



COACHLINES

The Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers of London

Master's message

I have three principal objectives as I begin my year as Master.



The first is to ensure that we have an excellent programme of dinners and other events lined up. The Aerospace Dinner in November promises to be a memorable evening, with a Battle of Britain theme. The events booklet, which you should have received recently, sets out a varied and exciting series of dinners and social functions which I hope will provide something for everyone in the Livery.

The second is to pursue our aim of increasing the capital fund in our Coachmaker Charity so that we will generate more income to distribute to worthy causes. The Charity Committee has a stretching target to raise the fund from about £700k to about £1m and is working hard to that end.

Finally, I am very conscious that the Royal Dragoon Guards remain deployed in Southern Afghanistan where they have endured an immensely tough summer. I hope you will all join me in saying a prayer for their safety as they begin to return home later this month. All should be back by Christmas.

Vice Admiral
Tim Laurence



A wager on success

Our new Master, as did his predecessor, has declared the Coachmakers' Charity Fund the focus for fundraising for the coming Livery year. The aim is to increase the fund's holding to £1 million, the income from which will enable the Livery to help and encourage young people train for careers in the industries the Coachmakers supports. One easy way for all Liverymen to help us meet, and perhaps beat, this target is to join the 100 Club.

Members contribute at a rate of £10 per month per subscription. Each subscription is then allocated a number which is entered in the quarterly draw with a Super Bonus draw in the fourth quarter. Fifty per cent of all subscriptions are returned to members as prizes, with the other 50 per cent being transferred to the Charity Committee fundraising account.

Essentially, the 100 Club is a way of contributing directly to our Charity but with the modest excitement of possibly winning a prize. Please contact Liveryman John Pearl on johnwpearl@hotmail.com for more details or download the application form from the website.



Livery Committee

On the 25th of November, in the 70th anniversary year of the Battle of Britain, you are invited to join the Livery Committee for a very special evening touring the Churchill War Rooms.

From this extraordinary place Winston Churchill, his Cabinet, high-ranking military advisers and

a small team of support staff planned and ran the war. We now have a unique opportunity to visit parts of the establishment not normally open to visitors, including the War Cabinet Room. We shall have a Champagne reception in the War Rooms followed by dinner at Langtry's Restaurant in the Cadogan Hotel. Email invitations will be sent out soon.

The best lunch in London

For those Liverymen who are not aware, The Worshipful Company of Butchers very kindly allows Liverymen & Freemen of the City of London to participate in the Company's weekly carvery lunch. The Butchers serve the finest beef in the whole of England for a most reasonable cost. For further details, please contact the Clerk on 020 7600 4106.

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The booking form for the Aerospace Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall on Wednesday



17th November is on the website. Our guest speaker will be Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burrige KCB CBE MBA FRAeS, and the Master will present recipients with the Eric Beverley Bursary Award and Victor Gauntlett Flying Scholarship.

It is also hoped that three Battle of Britain veterans will join us for dinner. Should you require overnight accommodation, Vintners' Hall has refurbished bedrooms available from £60 plus VAT. Please contact the General Manager on 020 7651 0748.

Planning for the annual Coachmaker Carol Service on 14th December at St. James Garlickhythe is well in hand and, as is the custom, will be followed by an informal supper at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Please visit the website for more information about future dinners and events. If you have difficulty logging on or have lost your password, please contact me.

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