THE HERALD

the Newsletter *of* the HR Company

"Putting People First in the World of Work."

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Historic Clothing of First Liverymen

Following the Company's elevation to Worshipful Company status earlier in the year, the Company has been on a whirlwind journey of preparation and change.

As part of this, we were delighted to clothe the first Liverymen of the Company at a ceremony prior to the Charity and Awards dinner. This is a real milestone on our journey and marks our achievement in placing the Human Resource Profession firmly on the map within the Livery world. The first in the Company to be clothed were the Master, Wardens, Past Masters and current Court Assistants.

Our former sponsoring Alderman, Sir Peter Estlin, was on hand to allow the Master and Wardens to make their declaration - before the Master then took his place as the remainder of the Court made their declarations. We were also delighted to invite Sir Peter, to become our first and only Honorary Liveryman.

Becoming a Liveryman of a Company is a special moment but not necessarily a straightforward process. As well as being a Freemen of the Company, an aspiring Liveryman must also become a Freeman of the City of London.

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HR National Leadership Programme 2026

For Full information on this years Programme and information on how to sign up please go to page 10!

Please pass this on if you know someone that would like to join this years Cohort.

Applications close on 31st July 2026

Becoming a Liveryman entitles an individual to vote for the Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor of London in the annual elections. It also recognises an individuals good standing in the industry and a commitment to giving back to the profession. It is most certainly not like the membership of a club, it is a commitment to the profession long after retirement - it is a personal commitment to the profession.

A selection of photographs of the Clothing of Liverymen














What has the Company been up to?

Well, 2026 has proved to be an extremely busy year so far and we thought we would take a look back on some of the events and activities we have hosted.

January

Joint Burns Supper







In late January the Company joined forces with the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, The Worshipful Company of Scriveners, the Worshipful Company of Distillers and the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers for what has now become an established event in our annual calendar.

Over 150 Members, Freemen, Liverymen and guests joined together for an evening of Scottish poetry, song, fine wine, whisky, delicious food (with some customary haggis) and not forgetting the very necessary bagpipes!

The wonderful thing about this event is the sharing of fellowship with 4 other Livery Companies providing an opportunity to meet members from other Companies. This is always a popular event and indeed is a tremendous amount of fun, with some comedic recitations that have to be seen to be believed. The date and venue for next years extravaganza has already been set for Wednesday 27th January 2027.



February
The Court of Alderman



On the 3rd February 2026 the Company crossed the final threshold to become a Worshipful Company. Since we started our journey in 2014 The Company of HR Professionals has seen our Guild and then Livery Company grow and flourish. We have engaged with the wider Livery world and traditions and joined events and supported charities as well as focusing on our key themes: Development, Giving Back, Fellowship and Livery Tradition.

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Our Master, Peter Cheese, was in the public gallery at the Guildhall to witness this elevation alongside Andrea Eccles, Nicki Auret, Heather Greatrex and Clerk Karen Fulton. The Master commented "For all our members, and the profession as a whole, this is a major achievement and one that we should be very proud of. We are delighted and appreciative of this recognition".

We are now officially number 114 in the order of Livery Company precedence and are deeply honoured that our application for Worshipful status was approved by the Court of Aldermen. This was a great team effort from our Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Court and key Freeman supported by the entire membership. Our Sponsoring Alderman, Sir Peter Estlin provided invaluable support from the start.

Amazing news, thanks to everyone who supported this journey in so many different aspects.

March



Freedom of the City Declaration



On 2 March 2026, we were delighted to welcome 6 new Freemen of the City of London into the Company at a declaration ceremony at the Guildhall. The Master, Peter Cheese; The Junior Warden, Aaron Albury as well as Freemen Helen Armstrong, Stanislava Gaspar, Milena Ivanova and Kirsten Owbridge all made their declarations in the Chamberlains Court.

As a Worshipful Company, the HR Professionals are able to 'sponsor' Freemen of our Company to become Freemen of the City. Being a Freeman or Free Sister of the City of London historically meant an individual could trade freely within the City without being charged the levies made on the goods of non-freemen.

Being declared a 'Freeman' was literal, it meant you were not a serf or a slave and could trade freely in your own right within the market within the square mile.

The Company continues to support Freemen who have been **active members for over 18 months** to become Freemen of the City of London, on their way to becoming Liverymen. If you would like to explore this please contact Debbie for more information – info@hrprofessionals.org.uk

Declaration of Company Freemen



March also brought our first Declaration lunch of 2026 at the fantastic Ironmongers' Hall. We welcomed 8 new Freemen and elevated one Member to a Freemen.

It is incredibly positive that the Company continues to grow and more and more HR Professionals are hearing about the Company and what we strive to do.

We do want to reach more HR Professionals and would ask that all Members to introduce the Company to one other HR Professional they think might be interested in joining.

All the Freemen joined together for a celebratory Lunch at Ironmongers' Hall.

The United Guilds Service



The Company was delighted to attend the 82nd United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral in March. This event draws together all the Guilds, Ward Clubs, Livery Companies, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Lord/lady Mayor in a service of celebration.

Members of the Company met at Apothecaries' Hall before processing with other Masters and Clerks, the short distance to St Paul's Cathedral.



This service dates from 1943 when the country had been at war for three years with no end in sight, it was decided to hold a service in St Paul's Cathedral for the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City of London. The idea behind the service was to help lift the spirits of the City following the Blitz. On Thursday 25 March 1943 the Lord Mayor of London, Sheriffs and other dignitaries, along with hundreds of representatives from the City Livery Companies filled the Cathedral in what is thought to be the first occasion on which all of the Livery Companies and Guilds of the city combined to hold a service. It has been held annually ever since.



The Company is allocated 23 tickets to this event and all seats were filled. Some members of the Company then moved to Stationers' Hall to join a number of other Companies for a lunch.

This is one of the few events where all the Companies join together and it certainly is quite a spectacle with the many different coloured gowns from each Livery Company. An event well worth attending.

April
Awards and Charity Dinner



The main event in April was the Charity and Awards dinner. With over 100 guests attending this event, the Clerking team work hard to ensure everything is in place in advance of the event and this particular dinner had the additional complication of the clothing of our First Liverymen.







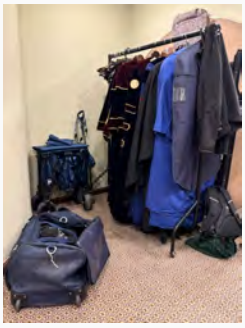


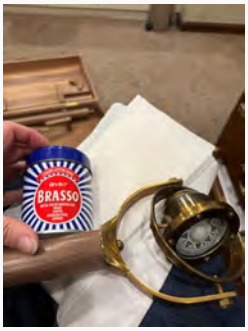


The Clerk team use a variety of large trolleys and wheeled suitcases to move the necessary equipment around the city for each and every event - this is what the unglamourous side looks like!









We were delighted not only to clothe our first Liverymen, but to also welcome some new Freemen to the Company. In addition we had one individual join the Company as an Apprentice – bound to an Apprentice Master. Francesca Warrior was bound as an apprentice for 3 years to Apprentice Master Nicki Auret.











Awards Ceremony

We were delighted to present two Awards at this dinner.

HR Excellence Award





The HR Excellence award, **sponsored by Sheridan Worldwide**, Aims to recognise organisations who are championing the development of HR Leaders and able to demonstrate the effectiveness of what they are doing. The Award aims to celebrate excellence in the function and in particular, those companies that are breaking new ground with impactful people initiatives that try to set the standard for other organisations and inspire leaders across the profession.

For this award, the final decision focused on tangible impact, with a clear and compelling demonstration of financial, social and cultural value in action, supported by strong evidence and measurable outcomes. This was a finely balanced decision, reflecting the exceptional quality across all shortlisted organisations.

Our congratulations to this year's winner of the Worshipful Company of HR Professionals Award for HR Excellence: **Amey Ltd**

HR Apprentice of the Year Award



The Company also introduced a new Award - The Worshipful Company of HR Professionals' HR Apprentice of the Year Award – **sponsored by Sonnedix**. This award recognised individuals who demonstrated their progress as a developing HR professional; the promotion of apprenticeships; and the effectiveness of their contribution to their employer, industry and community through these roles.

The judges for this category noticed particularly strong evidence of personal skills development and a future focus. The judges were looking for ambassadors for early years programmes who could take academic learning and translate that into to practical action and impact. The ultimate winner impressed the judges with their innovative approach to implementing new policies, delivering impact through the principles of fairness and equality.

Our congratulations to the 2026 Worshipful Company of HR Professionals Apprentice of the Year: **Charlotte Nicholls from Broxtowe Borough Council.**

The evening was an excellent evening full of celebration and recognition and as part of the evening, we recognised the importance of giving back by raising funds for our charity through the annual raffle and auction.

A number of fantastic auction lots were donated to the Company ranging from tickets to the annual Distiller spirits tasting event through to a weekend in a 10 bedroom house on the Isle of Wight.

We are delighted to announce that the evening raised over £11,000 for the HR Charitable Trust.

Presentation to Sir Peter Estlin





Above: A presentation to Sir Peter Estlin for his support and outstanding commitment as Alderman of the Worshipful Company of Human Resource Professionals.

Amongst many joyful aspects of the HR Company's Charity and Awards Dinner on 29th April, was the recognition of the significant contribution played by Sir Peter Estlin on our journey from a Guild to Worshipful Company. Sir Peter joined the Company in September 2014 as our Sponsoring Alderman and was present when the Court of Alderman gave their approval for us to form a Guild. He and Lady Estlin (Lindy) became Founding Members and he was a guiding force in our journey to Company without Livery status (2022) and then fully fledged Worshipful Company in 2026. At this point, governance is assumed by our own leadership team and the need for a "Sponsoring Alderman" in HR parlance becomes redundant! Although, not Sir Peter, who continues with us as an Honorary Liveryman of the Company.

To celebrate his role in the Company's success, a short presentation was made to Sir Peter alongside three gifts. The first was a photo montage depicting the critical moments under his sponsorship of installing the Founding Master (2015), receiving our Company gift on his first day as Lord Mayor (2018), and congratulating the current Master on his installation in 2025. Please see the photo below for this storyboard. An accompanying gift to symbolise his navigation of our journey of a real compass, akin to our logo, with a John Lewis voucher to spend at will, completed our show of appreciation.

Making the presentation to Sir Peter, Past Master Andrea Eccles commented "The Awards Dinner felt like the HRCo's equivalent of the BAFTAs with Sir Peter receiving what could be our first Lifetime Achievement Award!" Having seen us through the full lifecycle of our journey, the Master and audience enthusiastically lauded Sir Peter's contribution.

Save The Date
FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2027
Letters Patent

The Worshipful Company of HR Professionals is delighted to announce that plans are well underway to celebrate the formal presentation of our Letters Patent.

Having achieved full Worshipful Company Status, we have to have our Letters Patent presented formally to us.

Letters Patent are formal legal documents issued by the Crown or City authorities granting recognition, rights, and incorporation to Livery Companies in the City of London. Livery Companies originated from medieval guilds in London, which were associations of tradespeople and craftsmen. By the 14th century, these guilds sought official recognition to regulate their trades and protect their members. Letters Patent were used to confirm their powers, regulate trade, and incorporate the companies.

Letters Patent remain a vital part of the Livery Company tradition, symbolizing continuity with centuries of civic and trade governance in London. They provide legal authority, ceremonial recognition, and a framework for charitable, educational, and professional activities within the City. Modern Livery Companies continue to use Letters Patent to formalize their status and participate in the governance and ceremonial life of the City of London.
The Worshipful Company of HR Professionals will have their Letters Patent presented on FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2027 by the Lord Mayor of the City of London at Mansion House.

The presentation will be followed by a formal celebratory White Tie Dinner again at the Mansion House.
This is a special event in the history of the Company and certainly one not to be missed.

Put the date in your diary now
to ensure you don't miss this once in a lifetime event.

HR National Leadership Programme 2026

Help us fill the remaining places for our next National Leadership Programme – and Receive £100 Off Your Next 'Fine'

Our National Leadership Programme (NLP) is now approaching capacity, but there are still a few places remaining for the next cohort.

Please help us spread the word across your professional networks and identify HR professionals who are ready to take the next step in their leadership journey.

This is not another HR course.

The NLP is designed for ambitious HR leaders who want to think bigger, lead more strategically, and prepare themselves for a senior role. Through future-focused masterclasses, action learning groups, peer challenge, and one-to-one mentoring, participants work on real business issues from their own organisations — developing new ideas, greater confidence, and stronger leadership impact.

The programme also creates something many courses cannot: a powerful network of senior HR peers who support, challenge, and inspire each other long after the programme ends.

We know many of our members are connected to talented HR professionals who would thrive in this environment — so we would love your help spreading the word. And as a thank you, any member who refers someone who goes on to join the programme will receive £100 off their next fine.

Only a few places remain, so now is the perfect time to make an introduction.

Help us shape the next generation of HR leaders.

Janice Caplan

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Application

Giving Back

Pro Bono

The Pro Bono Committee would like to thank the members who have volunteered on our assignments over the last twelve months. We have worked on 19 assignments with a range of charities and not for profit organisations providing support on HR policies and practices as well as employability support for young people and people with convictions to help them to access the workplace. 21 volunteers from the company have been involved in delivering to these organisations, many working on more than one assignment, and contributing nearly 400 hours. We would like to thank you for the time you have taken to contribute your expertise. The Committee are grateful to you for responding to our requests for help and the charities you have supported appreciate your efforts and value the work you have done.

Elizabeth Newton, Pro Bono Committee Chair

A Big Thank You!



The Pro Bono Committee is part of our key 'Giving Back' Pillar and we are incredibly grateful to have the commitment from a number of members on that. Over the last 2 years Elizabeth Newton has chaired this group and worked hard, along with the Committee to meet the needs of a large number of organisations and agencies. Elizabeth has made the difficult decision to step away due to other commitments. We are very grateful to Elizabeth for her leadership to the Committee in the last few years.

Thank you!

Cadet Enterprise Day



On Saturday 4 July some members of the Pro Bono committee, the middle warden and the clerk assisted at the pilot Cadet enterprise Day organised by the Fletcher's Company.

This brought affiliated cadet groups from a variety of different companies together to navigate their way between livery halls and undertake a number of leadership tasks.



The HR Company ran an activity based loosely on Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Cadets had to cross the chasm by answering questions and collecting letters along the way. On the back of the letters where a number of transferable skills. Once across the Chasm the Cadets were interviewed and had to describe how being in Cadets helped them gain transferable skills for employment.

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Photographs above of the Cadet enterprise Day

The Charitable Trust

Over the last year we have continued our focus on helping people back into work, knowing how much work changes lives, brings financial stability, dignity and community. And we have a new partnership with the CIPD Trust, providing funding to support the development of the next generation of HR Professionals.

To give you an idea of where our grants help, please see below the words of Ellie, who had struggled in previous education due to autism and while she kept trying, she felt nothing worked and she had hit a wall, before she found Pro Barista, and their Barista skills training programme. In her own words she said: *"My time at Pro Barista has, through its patient teaching, given me the tools to continue in spite of setbacks, to meet new people, and find joy in the process of learning. Being able to finish the course, despite still struggling with the same mental health issues that blocked me from college, has changed my view from thinking I would be unable to complete anything, to the idea that with the right support and in the right place, I can follow through on what I'm interested in. This feels like a big win"*

Pro Barista has supported hundreds of individuals like Ellie, many under 25, who were not working and struggling to find their place. Our grant went toward an updated coffee machine for their small group training programme, enabling individuals to not only learn new skills, but build a supportive peer network when other solutions may not have worked for them.

We have also supported LWS Bakery, who use the art of chocolate making to support black women, who are victims of domestic violence, helping develop skills and confidence for employment, and ultimately financial independence, giving them a chance to rebuild their lives. The bakery also supports employers to understand the impact of domestic violence.

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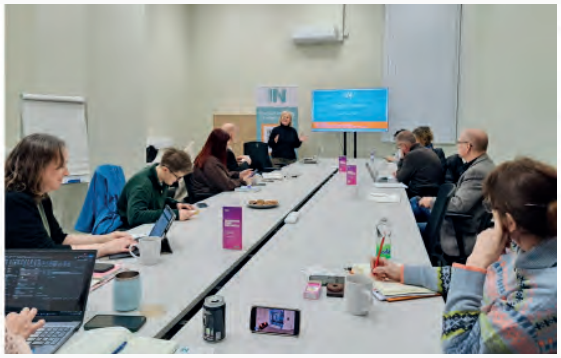
LAUNCH IT

Launch It is a network of hubs focussed on empowering the next generation of business leaders, supporting young people who face barriers such as ill health, being young carers or care leavers, helping them turn a business idea into reality. Their incubator programme, workshops and networking events, have seen an 80% success rate for securing employment or building a sustainable business.









We have just agreed a further grant to the Humber Jobs Club, who we also supported in 2024. Their Job Readiness programme helps disadvantaged young people build skills and confidence for work, with a deep focus on the process of applying for work, not just crafting a CV, but how interviews work, for example, what are competency-based questions. In difficult circumstances, they have a greater than 50% success rate, with individuals achieving employment, volunteering or entering training.

Their participants provided positive feedback including from Sean who said: *"I found their expertise excellent and loved the group. I walked for 90 minutes each way to get there and looked forward to coming every week. I gained a job after just 4 weeks on this programme and tell everyone who will listen how amazing it is"*

These aren't just grants that fall into a big pot of money, we see real life cases of people's lives being changed through securing support and skills for work.

And finally, we launched our bursary partnership with the CIPD Trust, with fund matching helping your donations go even further. The scheme is already helping students working in roles in small to medium charities gain a CIPD qualification, setting the scene for better HR support as well as their future career.

Fellowship - New Members of the Company

The Company continues to grow and in the last 6 months we have welcomed 21 new members as Freemen and Members. Thank you to all our members who have shared, introduced and encouraged potential members to get in touch, please do continue to introduce people you think will engage and enjoy being a member of the HR Company and give something back to the profession at the same time.

If you want to bring any potential members to an event, The Masters seminars provide an ideal opportunity for very informal meets with lots of opportunities to chat with others. Please do bring potential members as guests. Please do share the recruitment slides via LinkedIn and share the Company Introduction pack with anyone who might be interested.

Information Pack

We do welcome our 2026 Freemen to the Company and look forward to seeing you at lots of events.

Wendy Reshaw	Freeman	Gethin Nadin	Freeman	Rachael Wallwork	Freeman
Nicole Chapman	Freeman	Stephen Jones	Freeman	Stuart Worker	Freeman
Joe Blomefield	Member	Mary-Clare Lewis	Freeman	Nicole Walcott	Freeman
Nadia Nagamootoo	Freeman	Kristen Buckheit	Freeman	Maura Jarvis	Freeman
Joss Gill	Freeman	Jacquline Alcindor	Freeman	Claudia Sumbo	Freeman
Simon Bastian	Freeman	Lynda Ouazar	Member	Jonathan Newman	Member
Kate Sarama	Freeman	Richard Ikin	Freeman	Julie Harrison	Freeman

Summer BBQ 2026

On the 1 July over 80 Members and Guests joined together at the Dogget's Coat and Badge pub for the annual BBQ.

This is a popular event and is most certainly the most informal event we currently hold within the Company. With excellent food and plenty to drink - our members and guests enjoyed the weather, the informal chat and each others company as they moved and mingled all evening. Some of our National Leadership Programme 2026 cohort were also able to join us for the evening, giving them an opportunity to meet together for the first time.

A very relaxed evening was enjoyed with the beautiful backdrop of the city and St Pauls Cathedral behind us.

We have already booked the date for next year! Wednesday 30th June 2027. Put the date in your diary now.





Members News

Congratulations



The Worshipful Company of HR Professionals would like to congratulate one of our Freemen, Maggie Pedder MBE on the Award of a MBE in the 2026 Birthday Honours list.

The Award is given for Services to Armed Forces Families.

Over the last 22 years Maggie has volunteered with several different military charities that support Armed Forces Families - as a trustee and Chair, utilising both her HR and Charity Governance experience.

These Charities include: the Army Families Federation, the Military Wives Choirs, the Army Widows Association, and a lay person representing army families on the Army Benevolent Fund Grants Committee and more recently as a trustee of the Veterans Foundation awarding grants to organisations that support the armed forces community.

In addition, Maggie currently co-chair of the Network of Women Chairs that provide peer support for women Chairs on charity boards.

Many congratulations!

Company Policies and Ordinances

As part of our application for Worshipful Company status, we had to review our various policies and ordinances (the rules by which we are governed).

One key policy is our code of conduct policy which was updated as part of this. It is important that all our members are aware of this policy and the content within. All policies can be found on the Members Area under Company Information - The Worshipful Company of Human Resource Professionals | Company Information.

Please do make yourself familiar with our various policies and of course the Ordinances.

Checking and updating your information in the Members Area

As you are aware we have a Members Area that allows you to updated contact details and book events, etc. It also allows you to see all the payments you have made and download a receipt for any payments you have made, including your Annual Membership Fee.

It is also a way for Members to interact with each other.

On scrolling through you should be able to read and see other members profiles and an email address, if they have chosen to share those details.

The Clerk has noticed that a number of our Members have not yet added a photograph or indeed a short profile of their interests etc.

Could we ask all members to review the details in their personal profile, ensure contact details are up to date and if possible, update the personal profile and add a photograph.

If you have any problems please reach out to the Assistant Clerk

WCHRP - Employment Support Group



The WCHRP is setting up an Employment Support Group for those members who are currently between jobs and feel that they would benefit from some support.

The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th July at midday, either on-line or in person. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Heather Greatrex on hgreatrex@executive-action.com.

Criteria for Applications for Freedom of the City of London and Admission to the Livery

It has been agreed that applicants must have been a Freeman of the Company for a minimum of 18 months and be considered an active member of the Company.



For the purposes of this criterion, an active member would normally be expected to have demonstrated meaningful engagement with the Company during that period. This may include regular attendance at Company events, service on a committee, participation in Company activities, or involvement in pro bono and charitable initiatives.

Each application will be considered on its individual merits, taking into account the applicant's overall contribution to and engagement with the Company.

Can you buy us a coffee..... ?



Being a Freeman or Member of the Company of HR Professionals is not only about attending events etc there is an important part about giving back to the profession in some way. Some of our members offer their time as volunteers to support the Pro Bono work, others sit on Committees or the Court. But we do encourage all to make regular donations to the charitable trust. The trust is responsible for giving grants to those that need help whilst working in the world of HR.

Our plea to you is to buy the Trust a cup of coffee every month on a regular basis Just £3.80 would buy a nice Caffe Mocha, if you sign up for gift aid, then thats an extra 95pence on top. £4.75 per month would be £57 per year per member direct to the Trust. Collectively If every member bought the charitable Trust a coffee once a month we could raise over £11,000 a year including gift aid.

So..... Please buy the Trust a coffee and set up a regular giving to give back to the profession and really make a difference.

Please use the donation button to set up regular giving to the trust

Donation

Livery Lunches

Dont forget that as a member of a Livery Company you can book lunch at any of the lunch clubs in the city and bring your friends or colleagues with you.

Below are a few companies that normally offer lunches throughout the year:

Monday Lunch Club Ironmongers' Company Link

On Mondays, lunch will be available in Ironmongers' Hall to members of all Livery Companies and their guests.



The Worshipful Company of Butchers Carvery Lunches Link

The Butchers Company was always famous for its Carvery Luncheon at the Butchers' Hall and now everyone can sample the wonderful surroundings of our Livery Hall while enjoying a wonderful three-course lunch, with roast beef the star attraction.



Bistro 1365 at Founders' Hall Link

A relaxed bistro style service and a full bar in the beautiful surroundings of Founders' Hall in the heart of Farringdon, Bistro 1365 is the ideal way to meet colleagues, friends,and family for a convivial lunch and to visit one of the City's unique Livery Halls in a more informal setting.



Livery Briefing June 2026

Please click on this link to access the December 2025 Livery Briefing.

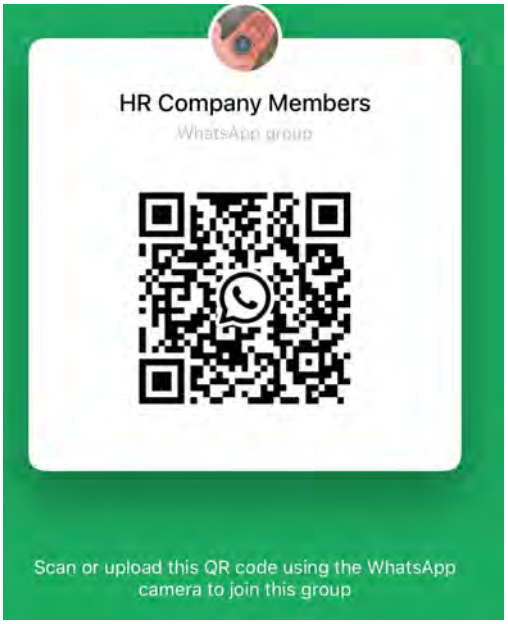


Company Events Diary 2026

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue
September 2026				
07-09-2026	Mon	1100 -1500	Monday lunch club with declaration and Freeman of the City Declarations	Ironmongers' Hall
16-09-2026	Wed	1800 -2000	Masters Seminar	Evelyn Partners
19/20-09-2026	Sat/Sun		Masters Weekend	Surrey Hills
October 2026				
07-10-2026	Wed	1700 -2230	Installation Court Dinner	Vintners' Hall
December 2026				
07-12-2026	Mon	1230 - 1500	Festive Lunch	Ironmongers' Hall

Don't forget to sign up to the Company's WhatsApp Group for reminders of events and opportunities

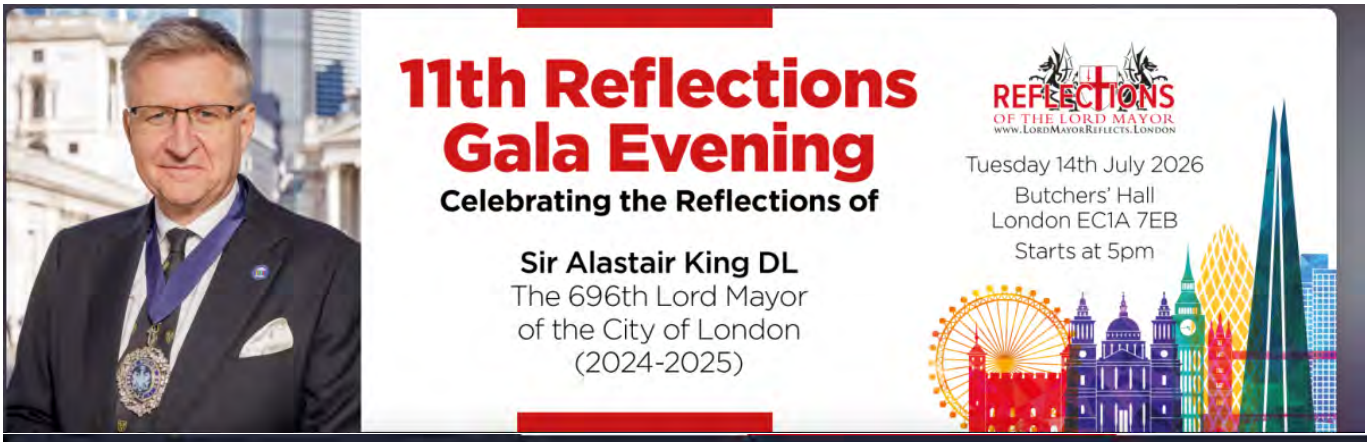
The Company's WhatsApp Group is available to all members and is a great way to have an informal chat and catch up with other members of the Company. We also use this to advertise forthcoming events and provide reminders. If you have not already joined the please use the QR code.



LinkedIn

The Company has a LinkedIn page so we would encourage you to have a look and repost anything of interest to your network.

Below are some opportunities from other Livery Companies and similar, open to Company Members. Please feel free to book.



11th Reflections of The Lord Mayor Gala Evening

Tue 14 Jul 2026 17:00 - 22:30 BST

Butchers' Hall, London EC1A 7EB

The 11th Reflections of The Lord Mayor Gala Evening will take place on Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at Butchers' Hall, London.

This year's evening will celebrate the reflections of Alderman Alastair King DL, the 696th Lord Mayor of London, following his year of office. The Gala will also mark 10 years of Reflections in Stained Glass, bringing together civic reflection, stained-glass storytelling, youth creativity and shared stewardship.

The evening brings together members of the City, the Livery, supporters of youth creativity, and those with an interest in civic life, heritage and service.

Tickets are now available, with prices held at the 2025 level.

Booking link:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/reflectionsofthelordmayor/2093092

The Worshipful Company of Upholders

Upholders Company

Royal Charter 1626



Embroidered armorial bearings, Durham Cathedral

The Worshipful Company of Upholders Celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Granting of its Royal Charter with two exciting **FREE** exhibitions.

The Making of the Circle of Life Artwork
Guildhall on Thursday 9 July 2026
From 10am until noon.

With displays from Aiden Hart, designer of our artwork and of the anointing screen at King Charles III Coronation, the Royal School of Needlework, Fine Cell Work, and the twelve participating Cathedrals showing their involvement with the project. Alongside we will be celebrating 400 years of the Upholders tracing our history back to the early days of the craft guilds mostly involving the manufacturing of furniture and upholstered goods into a trade that included funeral undertaking, to modern day interior designers.

Please note that the finished Circle of Life artwork will not be on display at this exhibition.

The Circle of Life Artwork on Display at
101 Gallery, The Salvation Army International Headquarters,101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 4EH

Friday 10th July – Friday 24th July from 8am – 4pm
Monday - Friday

Showcasing the magnificent 2.3metre Circle of Life artwork presented in its spectacular rotating circular frame in its full glory.

Aiden Hart has created 13 captivating scenes, known as icon panels, that represent the life of an Upholsterer from cradle to grave and the history of our Company. This embroidery, overseen by the Royal School of Needlework, has been created by 106 stitchers from twelve English Cathedrals and two from Fine Cell Work. The icon panels are truly beautiful.

This exhibition offers a rare opportunity to view the ancient "Opus Anglicanum" stitch meaning English work and is predominantly in gold & silver thread.



Figure 1Mattress making. Original image for Lichfield Cathedral

https://upholders.co.uk/circle-of-life/

CITY LIVERY YACHT CLUB



We have put together a newsletter about this year's Inter-Livery Regatta, including write ups from several of the Livery companies who took part.

Please also note the dates for next year's Inter-Livery Regatta.

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City Giving Day is Coming!



Save the Date - City Giving Day is coming!

On Wednesday 23 September, The City will come together to celebrate the power of volunteering and making a positive impact in our communities. Whether you're planning a fundraising challenge, showcasing a charity partnership or inspiring colleagues to give back, this is your chance to be part of something special.

As well as City Giving Day favourites like Tour de City and Treasure Hunt, this year we'll be attempting to break a Guinness World Record to train the most people in CPR over 48 hours and The Long Long Lunch is back!

Let's make this our biggest celebration of giving yet.

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invite you to step into a party of

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