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## A message from the Master

As I write this, I am halfway through my year as Master, which seems to have flown by. I have represented the Company at many dinners, talks, events, and activities. Everywhere I go, there is so much support and goodwill for the Worshipful Company of Nurses, the newest Livery Company in the City of London.

We hope you enjoy reading our winter newsletter. We have certainly been busy since the last edition of The Lamp was published in May. We have an interview with our new Clerk, Peter Rogers OBE, on page 2. We have welcomed many new Freeman and Liverymen, who are pictured on page 3. On page 4 there is a flavour of some of the events we have hosted or attended. Photographs from our Freedom and Clothing Ceremonies are available on the website and can be downloaded for personal use. News items are posted on the website in the 'News' section on the home page and on the 'Noticeboard' in the members only area. If you have any difficulty accessing these pages of the website, please let us know.

On 22 November we held our first dinner as a Worshipful Company. Sadly, the time came to say farewell to our Honorary Clerk, John, who has been busy passing on his many years of knowledge and experience to our new Clerk, Peter. At this dinner, we honoured our commitment to our Military Affiliation with the Army Nursing Reserve. We are affiliated with the Central Reserve Head Quarters (CRHQ) based in York, which is made up of three units, each of which nominated a nurse for the Company trophy. A silver goblet, generously gifted by one of our Liverymen, was presented to the prize-winning nurse at the dinner.

It was an honour to be clothed as the first Liveryman of the Company at our Court meeting on 12 July alongside other members of the Court. Our Honorary Clerk, who guided us from Guild to Company without Livery to full Worshipful Company, was made an Honorary Liveryman, the highest honour we can bestow. We are delighted that so many Bicentennial Freeman have already been clothed as Liverymen. The honour of becoming a Liveryman comes with various privileges. In recognising your commitment to the

Company, we are planning a lunch for Liverymen in the spring of next year. We are now inviting all eligible Freeman who are Free of the City of London to apply to become Liverymen. We

are only permitted by the Court of Aldermen to admit 250 to the Livery. When capacity is reached there will be a waiting list. For those who have not yet sought admission to the Freedom of the City I encourage you to do so. There is lots of useful information on the website.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Company events.

With Best Wishes



*Elizabeth Baulgan*

DIARY DATES	
Thursday 11 January	Virtual Talk Samuel Pepys
Friday 23 February	Tour of St Paul's Cathedral & Tea
Monday 11 March	Lunch for Liverymen at Ironmongers' Hall
Friday 15 March	United Guilds' Service at St Paul's Cathedral
Saturday 16 March	City Walk
Wednesday 20 March	Education & Professional Development Event
Tuesday 16 April	Tour of the Honourable Artillery Company
Wednesday 24 April	Annual Assembly
Thursday 2 May	Anniversary Banquet, Apothecaries' Hall

More dates on the website

# Meet the new Clerk, Peter Rogers JP, OBE



At the Court Meeting on Thursday 28 September, Peter Rogers made the Declaration of the Clerk and was formally welcomed by the Master, Elizabeth Bardolph.

Before becoming Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Nurses, Peter was Events Co-ordinator and Interim Assistant Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers and Interim Clerk to the Guild of HR Professionals.

Peter was awarded the OBE in 2015 for services to children and young people.

*"Can I say a huge public thank you to John who has been a tremendous support right from the start and is still, generously, hovering in the background. I look forward to meeting you all as time goes by and thank you for your welcome and generous support."* Peter

## What did you do before becoming our Clerk?

I have spent all my career thus far working for the voluntary youth service and worked for the Scout Association for 25 years. I then worked for a children's charity as Operations Director running childcare centres and nurseries with a staff of over 1,000. I then became CEO of an outdoor education charity running nine centres across the UK.

## What do you enjoy doing outside work?

My passions are the outdoors and travelling. I am a Duke of Edinburgh Award Instructor and spend at least four long weekends a year taking young people into the hills and mountains. My wife, Tracey, daughter Zoe and son in law to be, James, are all also instructors, so it's a real family affair.

I am a Scout Leader and run our local boating centre. I also run the Scouts royal event each year at Windsor Castle.

I fondly remember Prince Philip turning up unannounced one year; *"I thought I'd keep Her Majesty company, I hope you don't mind?"*. As we were in his back garden, I didn't think there was much I could say!

## Now tell us about some more unusual things you have done

I have a couple of odd 'claims to fame' from a chequered career. As a budding actor, I performed in Edward Fox's production of Hamlet at the Young Vic for six weeks. One very wet summer in Thailand I wrote a novel with my then 12-year-old daughter which was published (you can probably still find a copy of Herbert Minestalker if you're desperate!). I dined with three reigning monarchs, two Kings and a Queen at the same event in the Natural History Museum.

## How do we contact you?

I only work two days a week for the Worshipful Company of Nurses, and so I am learning to juggle my time at the moment. Please be a little patient with me if you don't get an instant reply to emails or calls - it may take a couple of days. My email address is [clerk@companyofnurses.co.uk](mailto:clerk@companyofnurses.co.uk).

## Court News

We welcomed Deirdre Barr as a Court Assistant in September. Deirdre is a member of the Membership Committee, a Trustee of the Charitable Trust and is the Military Liaison Officer for the Company.



The Court meets five times a year. A Court Report is always available to read in the Noticeboard section of the Website. The main committees are Communications, Membership, Education and Professional Development and Social. Information about the committees can be found in the 'About us' section of the website.

## Our first Liverymen

On 12 July 2023, our first Court meeting since becoming the Worshipful Company of Nurses, the first of our Freemen made their Declarations as Liverymen. The Master became the first Liveryman followed by the Wardens, Past Masters and Court of



Assistants. Freemen may now apply to become Liverymen once they are Free of the City of London. For more information please see the FAQ's on the Members' only pages on the website or contact the Clerk.

# Company News

## Our first Honorary Liverymen

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Company since June 2017, the Honorary Clerk John Allen, was unanimously approved to be an Honorary Liveryman. Now we are the Worshipful Company of Nurses, this is the highest honour we can confer. Although John has retired as Clerk, he will continue to support the Company of Nurses Charitable Trust and has promised to keep in touch.



New Liverymen 12 July 2023



John Allen (left) receiving the Honorary Livery, photographed with Beadle Martin Whitehead who also received the Honorary Freedom of the Company on 12 July 2023.



Sponsoring Alderman Sir Andrew Parnley and our first Clerk Keith Lawrey received the Honorary Livery on 18 October 2023. Pictured with the Founders.



New Freeman and Liverymen 28 September 2023

## New Freeman and Liverymen

We continue to welcome all our new Freeman and Liverymen at regular ceremonies throughout the year. Ceremonies were held in July, September and October and the photographs from these ceremonies are available to view and download from the Gallery section of the website.



New Freeman 12 July 2023



New Freeman and Liverymen 18 October 2023

# Company Events and Activities



## The Annual Sheep Drive 2023 ...

...was held on Sunday 24 September on Southwark Bridge. The Company was well represented by our Freemen and Liverymen, including those wearing traditional uniforms.

## Livery Schools Careers Showcase Guildhall 3/4 July 2023

Pictured below are members of the Company at the Livery Schools Careers Showcase at Guildhall. There was a lot of interest from the primary and secondary school students who attended. The stand was equally popular with the other Livery Companies as it was adorned with our new banners. Please let us know if you can help with this or similar events next year.



## Visit to the Foundling Museum 15 June 2023

Freemen enjoyed a guided tour of the Foundling Museum followed by lunch. The moving story of the Foundling Hospital and the children who grew up there was revealed through archival documents, art and objects on display in the museum.



## A wider reach...

The Worshipful Company of Nurses is privileged to have members from across the United Kingdom and beyond! Fellowship and friendship are key objectives of the Company and whilst the focus of Company activities are concentrated in the City of London, we would like to hear from members who live and meet up outside of London. The aim is to share these activities and events so that those members who might live nearby can perhaps join in, meet up and develop their own networks and share interests. It would be lovely to hear of your events and adventures including photos so these can be added to the website or published in the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you at [admin@companyofnurses.co.uk](mailto:admin@companyofnurses.co.uk).



Members Maureen Rodger and Sabina Kelly met over the summer.

## Edith Cavell commemorated 12 October 2023

The Master, joined by other members of the Company, laid a wreath at the Edith Cavell memorial which stands in St. Martin in the Fields. A wreath was also laid on behalf of the Company of Nurses Charitable Trust.



## The Master interviewed on the BBC

The Master, Upper Warden and Freeman Jack Saunders participated in the Lord Mayor's Show on 11 November. They were walking with other modern Livery Companies when the Master was interviewed by the BBC. It was fantastic to be recognised as the newest Livery Company in the City of London. The interview can be seen on the BBC iPlayer.

