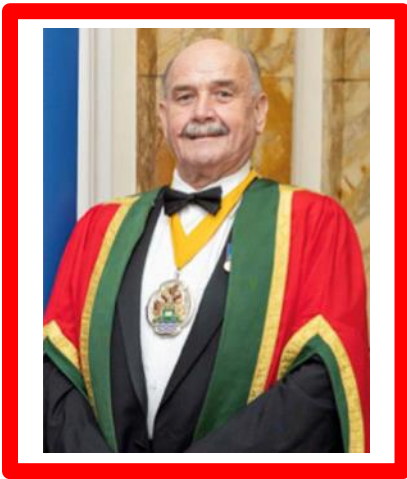




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MASTER'S LETTER



Annwyl Pawb/Dear All,

I am looking forward to my year as Master; I have put together a varied programme which is not 'Cardiff Centric', and I hope will appeal to many of you and that you will come along and enjoy the fellowship.

The reading I selected for the Church Service - 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 – Unity and Diversity in the Body – reflects that we have a diverse membership but a common interest in the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales.

My aim is for everyone to have fun and have smiles on their faces

We will be in North Wales in April and off to Normandy in May; please try and come to one or both events.

I look forward to enjoying your companionship at some time in my year.

Please do your best to encourage new members into the Company.

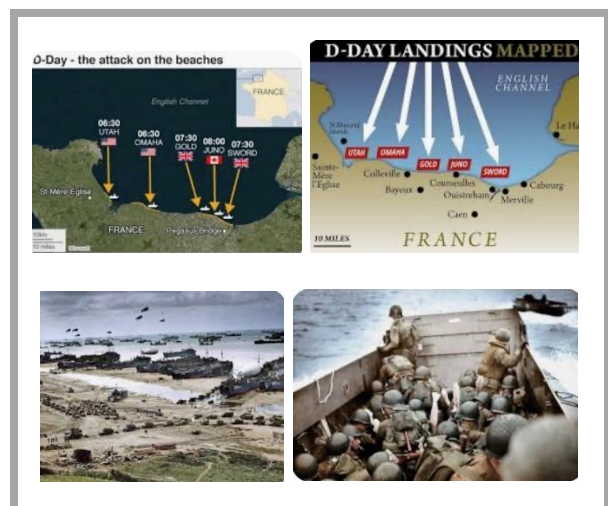
If there is anything you would like to add into the programme or want me to attend a function, then please get in touch

Cofion gorau/Best wishes

Major John Charles, TD*, DL
Master

Save the Date

My Master's DD Normandy Weekend
Thursday 11th May to Sunday 14th May 2023



INSTALLATION SERVICE AND BANQUET

CARDIFF CITY HALL

SATURDAY 1st APRIL 2023



COURT CEREMONY

The new Livery year commenced on Saturday, 1st, April 2023 at an Installation Court, held in the magnificent surroundings of Cardiff City Hall.



The Installation Court, attended by the incoming officers, 22 other members of Court including 11 Past Masters, Chaplain, and more than 50 guests saw the formal installation of **Major John Charles, TD*, DL**, as the Master for 2023-24 along with **Mrs Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL** as Senior Warden and **Mr Henry Gilbert** as Junior Warden.



The Court also recognised the appointment of **Mr Stuart Castledine as Deputy Master** (effectively the Immediate Past Master) for the coming year.

The Beadle, **Liveryman Bob Foster** and the **Acting Clerk, Liveryman Charles Slatter** were also present and ensured the smooth running of the event.



PROCESSION TO AND FROM THE CHURCH AND CITY HALL

Upon closure of the Court the officers and a number of guests processed to a service of celebration at St. John's Church in the heart of Cardiff and recessed to the City Hall.



INSTALLATION SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH 2023

The Admissions Court was followed by the Installation Service. Although it had rained heavily the previous day and during Saturday morning, by the afternoon it had dried up and the sun shone so we were able to process comfortably from the City Hall to St John's Church. The service was conducted by the Chaplain, **The Reverend Canon Sarah Jones**. In her address Sarah, emphasised the diversity of people, echoing the reading from 1st Corinthians chosen and read by the Master.



Sarah pointed out the great diversity of experience and knowledge to be found in the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and yet Liverymen work together to encourage and promote the study of Arts, Sciences and Technology in the young people of Wales. The service was especially significant to the Liverymen as one of the hymns used words written by Liveryman **Reverend Paul Bigmore** to the Tune Rachie (I bob un sydd ffyddlon) and the closing Hymn, Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, was written by the great-uncle of **PM Geoff Hughes**. A Retiring Collection was taken to further the work of St. John's Church for the homeless and needy in Cardiff.



Following a pleasant short walk back from St. John The Baptist's Church, Liverymen and our guests received their personal copies of the Installation Banquet Programme from the Assistant Clerk **Angela Parry MBE** as they processed up the grand staircase in the City Hall to be received at the top by our new Master, **Major John Charles TD DL**, our Senior Warden, **Mrs Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL**, and our Junior Warden, **Mr Henry Gilbert**.

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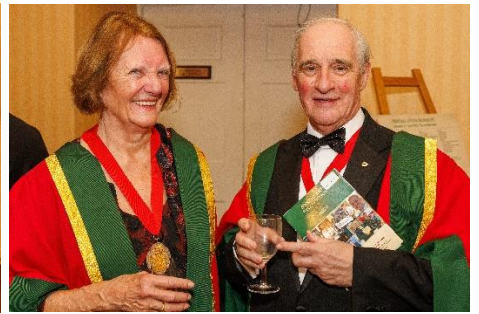


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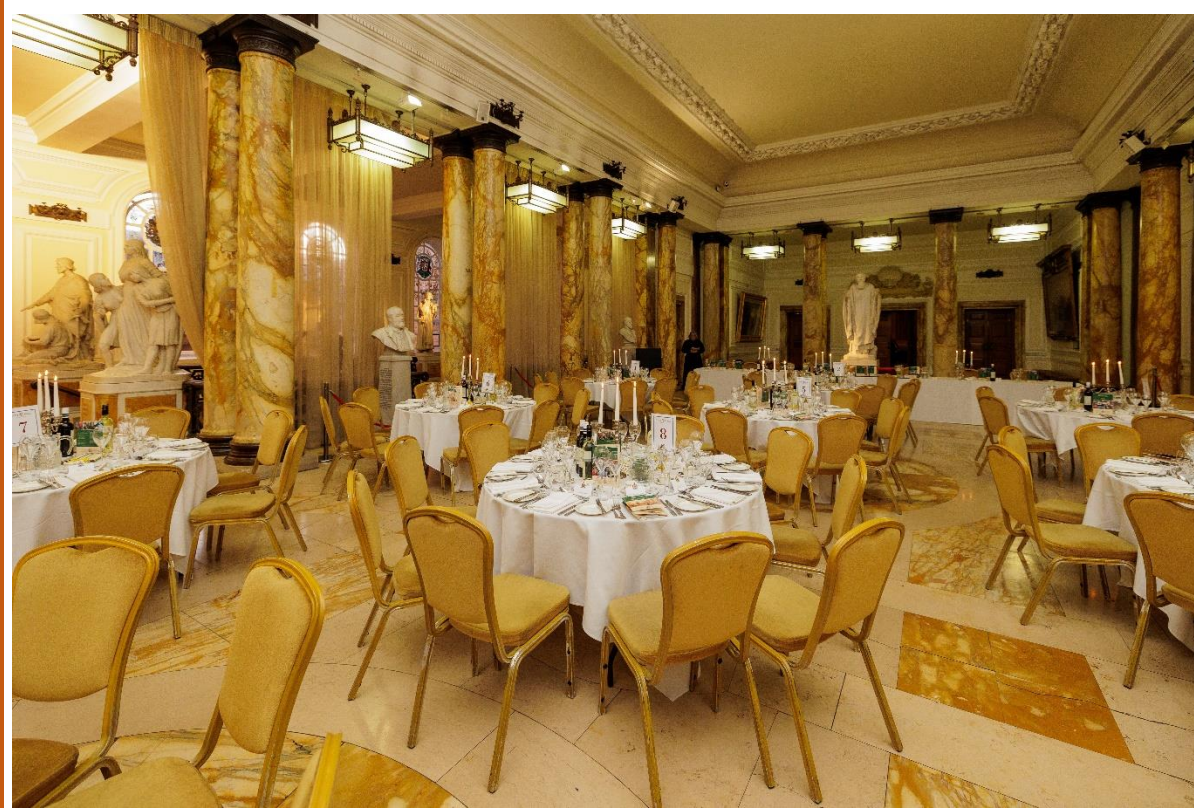


The drinks reception was held in one of the adjacent staterooms, which gave everyone a chance to chat with old friends and to be introduced to our guests and recently joined members.





DINNER, SPEECHES AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS IN THE MARBLE HALL



The chefs and staff of City Hall provided an excellent meal consisting of salmon pate, chargrilled supreme of chicken and crème brûlée tart followed by cheese, coffee and port with an appropriate selection of red and white wines to accompany the meal. The staff provided a very friendly and efficient service which was greatly appreciated by all attending.



Our splendid Installation Banquet saw us welcoming a number of distinguished Guests including the WLCOW Outstanding Award Winner **Sir Gareth Edwards** and **Lady Edwards**, the **Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Cardiff Graham Hinchey** and **Anne the Lady Mayoress**, the **Lord Lieutenant of Gwent Brigadier Robert Aitken CBE** and **Joanna** his wife, the former Commander of HMS Astute (now Clerk to the Pewterers) **Mike Walliker RN** and his wife **Charlotte**, **Mrs Gaynor Bowen** the Master of the Shrewsbury Drapers' Company and her Clerk **Jan Boyd** and **Mike Foy OBE** Past President at The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and his wife Dawn.



IPM Stuart Castledine shared welcome news about the health of our Almoner and then introduced our new Officers. He gave short pen portraits about their many achievements and interests. We welcomed **Henry Gilbert our Junior Warden, Agnes Xavier-Phillips our Senior Warden, and John Charles our Master.** then welcomed us all to his Installation Banquet.



During the evening we heard from **Past Master Mr Geoff Hughes** who introduced the Winner of **The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Bryan Marsh Gold Development Award for 2023.** He spoke about the many achievements and glittering career of **Dr Philippa Rees** who is a Paediatric Anaesthetist, and her project will use data base analysis to improve the care of babies born with brain damage.



Past Master Dr Kathy Seddon gave the citation for **The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Achievement Award Winner.** This is intended for those who have achieved great things at a mid-career point. We could only applaud her leadership of several prestigious institutions, her trustee roles and the huge potential of **Llinos Neale**



The Master introduced our wonderful Outstanding Achievement Award Winner **Sir Gareth Edwards CBE.** We heard about Sir Gareth's charitable and media work and of course about his dazzling Rugby career. He was described by the BBC as *"arguably the greatest player ever to don a Welsh jersey"*. Sir Gareth then thanked us for the Award and noted that the first of April was the Anniversary of his first Welsh cap in Paris and he evoked many happy memories of the wonderful rugby we all enjoyed, thanks to his skill.

After Dinner we sang Grace and offered the Loyal Toasts and joined in the anthems

Mr Mike Foy OBE, the Past President of The Chartered Institute of Building, responded on behalf of the Guests. Mike detailed the importance of sustainability and the upgrading of old properties to ensure good quality and safety to keep them up to the standards of the CIOB. His report "Building for a safer future" encapsulated this. He spoke about the challenges of climate change and how these might be met. Other challenges were mentioned including net zero, building safety and quality, digital technology, training and apprenticeships, social value, diversity and inclusion and procurement practices. Mike believes in helping clients be a force for positive change".





We also enjoyed a witty speech from the **Junior Warden, Henry Gilbert**. He welcomed our many distinguished Guests. Liverymen were delighted to then accept his invitation to toast “Our Guests”.

We then toasted The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and the **Master John Charles** then concluded the evening with his thanks.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER 2023 – LLINOS NEALE

AND

BRYAN MARSH GOLD DEVELOPMENT AWARD WINNER 2023 DR PHILIPPA REES



THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER 2023 SIR GARETH EDWARDS CBE



We were delighted to be entertained by the pianist **Matthew Clayton**. Matthew obtained a BA in Music from Cardiff University and received the David Evans Memorial Prize. Matthew played 'Ap Siencyn', the quick march of the Welch Regiment and the Master's Regiment – Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia), at the request of the Master. He also entertained us with a selection of light Classics and provided the accompaniment for the Sung Grace and Anthems.



GALLERY



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