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The Master, Major John Charles looks back on his year as it is about to come to a close and acknowledges the wonderful opportunities and events when he has represented the Company.



Installation as Master, April 2023



Master's Trip to Glasgow for the London Livery Weekend– June 2023



North Wales Weekend to Machynlleth, April 2023



Master's Away Weekend to Normandy – May 2023



Wine and Canapés at the Physic Garden, Cowbridge July 2023



Court Luncheon, Nant Ddu Lodge, September 2023



Curry Evening at the Cardiff Masonic Hall – October 2023



Master's Lecture-
'The Tonypany Riots' at the
Rhondda Heritage
Park - November
2023



Carol Service at St. Basil's Church,
Bassaleg, December 2023

WORSHIPFUL LIVERY COMPANY OF WALES AWARDS

APPRENTICE AWARD TO MUSTAFA WETTI



Newtown College Apprentice Mustafa Wetti has won the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Apprenticeship Award.

Mustafa was presented with the award by The Master Major John Charles and accompanied by Court Assistant Dr Rosie Solbé and Honorary Court Assistant Professor John Solbé.

ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION DINNER ON THURSDAY, 14th, MARCH 2024

This year's annual Awards Celebration Dinner moved to Swansea at the prestigious Dylan Thomas Centre at the Waterfront. This grade II listed building dates back to 1829 and as an arts centre was a fitting tribute to recognising the talent of the young people awarded by the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales.

With approximately 60 people in attendance the evening was orchestrated by our Clerk, Christopher Dale, and conducted by Court Assistant Simon Holt who gave the citations of the main awards and presented those that had not yet received their certificate to the Master, Major John Charles.



The Master Major John Charles presents certificates to Travel Award Winners, Jason Pitt, Caitlin Tanner and Laura Davies Dowdle

For more information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/250324-awards-celebration-dinner.pdf>

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY WALES DINNER AT THE VICTORY SERVICES CLUB WEDNESDAY, 17th, JANUARY 2024



On 17th, January, 2024, 16 Liverymen & Guests gathered in the 'Old Reading Room' of the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London for an evening of fellowship.

More information

[170124-formal-livery-dinner](#)

MASTER'S SUNDAY LUNCH SUNDAY, 11th ,FEBRUARY 2024



Some forty Liverymen and guests enjoyed a delicious Sunday Lunch in the Westgate Room in the Cardiff & County Club on 11th, February 2024, preceded by a Prosecco Reception. The Master said a bilingual grace.

More information

[110224-master's-sunday-lunch](#)

NORTH WALES COMMITTEE REPORT

The work of the NWC is focused on events in the northern counties of Wales, namely Anglesey, Conwy, Denbigh, Flint, Gwynedd, Wrexham and northern Powys and on awards relevant to these areas. Members of the NWC may also assist in the awards process for other recipients in the area, covered by the central WLCow budget such as RAF Valley and NPTC, Newtown.

The committee is a small one but we are pleased to announce two new members: Brenda and Peter Bignold from Conwy. We were also delighted to welcome back Rhiannon Humphreys-Jones after her enforced absence on health grounds. We also recognise the support of Edwina Morris Jones and Eurwen Hulmston who assist with the schools awards.

We can look back with pleasure at the Advent Carol Service in St Asaph Cathedral, preceded by lunch and are beginning to think about Advent 2024 when the format will have changed somewhat. The Master read a lesson at the service. Meanwhile we have planned the N Wales week-end (22-24 March 2024) based on the southern half of Anglesey and taking in the salt works (Halen Môn) with its attendant gin production, the Sea Zoo and the stately home and grounds of Plas Newydd. A number of options are also available for participants on the Sunday, particularly based in the area of Beaumaris.

The Awards programme includes recognition of young musicians, school pupils, veterinary and agricultural students and motor engineering apprentices. These are mostly on track but some may be delayed until the 24/25 budget year. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that most, if not all, of the £5000 NWC awards budget will be spent.

Andrew Richards
Chair, North Wales Committee



The winter-flowering cherry planted by the Company in the grounds of St. Asaph Parish Church as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, is providing a bright show during the dark days of winter. It began flowering in November and should stay in blossom until the late Spring.

NORTH WALES WEEKEND AT YNYS MÔN, 22nd, TO 24th, MARCH 2024

On a chilly Saturday (23rd March) a good number of Liverymen from North Wales, the South and London had a fascinating tour of one of Anglesey's great success stories: Halen Môn. We were introduced to a variety of salts, including some of the excellent local products, and the differences between them were demonstrated by the tips of our tongues. We were shown the process (at a safe and sanitary distance) by which 25,000 litres of very good quality sea water taken every day from the Menai Straits is filtered again and again down to 1 micron before being evaporated in 24 hours to a crop of beautiful crystals. These are washed, which gave us pause for thought. How do you wash salt? The answer was to use super concentrated brine. Why wash it? Because it's not just salt crystals that are formed: there are tiny particles of things like chalk which would impart an off-flavour.



A bonus to this first part of the North Wales week-end was the careful checking of another product of the Halen Môn company: salted gin! Thus fortified, we hit the retail outlet to good effect. The instruction then was "The rest of afternoon is your own. Just be at the ballroom at the Bulkeley Hotel for the reception at 19:00hrs before dinner at 20:00hrs." The choices open to us were the adjacent Sea Zoo. Plas Newydd

history and militaria (plus the Rex Whistler mural), Oriel Ynys Môn with its exhibition of Tunnickliffes, Kyffin Williams and modern photographic art works and anything else that took our fancy.



Dinner in the hotel was just right. Our company changed however: we lost three and gained three: which spread the joy. We just about managed to get to bed before the witching hour and woke to a sunny morning.

Nine of us decided to visit Penmon, the 10th Century stone carvings in its ancient church, the abbey ruins, 16th century dovecote (for 950 birds) and Saint Seiriol's Well. We then drove on to the Point where you look across to Puffin Island (Ynys Seiriol). There aren't many puffins there nowadays but there were tens of seals hauled up on the beach and a wild sea passing the lighthouse. A nice breath of fresh air to end our week-end



John Solbé

REPORT OF THE PR COMMITTEE

The PR Committee last met on Monday 19th March 2024. The Chair was delighted to announce that Liveryman Angharad Lloyd Beynon has joined Claude Evans and Eurwen Hulmston and is now a member of Y Tim Cymraeg. They continue to support the PR Committee with proof reading of the Welsh translated WLB. It is also very reassuring to note that our social media followers continue to rise and from a very modest start of 40, we now have a following of over 414 and we hope to see the increase continue! The website is updated on a day-to-day basis and the Chair urges all Liverymen to visit the website which serves as a main channel of communication for the Company's activities and first point of reference to find out more about the Company.

ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH KATHERINE JENKINS, OBE, AT THE IVY CARDIFF, 1st, MARCH 2024



On 1st March, the Senior Warden Agnes Xavier- Phillips, JP, DL, was honoured to be invited and celebrated St Davids Day in style, with Welsh brand Cygnet Gin cocktail party hosted by special guest Katherine Jenkins OBE, Welsh International mezzo- soprano at The Ivy Cardiff. It was a great turn out with over 100 guests including Martin Roberts from Homes Under the Hammer.

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/st-davids-day-celebrations-at-the-ivy-cardiff.pdf>

ST PATRICK'S DAY



Was St. Patrick WELSH ?

Liveryman Stephen Davies, Chief Executive of Penderyn Whisky shared with us Welsh actor and ambassador for Penderyn , Matthew Rhys' cheeky joke on St. Patrick's Day.

To watch the full video, see video link below

<https://lnkd.in/ee9ff-pV>



His Excellency Markus Leitner

Senior Warden Agnes Xavier-Phillips, JP, DL, was a guest at the Cardiff Business Club lunch event at Sophia Gardens on Tuesday 27th, February 2024. The guest speaker was His Excellency Markus Leitner, Ambassador of Switzerland to the United Kingdom since August 2021.

More information

[120324-markus-leitner](#)

COURT ASSISTANT FATHER SEBASTIAN JONES



Father Sebastian Jones, appointed at Common Hall 2023, was Clothed as a Court Assistant at the Court Meeting held on Monday 29th January 2024 at the Cardiff & County Club.

Agnes Xavier- Phillips, JP DL
Chair, PR Committee

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Our Senior Warden and Liveryman Solicitor Agnes Xavier- Phillips, JP, DL, attended the Solicitor's Mansion House Banquet on 1 February 2024. It was a very well attended banquet and the speaker and principal guest was Kristina Murrin CBE. As one of the founders of "What If" (the global innovations business), an associate of Tony Blair's PM's Delivery Unit and (now) as CEO of The King's Foundation, Kristina generously shared some thoughts and tips on this important subject.

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WHEELWRIGHTS



The Worshipful Company of Wales' Immediate Past Master Stuart Castledine has been accepted to become a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights. The Company was founded in 1670 and ranks sixty eight in the order of precedence for Livery Companies. He will be admitted to the Company at an Admissions Court in Mansion House, London on Tuesday 26th, April, 2024, prior to the Company's annual banquet.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF GARDENERS



On Friday 9th, February, 2024, the SW Agnes Xavier- Phillips attended the Gardeners' Annual Mansion House Banquet. It was a well attended almost 'star studded' gathering with representatives from various Livery Companies and Past Mayors Associations as The Master Nicholas Woolf OBE, is not only married to a fellow Master but also a former Lord Mayor, Dame Fiona Woolf. The guest speaker was former Prime Minister Theresa May. Our SW and Master Elect was honoured to be seated at the top table next to Sheriff Bronek Masjoda.

More information

<https://liverycompanywales.cymru/downloads/090224-gardeners-mansion-house-banquet.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 25th April 2024

Visit to Parliament followed by Afternoon Tea with Baroness Finlay of Llandaff



Monday 20th May 2024

Master's Lecture – HHJ Richards Cook
At the Parkgate Hotel



Sunday 16th June 2024

Tour of Cardiff Mansion House followed
by Afternoon Tea



Friday 28th June 2024

Royal Charter 10th Anniversary



Sunday 7th July 2024

Welsh Wine Tasting & Rustic Lunch
Glyndwr Vineyard, Llanbethian, Cowbridge



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The next edition of the Welsh Livery Bulletin will be a special Installation & Banquet Celebration one.

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



The Editorial Team on behalf of the WLCow would like to thank Master John Charles, TD*, DL, for the year 2023-2024.



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