



May 2021

Dear Liverymen and Freemen

Sending you my very best wishes and hoping you have been able to begin meeting with friends and families outside, within the rules. Hopefully there will be further good news later this month as we head for a return to normal life.

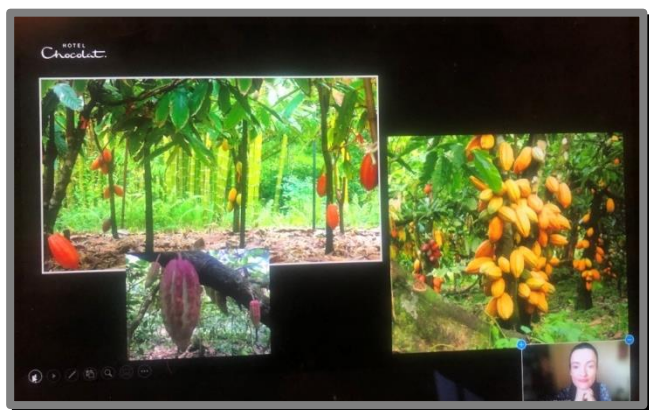
Past Mistress Baker Valerie Wilkins has continued the transformation of the website and it is now a valuable up to date resource for everyone so please take time to look at it and click around the various sections. Any feedback would be gratefully received.

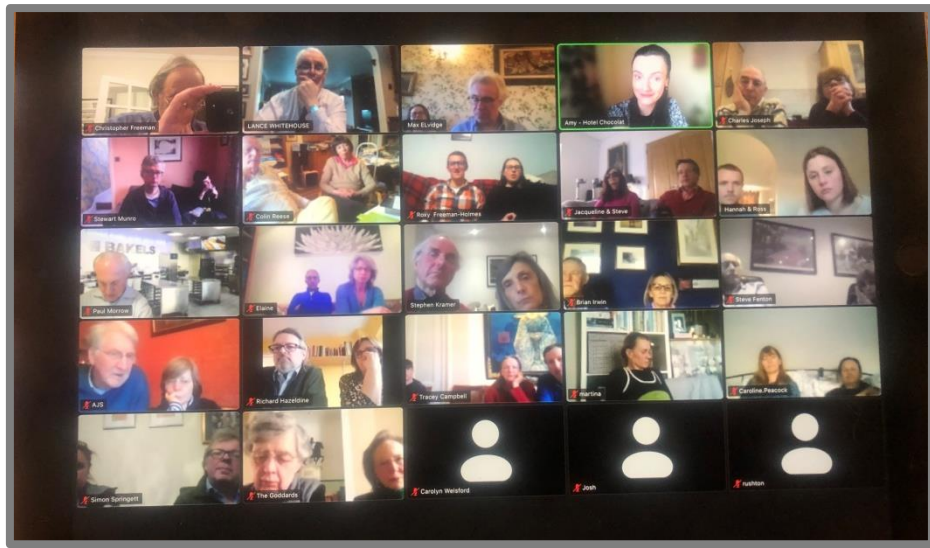
For information on City events and courses please see Livery Briefing April 2021 sent out to you on 30th April.

I am pleased to tell you that Alderman Nicholas Lyons, Court Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Bakers has been nominated for the Shrieval Elections at Common Hall to be held on 24th June and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him success. More details of Common Hall will follow shortly.



The Bakers Livery Society hosted a Chocolate Tasting with Hotel Chocolat on 6th April which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Max Elvidge for organising this.





The next event is this **Thursday 6th May at 6pm** and is a presentation by Sharon Ament, Director of the Museum of London who will talk on "A New Museum of London" which is currently the largest cultural project in the UK.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3512847239>



The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch 2021 is now underway as a series of virtual events all in aid of the Armed Services Pain Management Programme. I have enjoyed the cookalong with Prue Leith and Author talks by Michael Palin and Lt Gen Sir Simon Mayall. There are a couple of events still to come, see information on the website. In the online auction we have donated a Champagne Afternoon Tea at Bakers Hall for 10 people and Past Master Alan Willis has kindly donated dinner for two at the Light Cavalry HAC Mess Night and Past Master Colin Sach has kindly donated two places on the RAF Corporate Rifle Shooting Day. All information on the website: <https://events.soldierscharity.org/event/virtual-lmbcl-2021/home>



WCB has continued to support foodbanks at First Love Foundation and Shoreditch Trust and the need still continues. Thanks to support from Past Master Paul Morrow, Liverymen David Wright, Lewis Freeman and Scott Goodfellow. Thanks are also due to Liverymen Nick Harris and Mark Irons-Young for additional ingredient support to Shoreditch Trust. Plans for redesigning the kitchen/bakery area at Shoreditch Trust are now beginning which will enable more bakery training to take place.

The proposed trip to Richemont bakery school in Lucerne has now had to be postponed for a second time and is now rescheduled for April 2022

When the Court decided to reduce quarterage from £297 to £120 for this year it was to acknowledge the lack of events but also mindful of Livery members who may have suffered a drop in income. I am writing to ask you, if you feel willing and able, to make a one off donation to the Benevolent Fund so that we may continue and increase our charitable giving during these difficult times. If you wish to make this using Gift Aid the form is on the website downloadable from <https://members.bakers.co.uk/charitable-aims> Alternatively the bank details are RBS sort code 15 20 25 account number 10183580 My sincere thanks to those of you who have already donated to this. It is much appreciated and allows us to continue our good work supporting those in need and bakery training.

Finally, news of forthcoming physical events (subject to government guidelines).

- Dinner at Bakers Hall on Monday 21st June 2021. Details to follow shortly.
- Monday 5th July should see our first live Court Meeting and Dinner for 17 months
- Summer Banquet is now booked for Friday 23rd July at Trinity House. More details to follow but meanwhile save the date!



- Saturday 24th July is the Livery Society event Mudlarking on the Thames Foreshore at Customs House. Details to follow.
- Sunday 15th August I invite you to come to Saffron Walden for a Champagne Afternoon Tea
- Wednesday 20th October is the revised date for the For All Bakers Golf Event at Walton Heath. If you are interested, please contact Past Master Peter Gossage peter.gossage@me.com or Past Master John Renshaw jjrenshaw25@gmail.com

As ever, hoping you are safe and well and I am happy to take phone calls from you on 07776480032 and on email christopherdfreeman@hotmail.com

All Best Wishes

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