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The Master's Summer Newsletter

Dear members of our livery and our Upholder supporters,

Welcome to our Summer 2018 newsletter. It has been a privilege and honour to represent the Upholders as your Master. Supported by my wife Gilly, we have enjoyed representing the Upholders on many occasions. Fun aside, there is a serious side to our livery which is our charitable work which should be at our core. I pledged to you at my installation that I would reinvigorate our charitable work and I have made some progress in this area which I would like to share with you.

I have chosen Fine Cell Work as my Master's charity for my time in office. Fine Cell Work is connected with our trade by teaching our crafts, to 350 offenders in 32 prisons and further helping them integrate into society once they have served their term. The ex-offenders learn a craft skill to use upon their release. Additionally, financial support is provided as all the stitch work they produce is paid for by the charity and sold in their shop spaces and on-line. Lastly it gives the offenders self-esteem and hope as many of them have been disadvantaged by a poor start in life through insufficient education and disinterested parenting. It is a fact that Sheriff Neil Redcliffe and his wife Emma are also committed supporters of Fine Cell Work. As you can see from a recent picture taken at The Old Bailey when Gilly and I were their guests, we found a collection of Fine Cell Work being displayed on their grand piano so a common charitable connection was made.

Supported by my Wardens Anthony Demby and Wendy Shorter-Blake, along with the amazing generosity from Court Assistant Malcolm Hopkins, without whom this concept would not be possible, we are delighted to announce a brand new Upholders initiative. We have had a number of meetings with Fine Cell Work to find out if the Upholders could help this charity. Their founder Dr. Katy Emck OBE has been at all our meetings in which we have decided that the Upholders will run a series of 6 workshops on footstool upholstery. Fine Cell Work would like to match the fabrics used for their bestselling cushions with an option to purchase a matching footstool and the Upholders are helping achieve this objective.

Most generously, Court Assistant Malcolm Hopkins has agreed to take responsibility for delivering the Upholders' six workshops.

SPIRITS AMONGST THE SKYSCRAPERS The Master's Summer Function

Thirty nine Upholders and their guests gathered for a guided tour of the Crossbones Garden of Remembrance in Southwark, followed by a performance of "The Southwark Mysteries" by John Constable. John is a local historian, author and actor. He was assisted by Tom Baker, Michelle Watson and Katy Nicholls. We enjoyed tea and cakes afterwards at the famous George Inn off Borough High Street.



Upholders visit to Fine Works Hub in Battersea Left to right Master and Junior Warden Wendy Shorter-Blake and from Fine Cell Work Katy Emck OBE and Victoria Gillies.



Sheriff Neil and Emma Redcliffe supporting Fine Cell Work with Master and Consort.

Our **Upholders sponsored** workshops will commence on Tuesday 11th September 2018 on a bi-monthly basis. I hope that we are building a sustainable relationship with Fine Cell Work and once we have delivered a successful first project we can then decide how best to continue our support for this charity.

Please go to page two and read **On 'yer bike** to find out how Gilly and I are further supporting Fine Cell Work and here may I have your help?
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tim-solway>

Additionally please add our Mansion House Banquet to your diaries if you have not done so already, Wednesday 24th October 2018.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday. *The Master*

On 'yer bike Master and Consort

The Master and Consort are delighted to announce their charity cycle ride from London to Paris which will take place on Friday 7th September 2018 for three days. They will be joining Sheriff Neil Redcliffe and his wife Emma along with another twenty two novice cyclists from other livery companies for a massive fund raising initiative. The ride from **London to Paris** will be in aid of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's fund. The Sheriff has agreed that the funds raised from your support and donations for "Team Upholder" will go to the Master's chosen charity, **Fine Cell Work** which is connected to our trade and changes the lives of the ex-offenders.

The training started in early July with all the equipment, creams and padding purchased..... Now for the serious bit ... if you would like to support the Master and Consort by making a donation there are two choices; firstly make your cheques payable to **Fine Cell Work** and post to; The Clerk, Mrs Susan Nevard, Pembroke Lodge, 162, Tonbridge Road, Hildenborough, Kent TN11 9HP and these cheques will be presented to the founder of Fine Cell Work, Katy Emck OBE who will be one of our special guests at our September Dinner on Thursday 13th September 2018 along with Sheriff Neil and Emma Redcliff. The second method is to make a donation via their justgiving page and here is the link:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tim-solway> Thank you.



Sheriff Neil "a rockin and a rollin"

KARAOKE PARTY AT THE MANSION HOUSE FRIDAY 13TH JULY 2018 BY CONSORT, GILLY SOLWAY

Fish & Chips and Karaoke Party and The Mansion House! These words are not normally found in the same sentence, so I was totally intrigued to read the invitation from The Lady Mayoress, Samantha Bowman.

She was responding to feedback from The Livery requesting less formal fundraising events at Mansion House. So having warned Samantha Bowman that Friday 13th would be unlucky for those present with ears if I had to sing, I was reassured that the microphone would probably be monopolised by the civic team....

Tim and I walked through the doors of Mansion House, to find ourselves mingling with both Sheriffs Neil Redcliffe and Tim Hailes in "civvies" and proudly sporting "Wild West style" Sheriffs' badges! We were accompanied by David Johnson and Liz Thornborough from the Upholders.



The Egyptian Room had been transformed into a party venue, complete with the wonderful and rare "Nile Suite" of red chairs and sofas which were positioned around the edge of the room for casual seating! Of course the Master & I had to test out the Upholstery.....

After a warm welcome from The Lady Mayoress, Karaoke proceedings were opened with Sheriff Neil Redcliffe singing "Wonderwall" by Oasis.... Samantha Bowman, Emma Redcliffe and Fiona Adler belted out a fabulous version of Abba's "Mamma Mia", kitted out in brilliant 1970's Abba outfits complete with white boots & wigs!

We were promised that a "Special Guest" would be appearing at 21.30; this turned out to be a live video link up to The Lord Mayor who was on duty in South Korea! A "virtual" duet with The Lady Mayoress of "You're the one that I want" followed, The Lord Mayor slightly hampered by the time delay and it being 05.30am in South Korea. Our Master, at last managed to have his moment on stage and delivered a dance floor filling version of Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline". (Video available on request) The evening was rounded off with a delicious fish & chip supper; I wonder how the Mansion House fine dining kitchen responded when asked to produce mushy peas.....

We also struck lucky in the Bottle Tombola, with both David Johnson & myself winning bottles of limited edition "The Lord Mayor's Gin".

This was such a fabulous evening, and a great initiative by The Lady Mayoress raising funds for the Lord Mayor's Charity in such a different and fun event!

BREAKING NEWS the Upholders Travel Bursary in memory of RAY USHER

Past Master Antony Usher is pleased to announce that the recipient of the inaugural Upholders' Travel Bursary in memory of Ray Usher is Beatrice Farmer.

Beatrice graduated from the University of Glasgow with an MPhil in Textile Conservation in 2012. In early 2018 she became a permanent member of staff at Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) at Hampton Court where she works in the furniture preservation department. She is currently preparing for The Institute of Conservation (Icon) Professional Accreditation of Conservator-Restorers (PACR) accreditation (completion in 2019).

In a thorough and well presented application, she set out how she would use the funds to further her career by attending the prestigious biennial International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (IIC) conference, which will be held in Turin in September this year.

Her attendance at the IIC conference will not only benefit her but also the textile and furniture preservation work performed by HRP, ensuring that many of our nation's treasures remain fit for public display.

The Upholders Company sends its warmest congratulations.



GUIDED WALK AROUND WHITEHALL

On a chilly, grey evening at the beginning of May a group of newer Upholders and their friends gathered outside the Household Cavalry Museum in Whitehall for a guided walk, led by liveryman Basil Preuveneers. This was the first event organised by the Membership Committee for those liverymen who had been clothed within the last five years, giving the opportunity for new members to form friendships in an informal setting.



Our guide Basil Preuveneers in action

The walk began at Horse Guards Parade which was originally the tiltyard for the Palace of Whitehall. Then moving onto the Cenotaph which was originally a wood and plaster catafalque erected for the London Victory Parade in 1919, before being replaced in 1920 by the Portland Stone memorial we now know. There were a number of further stops including Parliament Square, which was designed by Sir Charles Barry, and which now is the site of 12 statues of British, Commonwealth and foreign political figures such as Winston Churchill, David Lloyd George, Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi, and the Banqueting House which is the only remaining part of the Palace of Westminster and the site of Charles I's execution.

After the long walk the evening was rounded off by a meal and drinks at the Munich Cricket Club.



PRIZEGIVING AT CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S SCHOOL

The Upholders have had a long-standing friendship with the City of London Freeman's School (CLFS) that is thanks to our own Past Master, Joe Byllam-Barnes who was an old boy and subsequently a Governor of the school.

This baton has now been passed to the current Master, as his son Hugo attended the school, leaving four years ago.

For your interest one of our Upholder treasures is hanging on their wall. It is a portrait of our Past Master Upholder, William Hunter who was Lord Mayor 1851 - 52 .

The Master and Consort were fortunate to meet two out of the three Upholder prizewinners. The picture shown here is Matthew Wilding who was the winner of the Upholder prize for Christian knowledge.

Matthew and his Parents will be attending our September Court Dinner and this will give our liverymen an opportunity of speaking with our Upholder prizewinner.



Upholder prize winner Matthew Wilding with Master and Consort

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of our first ever Lady Master, Mrs Wynne Gilham in July 2018. Her private funeral was held on Monday 23rd July 2018 and a remembrance service to celebrate her life, will be held in October 2018, the date to be confirmed.

We send our deepest condolences to Michael and all the family.

HAPPY NEWS

Announcing the marriage of Lucy Nevard

I am delighted to share with the livery the fabulous news of the marriage of the daughter of our Clerk, Mrs Susan Nevard and her husband Past Master Mr Richard Nevard.

Their middle daughter, Lucy was married to Mr Daryl King on Saturday the 23rd of June 2018. The sun shone for this special occasion and I am sure that you would wish to know that I sent our best wishes to the happy couple.



Wendy Shorter Interiors Awards

We had a glorious day celebrating Wendy Shorter's 13th Year with students being presented with their AMUSF qualifications by Richard Ranklin, Vice President and General Manager of the AMUSF. Other prize winning students received prizes presented by Master Upholder Tim Solway and provided by sponsors Kobe Fabrics UK, Bute Fabrics and, also for the first time this year, Martins Upholstery Supplies. The Master of the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers, Hayden Davies made presentations, also awarding £150 cheques and certificates to the eight students who achieved a distinction for their Stage 3 qualification.



Left to right: Richard Ranklin Vice President and General Manager of the AMUSF Hayden Davies Master Furniture Maker, Wendy Shorter Blake Junior Warden, Tim Solway Master Upholder



London Metropolitan University Upholder Awards - June 2018

The students, staff, family friends and the Upholders livery gathered to celebrate the LMU student achievements. The course tutor, Franco Marinelli with AMUSF President Malcolm Hopkins in attendance along with the Master, Clerk and other Upholders. Barbara Paleka signed up as a Yeoman and we send her double congratulations



Barbara Paleka & Malcolm Hopkins



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS 2018/2019

Date	Events	Attendance	Date	Events	Attendance
Thursday 13 September 2018	September Court + Dinner Salters' Hall	Liverymen, Freeman & Guests	Thursday 17 January 2019	January Court, Common Hall & Dinner Bakers' Hall	Liverymen, Freeman & Guests
Monday 1 October 2018	Election of Lord Mayor Guildhall + Lunch at Painters' Hall	Liverymen only to vote: Liverymen & guests lunch	Wednesday 20 February 2019	Church Service St Michael's Cornhill + Dinner at Armourers	Liverymen, Freeman & Guests
3-6 October 2018	Master's Mallorca Fiesta	Court & Liverymen & consorts	Friday 5 April 2019	United Guilds' Service St Paul's; Lunch at Painters' Hall	Liverymen & Guests
Wednesday 24 October 2018	Upholders' Banquet Mansion House	Liverymen, Freeman & Guests	Thursday 21 March 2019	Master's Court Dinner Watermens' Hall	Court & Consorts only
Saturday 10 November 2018	803rd Lord Mayor's Show	Public event with ticketed stands	tbc April 2019	Installation Banquet Hall tbc	Liverymen, Freeman & Guests
Monday 26 November 2018	New Liverymen's Evening Cutlers' Court Room	Liverymen from last 5 years plus new candidates			

Any alterations will be shown on the Members' area of the website.

Upholders Events

City Events

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