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Dear Liverymen & Freemen

The City is opening up!

I am happy to report that I attended my first real event as Master on 22nd June when I was present at the Lord Mayor's Service of Reflection & Hope at St Paul's Cathedral. It was wonderful to be back with our friends from the livery at such an occasion.

A couple of days later I attended Common Hall followed by a socially distanced lunch at Guildhall.

It is a hopeful sign of a movement back to real events but with due caution and consideration for others.

I am delighted to announce that our Middle Warden Mike Gibbons has been chosen to receive a Lord Mayor's COVID19 Livery award for his outstanding contribution through his work with St John Ambulance throughout the pandemic. This will be presented on Monday next at Mansion House and I am sure you will wish to join with me in congratulating him on this achievement.

25th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

The preparations for our BBQ lunch on 6th August at Barber Surgeons' Hall are well under way. This is a lovely venue for a lunch party with plenty of outdoor space for circulation and chatting to old friends. And I am told there will be a cake! Do book your places soon for this event which replaces our usual Civic & Charities Lunch. It is an important day in the life of our Company.

Our anniversary charity appeal has now reached well over £18,000, and we hope to be able to reach our goal of £25,000 before the end of the year.

QUARTERAGE

I am pleased to announce that the quarterage rates remain unchanged for the year.

Our Renter Warden Richard Geldard has now stepped down as treasurer after 4 years of keeping a gimlet eye on our finances, we thank him for all his hard work, and we welcome Howard Ashmore as his successor.

JUNE ELECTION COURT & SEPTEMBER INSTALLATION

At the court in June it was decided that the current Wardens, Master and Deputy Master would serve a second year.

The installation court and dinner will take place at Vintners Hall on 21st September and the service will be at St James Garlickhythe. As we could not hold a real event last year we hope that you will join us in celebrating in the magnificent surroundings of Vintners Hall.

Booking for the dinner will start very soon so do watch out for the flyer arriving in your inbox!

EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE!

Our social committee has worked very hard over the last year and we have enjoyed a great variety of virtual events, they are now working on a mixture of real and virtual events for your entertainment over the next few months. We are well aware that the virtual events make it possible for all members, wherever they are, to attend and so these will continue and if anyone has any suggestions about events they would enjoy please do not hesitate to email me.

The History of Tax evenings have proved highly successful online, and this will continue, the next one is on 26th October, when Andrew Loader will present 'Paying for the Renaissance'.

We are looking at the following real events: -

Tour of Guildhall Art Gallery

Guided tour of St Bartholomew The Great followed by supper.

Advent Carols, and supper with a bit of magic!

The Ceremony of Keys at the Tower of London with a private guided tour.

A visit to Strawberry Hill House & Gardens

Virtual events include: -

History of Tax

Wine and cheese tasting

Origami demonstration

Finally- a word of thanks to all of our volunteers, it has not been an easy year but you have all found time to attend many virtual meetings- I hope to see you all in person very soon!

For those who cannot attend the August BBQ lunch I wish you a relaxing summer of good weather, and more especially good health!

Best wishes
Sue Christensen