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Dear Liverymen and Freemen,

How do you decide where to go on holiday? Do you return to a familiar place or go somewhere new each time? Are you someone who reads up about where you're going and make detailed plans for each day or do you wake up and see how the mood takes you? I used to be an inveterate planner. I would decide months in advance where I would be going and make a special trip to Stanfords to buy maps and guidebooks (Despite satnav now being available everywhere, I still love the ritual of buying "proper" maps). I would then spend hours reading up on where I was going, researching accommodation and making lists of must-see attractions. Friends and family teased me that if I hadn't seen three churches, two art galleries and a museum before lunch they thought I was ill. I have since apologised to the people I dragged with me as I dashed from one site to another, ticking things off my list, for I have now discovered that just because the guidebook puts something on their top ten list of things to do in [wherever I am], I don't have to do it, and I certainly don't have to do it at breakneck speed just to avoid the, perceived, embarrassment of telling someone on my return that I hadn't visited something. My holidays are now much slower and I see fewer "things", but I've enjoyed pleasures that don't usually end up in guidebooks – sitting in pavement cafés, with a "petit rosé"; watching children splash in fountains, following a fingerpost just to see what's there and generally taking time to smell the roses. Whatever your perfect balance of planning and spontaneity I hope you have a good summer.

We have lots of interesting events between September and Christmas. Get the dates into your diary and make sure you book in good time. The closing date for dinners is always at least a week beforehand, but it helps our organisation if you can book as early as possible. We are planning to introduce early-bird prices for dinners and lunches to encourage people to book early.

Company scarves and ties

If you are heading off on holiday over the summer please do take your Company scarf or tie ([Worshipful Company of Solicitors \(citysolicitors.org\)](http://www.citysolicitors.org.uk)) with you and take a photo of yourself while wearing it or photograph the scarf or tie with a tourist attraction. Post it on Twitter or LinkedIn and tag us (Twitter - @clsc2; LinkedIn – The City of London Solicitors' Company).

Katie Purcell – Deputy Clerk

Katie will be on holiday with her family this coming week. She returns the following week but will leave the Company's employment on Wednesday 9th August in order to return to the charity sector. We will be recruiting for the post again after the summer.

Committees

We are also recruiting for a number of the Court Committees. If you would like to serve the Company in this way, please do respond to the survey here (by 1st September):

<https://forms.office.com/e/Js0Lsdfqbb>.

Best wishes,
Linzi

Dates in the Company Diary

Wed 27 September, 6.30pm

Court Dinner at Saddlers' Hall – open to all Liverymen and Freemen and their guests. Business dress. Booking open by mid-August here: [Events | The City of London Solicitors' Company \(citysolicitors.org\)](https://citysolicitors.org/events)

Fri 29 September, 11.45am

Common Hall – Election of the Lord Mayor at Guildhall followed by lunch. If you want a pass to attend please book here: [Worshipful Company of Solicitors \(citysolicitors.org\)](https://citysolicitors.org/worshipful-company-of-solicitors). Information about booking for lunch will follow.

Tuesday 3 October, 6pm

Wordsmiths – the history of the printed word in the City. A guided walk followed by refreshments. £24 per person. As solicitors we know the importance of words. In advance of the Livery Dinner at Stationers' Hall, our tour will focus on the history of words, poetry, books, newspapers and printing in the City of London. Limited numbers. Booking open here: [Worshipful Company of Solicitors \(citysolicitors.org\)](https://citysolicitors.org/worshipful-company-of-solicitors) Guests welcome.

Thursday 2 November, 6.45pm

Livery Dinner (*Liverymen only may book, but are encouraged to bring guests*) at Stationers' Hall. Guest speaker: The Rt Hon The Lord Pickles Kt PC. Booking opens early September.

Tuesday 7 November

Haringey Law Centre. The Master and her consort, Howard, will be spending the day volunteering at Haringey Law Centre. We will be asking you to support them (but, more particularly, the Law Centre) by paying for their time in the form of sponsorship. Information about how to do this will be out in early September.

Saturday 11 November, from 7.30am

Lord Mayor's Show. Today the parade is made up of 6,000 people from the City's businesses, Livery Companies, uniformed youth organisations, charities, His Majesty's Forces, the City Police and Londoners from all walks of life. Half a million people line the streets to greet the new Lord Mayor and a television audience of several million more help celebrate the modern City: its businesses and people as well as its historic traditions.

Get in touch with the Clerk, if you would like to join the Company "float". Information about Livery Halls which offer breakfast and lunch to members of other Companies who are watching the parade will be circulated when available.

Thurs 16 November, 1pm

Court Lunch at Girdlers' Hall, Basinghall Avenue - a new addition to our calendar. Open to Liverymen and Freemen and their guests. A rare opportunity to visit this beautiful "country house" in the centre of the City. Business dress. Booking open in late September.

Tuesday 21 November, 6.30pm

Food for Thought. Our Food for Thought events have their origin in one of the objects set out in our Royal Charter of 1957: "To promote honourable practice". Each popular FfT event examines ethical matters faced by our members. We start with a panel of experts in the field giving their views on the issues before opening the discussion to the audience. A time of informal networking and continued discussion follows. We have already secured the participation of four very high profile experts for this date and we will be releasing their names shortly, along with the subject matter.

Thursday 14 December

Christmas Carol Service at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. In the church housing the famous Bow Bells we will join with the Arbitrators, the Scrivenors and the International Bankers for our service. No charge for attending the service.

2024 Banquet

Thurs 1 February, 6.30pm for 7.15pm

Mansion House Banquet – more details before Christmas.

Inter-Livery events

Saturday 2 September – Inter-Livery Cycle Ride at Kelvedon Hatch, Essex. Information and booking here: [Worshipful Company of Farmers Inaugural Pan-Livery Gravel Ride – Glorious Gravel](#).

Wed 13 September – Inter-Livery Tennis at Queens Club. 11am to 9.30pm mixed pairs. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to participate.

Other events of interest

Thursday 7 September - South Georgia Heritage Trust is marking the safe return of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Quest crow's nest to the crypt of All Hallows by the Tower. There will be drinks and tours from 5.30pm, and the evening will include speakers connecting the histories of Shackleton's Quest expedition, South Georgia island and All Hallows. South Georgia is an ecosystem in recovery, and an insight into current projects to preserve the island's rich sub-Antarctic heritage and protect its otherworldly wildlife and marine environment will also be shared. The event will conclude with a short liturgy and music from the Square Mile Choral Scholars. You can reserve your complimentary seat(s) to the event here: <https://shackleton-quest-crows-nest.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Thursday 14 September – Sheriff's Last Stand in aid of Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund. Black tie dinner and boxing evening. Sheriff Alastair King will be boxing in a special white collar bout against Sergeant Steve Giles a police officer from Brixton. Carney's Cup is contested annually between Moss Side Fire Station Boxing Club from Manchester and Fitzroy Lodge ABC from Lambeth, South London. Booking here: [Sheriff's Last Stand Boxing Dinner \(wufoo.com\)](#)

Fri 22 September – Sheriffs' Ball at Guildhall in aid of Lord Mayor's Appeal. More information here: [News And Events | Events Calendar | 1160 | Sheriffs Ball 2023 | The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2022/2023 \(thelordmayorsappeal.org\)](#)

Sun 24 September – Sheep Drive and Livery Fair: London Bridge Sheep Drive – Annual Sheep Drive Across London Bridge

Sun 8 October – LSO Annual City Livery Concert 7pm at the Barbican. Sir Antonio Pappano conducting. Queries may be directed to: katie.clifton@lso.co.uk

Other information which may be of interest

Pollinating London Together, which was formerly operating under the Wax Chandlers Charitable Trust, is now an organisation in its own right operating as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Website: <https://www.pollinatinglondontogether.com>.