

The Lamp

For the Nursing Profession – Past, Present and Future



Newsletter of the Company of Nurses

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Welcome to the Summer newsletter 2022. It was so good to see so many Freemen at my installation as Master for the forthcoming year. I would like to thank our outgoing Master Frances Davies for her work in the past 18 months.

As the Company of Nurses continues to work towards becoming a Worshipful Company we are grateful for the support of the Freemen of the Company. Our deepest gratitude extends to our Honorary Clerk John Allen for his services and guidance which he provides without charge.

The Company is looking forward to its next steps. One step is to ensure our ongoing financial sustainability. We need to cover the costs of the day to day running of the Company including funding a Clerk and an office. The Company is seeking options to increase and sustain our income to achieve this. Another next step is the Coat of Arms, I thank all who have contributed so far.

Our Charitable Trust's educational scholarships and hardship grants have supported many nurses, making a difference to their careers and lives. We must continue to raise charitable funds and demonstrate commitment to our charity work.

Part of being a Freeman is contributing to our charitable fund. You can do this by making a regular donation to the fund. You can set up a standing order if you have not already done so.

In the past 2 years we have welcomed many new members. We have to sustain the Company by increasing membership. As our membership grows, this benefits the Company and everyone who has joined. I urge you to speak to your colleagues and friends about the Company of Nurses, encouraging them to become members.

The Education and Professional Development Committee has been working to build the capacity and capability for coaching and mentoring for Freeman. They also engage in active outreach into schools to promote nursing as a profession. Information about their activities and how to take part is to be posted on the website shortly.

These are exciting times and I am honoured to be Master. I look forward to the coming year as your Master of the Company of Nurses.

With best wishes

Julia Mingay Master, The Company of Nurses



Welcome to our new Freemen

On 8th February 2022 we welcomed: Siobhan Atherley, Caroline Fredericks, Catherine Kloeck, Jack Saunders and Julie Scrutton. They made their declarations to the Master in front of the Court at Cutlers' Hall and then joined members of the Court for dinner afterwards.



Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG)

The Livery Climate Action Group assists City of London Livery Companies and Guilds to manage their impact on climate change and the environment. The LCAG Chairman Alison Gowman, Alderman and Sheriff tells us more.



What is the LCAG and why was it formed?

The Livery Climate Action Group was formed as a response to the City of London Corporation’s own ambitious climate action strategy. This was announced in October 2020, it is aiming at net zero carbon emissions in the whole Square Mile of the City of London by 2040. That includes residents, businesses and other City users such as the Liveries and places of worship. I saw the need to ensure that the

encouraging the message with the charities and affiliates with whom we work.

What should Livery Companies & Guilds be considering to reduce their carbon footprint?

We have provided a range of materials on our website <https://liverycag.org.uk/>. The first step is to reflect critically on what Companies and Guilds do and what the impact is on the environment, next step is to engage the membership and work towards addressing this ambitious challenge. Each Company, including the Company of Nurses, have to undertake an assessment of their carbon footprint. Other ideas include meeting virtually, which can help reduce the burden of travel on the environment as well as maintaining the fellowship ethos. Some Companies are keen to consider sustainable food sourcing including supply chains, menu choices, food waste management and working closely with caterers. Guidance notes are on the website suggesting how each Company can respond.

How can we find out more?

The LCAG website <https://liverycag.org.uk/> provides information about what Livery Companies and Guilds can do by way of guidance notes and examples, with news and blogs and a calendar of events across the Livery. There are around 37 Liveries and Guilds signed up to the impact we make on climate change and the environment by reducing carbon emissions and making responsible use of resources.

Liveries had heard of this challenge and to respond. A seminar was held on January 26th 2021 and as a result the LCAG was formed. A cohesive and eclectic group coalesced and is working hard to make the LCAG a critical alliance in the City.

What are the aims of the LCAG?

We aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions across our investments and supply chain by 2040. We will undertake engagement across the professions, trades and crafts we represent as well as sharing and

Company of Nurses Response

The Company is committed to keeping our carbon emissions as low as possible by reducing paper mailings, maximising electronic communications, keeping travel to meetings and even the food served at events under review.

Did you know...

The Bakers’ Company carried out inspections to ensure Bakers were only selling loaves of good quality and sufficient weight. Punishments were so severe, Bakers added an extra loaf to every dozen sold, hence the Bakers Dozen.

To this day, even the ancient Livery Companies are still involved with their trades and professions, for example the Goldsmiths’ Company is responsible for the Hallmarking of precious metals.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 14 June
Visit to the Fan Museum Greenwich

Wednesday 29 June
Education and Professional Development Event

Tuesday 28 June
Livery Schools Trust Guildhall

Wednesday 20 July
Visit to Charterhouse followed by tea and cake

Thursday 15 September
Lecture and Tour Gordon Museum

Sunday 25 September
Sheep Drive

Wednesday 12 October
Annual Church Service

Saturday 22 October
City Walk

Wednesday 26 October
Education and Professional Development Event

Saturday 12 November
Lord Mayor’s Show

Thursday 8 December
Virtual Christmas Quiz

Monday 27 February
Monday Lunch Club

Anniversary Installation Banquet

Unable to hold our anniversary installation banquet for two years, it was a delight to assemble in the beautiful Vintners' Hall on Wednesday 4 May for a wonderful, celebratory occasion. We were able to hold the event here by kind permission of the Master of the Worshipful Company of Vintners and through the sponsorship of our Sponsoring Alderman, Dr Sir Andrew Parmley.

Immediately prior to the banquet, our new Master, Julia Mingay, was installed by the Honorary Clerk, John Allen. After making the Master's declaration, Julia was robed by the Upper Warden, Elizabeth Bardolph, and invested with her badge by the outgoing Master, Frances Davies. The Master was handed the Nurses' Lamp, blessed by the Honorary Chaplain, The Rev'd Canon Charles Pickstone.

Following dinner, the now traditional Passing of the Lamp took place to symbolise the care given by members of the nursing profession as well as unity, trust and fellowship. Musical entertainment was provided by Thames Fanfare Brass and included the very popular Posthorn Gallop.



L-R Jane Carey-Harris, Frances Davies, Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley, Elizabeth Bardolph, Julia Mingay, Professor Dame Anne Marie Rafferty with Guard of Honour provided by the Honourable Artillery Company

Principal guest Professor Dame Anne Marie Rafferty's speech was themed around the outstanding contribution that nurses make to healthcare and the key role that they play. She praised the work that nurses had done, and are continuing to do as a result of the pandemic. She concluded her speech with a toast to the Company of Nurses, "May it flourish root and branch forever, coupled with the name of the Master, Julia Mingay".

In replying, the Master outlined her plans for the year ahead, paying tribute to the Immediate Past Master, Frances Davies, for her stalwart and continued achievements as Master of the Company throughout the past eighteen months, when meeting up in person had been impossible most of the time due to restrictions being in place. Fran was presented with a gift and a bouquet of flowers from the Company. Flowers were also presented to Lady Parmley in recognition of her support for the Company and to celebrate her birthday!



The blessing of the Lamp

The evening was a very special occasion, marking our fellowship and continued progress towards Livery status.

Thank you to our Immediate Past Master

It has been an honour and privilege to be Master of the Company of Nurses for the last eighteen months. The last two years have held many challenges, but the Company has gone from strength to strength and I am delighted that we have continued to grow and prosper and have our sights firmly focused on progression to becoming a Worshipful Company.

There have been so many highlights during my time as Master, and I am particularly pleased that we have now submitted our petition for a Grant of Arms and I would like to thank our Freemen who supported this important milestone in our history.

I was also very proud that the Company restored the grave of Annie Brewster recognising her significance as one of the first African-Caribbean nurses working in London. I am deeply grateful to the generosity of three Livery Companies: The Apothecaries, Barbers and Cutlers, who are presenting us with four specially commissioned silver goblets as a sign of fellowship and support to the Company of Nurses.

My role as Master has been to ensure that the Company continues to grow and secure its place amongst the City Liveries for years to come. I know that the next Master will continue to carry us forward and I wish her every success in her year as Master.

Frances Davis



Sleeping out in Guildhall Yard raising awareness and funds for The Lord Mayor's Appeal and homeless charities.



At the Royal Hospital Chelsea with a Chelsea Pensioner during a visit with the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corp

Company News



A replica Scutari Lamp has been presented to the Chamberlain's Court. Our sponsoring Alderman, Dr Sir Andrew Parmley is pictured with the then Master, Upper Warden and Honorary Clerk. The Nurses' Lamp was presented to Laura Miller, Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court and will be on display so that any new Freemen of the Company of Nurses will see it when they make their declarations to become Freemen of the City of London.

Annual Assembly

At our Annual Assembly on 28th April we received reports from the Master, the Charitable Trust and the Annual Accounts. The Master presented a gift to the company of 2 velvet bonnets to be worn at formal ceremonial occasions. This was followed by the installation of the Wardens for the forthcoming year. We welcome Elizabeth Bardolph as Upper Warden, Jane Carey-Harris as Middle Warden and Anne Milton as Renter Warden. The reports are all available to read on the website.

Court Meetings

The Court of Assistants is the name given to the governing body of a Livery Company or Guild. Membership comprises the Master and the Wardens, Past Masters, Committee Chairs and other experienced Freemen.



The Master with two new Court Assistants Carol Law and Claire Chitty

Did you know...

Reports are posted on the website after each meeting

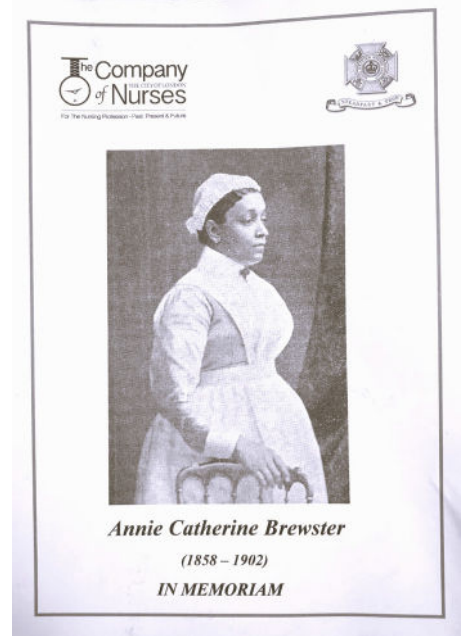
Court reports, Livery Briefings, Master's Letters, write ups of past events and other City and Professional activities are all available on the website.

Annie Catherine Brewster (1858-1902)

The Company of Nurses and the Royal British Nurses' Association jointly funded the restoration of the grave of Annie Brewster. Annie was one of the first African Caribbeans to pursue a career in nursing in London. Her remains are interred at the City of London Cemetery in the London Borough of Newham.



The High Commissioner for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines attended the ceremony.



Members Directory

Find out who lives near you, meet for a coffee, travel together for an event. 170 Freemen are in the directory, it is easy to have your details added if you have not yet given your consent.

Freemen's Gallery

Pictures from our events are all available to view and for personal download.