



The Worshipful Company of Feltmakers of London

Spring Newsletter 2011

Welcome to the Spring 2011 edition of our e-Newsletter

Based on the positive feedback to the first trial edition last autumn, we have been asked to continue with this initiative. Thank you for your feedback; it was very helpful and of course we would like to continue to receive any comments which can help us improve the content and design of the newsletter. We understand that some Feltmakers had problems opening the e-mail newsletter, and so we have provided this pdf version which can be printed off. It will also be available on our website.



Spot the difference

Left picture shows the Master at the Plough Monday dinner on 10 January.

Right picture shows him welcoming liverymen and guests to the Spring Livery Dinner on 4



We're glad to report that the Master is now making a good recovery following the serious accident to his leg he sustained in the icy conditions of last winter. Exceptional bad luck for this to happen to anyone, but in one's year as Master, extremely trying! What more can one say? John has shown incredible reserves of fortitude and good humour in coping with this setback, and we must congratulate both him and Rosemary for dealing so well with the additional pressures.

A significant event in the Livery calendar that many Feltmakers may not be familiar with, is the United Guilds Service, which took place on 1 April this year. This annual service is hosted by St. Paul's Cathedral and was only inaugurated in 1943 as a means of allowing Masters and Court members from the Great Twelve Livery Companies, as well as some other of the companies, to worship together in the testing times of the second world war. The tradition has continued beyond the war and the Feltmakers were represented this year by the Master and his wife, together with some members of the Court. The Master hosted a lunch afterwards at Haberdashers' Hall, attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. [See the full report on the website at www.feltmakers.co.uk/united-guilds-service-2011](http://www.feltmakers.co.uk/united-guilds-service-2011)



The Master and the Lord Mayor at Haberdashers' Hall

The first edition went out shortly before the Master presented the newly-installed Lord Mayor with his tricorne hat on 16 November. ([see our website article on this at www.feltmakers.co.uk/the-master-presents-the-new-lord-mayor-with-his-tri-corn-hat](http://www.feltmakers.co.uk/the-master-presents-the-new-lord-mayor-with-his-tri-corn-hat)) That was also the day that the Royal Engagement was announced. Some five months later, with the Royal Wedding nearly upon us, we suspect there is increasing interest in the hats the ladies will be wearing on the 29 April. The event promises to be a great window for the best of creative British design. We're hoping to carry more information on this event, and the involvement of members of the Livery, in our next edition.

Forthcoming Events for your diary

The main event in our diary is the Feltmakers' Banquet and this year, it is to be held on Friday 3 June, at Fishmongers' Hall.



After a break last year, when we dined at Drapers' Hall, the Banquet was to return to Mansion House, but has had to be moved to Fishmongers' Hall. Feltmakers and their guests can still dine in splendour, as this hall is one of the finest in the City. The Master is delighted that his guest speaker will be John Bly, antiques dealer, author, after-dinner speaker and broadcaster, who is well known from the BBC Antiques Roadshow.

The cost will be £100 per person and full details with booking form are being circulated by the Clerk,

but can be downloaded from

www.feltmakers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Banquet-letter-2011-Fishmongers-Hall.pdf

Liverymen are advised to book early for this popular event. The judging for the Feltmakers' competition for the design of a ladies' hat will have been completed at the end of May, and we will be able to see the winning designs displayed and modelled, before the dinner.

Other Events for your diary



Wednesday 11 May from noon

Master's Golf Day at Camberley Heath Golf Club, lunch at the club and dinner in the evening, after the golf.

This year the Master's Golf Day will be at Camberley Heath Golf Club, Surrey on Wednesday 11 May. Camberley Heath is a beautiful heathland golf course on the Surrey Hampshire borders designed by the legendary Harry Colt. The Clubhouse is modern and superbly appointed and is a delightful venue for golfers and diners alike. Visit www.camberleyheathgolfclub.co.uk

Golf will commence following a light lunch at about noon. Drinks at about 6.00 pm followed by dinner at about 7.15pm to allow people to get home at a reasonable time. Golfers of all handicaps are welcome, with or without their guests. Gerry Higginson, who is organising the event, very much hopes that keen non-golfers who live not too far from Camberley Heath will come along for dinner in this spectacular setting.

Wednesday 18 May

Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot at Holland and Holland, Northwood.

This annual competition is organised by the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners and the Feltmakers' teams are co-ordinated by Brian Minnighan. This is always a most enjoyable day out, and spectators can come along, follow the shooting, which will start after breakfast at about 8.30 and typically lasts the whole morning until about 2.00 pm. Holland and Holland have fine grounds and the teams move round the stands which are placed all around the site — see <http://www.hollandandholland.com/thegrounds.php> Spectators are, of course, encouraged to stay for the excellent lunch that is served in the marquee, which usually includes a generous hog roast. All details for shooters and spectators from Brian at b.minnighan@sky.com



Tuesday 24 May	Pairs Cricket Competition at Amersham Cricket Club.
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On Tuesday 24 May, the Feltmakers' Pairs Cricket Competition 2011 will take place at Amersham Cricket Club, Shardeloes which is on the outskirts of Old Amersham, Buckinghamshire. see <http://www.amershamcc.co.uk/location/>

Players of any standard, age and experience are welcome to participate. Play will start at 6pm. Equally, spectators and guests are most welcome. There will be a full bar open, and a buffet supper will be served in the pavilion at about 8pm, This is an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow Feltmakers and guests in very relaxed surroundings.

The charge for players will be £15, which includes a £5 match fee, and for spectators will be £10 for an excellent meal, provided by outside caterers.

For any further information, please contact Peter Simeons, by email - Peter.Simeons@btinternet.com , or by telephone - 07889 670086.

Friday 24 June	Election of the Sheriffs at the Guildhall, followed by lunch at Tallow Chandlers' Hall
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One of the duties and privileges of being a liveryman is to exercise the right to elect the two new sheriffs for the City at the Guildhall in June, and also to elect the new Lord Mayor in September. If you haven't had the chance to participate before, you will be impressed by the splendour of the ceremony and the wonderful ritual of the formalities. You need to be at Guildhall at about 11.00 to get a seat in the main hall, although latecomers can not only view, but participate in the elections via a video link to the library.



The proceedings commence at 12.00. Feltmakers can get their reward for doing their civil duty, by attending an excellent lunch afterwards, at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Only liverymen can enter the Guildhall for the election, and so if you wish to attend, you must notify our Clerk who will issue a ticket. He is also the person to contact of you wish to attend lunch. The election is free, the lunch will cost £48. Contact the Clerk at jcpartnership@btopenworld.com

Wednesday 7 September	Livery Lunch at Tallow Chandlers' Hall
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The Livery Lunch was inaugurated in 2009 and has now become a firm favourite event in the Livery's summer calendar. This year it is being held at the lovely Tallow Chandlers' Hall in Dowgate Hill. An occasion to bring your spouse, partner or girl/boyfriend, but not other guests. Ladies are asked to wear a hat. see http://www.tallowchandlers.org/the_hall/tour/hall.htm

Full details will be circulated by the Clerk nearer the time.



Thursday 15 September

Inter-Livery Tennis at Queens' Court



The Inter-Livery Tennis Competition, organised by the Feltmakers', is being held this year on Thursday 15 September at Queen's Club. Tennis playing Liverymen are invited to enter, please contact Bruce Fraser if you are interested fraserindenver@hotmail.com. All other Liverymen are warmly invited to spectate through the day and especially to join us for Dinner at 7.30pm. The Dinner is 3 courses with wine at a cost of £50 per head. Please put the date in your diary and join us to make this year's Competition a resounding success. For further details of the Club please visit <http://www.queensclub.co.uk>

We welcome a new Assistant

At the Court Meeting at Armourer's Hall on 10 January 2011, Liveryman Gilly Yarrow was sworn in as the newly-elected Assistant. Gilly grew up in the Far East but returned to convent boarding school in the UK from the age of 9. She went on to Cardiff University where she gained an Honours degree in History before completing a Post Graduate Certificate of Education at King's College London. She then took up teaching history to 14-18 year olds in London comprehensive schools.

In 1975 she met and married Alan Yarrow, a stockbroker with Grieveson Grant, and they settled in south-west London, where they are still happily based. They have two boys, Max and Guy. Since Alan became an Alderman they have both been increasingly involved in the life of the City as he approaches the election for the Shrievalty .

Following Gilly's election as an Assistant, the composition of the Court comprises the Master, the four Wardens and 11 Assistants, together with 26 Past Masters (16 of whom are Honorary Members). All the names are set out in the Livery List.



We welcome new Liverymen

We are delighted to welcome four new Liverymen who joined the Company at the Court meeting on 4 April: Richard Pavry, Graham Peart, Chris Ray, and Colin Smith. Colin actually interrupted his honeymoon to be sworn in as a liveryman.



Richard Pavry

Graham Peart

Chris Ray

Colin Smith

The Welsh Livery Guild

Welsh Livery Guild

The Honourable Society,
for Arts, Science,
and Technology



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tros Gelf, Gwyddor
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We have been asked by the Clerk to bring to the attention of any Liverymen with Welsh connections the existence of the Welsh Livery Guild.

This will of course not be necessary in the case of Past Master Commander John Curteis, the current Deputy Master of the Guild, who comments "*many Feltmakers are, I know, well aware of the existence of the Welsh Livery Guild through my involvement. Indeed a number have attended some of our events in Cardiff. The Guild is keen to draw the attention of London Liverymen with Welsh connections to the existence of the Guild, perhaps with a view to them joining the Guild as Liverymen. If any Feltmaker would like to know more the work of the Welsh Livery Guild, I would be more than happy to respond to a call or an e-mail.*"

The charitable activities of the Guild (www.welshliveryguild.org) are mainly involved with the education of young people and students in Wales. It is also associated with certain Welsh elements of the armed forces. A relatively new Livery formed in 1993, it is based in Wales but a proportion of its Liverymen are also members of London Livery Companies (including, indeed, a recent Lord Mayor – Alderman Sir David Lewis).

The Feltmakers' Website

Don't forget to visit our website www.feltmakers.co.uk which is updated regularly and includes information and reports on all Feltmakers' events.

Feedback

This is our second e-Newsletter and we would be really grateful if you could send us your comments on its format and content. Thank you.

[Click here to send an e-mail to us.](#)

Editorial Committee

Judy George, Christopher Horsburgh, Edward Hutton, Eric Shawyer, Peter Shirley, and Peter Simeons
We are very pleased to welcome Christopher Horsburgh and Peter Simeons to this committee.

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