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AUTUMN LECTURE AT THE FIRING LINE MUSEUM, CARDIFF CASTLE

24 Liverymen and Guests braved the cold and windy winter's evening of Tuesday 12 November 2019 to attend this year's Autumn Lecture, held in the Firing Line Museum, Cardiff.



The museum is situated in the bowels of Cardiff Castle and is dedicated to the history of the 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards and the Royal Welsh. The Museum Director is our very own Clerk, Christopher Dale who arranged the Evening and ensured that all was well on the night.



The Drinks Reception in the warmth of the Museum, surrounded by the many military artefacts was a very welcome start to the evening and allowed body temperatures to return to normal.



Following the Reception, the Lecture was given by Professor Roger A Falconer FREng, FLSW, Professor Emeritus of Water Management at the School of Engineering, Cardiff University.



The Master introducing Professor Roger A Falconer



The Lecture entitled '**The Wonders of Water and the Changing Environment**' highlighted the importance of fresh water around the world and the importance of its management as the population increases and demand rises.

The Master thanking Professor Roger Falconer after the Lecture.



Following the Lecture, a splendid three course dinner inclusive of wines was enjoyed by all. An added bonus was that we were served at the table by the Clerk and his staff rather than the Buffet that was expected.



WLCoW's LONDON GROUP DINNER AT THE EAST INDIA CLUB

On 29th November, forty-nine Liverymen and guests attended the London Group's Annual Dinner, this year held at the prestigious East India Club in London's St James's Square.

Adding to the presence of a number of our own members were Liverymen of London Companies, including Anthony Demby, the Master Upholder, Andrew Cross, the Master Marketer, Fiona Morrison, the Master Actuary, and Steve Gardner, the Chairman of the Castle Baynard Ward Club.

The evening commenced with a guided tour of the Club premises, conducted by Mr Anthony Bray, the Club's Secretary. Then, following a Champagne reception, dinner was served in the beautiful East India Room. The Group's Chairman, Dr Keith Williams, welcomed members and guests and introduced the guest speaker, Mr Andrew Marsden, who delivered a brilliantly witty speech that would be long remembered. As a token of appreciation and as a memento of the evening the Chairman presented Alex Bray and Andrew Marsden with a copy of the Company's book celebrating the award of the Royal Charter.

Throughout the reception and the dinner we enjoyed the wonderful harp playing of Miss Isabel Harris, a native of Pembrokeshire, who also performed two Welsh tunes during a musical interlude. All present were delighted to hear that Isabel had been a 2012 recipient of an Award from the Company.

The evening ended all too soon for many of those present, everyone agreeing that it had been a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, wine, and music.



Four Masters in a row – Andrew Cross, Master Marketer, Anthony Demby, Master Upholsterer, Peter Coleman, Master WLCOW and Fiona Morrison, Master Actuary



London Group Chairman, Dr Keith Williams presents a copy of the Company's Charter Celebration Book to Alex Bray, Club Secretary, East India Club



Guest Speaker Andrew Marsden receives a copy of the Company's Royal Charter book from London Group Chairman Dr Keith Williams



Liveryman David Johnson, Liveryman Huw Wynne-Griffith, Secretary London Group, Master Actuary Fiona Morrison, Clerk Emeritus Charles Slatter



Harpist Miss Isabel Harris, a native of Pembrokeshire and a former WLCOW Award Winner, provided some wonderful music

WLCOW'S NORTH WALES GROUP ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL



On Sunday 1st Dec 2019 eighteen Liverymen and their guests met for lunch at Dol Hyfryd, St Asaph before proceeding to the Cathedral for the Advent Procession by candlelight. We were pleased to welcome the Master and Mrs Coleman and Mrs Christine Holmes, Senior Warden of the Shrewsbury Drapers and Mr David Holmes. It was good to welcome new Liverymen John Hardy and Tim and Maureen Mainland to this event.

Liverymen Mrs Jean Bryson and Dr Rosie Solbé provided casseroles of pheasant, chicken and a vegetarian option, as well as a shepherd's pie. These were accompanied by excellent vegetables and followed by wicked puddings. A perfect combination of casseroles and carols for Advent.

The Chairman of the NWC, Mr Andrew Richards, provided six bottles each of two fine wines from the Wine Society and the Secretary of the NWC, Prof

John Solbé, matched these with a range of sherries, also from the Wine Society.

The great success of the meal could be gauged by the volume of the conversation.

Afterwards, despite the freezing weather, almost all participants drove up to the Cathedral where we were joined by Liverymen Lord Barry Jones and Lady Janet. The service consisted of Advent antiphons and anthems, Advent hymns and five readings, the first of which was read by the Master. The service was led by the Dean, the Very Rev Nigel Williams assisted by Rev Sally Harper and the Bishop's Chaplain, Canon Michael Balkwill. The combined choirs (boys, girls and layclerks) were conducted by Paul Booth, Director of Music.



Liverymen enjoying the festivities after the service

CAROL SERVICE AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH CARDIFF



In 1880 Bishop Edward White Benson of Truro Cathedral was so concerned at the excessive consumption of alcohol in Cornish pubs during the festive season that he sought a means of attracting revelers out of the pubs and into church by offering a religious celebration of Christmas. Thus the familiar pattern of telling the Christmas story with relevant biblical readings interspersed by carols was conceived. This was subsequently adopted by and developed into the well-known service from King's College Chapel, Cambridge started in 1918 and broadcast regularly since 1928 every Christmas eve.

For us, as for so many across the land, the dulcet tones of *Once in royal David's city* launched the Company's *Service of Lessons and Carols* held at St John the Baptist Church, Cardiff on Tuesday evening, 10th December. The Service was conducted by the Vicar of St John's Church and our Chaplain, the Rev Canon Sarah Jones. The lessons were read by Past Master Dr Sarah Cockbill, Court Assistant Mr Andrew Board, the Junior Warden Mr Stuart Castledine, the Senior Warden Dr Kathy Seddon and by the Master Mr Peter Coleman. The Master's Steward, Miss Margaret Davies, read a Welsh poem *Carol y Crefftwr* (The Craftsman's Carol) written by Iorwerth Peate, the founder of St Fagan's Museum. This was most apposite for the Company in that each verse extols a

different craftsman to 'sing praise to God, for one who turned all death to life'

The organist of St John's Church, Mr Philip Thomas, accompanied the Service and played '*In Dulci Jubilo*' by J. S Bach.

The Carol Service was followed by Dinner at the Cardiff & County Club



The Club occupies historic Victorian premises in the very heart of the City Centre immediately adjacent to the Principality Stadium, the international rugby stadium.

The Foyer of the Cardiff & County Club



Since 2014 the Cardiff & County Club are allowing women members after almost 150 years of it being exclusively men-only!



At the dinner the Master presented the Company's Gold Award for 2019 to Dr Hayley Wyatt



44 Liverymen and guests attended the superb three course dinner at the Cardiff & County Club, after the Carol Service



NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD WINNER CELYN LLWYD CARTWRIGHT



The winner of the *Song from the Shows Competition* for competitors over 19 at this year's National Eisteddfod of Wales held in Llanrwst in the Conwy Valley was Celyn Llwyd Cartwright.

A native of Denbigh, Celyn was educated at Ysgol Glan Clwyd and from a young age has been an avid competitor at eisteddfodau under the skilful tutelage of Leah Owen. She greatly enjoyed being a member of the group *Enfys* and was an ardent member of the renowned *Côr Glanaethwy*. This enabled her to participate in the *Britain's got Talent* Competition, to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York and on stages throughout Britain as well as in Patagonia and Brussels.

Having won several times at the Urdd Eisteddfod, the 'icing on the cake' came at this year's National Eisteddfod where she played Winni Ffinni Hadog in the Eisteddfod's Production of *Te yn y Grug* and winning the *Song from the Shows* Competition. The Scholarship offered by the Welsh Livery Company and sponsored by the Simon Gibson Trust which will enable her to receive further musical tuition.

Now 20 years of age Celyn, as the current holder of the Catherine Zeta Jones Scholarship at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, is studying for a Master's degree in Musical Drama. She is about to release a new CD with *Gildas* under the title *Priøn*, presents *Stwnsh Sadwm* on S4C and performs in concerts all over Wales.

ARGUS PRESS RELEASE TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE IN WALES



Liveryman Sylvia Robert-Sargeant, Member of the Awards Committee with Philip Jones, Director of the Princes Trust Cymru - **A NEW partnership between two groups in Wales will support young people to gain opportunities for work, education and volunteering, writes Emily Withers a reporter from the Argus.**

The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales (WLCow) and The Princes Trust Cymru will work together to focus on the Trust's Development Awards Programme. The scheme provides grants of up to £250 for people aged 16-30 to help them seek career opportunities.

Geoff Hughes, the then Master of the WLCow said, "We are delighted to be working with The Prince's Trust Cymru as part of our aim of supporting young people in Wales. In today's fiercely competitive world it is a challenge for young people to find suitable employment and we hope that by working together in this way, we can help."

Philip Jones, Director of The Prince's Trust Cymru added: "We are thrilled to welcome The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales into The Prince's Trust family and are very grateful of their commitment to young people across Wales.

In supporting our Development Awards programme, this partnership will allow local young people to access vital opportunities that will transform their lives; and help them to gain the confidence and skills to live, learn and earn."

The Awards will be administered by The Prince's Trust and the partnership will last initially for one year.

LONDON LIVERY COMPANIES

Congratulations to Court Assistant and Chair of PR Committee Agnes Xavier-Phillips on her admission to the Worshipful Livery Company of Arbitrators.



Master Sir Gary Hickinbottom presenting the Certificate of Admission.



The Master, friends and Liveryman meeting the 691st Lord Mayer of London, Alderman Peter Eslin, formally Alderman of the Coleman Ward in the City of London.



The Master and his Lady were guests of the Master Engineer, Commodore Barry Brooks CEng FIET, at the Annual Banquet. Past Masters Geoff Hughes, Windsor Coles and Keith Williams together with their partners, were also in attendance.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FURNITURE MAKERS' ROYAL CHARTER DINNER AT THE APOTHECARIES HALL



Officers and Past Masters welcoming Liveryman Nigel Phillips who was accompanied by his wife Agnes Xavier-Phillips, Court Assistant of WLCow

CANON ROY D DOXSEY – CHAPLAIN EMERITIS



In recognition of the wonderful service he has given to the WLCow during his 12 years as Chaplain, Court unanimously agreed that Canon Roy be made Chaplain Emeritis.

FURTHER CONGRATULATIONS TO AGNES XAVIER-PHILLIPS



London Gazette Notice

The Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Brigadier Robert Aitken CBE, has appointed Mrs Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP, LLB(Hons), SCM, SRN to be Deputy Lieutenant of Gwent.

OBITUARIES

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of:-

Mrs Maureen Kelly Owen. JP. Liveryman No 158
Emeritus Prof Terry Turner OBE. Liveryman No 240
Archdeacon Raymond Roberts. CB MA. Liveryman No 74

Mrs Hilary May-Hill. FCA Liveryman No 372
Col David Cox. CVO. MBE. DL. Liveryman No 44 & Master 1999 – 2000



The condolences of the Company have been sent to the next of kin

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

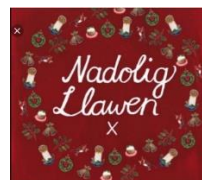
Thursday January 9th
Thursday 16th January

GPC Meeting
Tour of the Royal Mint, Llantrisant followed by lunch

Thursday 23rd January
Wednesday 5th February

Court Meeting
Spring Lecture at Whitchurch Golf Club
Tour of Viridor Waste followed by Lunch, Cardiff Bay

Thursday 27th February



Goodbye and farewell to 2019!

The Editorial Team wish all Liveryman and their families, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.