



The Worshipful Company of Lightmongers

EVENTS 2018

We are pleased to present the programme of events for our Company for this year, in which there is hopefully something for everyone. From events for just members, members and their guests to those for all the family. We look forward to meeting you at some of them so put some in your diary now.

Senior Wardens Reception - Trinity House

Friday 23 February - Reception 18.30 - Dinner 19.00 - Carriages 22.00

An opportunity to meet with members as well as to bring partners and guests to this dinner at Trinity House. Behind this buildings imposing neo-classical facade, design by Samuel Wyatt in 1794, are some of London's most elegant banqueting rooms.



Guided Tour of Westminster Abbey

Sat 24 February 10:45 to 13:00



Most of us have been inside, but this is an opportunity to get up close and hear much more about this 700 year old gothic building, the site of the Royal Wedding, Britain's official Coronation church and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

An event for members, all the family and guests. There are no refreshments included.

Forever Trial and Error

Tuesday 13 March 18:30 - Old Bailey

We join other Livery Companies in a theatrical fundraising revue for the Sheriffs' & Record's Fund and Pan Intercultural Arts featuring a cast from the Bar and the Judiciary.

A sparkling wine reception at 6.15pm in the Grand Hall is followed by the show in No2 Court at 7pm, which has open seating. The show concludes at 8.30pm



United Guilds Service

Friday 16 March 11:00 to 14:00 - St Paul's Cathedral

An annual event held in St Paul's Cathedral since 1943, sees thousands of Livery Company members coming together to fill the Cathedral. Started out of a desire of the Companies to unite and help solve the problems facing the blitz-damaged City, today it is a great occasion including ceremony and beautiful music in celebration of Livery Companies. Free to both members and guests. There is an opportunity of having lunch at Tallow Chandlers afterwards.



Members & Guests Annual Company Dinner

Friday 23 March 19:00 to 22:30 - Haberdasher's Hall



As a Livery Company without its own Hall, we have the advantage of being able to go to some of the many remarkable Livery Halls in the City.

Often hidden behind a rather inconspicuous door or down an unlikely alley, the hidden secrets of the City are opened up to us on evenings like this.

This Black Tie Dinner includes Military Awards and is for members to bring along their business guests. A Champagne reception, excellent dinner and if you can manage it, a stirrup (or parting) cup, which used to be usually port or sherry but now extends to wine.



Lightmongers Annual Golf Day

Thursday 26 April - Royal Automobile Club Epsom

One of our major events and a great social day on this prestigious members club golf course, that makes a valuable contribution to our charities supported by a large number of the members along with their guests.

Entries are usually a team of four. Starting off with a light buffet lunch, we then have an afternoon stableford golf match. The prize awarding dinner follows in the lovely Cedar Restaurant. Non-golfing guests of partners and friends are very much welcomed for the dinner.

As this is very much a charity event, raffle prizes and sponsorships are very much welcomed.





Inter Livery Clay Shoot

Wednesday 16 May - Holland and Holland

City Livery Companies go head to head at this lovely shooting ground. Whilst it is a reasonably challenging shoot layout it is open to both experienced and novice shooters. The number of places depends on the allocation from the organisers but it is open to all members and guests and will be organised into teams of 4. This is a day to raise money for charity and have fun.



Lost Rivers of London - River Fleet

Sunday 3 June 09:45 to 13:30/14:00

Join us on this Lightmongers only walk along the route of the River Fleet from St Pancras Old Church to its outflow into the Thames at Blackfriars Bridge. The walk ends at around 1.30pm/2pm and then we go for a late lunch at the Black Friar Public House very nearby. This walk is featured in 101 best things to do by Time Out London and our expert guide, Paul Talling will be joining us for lunch after our walk.



Master's Weekend (Liverymen and partners only)

Friday 15 to Monday 18 June - Bristol

Starting with a dinner on the Friday night in the hotel in which we will be staying, the weekend will provide a private guided tour of the City, a visit to the Avon Valley Railway station with lunch in a 1950s carriage, a pre-dinner boat trip, SS Great Britain, dinners, lunches and departing after breakfast on Monday morning.



Election of Sherriffs - Guildhall (Liverymen only)

Monday 25 June 09:00 to 15:00

Each Midsummer Day (or the closest weekday) at the Guildhall the Livery assemble in Common Hall to elect two Sherriffs.

All Liverymen, but not Freeman nor spouses or guests, are eligible to attend Common Hall. It is helpful (though not essential - an electoral register is held at the door) to the admission process if you have an entry pass, and these are available on request from the Clerk at no charge. This is always a very popular event, and you should arrive early to secure a seat. Though the proceedings don't begin until 11.45am, 11 o'clock is certainly not too early to be there.

Only liverymen clothed prior to May the previous year are eligible to vote, so when the election for the two sheriffs is contested, new liveryman are honour bound not to put their hands up!

[The reason for the "more than 12 months" rule was to prevent liveries packing their membership at the last moment to get their favoured candidate elected.]

There is an opportunity of having lunch at Tallow Chandlers afterwards.



Company Annual Summer Banquet at the Mansion House

Friday 6 July



A wonderful opportunity to go to one of the most impressive venues in the City of London. The Mansion House, dating back to the mid 1700s, is the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London and where a number of the City's official functions are held. In keeping with those, our Summer Banquet is a resplendent White Tie Dinner.

This is an evening for all members to bring partners and friends to enjoy a formal dinner in unique surroundings, a pre-dinner Champagne reception, and post-dinner drinks.



Four Liveries Annual Lecture Painters Hall

Tuesday 17 July

An evening that includes an interesting lecture in one of the Halls of the sponsoring Four Livery Companies, one being the Lightmongers, the others the Clockmakers, Painter-Stainers and Spectacle Makers.

This year it is turn of the Lightmongers and as usual there will be a talk on subject of great interest followed by dinner in Painters Hall.



Junior Wardens Reception

Friday 21 September

As with the Senior Wardens Reception, the Junior Wardens Reception is also an opportunity to meet with members as well as to bring partners and guests. More details later.



Election of Lord Mayor - Guildhall (Liverymen only)

Friday 28 September 09:00 to 15:00

Each Michlemas Day (or the closest weekday) at the Guildhall the Livery assemble in Common Hall to elect two Sherriffs.

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Postal Museum Guided Tour WC1

October – tbc

Guided tour of the new Postal Museum including an underground mail rail ride and refreshments.



Members Installation Dinner (Members only)

Friday 2 November – Tallow Chandlers Hall

Common Hall 18:00 Dinner 18:30 – 22:30

Held in the building where the Lightmongers Court meets, Tallow Chandlers Hall dates back to 1672, the original building having been destroyed by the Great Fire in 1666. The Hall itself where we have dinner can seat up to 100, so it is a perfect size for our members only Black Tie dinner. As it is members only, seating is random by picking out a card with your seat number.

The evening is preceded by the election of the principal Officers for the year and the Installation of the new Master Lightmonger. This is the Master's first official engagement. Members can meet at the pre-dinner Champagne reception, sit and talk and the free-seating dinner and then enjoy a stirrup cup.





Lord Mayors Show

Saturday 10 November 10:00 to 14:00

A privilege for Lightmongers to take part in this historic procession, alongside our Master in the horse drawn carriage together with representatives from our affiliates. Typically the event includes 6500 people, 250 horses, 70 floats and 20 marching bands. The procession is over 3 miles long, but the route is only a mile and three quarters.

The event as a whole ends with fireworks over the river and therefore between the end of the procession and the fireworks there will be an opportunity to join in an organised late lunch.



Company Carol Service St Botolph's Without Aldgate

Wednesday 5 December 18:30 to 20:00

A great opportunity for all members of the company to bring their families and friends to take a moment to prepare for Christmas by reflecting on its meaning for each of us today, in celebrating the best of human virtues and in reflecting a little on the past year and looking forward to the year to come.

Further information through the Clerk

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