



Master's newsletter – January 2022

Dear Liverymen, Freeman and Members of BUF.

It seems as though the 'City' is getting busy again and after being Covid positive for the first part of January I am pleased to report on 31 January I attended my first Livery Dinner, as your Master, hosted by the Founders Company, at their splendid hall near Cloth Fair. This week, I will also be visiting Coopers' Hall, and Honourable Artillery Company courtesy of PM Alan Willis.

I am sure you share my deep sorrow at hearing of the death of our ex-Beadle, Tony White. I have many fond memories of Tony and his wife Sue who died shortly after their retirement in 2011. Tony was a much liked, respected and admired man. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, and I assure you the WC of Bakers will be well represented at his funeral on the 14th February at 11.15 am at Porchester crematorium in the south chapel.

Next up on my Calendar is the Court Meeting and Court only Dinner on February 7th where I look forward to installing my new team of Wardens, Officers and Assistants.

My thanks to Past Master Trevor Beale for his highly informative and enjoyable talk of the long history of his family's involvement in the WC of Bakers and their businesses in Baking and in Hotels ...fascinating stuff. One or two of you sadly missed the event (including me due to a hospital appointment), and Trevor has kindly agreed to repeat his talk at **6pm on the 3rd of February, via Zoom**. Well worth tuning in! The Office has the details and has resent the Zoom link.

Our next Livery Society event will be the AGM and a talk by 815 Squadron **on Monday 28th February** at Bakers' Hall. Max Elvidge will be sending out details next week.

BIG Curry Lunch – 7th April 2022. Product appeal

Once again, the WCB will be supporting the Lord Mayor's Platinum Big Curry Lunch in aid of armed services veterans. Deputy Master Christopher Freeman christopherdfreeman@hotmail.com or 07776480032 has kindly offered to coordinate this appeal. We would welcome donations of bakery products (not too delicate) to fill the branded WCB bags that we sell to visitors to the event. Ideally, we would like 125 of each item to fill the bags.

A repeated, warm welcome to Suzie Rendle, who has started her work as Assistant Clerk. I am sure we all wish her a long and happy stay with us. Please find brief bio on separate sheet.

I am also happy to report that Bakers' Hall bookings are coming back in, now there is confidence that Covid/Omicron is finally getting under control.

Finally, our team in the office has undergone a comprehensive training course of First Aid and Trauma response as part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our Members, Colleagues, Families, Friends and Clients when visiting the hall.

On the subject of health, I trust you all remain well and safe until we are able to meet again, in person.

Simon Springett
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Suzie Rendle Assistant Clerk Bio



Born in Trinidad, and growing up in Yemen and Australia, I am widely travelled and culturally aware.

I am an experienced general manager, with strong organisational, project management, HR and finance capability. Confident dealing at Board level, supplier negotiations, managing teams, implementing processes and delivering projects. Strong relationship building skills both across the organisation and outside the organisation to achieve objectives.

I have a wide range of UK and International experience across the Advertising, Marketing and Media industries. I started my career as an Art Director/Copywriter and worked in top ten agencies both in London and Sydney for some 20 years.

I have had my own business for over 18 years. Some of my clients include Private HNWI, Start-ups, Churches and Charities, PR companies and Celebrities. I am very much looking forward to working with the Worshipful Company of Bakers and learning more about the Livery World.