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The Honourable Society for
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Nurturing Welsh Talent



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18 April 2026

Livery Year 2026 –
2027

The Installation of Dr Jane Croad as Master

— A newsletter for the Liverymen —



On Saturday, 18th April 2026, the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales gathered at the Cornerstone on Charles Street, Cardiff, to install its new Master, Dr Jane Croad, for the Livery year 2026–2027. In a day marked by ceremony, reflection and warm fellowship, the Company assembled first for the Installation Court in the Jane Hodge Hall; processed to the Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral of St David for the Service of Dedication and Blessing; returned for a drinks reception in the Jane Hodge Hall; and dined in the Great Hall Dewi Sant.

What follows is a brief pictorial record of the day, an occasion that will long be remembered by every Liveryman and guest in attendance. Thank you to all who attended and made the occasion so special.

I. The Installation Court — the Jane Hodge Hall



The Company assembled in the Jane Hodge Hall at the Cornerstone for the Installation Court

The Livery gathered at Cornerstone.. The Immediate Past Master, Henry Gilbert, started proceedings and took the assembly through the formal business of the Company before the Installation itself.

The installation during which Past Master Henry Gilbert placed the Chain of Office and the Master's badge upon Dr Croad was a moment of quiet solemnity in a day otherwise filled with celebration. New Wardens and Officers followed, each taking their oath before the Company. Beadle Simon Care, bearing the mace, conducted the processions with practised dignity.



Past Masters in attendance at the Installation Court



The Immediate Past Master, Henry Gilbert, presenting the Charter for safe keeping to the Master Jane Croad



Past Masters Prof Ron Eccles, Stuart Castledine, Prof. Gillian Davies, Geoff Hughes, Dr. Kathy Seddon, Major John Charles, Agnes Xavier- Phillips and Henry Gilbert preside over the ceremony



The Master Jane Croad Senior Court Assistant Steve Richards; Junior Court Assistant Fr. Sebastian Jones and the Beadle Simon Care



The robing of the new Senior Court Assistant Kim Insley.



The Clerk with the New Master taking the Oath



The IPM Henry Gilbert, Past Master Agnes Xavier- Phillips, Senior Warden Stephen Richards, Master Jane Croad, Junior Warden Fr. Sebastian, Pastor Gareth Rev. Gareth Powell, and The Beadle Simon Care.

The Oaths of Office

Each of the new Wardens and Officers was presented to the Company and took their oath in turn a moment of individual commitment that, repeated along the line of office, sets the tone for the year ahead.



*Oath of Office Senior Warden
Stephen Richards*



Oath of Office, Junior Warden Fr. Sebastian



*Stewards appointed Dame Caryn Cox,
Norma Jarboe OBE , Dr. Claude Evans*

The Master's Theme

Upon taking the Chair, the new Master addressed the Company for the first time, setting out the theme of her year:

“Respecting Tradition and Embracing New Technology”.

She spoke warmly of her predecessor, of the Company's charitable purpose, and of her ambition to recruit new Liverymen and to reach the Welsh diaspora wherever they may be.



Master Dr Jane Croad and Past Master Prof. Gillian Davies



*Dame Caryn Cox, Dr. Jane Croad and Norma Jarboe OBE
Master and Stewards of the Company.*

The New Court 2026–2027

The following Officers were installed by the Retiring Master on 18 April 2026

Master	Dr Jane Croad
Senior Warden	Mr Stephen Richards
Junior Warden	The Very Reverend Father Sebastian Jones
Deputy Master	Mr Henry Gilbert (Immediate Past Master)
Past Master	Mrs Agnes Xavier-Phillips
Senior Court Assistant	Mrs Kim Insley
Master's Steward	Miss Norma Jarboe OBE
Senior Warden's Steward	Dr Caryn Cox, Dame of the Order of St John
Junior Warden's Steward	Dr Claude Evans
Clerk	Mr David Sneddon
Assistant Clerk	Mrs Angela Parry MBE
Beadle	Mr Simon Care
Chaplain	The Reverend Gareth J. Powell, DL

II. Service of Dedication and Blessing

at Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral of St David.



The Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral of St David.



At half past six the Company walked the short distance to the Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral of St David for the Service of Dedication and Blessing. The Cathedral, Cardiff's principal Catholic church and the seat of the Archdiocese, received the Liverymen in procession, led by the Beadle bearing the Mace of the Company.

The service opened with “All people that on Earth do dwell”. The Master read from St Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians “There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit ... Be ambitious for the higher gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way” a reading chosen to reflect the Company’s charitable work of nurturing Welsh talent.

The Homily was delivered by the Reverend Gareth J. Powell, DL, Chaplain to the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, who spoke warmly of the Company’s purpose and of the service to which a new Master is called. After the Intercessions, the Lord’s Prayer, the Concluding Prayer and the Blessing, the choir sang beautifully and led the Company to sing “Praise to the Holiest in the height” and recessed in procession into the early evening light of Cardiff.



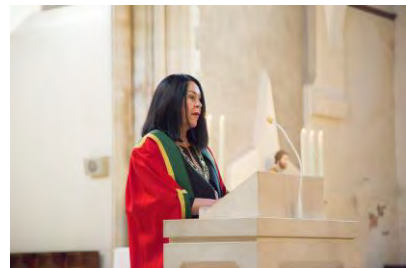
The Company processes down the nave of the Cathedral.



The Beadle Clerk and officers in the cathedral



The Reverend Gareth Powell delivers the Homily.



The Master offers the reading of the Company.



III. Reception & Banquet at Cornerstone

From the Cathedral the Company returned to Cornerstone for a drinks reception in the Jane Hodge Hall at seven, and dinner in the Great Hall Dewi Sant at half past. Tables were laid the length of the Great Hall beneath its beautiful stained-glass east window; Liverymen and their guests in black tie, regalia and a dazzling range of evening dress.

Guests

We were joined by many distinguished guest who we cannot name all

The Champagne Reception



Dr Claude Evans, Professor Medwin Hughes, CBE, and Mr Huw Wynne-Griffith



Master Musician Alun Hughes, Silver Jubilee Awardee Gareth Treseder Mrs Sue Hughes Past Master Geoff Hughes



PM Past Master Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Angharad Beynon Lloyd and Dr. Claude Evans



Past Master Agnes Xavier-Phillips and Mr Nigel Phillips



Squadron Leader Charles Slatter with Roy Scott and his wife Una



Senior Court Assistant Mrs Kim Insley, The Master Dr Jane Croad and Mr Ian Insley



Mrs Lynda Gilbert and Immediate Past Master Mr Henry Gilbert



The Master Dr Jane Croad with guests



Hugh Sciourfield, Jody Tranter, Miss Isobelle Croad-Protheroe and Paul Tranter



Mrs Glesni James, Mrs Helen Wyn-Griffith with Mr Dyfrig James, Chair of the Charitable Trust



Senior Court Assistant Mrs Kim Insley with the Almoner Mrs Jackie Sneddon



The Master Dr Jane Croad with Richard and Alison Mustafa



Past Master Agnes Xavier-Phillips, Mr Nigel Phillips and guests



Mrs Christine Casledine with Past Master Mr Stuart Castledine



Mr Simon Care, Beadle with Carrie Griffiths



Penny Taylor, Master of the Worshipful Company of Engineers and her Consort Dr John Williams



Past Master Stuart Castledine with guests



Past Master Dr Kathy Seddon with Mrs Sue Thomas JP DL



Dr Ka Li Cheung, and guests



High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan Past Master Major John Charles and the Master Dr Jane Croad



The Beadle Simon Care and Mrs Angela Parry MBE



Mr Geoff Barton-Greenwood, Mrs Jenny Barton Greenwood with guest



Past Master Mr Wayne Warlow

Côr Tadau Trisant



Côr Tadau Trisant, the Welsh male-voice choir, performing at the Banquet.

During dinner, Côr Tadau Trisant — the Welsh male-voice choir — performed with extraordinary feeling, filling the Great Hall Dewi Sant with song as only a Welsh choir can. The choir's rendition of the old favourites will remain, for many in the room, the sound of the evening. Cwm Rhondda was included in the programme not only because of the beauty and tradition of the hymn but also because Master Musician Alun Hughes and Past Master WLCow are direct relatives of John Hughes the composer a Welsh Baptist Deacon.

Dinner and the Address



Prof Tom Crick the Speaker with Master Jane Croad and Consort David Protheroe



Rhian Jardine, Head of Development Planning and Marine, Natural Resources Wales, Mr Alan Hughes Master of the Musicians Company, Karen Burge Consort and Mr Richard Burge Master of the Worshipful Company of World Traders



Shaun Parker, Merchant Taylors of York and Jane Parker Consort



Past Master Stuart Castledine, Jeff Edwards OBE DL, Past Master Geoff Hughes, Christine Castletine and Sue Hughes



Dr Khawla Eccles, Past Master Professor Ron Eccles, Miss Suhair Jawad and Mr Adrian Baskerville



Jeff Edwards OBE, DL Mr. Nigel Payne DL Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic for Wales



Colonel Roy Scott, Past Master Professor Gillian Davies and Mrs Janet Williams



Mr Andrew Thompson and Mrs Laura Thompson

Gareth Treseder Presentation of Silver Jubilee award

Silver Jubilee Award 2026 — Gareth Treseder



Fr. Sebastian Junior Warden announced Gareth Treseder as the recipient of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Silver Jubilee Award for 2026. A Swansea-born composer and tenor, Gareth holds a Master's in Music from the University of Bristol and a Postgraduate Diploma from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, which has honoured him with an Associateship.

His performance at the Award ceremony was nothing short of spellbinding. Gareth sang with extraordinary warmth, clarity and emotional depth, silencing the room and reminding us all of the exceptional calibre of Welsh vocal artistry.

The £3,000 Award will support the Welsh premiere of his new Passiontide oratorio, *Dioddefaint Sant Mathew*, setting Matthew 27 in William Morgan's 1588 Welsh translation. A community "Come and Sing" event is planned for Lent 2027 at Swansea Minster, with English and German translations to encourage wider national and international performances.

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Launch of the WLCow Arts, Law and LANGUAGE Award in honour of Past Master Prof. Gillian Davies



Past Master Professor Gillian Davies

The Master launched the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales Arts, Language and Law Award a new award made possible through the extraordinary fundraising efforts of Gillian Davies during her tenure as Master of the Company in 2017/18.

Over the course of her year in office, Gillian raised more than £100,000 an achievement that has already funded the Company's Silver Jubilee Award and will now fund this new Arts, Language and Law Award. The Award reflects three causes close to Gillian's heart and central to the Company's charitable mission: the promotion of the arts, the encouragement of linguistic excellence and the advancement of legal scholarship.

Gillian is an internationally respected barrister having worked with WIPO, IFPI and the European Patent Office, where she served as Chairman of a Technical Board of Appeal. She is an Honorary Professor at Queen Mary University of London, a Deputy Lieutenant of the Preserved County of Gwynedd, and a recipient of the EMEA 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award for copyright. Fluent in French, German and Spanish, with some Portuguese, her international outlook is reflected in the breadth of the new Award.

The Company extends its warmest thanks to Gillian for her vision, generosity and lasting contribution to Welsh cultural and professional life.

Prof. Tom Crick MBE - A Welsh Voice Shaping the Future



The principal speaker was Professor Tom Crick, who delivered a thoughtful address on the theme of the Master's year respecting tradition while embracing new technology.

We were privileged to welcome Professor Tom Crick MBE as our guest speaker, a former Gold Award recipient (2013) and now Liveryman and Court Assistant of the Company. Tom is Professor of Digital Policy at Swansea University and Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government's Department for Culture, Media and Sport the youngest person ever to hold such a post, and the first from a Welsh university.

Speaking with warmth, eloquence and characteristic humility, Tom reflected movingly on the importance of respecting tradition whilst boldly embracing new technology, arguing that Wales' heritage and institutions are precisely what give us the confidence to lead in AI, digital innovation and computing education. His address was both intellectually rich and deeply rooted in Welsh civic values.

With honours including the BCS Lovelace Medal, the Hugh Owen Medal and Fellowships of the Learned Society of Wales and the Academy of Social Sciences, Tom stands as one of Wales' most distinguished and inspiring leaders.



The Master Dr Jane Croad with her Consort Mr David Protheroe

From the Master Dr. Jane Croad

Dr, Jane Croad new Master addressed the Company for the first time, setting out the theme of her year: “Respecting Tradition and Embracing New Technology”. She spoke of the Company’s charitable purpose, and of her ambition to recruit new Liverymen and to reach the Welsh diaspora wherever they may be.

“Each Master commits to leading the Company, supporting charity and maintaining Livery traditions, whilst at the same time welcoming dynamic ways of ensuring that the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales remains relevant and up to date in the twenty-first century navigating ‘a living tradition’ in modern Wales. My year will reflect that understanding, and will have a clear focus on our aim of supporting young talented people in Wales in the arts, science and technology.”

“Each new awardee’s success is the barometer of our Livery’s impact. We contribute to their success by our readiness to support the work of our Charity. It is my sincerest wish that, together, Liverymen from each decade of our Company’s history will re-commit themselves to sustaining momentum in our Company so as to increase our impact through awards to talented young people in Wales.”

“Like St Paul, we must be ‘ambitious for the higher gifts’. Nurturing Welsh talent in the arts, science and technology is our aim; in the ever-changing circumstances of modern Wales this requires imagination and generosity of spirit. I look forward to the year ahead with all of you, and to everything we will achieve together.”

Dr Jane Croad

Master, The Worshipful Livery Company of Wales

Diary Dates — 2026 -2027

Liverymen and their guests are warmly invited to the following forthcoming events. Further details will be circulated in due course; please save the dates.

May 2026 Fri 15 – Sun 17 May — Master's Weekend, Tenby. Residential fellowship weekend of cultural visits and convivial meetings with the new Master.

June 2026 Wed 10 June — Visit to Parliament, engaging with Welsh representatives and partners.

June 2026 Fri 19th June – Fund Raising night in Cornerstone Charles Street, Country and Western Hotdogs and Hoedown with a Garth Brooks and Dolly Parton Tribute Act playing all the Country and Western tunes you enjoy and line dancing an option

July 2026 Sun 5 July — Summer Garden Party, Strathaven, Manor Road, Risca NP11 6JZ. An afternoon of fellowship, hospitality and Welsh cultural spirit.

August 2026 No formal events.

September 2026 Fri 25 – Sun 27 Sept — North Wales / Wrexham Weekend. Fellowship, cultural visits and regional engagement.

October 2026 Thu 1 Oct — Lecture on 'Aberfan', Rhondda Heritage Park, 18:30. Joint meeting with the Shrievalty of Mid-Glamorgan; speaker: J Edwards, Esq, OBE, JP, DL. Wed 14 Oct — Awards at the Senedd. Celebrating Welsh achievement in the home of Welsh democracy.

November 2026 Sat 7 Nov — Lord Mayor's Show, London. Livery trip and lunch at the John Charles Club. Sun 22 Nov — Fellowship Lunch. Autumn gathering for members and guests.

December 2026 Fri 11 Dec — Carol Service, St Alban's. Music, readings and seasonal fellowship.

January 2027 Sat 23 – Tue 26 Jan — London Weekend & Burns Night Trip. Inter-livery engagement and a Burns Night celebration.

February 2027 Sat 6 Feb — Cornerstone Fundraising Evening, supporting the Company's charitable work.

March 2027 Fri 5 March — St David's Day Awards Dinner. The Company's flagship annual celebration of the Awards in the midst of Welsh culture, heritage and achievement.

The Company in Attendance

One hundred and four Liverymen and their guests dined together in the Great Hall Dewi Sant on the evening of 18 April 2026. The tables were, by tradition, named after the mountains of Wales; the list that follows records every guest present, by table.

Snowdonia – Yr Wyddfa

The Master, Dr Jane Croad	The Reverend Gareth J. Powell, DL
Mr David Protheroe, Consort	Ms Rhian Jardine, Head of Development Planning and Marine, Natural Resources Wales
Past Master Professor Gillian Davies (Guest of Honour)	Mr Phillip Jardine
Eur Ing Penny Taylor, Master of the Worshipful Company of Engineers	Nigel Payne DL, Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic for Wales
Dr John Williams, Consort	Mr Jeff Edwards OBE, DL
Mr Alun Hughes, Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians	Past Master Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards
Mr Richard Burge, Master of the Worshipful Company of World Traders	Dr John Croad
Mrs Karen Burge	Mrs Angela Croad
Shaun Parker, Merchant Taylors of York	Mrs Susan Rappel
Mrs Jane Parker, Consort	Mr Hugh Scourfield
Past Master Mr Stuart Castledine	Mr Paul Tranter
Mrs Christine Castledine	Mrs Jody Tranter
Professor Tom Crick (Principal Speaker)	Miss Isabelle Croad- Protheroe
Father Michael Doyle, Dean of Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral of St David	

Bannau Brycheiniog



High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, Past Master Mr Dyfrig James
Major John Charles

Mr Gafyn Stiff
Mrs Helen Stiff

Mrs Glesni James

Mr Gareth Treseder (Silver Jubilee Award
winner)

Squadron Leader Charles Slatter

Garnedd Dafydd



Past Master Mrs Agnes Xavier-Phillips
Mr Nigel Phillips

Senior Warden Mr Stephen Richards
Mrs Deborah Richards

Mr Ryan Green

Dr Caryn Cox, Dame of the Order of St John
(Court Assistant & Steward)

Mr Simon Care, Beadle
Mrs Carrie Griffiths

Glyder Fawr



Past Master Dr Keith Williams
Mrs Janet Williams
Mr Richard Groome
Mrs Janet Groome

Commander Barry Brooks
Mrs Linda Brooks
Mr Adrian Baskerville
Mrs Keener Baskerville

Pen yr Ole Wen



Immediate Past Master Mr Henry Gilbert
Mrs Lynda Gilbert
Professor Medwin Hughes, CBE
Mrs Fiona Hughes

Mr David Sneddon, Clerk
Mrs Jacqueline Sneddon
Mandy Thorn, Master of the Shrewsbury
Drapers
Mr Mark Thorn, Consort

Mynyddoedd Massif



Past Master Professor Ron Eccles
Dr Khawla Eccles
Miss Suhair Jawad
Colonel Roy Scott
Mrs Una Scott

Mr Herbert Lonsdale
Mrs Jennifer Barton-Greenwood
Mr Geoff Barton-Greenwood
Ms Angharad Lloyd Beynon

Garnedd Ugain



Junior Warden, The Very Reverend Father
Sebastian Jones
Mr Andrew Thompson
Mrs Laura Thompson
Mr Paul McManus

Mr Dennis Jones
Mrs Tracy Jones
Colonel Dominic Morgan
Mrs Ania Morgan

Pen y Fan



Dr Claude Evans (Junior Warden's Steward)
Mrs Kim Insley, Senior Court Assistant
Mr Ian Insley
Mrs Angela Parry MBE, Assistant Clerk
Miss Norma Jarboe OBE (Master's Steward)

Mr Huw Wynne-Griffith
Mrs Helen Wynne-Griffith
Past Master Mr Wayne Warlow

Cadair Idris



Professor Sara Chandler, KC
Ms Caroline Rees, KC
Mr Darran Lloyd-Rees
Mr Richard Mustafa
Mrs Alison Mustafa

Mr Martin Davies
Professor Kevin Haines
Mrs Elsa Cutanda-Haines
Mrs Sue Thomas, JP, DL

Y Mynydd Du



Past Master Mr Geoff Hughes
Mrs Sue Hughes
The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickenbottom
Lady Caroline Hickenbottom

Dr Ka Li Cheung
Past Master Dr Kathy Seddon
Mr Roger Harper MBE
Mrs Olga Harper

With thanks

Our warm thanks to the Reverend Gareth J. Powell, DL, Chaplain to the Company, and to the Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral of St David for the Service of Dedication and Blessing; to Côr Tadau Trisant for their magnificent performance; to Professor Tom Crick for his thoughtful address; to our Beadle, Simon Care, for his dignity and good cheer; Thanks to Past Master Wayne Warlock for playing the accompaniment for the anthems and to the photographers Paul Fears and Tom Fears for the photographs reproduced here; to Past Master Henry Gilbert for his stewardship of the year just concluded. A special thank you to Junior Warden The Very Reverend Father Sebastian Jones for coordinating the ceremony with access to Cornerstone and Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral of St David. Huge thanks to Dr. Claude Evans for his role in directing the proceeding as Emeritus Clerk. Thank you to Liveryman Spiro Borg and his wonderful staff for the welcome, generosity and efficiency they provided to make the event such a special celebration. Thank you to the Clerk David Sneddon, the Assistant Clerk Mrs Angela Parry MBE and to Jacqueline Seddon (Almoner) for coordinating everything in the planning and all the practical tasks that are so time consuming including all the final touches on the night to make everything go well. Thank you.

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