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Newsletter for December 2022

Dear members of the Company

Winter Livery Dinner and Common Hall on Thursday 26th January 2023

We are pleased to announce that our Winter Livery Dinner will take place at Goldsmiths' Hall on 26th January. The dinner will be preceded by Common Hall - our "annual general meeting".



Goldsmiths' Hall is one of the grandest and most famous Livery Halls of the City. We have visited it many times before and it is always enjoyed by all.

Common Hall will take place **at 5.30pm at Goldsmiths' Hall** and here you can

access the [agenda](#), [minutes of the last meeting](#) and copy of our [2022 accounts](#). Please make every effort to attend (you may bring your guest to observe too if you wish) as we want to you hear from the Master and other presenters.

The Master's principal guest at dinner will be Alderman Alison Gowman.



Alison is well known to most of us. She recently completed her term as Sheriff and, prior to that, she was, at different times, Master Glover and Master Plaisterer.

Alison is a solicitor by profession, a governor of the Museum of London and founder of the Livery Climate Action Group, which is making great strides in improving Companies' "carbon footprint".

The cost of dinner is £120 per person and members are welcome to invite their spouse or partner as their guest too if they so wish. We are also operating the dinner discount scheme for members bringing a genuine prospective new member to the dinner - the cost of the guest is reduced to £70.

The dress code is "black tie" and timings are drinks at 6.30pm for dinner at 7.15pm. Please book using [the form available here](#). **Booking will close on Friday 13th January.**

The new Lord Mayor

As you know, the Lord Mayor changed on 11th November. The new Lord Mayor is Alderman Nicholas Lyons, Merchant Taylor and Insurer.



A Farewell Bulletin from the departing Lord Mayor is [contained here](#).

Then, on the 12th November, the Master, Senior Warden and Liveryman Lloyd Richards took part in the Lord Mayor's Show as part of the float for the Modern Livery Companies. Here they are in full regalia.



"Meet the Company Evening" on 7th February 2023 - El Vino, 12-14 Mason's Avenue, London EC2V 5BT at 6.15pm to 8.00pm

The Membership Committee has arranged a wonderful opportunity for members to introduce potential members to the Company.

As you will know we would like to welcome new members each year to maintain and gradually grow our membership. We want to remain relevant and, as the world and areas of expertise of actuaries change and evolve, we need to change with it. I am sure there are many of you who have actuarial friends and colleagues who would be an asset to the WCA and who would, in turn, benefit from the valuable alternative social and networking opportunities we provide.

We are keen to enable prospective members to get to know a bit more about the Company with a view to becoming one of us. Whilst our formal Livery dinners are always a good time to bring people along, we feel that a more informal start to the process of introducing people would be helpful, and we have decided to relaunch our "Meet the Company Evenings", which proved very popular when we used to run them prior to the Covid pandemic.



The next "Meet the Company Evening" is to take place at **El Vino, 12-14 Mason's Avenue, London EC2V 5BT**, where we have a private room booked. The idea is that we meet over a glass of wine or two and some finger food. Your guests can then meet not only other members of the

Company but also the Master and Wardens. This all helps with the process of welcoming individuals, explaining what the WCA are about and answering any questions. This event will count as one that a prospective member can say that they have attended if they wish to apply for membership.

This event will be free for guests and their hosts. To make this as accessible as possible, particularly for those working, we plan to meet at 6.15 pm and aim to finish at around 8.00 pm.

The Master and Wardens would be delighted to see you there and to meet your guests. Please do seize this opportunity to introduce potential new members to the Company. To attend please complete the form [available here](#) so that we have an idea of how many to cater for.

Maths in Prison – our first year of volunteering

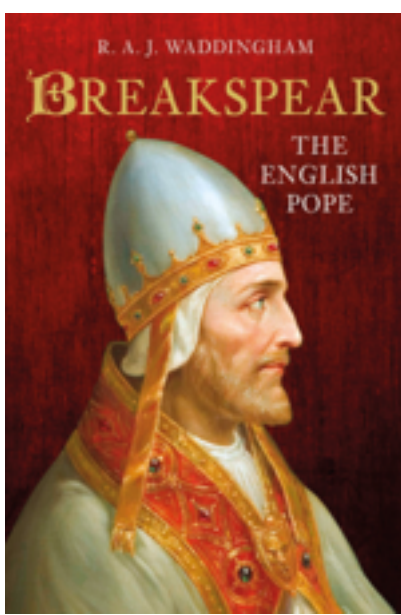
Volunteers from the Company have now been teaching maths to inmates at HMP Isis for over a year, and so it is a good time to provide an update to all the Company on what we have been doing and how we might be able to take it forward. A detailed report from Liveryman Richard Murphy [is available here](#).

Virtual socials

Our socials by Zoom **at 6.30pm** will now take place less frequently so look out for details in future newsletters. The Zoom [link is here](#) - the same every time - and we encourage you to ask any prospective members you know to join us too.

We have the following planned so far:

Monday 5th December at 6.30pm:



Past Master Adrian Waddingham's book, Breakspear, was published in late August 2022 – the first biography in over a century of the only English pope. Adrian will talk about what inspired him to switch from numbers to letters in retirement, and the long process (four years) from the initial idea to print. He will explain his sources and the help he received, and the search for a publisher. He will also tell us what aspects of twelfth century life surprised him in researching Breakspear's story.

The reviews of Adrian's book are excellent so please do come along and hear from the man himself. If you wish to purchase a copy in advance you can find it on Amazon and in book retailers.

And finally....



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1st December 2022



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