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Annwyl Gyd-Liferiŵyr · Dear Fellow Liverymen

Monthly Update from the Master · May 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER, DR JANE CROAD

Bore da,

Dear Liverymen and Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather after the heat of the past week. My garden is certainly looking refreshed after the rain today. As well as enjoying time in the garden, I was pleased to spend another busy and enjoyable month representing the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales in a positive, professional way, while strengthening connections with other Livery Masters and Liverymen. Throughout, my aim has been to strengthen the movement, enhance the reputation of our Livery, and increase awareness of the splendid work we do across Wales.

Apart from the very successful and thoroughly enjoyable Masters' Weekend in Tenby, which you will already know about from the newsletter distributed earlier in the month, thanks to our amazing and hard-working Assistant Clerk, Angela Parry MBE, May also included other memorable engagements.

“Strengthening the movement and raising the profile of the Welsh Livery within the wider City community.”

IN THE CITY — CITY OF LONDON CLUB

Meeting Fellow Masters

I had a very interesting visit, together with my Consort David Protheroe, to the City of London Club to meet fellow Masters and to discuss further collaboration between our organisations. It was an excellent opportunity to explore how we might work together for mutual benefit and to raise the profile of the Welsh Livery within the wider City community.



In conversation with the Master Joiner and fellow guests

TRADITION MEETS TECHNOLOGY — ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL

Spectacle Makers' Lecture

I welcomed the opportunity to attend the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers' Lecture at St Thomas' Hospital, on developments in eye health care. The lecture was both fascinating and extraordinarily informative; it even included a video of an actual surgical procedure for a cataract removal, which was quite remarkable to watch and a genuine privilege to learn from.

While there, I met many of the Lady Masters with whom I have become friendly through the Lady Masters' network over the past three years. It was wonderful to catch up with Christine Anderson, Master of the Worshipful Company of Nurses; Fiona Anderson, Master of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers for 2026; and Liese Edggunde, Master of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers. We offered one another support and encouragement, and shared good ideas to help make our year as Master successful and enjoyable for everyone, very much in the ethos of the Livery movement of fellowship.

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By the Spectacle Makers' banner — "Supporting Better Vision Since 1629"



With Christine Anderson, Master of the Worshipful Company of Nurses



With Liese Edgunde, Master Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, and Christine Anderson, Master Nurse



With Fiona Anderson, Master of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers 2026

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By the St Thomas' Hospital memorial tablet

It is only six weeks since my Installation, and I have already made so many new contacts with such positive, helpful people across the City Liveries, and been invited to so many events. It is a busy but very enjoyable time, promoting and serving the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales as Master, and delivering on the Oath I made on 18th April.

ON TAKING OFFICE

The Declaration of the Master

On taking office, I made the solemn Declaration of the Master:

“I, Jane Croad, solemnly declare that I will faithfully and justly execute the office of Master of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, sparing no person for profit, dread, hatred or affection; that I will endeavour at all times to put in due execution all the lawful rules of the Company and diligently promote to the best of my skill the lawful objects of the Fellowship, in the service of Wales and The King and thereby for the benefit of the people of the United Kingdom.”

I HAVE THAT OATH IN MIND WITH EVERYTHING I DO IN MY DUTIES AS MASTER.

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LOOKING AHEAD

The Month to Come

Looking ahead, it is a busy month to come. The Lady Mayoress' Weekend (June 5th-6th) in Bournemouth, for all the Masters of the Liveries, is on the horizon, and David and I are very much looking forward to it, to meeting again those friends we have already made, and to making the acquaintance of many new Liverymen in fellowship.

Also, there is our House of Lords event on 10th June, which has been very well supported with over 45 people coming, and a few places still available. The calling notice for the Summer Garden Party on 5th July will be going out imminently and let us pray for good weather for that event.

I am very much following the wise advice of some Past Masters, who had very successful years in office, to enjoy the year, and I can assure you that I am doing exactly that. It is an enormous honour to serve, and I look forward to sharing the journey with you all in the months ahead.

With warmest good wishes,

Dr Jane Croad

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