



INNOLDERS' COVID 19 NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 5

Due to the movement restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic we are unable to meet as usual at Innholders' Hall. We plan to use this newsletter to share information about the Innholders' response to the extraordinary situation in which we find ourselves. We would like to hear from you, please contact the Assistant Clerk Rebecca.Tomlin@innholders.co.uk with your Covid-19 related news and stories for the next issue.



FROM THE MASTER

Dear Innholders,

Welcome to this fifth edition of our Covid-19 newsletter. When I left the Hall after our lunch with the Watermen and Lightermen seven months ago, I never imagined that we would still be in the midst of the pandemic in October. Yet we have all adapted, and I was duly re-installed on the 6th October at a socially distanced Court, attended by the Wardens, Clerk and Assistant Clerk in person, with other members Zooming in. I am honoured to be your Master for another year, but I am sure that we all hope that we will be back to normal, and welcoming a new Master, by this time next year.

As you will see later in this newsletter, Herbert Berger had just established his new private dining arrangements to an enthusiastic response, when London's Tier 2 arrived, causing a temporary closure until things improve. Sadly, due to the current restrictions and the increasing pace of the pandemic, the Court has agreed that there will be no further Company events at the Hall this year. The situation is being kept under close review, and rest assured that we will welcome Freeman and Liverymen back to the Hall just as soon as we can safely. In the meantime, keep well and I hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter. Do get in touch with the Assistant Clerk if you have any news to share.

With my best wishes to everyone.

Keith Harrison

The Master and Wardens robed and masked at the Hall. Image: Gerald Sharp Photography

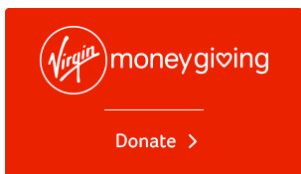
SIR MALCOLM CHAPLIN CBE

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of Sir Malcolm Chaplin CBE on 23rd September 2020. Sir Malcolm joined the Company as a Freeman in 1955, progressed to the Livery in 1957, joined the Court in 1985 and became Master in 1992. He is survived by Lady Janet Chaplin and sons Chris, Nicholas, and Jonathan. Due to current circumstances a small family funeral was held. A full obituary will appear in this year's Annual Review.

INNOLDERS' COVID-19 EMERGENCY APPEAL



We are pleased to report that the total raised by the Emergency Appeal has now exceeded £10,000. Our most recent donation from the fund has been £1,750 given to Hospitality Against Homelessness, a campaign run by the charity Only a Pavement Away. You may recall that we heard from Freeman Joanne Taylor-Stagg MI about the support that The Atheneum Piccadilly had given to the campaign (Issue 3). Hospitality Against Homelessness was set up as Covid-19 struck to bring together the hospitality industry in a focused effort to provide immediate support to homeless people in London. In the first 15 weeks of the campaign, the collaboration helped to provide 55,000 meals, 110,000 drinks, 86,000 snacks and 2,000 Easter eggs, as well as distributing stocks of hand sanitizer and shampoo. There are now 800 homeless people per week receiving 3 meals per day, with a total retail value of goods & services donated reaching an estimated £500,000. Just after we agreed our donation, we were pleased to hear that the campaign had won an award as Most Dynamic Collaboration at the 2020 Hotel, Restaurant & Catering Awards.



We thank everyone who has donated to the Emergency Appeal so far. We appreciate that many of you will have contributed to multiple fund-raising campaigns, and that those in the hospitality industry may have been badly affected themselves. However, should you find you have something to spare, the Appeal remains open for donations. Click the button on the left to donate or go to [Virgin Money Giving](#) and searching for the Innholders' Covid-19 Emergency Appeal. All donations received will be distributed to Covid-19 related causes.

A LIVERY EVENT!



The 27th Inter Livery Clay Shoot was delayed from May and held instead on September 8th and 9th at the Holland and Holland Shooting Ground. Being an outside event, this was one of the few scheduled that has not been cancelled due to the pandemic. The Innholders' were represented by Andrew Ovey, Darren Patt, George Wylde, and Dave Lewis who with a total score of 259 were well in the middle of the pack and proudly lift the Innholders' Quincentennial Trophy. Next

year, the shoot will be held on Thursday 13th May. Anyone interested in representing the Company should get in touch.

NEWS FROM INNOLDERS' HALL



Herbert Berger Club Dining

We were delighted to support a new venture by Herbert Berger, which offered the opportunity to dine at the Hall with friends, colleagues and family while complying with Covid-19 Regulations. The few sittings of the Dining Club that were held were fully booked and very successful, with attendees welcoming the opportunity to enjoy Herbert's delicious food again. Elena and the Beadle ensured that everyone felt safe and welcome to the Hall. Sadly, the venture had hardly got going when London was put under Tier 2 restrictions which forced another temporary closure. We sincerely hope that we will enjoy dinner with Herbert again soon.

The pictures show Herbert happily back in his kitchen, and Elena testing the COVID-19 kit.



From the Clerk

I am very pleased to say that we managed to do almost all of the repair and maintenance works we set out to complete by 1st September in order to be safely open and ready for business. The routine equipment servicing was duly completed with improved lighting and repaired vents which means that we and Herbert were able to open our doors just as the Government started to close them again.

The picture shows technician Stefano surveying the Hall with a Leica RTC360, the fastest colour imaging scanner currently on the market. Over the summer a complete Mechanical and Electrical survey of the Hall has been completed from top to bottom, co-ordinated by STA Jason Essenhig and the redoubtable Beadle. We can now "see" the Hall on plan in 2d supported by 360-degree photos in almost every area. A report is being compiled and we're hoping to address the more critical areas first. Bearing in mind that some of the structure has been there a very long time, the Hall has done good service. We'll be drawing up the planned preventative maintenance plan which, along with some cosmetic improvements, will be rolled out over the next 10 years or so. The IT cabling survey was also completed and we're soon to get the final proposals which will keep our networks working for a long time to come. We did not expect to find so many cables on the roof or lift shafts!

Thanks to the Assistant Clerk, we have also been ensuring our accounts are all in order, and been re-tendering for audit services. The committees continue to operate via Zoom; sadly we tried to do one in person which we had to cancel last minute thanks to yet more restrictions being brought in, but we did try!

Charitable donations continue which is so greatly appreciated and we're hoping to distribute a very decent amount next year despite the pressure on dividends. Apart from the odd enquiry about land outside in Whittington Park, Innholders registers from C18th, flooding and local fires, we've been operating with quiet efficiency if a bit wet in the basement! I managed a brief surfing break in St Ives where it seemed social distancing was optional such were the crowds. I have been back to the Hall on a couple of occasions recently and walked the Covid course with John and to test procedures which now written down and on display seem perfectly routine. The company diary has obviously been a challenge which is a great pity for the Master as he starts another year.



Anyway, we keep plodding on, raising a smile and wishing you all the best of health. Before you ask the answer is No, I am not suggesting to the Master we should hold a White Tie Zoom Banquet just yet!

Charles

The socially distanced Installation Court, with Past Masters and Assistants in attendance via Zoom. Image: Gerald Sharp Photography.



Beadling through a Pandemic

Many members of the Company will have an idea of what a Beadle does, probably based (for better or for worse) on your visits to Innholders' and seeing me at work! What most readers will not know is that Beadles come in all shapes and sizes, and that no one Beadle's duties are the same as the next.

In the City there are three distinct types of Beadle:

City Livery Hall Beadles: A Beadle working directly and full time for a Livery Company often, but not always, resident at the Hall like me. Today 'Facilities Manger' would best describe the multiple roles for which the modern Beadle is responsible. Most Beadles these days are ex-military, ex-police or experienced general catering people.

'Gypsy' Beadles: A Beadle who works for a Livery Company that does not have a Hall is known as a 'Gypsy' Beadle. This is therefore a part-time position and usually called upon only for Company events. More often than not these positions are filled by Hall Beadles or Toastmasters.

Ward Beadles: These are the 28 Beadles who directly serve the 25 Aldermen of the 25 Wards that make up the Square Mile City of London. Today this is a purely a ceremonial role, filled by individuals who are simply enthusiastic about the City and its traditions. Some positions have been passed from father to son, or indeed daughters, over generations, making them the most diverse group of Beadles in the City. As the

Ward Beadle to Dowgate and its Alderman Alison Gowman, I'm unique in working, and indeed living, in the Ward.

As I write, six months into Coronavirus times the Ward Beadles have been totally inactive. With no Livery events taking place, except for virtual Zoom meetings, many Gypsy Beadles have shared the same fate. Zoom ceremonies are, to say the least, frustrating as I found recently when our own Herbert Berger was virtually clothed as a Liveryman of the Cook's Company. It is not ease to gown a new Liveryman when you are on Zoom in Innholders' Hall and Herbert is in his dining room in the New Forest!

In total contrast to Ward Beadles and Gypsy Beadles, like many of my fellow Hall Beadles, I found myself very much 'home alone' at the Hall initially, then as lock down gripped, very much at home in Somerset, very much not alone! As the lock down eased, we Hall Beadles have never been busier, ensuring that all the Halls are serviced literally from top to bottom and they are all COVID-19 Safe, ready for everyone to return to the City. Our tasselled gowns, staffs of office and finery have remained in the wardrobe, with cargo trousers and polo shirt much more suitable for current day to day business.

We had a saying in the Navy, depending what type of task the ship might be doing, that you were either 'operational', basically on a peace keeping tour/war footing or 'decorational': flag waving, visiting lots of lovely places and generally having a great time. Without doubt we Hall Beadles have been very much 'operational' for the last three months. However, as I write the day after the Master's re-Installation, as the Innholders' motto says *Hinc Spes Affulget* ('Hence Hope Shines Forth').

The picture shows John carrying out the annual audit of the Company's treasures, one of his many duties at the Hall.



[From the Almoner: A Sense of Humour is a wonderful and invaluable gift.](#)

At this time, much has been said and written about how people are occupying themselves and coping. One of the things I have noticed, being on-line more, is the proliferation of texts containing videos and photographic cartoons. The majority are funny and fun, creating light moments in these times of prolonged seriousness, solemnity and sorrow.

Thinking recently about the 'funnies frenzy' at this time, I was reminded of a book written by David Kossoff, the British actor who wrote the wonderful and funny *Bible Stories - Retold* (1968). He followed that success with a number of other books, all great reads, especially *Book of Witnesses* and *Voices from Masada*. But the book to which I refer is *'You Have a Minute, Lord?' - A Sort of Prayer Book* (1977). In it David asks God if he has a minute, and then has a conversation on many subjects. In one he asks about the senses, referring to the five senses, and then talks of another sense - the sense of Humour. Finally, at the end of the poem he infers that of all the senses that diminish with age, the only one that does not need to is the Sense of Humour.

I have often thought about this in these uncertain and troubled times, and how important a sense of humour really is in life. So, I wish to leave you with his final words of this particular conversation:

*My thanks, dear Friend, my thanks
Reduce my faculties as you will,
but if it is no trouble, can I have
the Sense full-strength, for the full time?*

Take care
Bill Christianson

NEWS ABOUT OUR CHARITIES

The Patronage Committee met in September and recommended donations to Hospitality Action (£70,000), Teach First (2 years of £25,000 each) and The Drinks Trust (£7,500). The donation to Hospitality Action will support its Winter Fuel Grants, the Golden Friends newsletter and a new Family Support Grant. Our donation to Teach First will support the new ‘Leading Together’ programme, which aims to build and maintain school leadership teams in response to specific problems arising from Covid-19. The scheme is based on mentoring relationships and is directed at the schools where pupils are in most danger of falling behind due to the pandemic. Our award to the Drinks Trust (formerly The Benevolent), with which the Company has a very long relationship, will fund welfare awards to up to eight pensioners previously connected to the drinks trade over a year.



We have heard from the **The Clink** that they started back in the kitchen in May to continue training students who were part way through their City and Guilds NVQ training. To start with they prepared and served takeaway lunches for the hard-working prison staff. In order to train more students, they introduced a take home service for the prison staff called “Clink & Collect”. Due to the success of these chilled ready-made meals and in order to train more students they launched a “Clink@Home” delivery service on 15th July. You order your meal on line using this [link](#) and the team will deliver the freshly prepared, chilled meals to your door if you live within a 5 mile radius, on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Nursery gardens at HMPs Styall and Send continue to be developed.

Fulltime support workers are still providing a daily service to Clink graduates in the community and those still being released from prison. The COVID-19 Clink Graduate Emergency Support Fund appeal has raised over £65k to date. The fund has been providing accommodation, nights in hostels, top up payments when salaries have not been paid, clothing, bicycles enabling people to get to work and emergency food supplies in the form of pre-loaded supermarket store cards to name but some ways we continue to support

our clients. The fund is currently supporting over 100 Clink graduates in the community of which approximately 36 have been furloughed by their employers.



Teach First is set to recruit up to 1,000 Academic Mentors to work in schools serving disadvantaged communities as part of the Government's National Tutoring Programme. The programme is to help pupils who have been most affected by COVID-19 catch up on key subjects. The first ever fully online Teach First Summer Institute has trained a new cohort of teachers geared up to make education fair in some of the most disadvantaged communities across the country. Julia Sibley and the Assistant Clerk attended an interesting sponsors' thank you event, where they were both very impressed by the organisation's new Chairman, Dame Vivian Hunt and by Chief Executive Russell Hobby. The Assistant Clerk has completed her training as a Teach First Coach and is looking forward to meeting her new teacher coachee.



The Guildhall School's 2020 Autumn Season offers the chance to watch more than 70 events online, free of charge, from September to December. Viewers from all over the world can enjoy a mixture of live broadcast and pre-recorded content from across all School departments, created, performed and filmed at Guildhall School. A significant installation of ground-breaking low-latency technology has been introduced to allow for large-scale musical collaboration between spaces whilst ensuring social distancing. Click [here](#) to visit the website to view details of all events.

ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

We recognise that some members and friends of the Company will be experiencing real economic and social hardship because of isolation, bereavement and the effect of the Covid-19 movement restrictions on the hospitality industry and the economy generally. Several of the charities with which the Innholders are associated are offering help and support in these difficult times. Collected below are some of the places to which you can turn if you need some advice and support. The Reverend Canon Bill Christianson, our Almoner, is also available to talk to members of the Company, his mobile number is 07792 924488 and his email address is bill.christianson@btinternet.com.



Anyone can contact Samaritans for free at any time from any phone on 116 123, even on a mobile without credit. This number won't show up on your phone bill. Or you can email jo@samaritans.org or visit <https://www.samaritans.org> to find details of your nearest branch, where you can talk to a trained volunteers face to face.

Support for members of the hospitality industry



The Licensed Trade Charity's support can be accessed in three ways:

1. The helpline **0808 801 0550** offers practical advice and emotional support 24/7, 365 days a year.
2. The website offers over 60 free downloadable help-sheets with practical advice and useful links and gives access to a free benefits calculator for visitors to check they are receiving all the benefits they are entitled to at this difficult time.
3. The Charity offers grants to people who have been in the licensed trade for 5 years or more.

Hospitality Action

Hospitality Action was established in 1837 and has since offered vital assistance to all who work or have worked within hospitality in the UK. It has created a Covid-19 hub to collate the best of its advice to help you navigate these uncertain times and to connect you with organisations who can help. You can also call the Hospitality Action Helpline 24/7 on **0808 802 028**.



The Drinks Trust, formerly the Benevolent, has been supporting the drinks industry since 1886 and its helpline provides specialist mental health support and advice. To speak to one its advisers, please call **0800 915 4610**.

The Drinks Trust is now also offering emergency End of Furlough grants to those who work in the drinks and hospitality industry. Click here for more details.



Helplines for Older People

The Silver Line operates the only confidential, free helpline for older people across the UK that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year. Call **0800 4 70 80 90**

Age UK's advice line is a free, confidential national phone service for older people, their families, friends, carers and professionals. Our team will give you information that is reliable and up to date and help you to access the advice you need. Age UK Advice Line: 0800 678 1602, lines are open 8am-7pm, 365 days a year.

You can find out more about Hospitality Action's **Golden Friends** befriending and support network for hospitality retirees by clicking here.

The Innholders Charitable Foundation is proud to support The Licenced Trade Charity, Hospitality Action, The Drinks Trust, The Silver Line, Age UK and Samaritans.

NEWS FROM THE CITY AND THE LIVERY



Common Hall and the election of the Lord Mayor

The Company was asked to send only one Liveryman to the much-reduced Common Hall for the election of the Lord Mayor on Tuesday 29th September 2020. The Innholders were represented by STA Jason Essenhigh.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell has asked that his thanks be conveyed to all the Livery following his election for a second term of office. The understanding of the Livery, particularly in relation to the special arrangements this year, is very much appreciated. The Lord Mayor is grateful for the support he has received, and he and the Lady Mayoress are looking forward to working closely with the Livery throughout his extended Mayoralty.

Click on this [link](#) to read the latest bulletin from the Lord Mayor.



The Painters' Art Sale

An initiative to support artists and Painters' Company Charities during the Coronavirus and beyond has been launched by the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers. The Sale is an online exhibition of affordable paintings and drawings by leading and emerging artists. Every work is available for just £300 (including delivery).

As well as adding an original work of art to your collection, your purchase will provide much needed support to the artists participating in the exhibition, as well as to the arts educational programme of the Painters' Company Charities, which receives a share of each work you purchase. Significant entries have already been received from artists who exhibit regularly in major UK galleries and exhibitions, including the Lynn Painter-Stainers Prize. A special website (www.painterstainersart.com) has been created where you can explore the exhibition and buy one or more works online. All works purchased will be sent to you directly from the artist. The exhibition is limited to just four months (to 31 December 2020) and all work is available on a first come first served basis.

The image is *After Fantin: Vase de Pivoines et Boules de Neige* by Roger Woodiwiss, purchased by the Assistant Clerk from the Sale.



Gresham Lectures move on-line

Gresham College was founded in 1597 under the will of Sir Thomas Gresham, and is located at Barnard's Inn Hall, Holborn. The College hosts over 140 free public lectures by eminent speakers every year, covering a wide variety of subjects. This year the programme will be available on-line until Christmas at least

and is well worth looking into. You can find all the lectures on the website www.gresham.ac.uk, here is a sample:

- **Astronomy:** A series called *Cosmic Vision* by Astronomy Professor Katherine Blundell, and another by Visiting Professor Roberto Trotta, *The Unexpected Universe*.
- **Business/ Economics:** A series on *The Psychology of Finance* by Business Professor Alex Edmans; a series on *Intergenerational Justice* by Visiting Professor Martin Daunton.
- **Classics:** A three-part series on *Great Thinkers* by Professor Edith Hall
- **English/Media:** *The Powers of the Novel* by Visiting Professor John Mullan, a one-off lecture on *Offensive Shakespeare*, a series on 'classic' film, *Exploding the Film Canon* by Ian Christie.
- **Geography:** Two short series about the environment, *Our Connected World*, and *How to Build a Just and Prosperous Planet* by Professor Jacqueline McGlade.
- **History:** A fascinating series on *Evil Women* in history by Professor Joanna Bourke; a series on *England's Reformations* by Professor Alec Ryrie; a Black History Month series; a series about Darwin and his impact by Visiting Professor Jim Endersby and lots of one-off lectures.
- **IT:** *Great Ideas From Computer Science* by Professor Richard Harvey, which includes algorithms, data, programs and networks; a lecture on *AI and Humour* by Visiting Professor Yorick Wilks.
- **Law/ Politics/Citizenship:** *Death, the State and Human Rights* by Professor Leslie Thomas QC will discuss police restraint and inquests into deaths in custody (Black Lives Matter); *The Politics of the Courtroom* by Visiting Prof. Thomas Grant will weigh the balance between politicians and the courts.
- **Mathematics:** Gresham Prof Sarah Hart will look at *Mathematics in Music and Writing*, Kevin Buzzard will ask *Can Computers Outsmart Mathematicians*, Kit Yates discusses *The Maths of Life and Death*.
- **Medicine:** *Major Debates in Public Health* by the Chief Medical Officer for England Professor Chris Whitty, and *Performing Medicine* by Prof Roger Kneebone includes a lecture on knife crime.
- **Music:** *Russian Piano Masterpieces* by Music Professor Marina Frolova-Walker; *100 years of BBC Radio* Jeremy Summerly; Xenia Pestova-Bennett will look at *Toy and Cyborg Pianos*.



City Events Update

The Lord Mayor's Show, one of the landmark events in the City of London's calendar, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 event which traditionally features a three-mile-long procession through the City's streets, was to have been held on Saturday 14 November as a contained, televised spectacle with no public access in Guildhall Yard. According to historical records, the last cancellation of the Lord Mayor's Show was in 1852 to allow for a period of national mourning for the Duke of Wellington. The Lord Mayor said:

“The Lord Mayor's Show is a unique event but, because of serious and increasing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic over the coming months, we believe that cancelling it is the right decision. Safety must remain our ultimate priority. I would like to thank everyone who has worked on this Show. Our

gratitude to them will remain undiminished, as will my hopes that we will be able to hold the Lord Mayor's Show next year."

We have also heard that Remembrance Sunday attendance at St Paul's and wreath-laying outside the Royal Exchange will be limited and that a single wreath will be laid on behalf of the Livery Companies as a whole by John Warner, Past Master of the Fruiterers.



Faith in the City

From 3rd to 28th October an exhibition titled 'Faith in the City of London' will be on display in Paternoster Square. The exhibition will feature photographs taken by Niki Gorick depicting the day to day workings of places of faith in the Square Mile. The exhibition reveals a diverse spiritual life spanning many

different faiths. Niki Gorick is a British fine art photographer specialising in black and white images of London and was Artist-in-Residence at the Guildhall Art Gallery from 2013 to 2015. Her photographs are in both private and corporate collections. The related book is *Faith in the City of London* (2020) by Niki Gorick with an Introduction by Edward Lucie-Smith.

The photograph by Niki Gorick features the Clerk (centre) in his previous role and outfit.



Have your say on City landmarks

The City of London has a number of statues and other landmarks which have links to the slave trade and historic racism. In the light of the Black Lives Matter movement, the City of London is reviewing the cultural legacy of slavery and deciding how this issue should be addressed. A three-month consultation exercise has been launched which asks City residents, workers, students and visitors and the general public for their views on statues, building and street names and other landmarks with links to slavery and historic racism in the City of London, and what action, if any, they would like to see taken in response.

The survey is being promoted by the City Corporation's Tackling Racism Taskforce, set up in June 2020 with the aim of considering what action the organisation can take to tackle racism in all its forms. You can take part in the consultative exercise which runs until 24 November 2020, online at cityoflondon.gov.uk/historiclandmarksconsultation or by writing to: Tackling Racism Taskforce, City of London Corporation, Guildhall, PO Box 270, London EC2 2EJ.

The image shows the statue in Guildhall of William Beckford, Lord Mayor in 1762 and 1769. The Company's Beckford Lunch is named for his descendant Clarence Beckford (d.1922).



A Decade of Criminal Justice

The Central Criminal Courts at the Old Bailey are a jewel in the crown of the City of London. The Old Bailey is the most famous court of justice in the world. *A Decade of Criminal Justice*, compiled by two former Sheriffs of the City, is a personal collection of the valedictory speeches given in Court Number One for judges and senior officials retiring from 2010 to 2020. At the time, a senior member of the judiciary delivered a light-hearted tribute to these dispensers of justice. These valedictories capture the essence of their public service. All proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the [Sheriffs' and Recorders' Fund](#), a charity founded in 1808 to support ex-offenders. The book can be purchased for a minimum of £20 plus £1.50 postage.

Please **post** your order to: Rebecca Collins, The Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, London EC4M 7EH with a cheque made payable to The Sheriffs & Recorders' Fund, and your name, address and number of copies requested. Or by **e-mail** to Rebecca.collins@cityoflondon.gov.uk accompanied by an electronic transfer to The Sheriffs & Recorders' Fund (Barclays Bank PLC, a/c no 10842508, sort code 20-10-53).

FAREWELL AND KEEP WELL



The photograph on the left shows the pile of discarded invitations to the various Innholders' events that have been abandoned for 2020. However difficult this year continues to be, as the Beadle reminds us above, the Innholders' motto is *Hinc Spes Affulget* ('Hence Hope Shines Forth'). Accordingly, we continue to look forward to welcoming you back to the Hall with the Innholders' usual hospitality soon. In the meantime, don't forget to stay in touch, and do keep safe and well.

Charles Henty, Clerk

Rebecca Tomlin, Assistant Clerk