Jane Croad** and her family provided a magnificent afternoon tea accompanied by a glass of champagne.



More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/270924-collage-and-article-of-croquet-and-afternoon-event.pdf>

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE



The Master, **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** and Chair of the PR Committee, is encouraged by the social media statistics (which are posted within the Members Password Protected part of the Website) which has continued to increase and over the last three years has risen from approximately 40 to 667 followers. This figure compares favourably with a few London Livery Companies.

The Master emphasised that we should encourage all award winners to publicise their WLCOW awards and the benefits they have derived from them on their own social media platforms to raise awareness of the Company.

All Liverymen are also encouraged to “like and share” WLCOW’s posts. The Welsh Team/ Y Tim Cymraeg continue to assist with the Welsh translation of the Welsh Livery Bulletin.

PENDERYN SWANSEA COPPERWORKS DISTILLERY TOUR



Sincere thanks to Liveryman **Stephen Davies**, CEO of Penderyn and his wife **Laura Davies**, former CA for assisting in organising and making this very informative and interesting visit possible.

Twenty-seven Liverymen and guests attended the Penderyn Copper-works Distillery in Swansea on Monday 7 October for a Guided Tour followed by a light Lunch.

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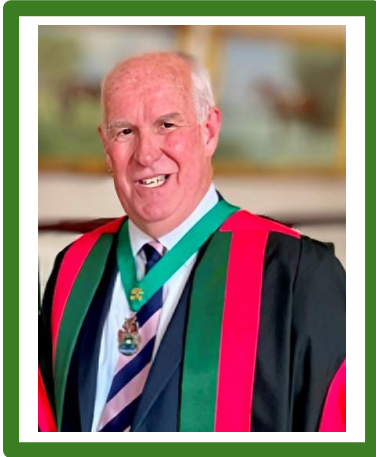
<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/swansea-penderyn-tour.pdf>

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLERK- DAVID SNEDDON MA (Hons) CA



David is a Scottish Chartered Accountant (CA) who has resided in Monmouthshire since 1997. A vastly experienced Chief Financial Officer having held several senior positions throughout his career. After graduating with a master’s degree from Aberdeen University, his career started with KPMG in Edinburgh before moving into the aluminium industry, working for Alcan / Novelis for over 21 years, holding financial and operational positions including the Novelis Europe CFO based in Zurich. David has held a number of CFO roles more recently with US listed offshore driller Seadrill and Leviathan Engineering and after leaving the large corporate world in 2018, has been working with a portfolio of owner managed SME and private equity backed businesses in finance, turnaround and NED roles. Married to Jackie with five children and four grandchildren, they enjoy travel, eating out, theatre, swimming and walking their two dogs.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TREASURER - COLIN MORRIS BA (Hons) FCA CPFA



An alumnus of the University of Exeter, Colin is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a member of Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. Having qualified with a predecessor firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers, he spent the early part of his career in the venture and development capital sector, with a particular focus on technology investment.

Colin subsequently held senior positions in the former Welsh Development Agency and the Welsh Government, including those of Deputy Regional Director for South West Wales, Deputy Director of Finance of the Welsh European Funding Office and Head of Communities First.

Before taking early retirement from the Welsh Government, he was Head of Employability with responsibility for employment support programmes across Wales, particularly focussed on young people, those with complex barriers to employment and individuals facing redundancy.

Throughout his career Colin has worked with partners in the public, private, academic and third sectors. He has also undertaken voluntary Treasurer roles for a local church and a community rugby club. Colin was admitted to the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and became Treasurer on 23 August 2024.

CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION



NEW LORD MAYOR ELECTED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 GUILDHALL, LONDON



Our Master **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** JP DL attended the election of Alderman **Alastair King** as the 696th Lord Mayor of the City of London and his installation took place on 8 November 2024.

Following the election our Master also a Liveryman Arbitrator, joined the Company of Arbitrators for lunch at the Guildhall.

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/301024-lord-mayors-election.pdf>

ASSOCIATION WITH LONDON LIVERY COMPANIES

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF EDUCATORS

CA Kim Insley was received as Freeman at the Worshipful Company of Educators. During the dinner two other Freemen were admitted, **Kevin Regan** and **Sahreen Siddiqui**.



Master **Catherine McGuinness** CBE with 6 of those who declared: **Jonathan Eno**, Rt Hon **Robert Halfon**, **Timothy Hallett**, **Sharon Roberts** and **Stephen Smith**.



CA Kim Insley with her husband **Ian**

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GLOVERS



The Glovers Annual Banquet took place in the unique surroundings of the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, the magnificent home of the Lord Mayor of London, on Tuesday 8th October 2024. Our Master **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** JP DL and her Consort **Nigel Phillips** were invited to attend the Banquet and were honoured to be seated at the Top Table.

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/081024-the-glovers-annual-banquet.pdf>

THE COMPANY OF WATERMEN AND LIGHTERMEN



Our Master **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** JP DL was honoured to be invited as the guest speaker by The Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames at its Court meeting on 2 October 2024 followed by luncheon at Watermen's Hall, an 18th century Georgian Hall which graces the City of London with its historical elegance.

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/281024-news.pdf>

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS



Our Master **Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL** and her Consort **Nigel Phillips** were honoured to represent The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales at the Installation Dinner of The Worshipful Company of Constructors. It was held at the historic and unique setting of Grocer's Hall with its stunning Venetian chandeliers. The Master was honoured to be in the Top Table Procession.

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/constructors-dinner.pdf>

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF ENGINEERS



The Worshipful Company of Engineers held their annual Installation Banquet on 21st October 2024 in the Egyptian Hall of the magnificent Grade 1 listed Mansion House.

Our Master **Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL** and her Consort were hosted by PM Engineer **Barry Brooks** and his wife **Linda** and PM **Keith Williams** of WLCow and his wife **Janet**, were seated with them. The Master was pleased to meet the two new Sheriffs of the City of London.

As the banquet was held on the 219th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, the Chief Naval Engineer Officer was invited to propose the Royal Navy's traditional Trafalgar Toast - "to the Immortal Memory of Lord Nelson and all who fell with him"

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/211024-the-worshipful-company-of-engineers-installation-banquet.pdf>

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF ARBITRATORS



Our Master **Agnes Xavier- Phillips** JP DL also a Liveryman Arbitrator and her Consort **Nigel Phillips** were delighted to attend the Installation Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators. It was held in the magnificent Grocers Hall in London on Thursday 24th October 2024.

The Master attended the Court Service at which the Master **Nicola Cohen** and Senior Warden **Matt Molloy** and Junior Warden **Peter King** were installed.

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/241024-the-installation-dinner.pdf>

FAREWELL TO OUR CLERK



After serving as our Clerk for six years, Christopher Dale decided that having recently celebrated his 70th birthday, it was time for him to “wind down”.

To mark this occasion, following the Court Meeting on 25th September, Christopher was presented with a cut glass rose bowl by the Master on behalf of the Company.

Thank you, Christopher for you giving us 6 years of devoted service

CONGRATULATION TO SCA ROGER HARPER MBE



GRATEFUL SOCIETY IN BRISTOL

On 14th November Senior Court Assistant **Roger Harper** MBE, who lives in Portishead, will become President, for one year, of the very prestigious **Grateful Society in Bristol**.

The Grateful Society is a charity which was set up in 1758 and provides funding of around £110,000 pa to other Bristol charities who are providing help to elderly and lonely people in the Bristol area. The Society has an annual appeal and works closely, but independently, with two other similar local charities - The Anchor and The Dolphin. The combined annual donations of the three charities to support the elderly and lonely in Bristol is approximately £330,000. The Grateful spend much time visiting, and working with, the charities which they support. The photo shows **Roger** with the **Lord Mayor of Bristol Cllr Andrew Varney** at a recent event hosted by the Bristol After Stroke Charity which is one of the 30 charities currently supported by The Grateful.

Many congratulations to Roger on his imminent appointment.

PAST MASTERS ASSOCIATION – THE PLATINUMS

The Masters of the various Livery companies will naturally meet at events during their year in office and in order to maintain contact and fellowship a Past Masters' Association (PMA) is usually formed to include all the Masters from a given year.

SCA **Roger Harper** MBE was the Past Prime Warden (Master) of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers 2021-22 and his PMA is named The Platins after the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Roger is an active member of the organising committee.

Roger and his wife **Olga** attended the Platins' second Reunion Dinner in Trinity House, London, a stunning venue. Former Lord Mayor **Vincent Keaveney** CBE and President of the Platins addressed the Group. PM **Stuart Castledine** is also an active member of this Group.

RBL WALES FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE/NATIONAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR WALES – SATURDAY 2ND AND SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER



LEST WE
FORGET



Our Master **Agnes Xavier-Phillips** JP DL represented WLCOW at the RBL's 44th Annual Wales Festival of Remembrance at ICC Wales. It was a most memorable and reflective occasion honouring those who had given so much in service.

On Sunday 10th November our Master attended The National Service of Remembrance for Wales at the National War Memorial in Cardiff. It was great to see so many dignitaries and representatives at the Service. After the formal proceedings, everyone headed to the front of the City Hall to watch the March Past.

The Service was conducted by the **Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk BEM**, Honorary Chaplain to Cardiff Council.

DEATH NOTICE - REVEREND CANON DEREK BELCHER LIVERYMAN NO: 467



Derek was Ordained as a Priest in 1978 and during his Ministry, he served in many parishes in Wales within the Diocese of Llandaff. Whilst serving in the Parish of Margam where he was involved in a special service to mark the 850th Anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey, he worked collaboratively with 'The Friends of Margam Abbey' and he oversaw the extremely successful 'Abbots Kitchen' in the Church Hall; seeing it as 'a great pastoral opportunity', an extension of his ministry - a 'non-traditional' approach to youth work. He was also an active Liveryman until ill-health prevented him from attending many of the functions arranged. He did, however, attended the 10th Anniversary Royal Charter Dinner in June this year and said the Grace

DEATH NOTICE - THE REVEREND PAUL BIGMORE LIVERYMAN NO 404

Paul was a Court Assistant, a role he valued greatly. He was Ordained as a Priest in 1993 and started his Ministry in St John's Church in Cardiff City Centre and served in many parishes in the Rhondda Valley. He will be remembered too for his great love of music and was awarded the Archbishop of Wales Award for Church Music – an award given to people of outstanding musical ability who dedicate their time to keeping music at the heart of services in churches and chapels and given to him for the several hymn books he has published.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LIVERYMEN



Congratulations to Rosemary and John Solbé and to Keith and Janet Williams who have both recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries.

NEWLY CLOTHED LIVERYMEN

TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST AT THE CARDIFF & COUNTY CLUB



From left to right - **Mr Michael Davies** Liveryman No 545, **Mr Martin Trainer** No 547, **The Most Reverend George Stack** No 539 and **Mr Colin Morris**, Treasurer, No 549, **Mr David Perkins**, No 548, pictures with the **Master Agnes Xavier-Phillips** and the **Senior Warden Henry Gilbert**

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WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER AT THE CARDIFF & COUNTY CLUB



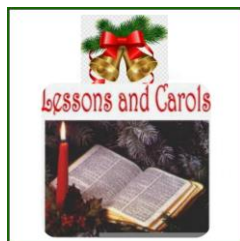
From left to right - **Janey Howell** High Sheriff, South Glamorgan No 546, **Mr Lewis Bebb** No 544, **Kathryn Roberts** Chair of Eversheds and Outstanding Award Winner 2024 & Honorary Liveryman. Pictured with the **Master Agnes Xavier-Phillips** and **Senior Warden Henry Gilbert**

More information

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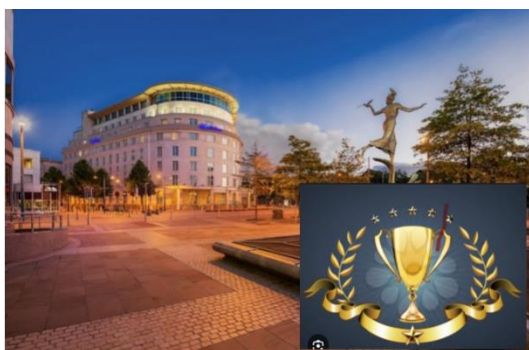
SAVE THE DATE

Carols at St John's Church followed by
Dinner at the Cardiff & County Club



Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Awards Celebration Dinner at The Cardiff
Hilton



Wednesday 12th February 2025

NEW LIVERY LAPEL BADGE



Now available to purchase at a
cost of £10.00 plus postage.

Please contact the Clerk, David
Sneddon
clerk@livery.cymru

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Charitable Events Committee are raising
funds for the Company's Charitable Trust.

Please be generous and purchase as many
tickets as possible as Christmas gifts for family
and friends.

For more information contact the Chair of the
**Charitable Events Committee, Father
Sebastian Jones** at
frsebastian@cardifforatory.co.uk

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WELSH LIVERY BULLETIN

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



MASTER'S NORTH WALES LLANDUDNO WEEKEND
Friday 20 to Sunday 22 September 2024



Approximately 30 Liverymen and guests joined the Master for an excellent weekend in Llandudno for the North Wales Weekend. Most arrived on the Friday afternoon, checking in at the St George's Hotel, right on the front.



It was a 20 yard walk to the sea front and the 'short walk 'to Dylan's on Friday night meant we saw a lot of the sea. The 10 minute walk which was estimated by our very fit Clerk turned out to be a 20 minute walk. However, the fresh sea air and walk whet our appetite for a welcome meal at Dylan's.



At Dylan's, the Master welcomed us all and the evening started off with drinks and much jollity. The informal buffet dinner was excellent with starters and a range of main courses featuring Welsh beef and lamb and great 'sweets' to suit all tastes.

Everyone had a relaxing time and had an opportunity to catch up and also meet new guests



Having worked out that the return walk back to the hotel wouldn't be 10 minutes, some took taxis back to the hotel, but the Master and others enjoyed 'blowing away the cobwebs' in a return walk.

On the Saturday morning, following an excellent breakfast, Liverymen and their guests met to walk to the Penderyn Distillery (Llandudno, of course) where Liveryman **Stephen Davies**, having travelled up from South Wales, gave us a very warm Welsh welcome.



Stephen gave us an excellent tour and description of the Distillery and its history which was very interesting and most informative.





The tour was followed by a tasting session (whisky, gins and other offers).





The tour was followed by an excellent buffet lunch in the luxurious Training Room with its marvellous table which included all the signs and symbols used in the marketing of the produce. We all smelt and tasted pure alcohol (sprayed onto our hands) and one Liveryman was heard to say “A good way to sanitise our hands before eating.” Smelling was a major part of it all, as containers, vats and barrels had magical smells from barley to a range of floral scents. Tasting was better even for those not keen on whisky. Many of us noted that we normally did not drink spirits that early in the day and were glad we’d had a good breakfast.



Following a visit to the Distillery Shop, our afternoon was free. Our SCA **Roger Harper** and his **Olga** went up the Great Orme and told us about the tramway ride, but they decided to walk down. The IPM **John Charles**, enjoyed a train ride in North Wales whilst others stayed nearer to the hotel, enjoying a walk on the Promenade and local shops.



The Formal Dinner with a Champagne reception at 6.30pm was a great occasion with lovely food and very interesting speeches from the Master and her guests, Ms Kanan Barot, Master, Worshipful Company of Management Consultants, and both Group Captain Currie and Warrant Officer Justin Wall from RAF Valley, with Liveryman Noel Hulmston introducing them. Everyone spoke with interesting information, and the Master even tried out her Welsh welcoming us with Noswaith daa and saying goodnight beautifully with Nos da. All through dinner we were entertained by the pianist, and Senior Court Assistant Roger Harper acted as MC, ensuring everything went smoothly. It was an excellent weekend, with us all enjoying the fellowship in our beautiful country.





Diolch i Dduw am Gymru

Thank you

**Court Assistant Kim Insley
Master Agnes Xavier- Phillips
September 2024**