



# COACHLINES

The Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers of London



## Master's message

However daunted I may have felt when I was elected Master at the start of our Livery year, this has swiftly passed. The warm welcome I received from the Court and the Livery, along with a busy calendar (and apparently getting busier), leave no time for such self-indulgence!

I am determined during this year to ensure that the Coachmakers is fully engaged wherever possible with the City of London. Our aims are charitable and our involvement with Britain's Armed Forces remain constant and consistent. But we must never forget our roots are in the City and we have an important role in helping to keep our automotive and aerospace industries 'front of mind' with the movers and shakers who run the world's leading financial centre.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our marvellous events during the coming months.

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## All change for the Membership Committee

This autumn Sarah Sillars will take over Chair of the Membership Committee and Lesley Upham will support her as Secretary, following on from Tony Edwards and Shawn Manning who over three successful years recruited more than 75 new Liverymen.

With a similar target to achieve, the Membership Committee is seeking your help in its search for new members. Who among your family, friends, colleagues or acquaintances do you think would enrich the Livery with their presence? Who do you know who would enjoy the unique opportunities becoming a Liveryman of the Coachmakers brings?

Our website has plenty of information with a history of the company downloadable from [www.coachmakers.co.uk/history](http://www.coachmakers.co.uk/history) and FAQs are available from the home page.

Our next membership dinner is on 27th October and is a friendly and relaxed evening where potential Liverymen can meet members of the committee. If you have a candidate please contact either Sarah at [ssillars@motor.org.uk](mailto:ssillars@motor.org.uk) or Lesley at [lesley.upham@thatcham.org](mailto:lesley.upham@thatcham.org) who will be happy to talk you through the introduction process.

New members are important in bringing new views and ideas which will enable the Livery's charitable ambitions and bursaries to grow. As for what Liverymen can gain in return, well you are the best advocates of that!

## Order your print of HMS Bulwark

We are pleased to announce that artist Patricia Glasswell has been commissioned by the Coachmakers to produce a watercolour of HMS Bulwark, which will be presented to the ship's company by the Master. A number of signed prints are being produced, which are available for Coachmakers to order. The cost will be in the region of £60 with any profits split between the Coachmakers' charitable fund and Patricia's charity, St John's Hospice in St John's Wood. A numbered print would make an excellent Christmas present – to place your order please email Martin Payne at [paynem@btinternet.com](mailto:paynem@btinternet.com).



## Hybrid Air Vehicles are on the way

The airship is dead – long live the Hybrid Air Vehicle. This development, taking place on the site of the old R100 and R101 at Cardington in Bedfordshire, is set to revolutionise air transport. Designed to carry a payload of up to 1,000 tons, the aircraft ticks all the boxes. It is environmentally friendly, can be operated from the ground and will use considerably less fuel than conventional means of transport over long distances. Please [click here](#) to read an article by Martin Payne.

## Clerk's notes

In the August edition you were encouraged to visit the new website, where I



have added information with details of future Livery events, Coachmaker dinners and City of London events.

I will continue to update as information arrives.

You should now amend your personal contact details yourself on the website. If you have not done this then please do, so you can stay informed about future events. You can also book and pay for Livery dinners and events online, including the Automotive Dinner on 23rd November. You will still be able to pay by cheque if required. An email with further details will be sent in October.

Planning for the annual Carol Service on Thursday 8th December at St James Garlickhythe is well in hand – a popular event which last year was sold out.

The draft Lord Mayor's Overseas visit programme is now available from [lmvisits@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:lmvisits@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

You are encouraged to get involved in these visits if it is of value to your business. The incoming visit programme is not yet available, but I will publish as soon as possible. Finally, if you have difficulty logging on or have lost your password, please contact me.

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