



## The Final one!

Welcome to my final newsletter as Master. As you know, just about twelve months ago I had the honour and privilege of becoming your Master and what a year it has been. Notwithstanding global events and the sad passing of our Queen and subsequent Coronation of King Charles. It has been quite a year too for our Company.

I wanted to reach out to you all, to say thank you for your support and enthusiasm that has made all of our company events a great success. And indeed, this year has been a success on many levels. Here is a flavour of what we have been up to and our stand out events.



New Liveryman Helen Demostheou



There have been eleven Admissions to the Company and one Election to the Livery and there will be more, once Guildhall have worked through their Covid induced backlog

We now have direct debit facilities and soon to be introduced, card payments, which all should help making company events easier to book.

Our links have been strengthened with the RLC, our military affiliation. Master, Senior, Deputy and PM Jack, Strachan were honoured to be part of the Freedom Ceremony at Guildhall for Major John Nevitt and Major Iain Macdonald. Pictured below.

Steve and I were also lucky enough to be invited to take part in RLC30. The 30th anniversary celebrations of the Royal Logistic Corps, held in Winchester.

The Launderers Company is very proud of their military affiliation with 165 Port & Maritime Regiment, one of the largest regiments in the Army Reserve and more specifically with 710 Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars Operational Hygiene Squadron and may our connection continue to grow and flourish!



# Newsletter cont.

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We have, I hope, given you a varied and enjoyable selection of events this year, from The Christmas Spectacular at Thursford, the afternoon tea at The Wallace Collection and of course the Livery Weekend in Portsmouth, which was hugely successful and fun.

We broke with tradition and took the Annual Banquet out of London to the fabulous Lowry in Salford and it was so heartening to see you there enjoying the Northern hospitality.



The Annual Banquet at the Lowry



The Launderers on Tour at Osborne House



John Benjamin



Our wonderful Honorary Chaplain with Prunella Scales and Timothy West

In February, Deputy Ken Cupitt hosted a rather timely, given the energy situation, seminar event on the Future of Energy in The UK, which was very well received.

We have even had a smattering of celebrities attend our events, Timothy West and Prunella Scales at the Christmas Service, which was sold out and John Benjamin from The Antiques Roadshow, himself an Art Scholar who gave us a fascinating talk about jewellery at the Spring Court Lunch.

As you know, Covid, had an impact on all of us and it is to the credit of Past Masters, Jack Strachan and Ken Cupitt who kept us going in those dark days, that I have had the opportunity to embrace the year as Master and have attend getting on for 90 events! However, it's not just enjoying food and great wine at these City gatherings, it is work, honest. Steve and I have been busy promoting the Launderers Company within the City – creating valuable networking opportunities for our members and taking an active part in City life. If they didn't know the Launderers existed before, they do now!



Wreath Laying at The Royal Exchange



Over £2,000 raised for Marie Curie. Thank you!



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Tim Hobday, Winner of The WCL Trophy

The first? Launderers Golf Day at Sundridge Park.  
A glorious day of golf in the sunshine on, I am told, a challenging course. Let's do it again!

Winner of the WCL Trophy: Tim Hobday  
Runner up: Richard Yates  
Guest winner: John Collins  
Runner up: Chis Lambourne. Jnr  
Team winners: Andrew Doyle, Richard Yates, John Collins and Mike Foster.

Food has played a big part this year!



On board the Leonie for our Thames Cruise  
Steve thinks I need more Royal cake at the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.  
Dining with fellow Masters at Mercers Hall after a fabulous Jazz concert  
Sammy the Seagull (and Gill Fordham) at the Portsmouth Weekend



Thank you all again and I am in no doubt that the same support and commitment you have shown to me will be passed on to Senior Warden, Simon Fordham to whom I hand the baton, ahem, Master's badge on Monday at the Installation.

Thank you!

*Sarah X*

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