

WLCoW INSTALLATION COURT AND BANQUET



On 9 April, the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales held an Installation Court to appoint the Master and officers for its 30th Anniversary Year. The ceremony was held in the heart of the City Centre in St John's Church which dates from the 12th Century and is renowned for its architecture and beautiful stained-glass windows.



Stuart Castledine was installed as Master by his immediate predecessor Dr Kathy Seddon with many Past Masters, including Founding Master, Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards, in attendance. The new Master thanked the Past Master for her remarkable leadership in a year filled with the challenges of a pandemic.

Master Stuart Castledine then installed the officers for the year. John Charles took the oath of office as Senior Warden of the Company and Agnes Xavier-Phillips was sworn in as Junior Warden.



The Installation Court was followed by the Service of Dedication and Blessing officiated by Revd Canon Sarah Jones, Chaplain to WLCoW and Priest-in-charge at St John's Church. In her sermon, she spoke of the importance of leadership as service to others and the need to recognise that there are many different leadership styles that can successfully deliver this.

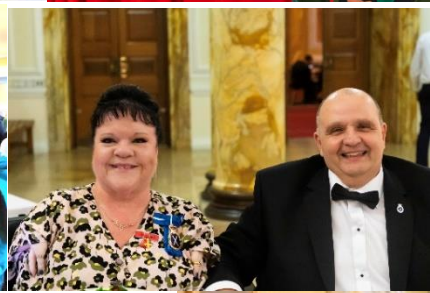


The Court and Liveryman joined their distinguished guests at Cardiff City Hall for the magnificent Installation Banquet. Attendees dined in the Marble Hall, surrounded by magnificent columns of Sienna marble mounted in bronze, statues of Welsh heroes carved in marble and fine paintings from the City of Cardiff's art collection.



The Junior Warden Agnes Xavier- Phillips welcomed distinguished guests including the Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, High Sheriffs of South and Mid Glamorgan, visiting Masters and Wardens and Commander of HMS Cambria representing our Navy affiliate. Mr William Brooks Esq. FCA, President of the Institute for Chartered Accountants and Member of Court, Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants, addressed the guests on the valuable contribution that professional societies make to the public good and the need to ensure that these bodies are fully inclusive of a diverse talent pool.







Underscoring WLCOW's commitment to develop the talents of young people throughout Wales, the Brian Marsh Gold Award for 2021-22 was presented to James Bain and the Achievement Award for 2021-22 was presented to Dr Amie Jones MBE.



Music for the evening was provided by the Ddraig Fanfare Trumpets, whose members are students at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. It was fabulous to be able to hold these events and enable Liverymen to socialise again with their fellow Liverymen and guests of the Company.

