



July 2021

Dear Liverymen and Freemen

Well, its not been the unlocking of restrictions we all hoped for when I sent my June newsletter but there is some progress albeit in a slow and cautious manner. Yet again, we await the next announcement from government about restrictions going forward.

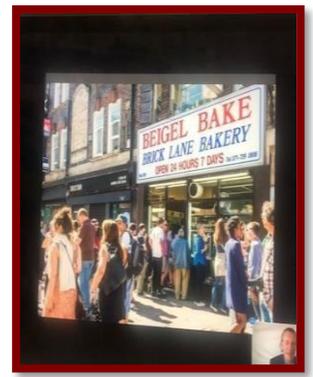
We were able to hold an informal dinner at Bakers Hall on Monday 21st June. It was nice to see some of our friends after such a long time and a good time was had by all. Our guest speaker was Cassie Liversidge who spoke about the work of Lessons in Loaf and Grow your own Playground which is supported by the Bakers Company.



The planned July Court and Dinner has been postponed to Monday 2nd August which will be our first physical Court since February 2020. We hope to be clothing eight new Liverymen and awarding Freedom of the Company to the 2020 top students from National Bakery School and University College Birmingham. The guest speaker will be Dr John Foster MBE DL. John has been a baker all

his life and has a lifetime of experience and stories to tell. The Master met John during the filming of the Victorian Bakery in 2015.

The Livery Society Zoom talk on Thursday 10th June was expertly given by John Steel of Tour de Force London on the Changing Face of Spitalfields. John took us on a guided tour of the fascinating area of Spitalfields.



The next Livery Society event is scheduled for Saturday 24th July Mud Larking on Thames Foreshore. Details to follow.

WCB has continued to support foodbanks at First Love Foundation and Shoreditch Trust and the need still continues. You will be interested to know that we have now sent 8948 loaves and 7875 packs of buns. Thanks to continuing support from Past Master Paul Morrow, Liverymen David Wright, Lewis Freeman and Scott Goodfellow.

In addition to the twice postponed trip to the Richemont bakery school in Lucerne in April 2022 we will also be taking a party of students and trainees to the School of Artisan Food in July 2022. The course at Bakels Innovation Centre, Bicester is due to go ahead in September 2021.

The City continues to open up slowly and the Master recently attended a service of reflection at St Pauls and also the unveiling of the Commemorative Garden in Guildhall Yard in support of the lord Mayors Big Curry Lunch.



Guildhall Yard Garden

St Paul's Cathedral

The Inter Livery Clay Shoot at Holland and Holland was held on Wednesday 23rd June and our team of James Barnett, Lewis Freeman, George Freeman Wayne Davis and did well to finish a respectable 23rd.



Planning for the Summer Banquet is going ahead for Friday 23rd July at Trinity House and you should by now have received information. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



Booking link: <https://bakersclerk.wufoo.com/forms/zyfyf11iog3i/>

The Bakers took part in the Livery Schools Link virtual careers fair recently. An excellent video was produced by Michael Autton with a huge cast of contributors;

Sara Autton

Kathy Hooper

Henry Jefferies

Dawn Gemmell

Keith Houliston

Stephen Ville

Lewis Freeman

Elaine Thompson NBS

Samantha Dowle UCB

Jess Dalton

Megan Roberts

Charlotte Moody

Remi Suleyman

Douglas Kidston

Jane Kippax and Jane Chong (Step and Stone)

(Laura, Bread and Beyond) Priors Court

Peter Clark and Luke (Ashburton Cookery School, Torquay)

Thanks to everyone for their time and support but especially to Sara and Michael who pulled the whole thing together so well.



Finally some excellent news from the Lord Mayor; delighted to announce that Liveryman Lewis Freeman has been chosen to receive a Lord Mayor's Covid-19 Livery Award. More details next time.

As ever, hoping you are safe and well and enjoying the longer summer evenings and I really look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Summer Banquet. I am happy to take phone calls from you on 07776480032 and on email christopherdfreeman@hotmail.com

All Best Wishes

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Master Baker