

Master's newsletter – December 2021

Dear Liverymen, Freeman and Members of BUF.

Once again, there is uncertainty regarding our Christmas celebrations. Unlike last year, the vaccination program has given us a clear road map on beating the Covid 19 virus, and I am of the opinion once this spike, due to the Omicron variant, has subsidised, some sort of normality will return.

What a fantastic Election dinner to start my year – there was a great buzz of excitement from the 305 attendees, a fact that did not go unnoticed by the Lord Mayor who remarked that this was the largest banquet to be held at Mansion House since March 2020. This year was the first for some considerable time, where financial circumstances allowed us the opportunity to drink our own wines at the Banquet, and which elevated the dining experience and occasion.



2021 Election Banquet WCB Master, Wardens and Consorts with Lord Mayor and Sheriffs.

At the November Court, 3 new Liverymen were clothed:

- Hannah Kevan, who was top student at the National Bakery school in 2015 and currently the R & D manager at AB Mauri.
- Cassie Liversidge who set up the Grow your own playground program and was instrumental in setting up the Lessons in loaf program with the Benevolent Fund.
- Samantha White who is General Secretary of the Alliance of Bakery Students and Trainees and a director at H2O Publishing, who publish Bakery Business magazine.



The Master with New Liverymen clothed at November 2021 Court.

My first official event was to attend the City Food Lecture Sponsored dinner at Bakers' Hall. The City Food Lecture is becoming a very prestigious event in the City Calendar and this year will be held at Guildhall on 17th February 2022 with Guest Speaker being Ash Amiramadi, MD of Arla Foods. **Tickets are still available from the Clerk.**

This year we invited the Worshipful Company of Woolman to join us and the Worshipful Company of Watermen and Lighterman at our Carols service at All Hallows Church. The carol service of 6 lessons and Carols was led superbly by our Chaplain Reverend Katherine Hedderly and many commented that singers from The Square Mile Choral scholars were quite magnificent.

Thanks to all who gave to the collection, which totalled £362.38



Masters, Wardens, Beadles of the WC Bakers, Waterman and Lighterman leaving for All Hallows Church.

OFFICE NEWS.

Suzie Rendall will be joining the Company on 4th January as Part Time, Assistant Clerk. Suzie has many years of experience in organising events as well as managing membership organisations.

The Bakers new Livery management system has now gone live and you should have now all received an invitation to use this system. My thanks to Webmaster Past Mistress Valerie Wilkins for work and dedication in managing the implementation and roll out of this new system.

Sandra and I wish you a safe, Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the planned events in 2022.

Simon Springett Master 2021-2022