



November 2022

Dear Liverymen and Freemen

After three long years this will be the last newsletter from me as Master. Thank you for your support and help over my extended time as your Master.

Friday 11th November saw the Silent Ceremony and installation of our Court Assistant Nicholas Lyons as the 694th Lord Mayor of the City of London. Following the installation at the Presentation in the Art Gallery at Guildhall, Nicholas Lyons was presented with a uniquely carved bread board with both his and the WCB crest engraved into the wood together with an engraved silver bread knife. The bread board was specially commissioned and made by a member of the Worshipful Company of Turners.



Carved Bread Board



Master with Bread Board and Wardens

The Worshipful Company of Bakers was pleased and proud to participate in the Lord Mayor Show this year and to welcome the new Lord Mayor Nicholas Lyons. Almost fifty people took part on the day with students from the National Bakery School who had made the display on our float which depicted various London landmarks all made out of bread. Particular thanks to Liveryman Dr Devon Petrie and lecturer Cristiana Solinas for organising the students work.



The Right Honourable Lord Mayor – Nicholas Lyons



Lord Mayor greets the Bakers' Float and Participants



Lord Mayor arrives at the Royal Courts of Justice





We were joined by Cassie Liversidge and six primary school pupils involved in her Homegrown Bread/Grow your own Playground project which WCB has supported for many years. Other walkers included Liverymen, top students from University College Birmingham and Master of the Tower Ward Club. On the float was the Master and Wardens. We are particularly grateful for the support of GR Wrights Flour Millers (Liveryman David Wright and James Wright) for the use of a flat bed lorry for the float and their vintage van . Also to Wilfred Dorrington for his vintage van which generated a lot of interest and was probably the oldest vehicle in the parade. After the parade we enjoyed lunch at Bakers Hall.



Above Cassie Liversidge far right with Primary School Pupils



Flat bed Lorry



Vintage Van



BAKING INDUSTRY AWARDS 2022



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At the Baking Industry Awards held on 20th October 2022 Liveryman Andre Sarafilovic received the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to the baking industry. André Sarafilovic is the Managing Director of Stephens Bakery and he has enjoyed a long and illustrious career, offering his services to various trade bodies and organisations as well as running a hugely successful business and creating a charity to help give back to the local community.

On 21st October the Livery Society with the assistance of Past Master Patrick Wilkins organised a tour around St Pauls Cathedral viewing some of the behind the scenes parts of the cathedral. Thanks to Patrick for a fascinating insight. Supper at Cafe Rouge followed the tour.

St Pauls Cathedral



Sunday 13th November I attended the Remembrance Day Service at St Pauls followed by wreath laying at Royal Exchange with other Livery Companies.



Livery Society event on 17th November at the Barbican; nearly 20 members enjoyed an excellent concert by the London Symphony Orchestra consisting of This Land by Carlos Simon, Saxophone Concerto by John Adams featuring Jess Gillam on saxophone, Divertimento for Orchestra by Leonard Bernstein and An American in Paris by George Gershwin. The concert was preceded by a relaxing meal at Cote. Thanks to Past Master David Powell and Max Elvidge.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Election Banquet on Tuesday 29th November. Preceded by Election Service at All Hallows by the Tower.

Forth Coming Events: -

December 2022 – Annual Carol Service 6pm at All Hallows by the Tower, followed by supper at Bakers’ Hall – more details to follow shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have supported me over the past three years and wishing all good luck to Stephen and Sue Fenton.

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