The Glovers
Livery Newsletter

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Foreword by the Master

Dear Glovers,

I feel most fortunate to have become Master of such a splendid, thriving Livery Company. What a privilege.

I was delighted so many Glovers and their guests attended the Installation Service at St Margaret Lothbury and the Reception and Luncheon afterwards at Drapers' Hall. Many have praised the quality of the meal and service provided by Drapers; but the word I have heard most often about that lunch was that the occasion was so friendly. If we continue to have that reputation as a Livery Company, it is greatly to our credit. The rest of November has been a whirl of activity.

On Saturday 11th November my wife Rowena and I had the thrill of marching in the Lord Mayor's Show as Members of the Lime Street and Cornhill Ward Club. A few days later the Glove Trade Committee, led by Assistant Mike Dodd, organised a display of High Performance Hand Wear at the House of Commons. Sir Oliver Heald QC MP kindly sponsored the exhibition. His wife Liveryman Christine helped us spot MPs and peers and persuade them to view the gloves and hear why these British produced gloves were the best option for the military, police and fire fighters. A new venture for the Company and a great success in making important contacts.

At the end of the month we had the pleasant bustle of the biennial Red Cross Market at Guildhall, opened by Princess Alexandra. The large Glovers' stall in the Old Library was full of gloves and handbags and we had excellent sales, all in aid of the Red Cross. The whole operation was organised by Past Master Michael Orr.



The Installation of Alvan Seth-Smith as Master Glover



The Master and Mistress lead the way back to Drapers' Hall

The theme for my year is Heritage, - The Company, The Glove Trade, The City. I was delighted the first social outing was a City Church tour led by our Honorary Chaplain Jeremy Crossley. Then we lunched, as the Glovers' Court regularly did two centuries ago, at the *George and Vulture*.

Looking ahead, we have the Carol Service and buffet afterwards on 11th December and a Livery Lunch at Merchant Taylors' Hall on 30th January. It is the only City Livery Hall with an organ and it will feature in the proceedings! For other dates, including outings organised by the Social Committee, the Master's Weekend in Bristol and a special charity fundraising Dinner in the famous Long Room at Lord's, please see the listing on the back page. Rowena and I look forward to greeting you at these events.

Finally, I wish you and your families an enjoyable Christmas and Happy New Year. ***Alvan Seth-Smith***

DON'T' FORGET THE CAROL SERVICE AT St MARGARET LOTHBURY ON 11th DECEMBER 2017 AT 6PM

Images from the Installation Lunch









The return from St Margaret for lunch at Drapers – The spectacular new gauntlets; presented to the Company by Immediate Past Master Jonathan Crossman – Glovers enjoying a bite – The Master with KESW Headboy Umair Qasmi-The Master with Chief Commoner and Glover Past Assistant Wendy Mead OBE CC – Daphne Cave the newly installed 3rd Under Warden – The Master's Procession to lunch.

International Glove Donations

Each year the Glovers earmark a small sum for Charitable Projects to identify worthwhile overseas recipients of gloves. In the past this has included gloves being donated to projects in Sierra Leone and South Sudan. This year Tanzania Rural Revival was considered a worthy cause and so 24 boxes of gloves were presented to the Kilipi Dispensary and Makete Hospital. The gloves were presented to Nurse Joyce Choma on behalf of the Dispensary and Constantino Malipesa, Village Executive Officer, on behalf of the community. The photos were taken during a mother and toddlers clinic going on outside at the time.





The Glove Collection Trust



Having missed a few Newsletters the Trust is back, still with the Historic section of the Collection but now in the 20th Century. These are a pair of ladies' elegant daywear gloves with black palm and pink back made in England in glacé leather with whipstitch stitching.

Madame Crystal was the name used by Mrs Tugendhat who came to England as a refugee from Nazi Germany or Austria in the late 1930's and established herself in London as designer and manufacturer of elegant fashion accessories, particularly gloves. These were sold by top London fashion stores to customers including society ladies, leaders of fashion and film stars.

Madame Crystal kindly donated these herself.

Dents Becomes a Film Star

Staff at Dents in Warminster have been rushing to the cinema recently to catch sight of their lovely accessories in a range of top films.

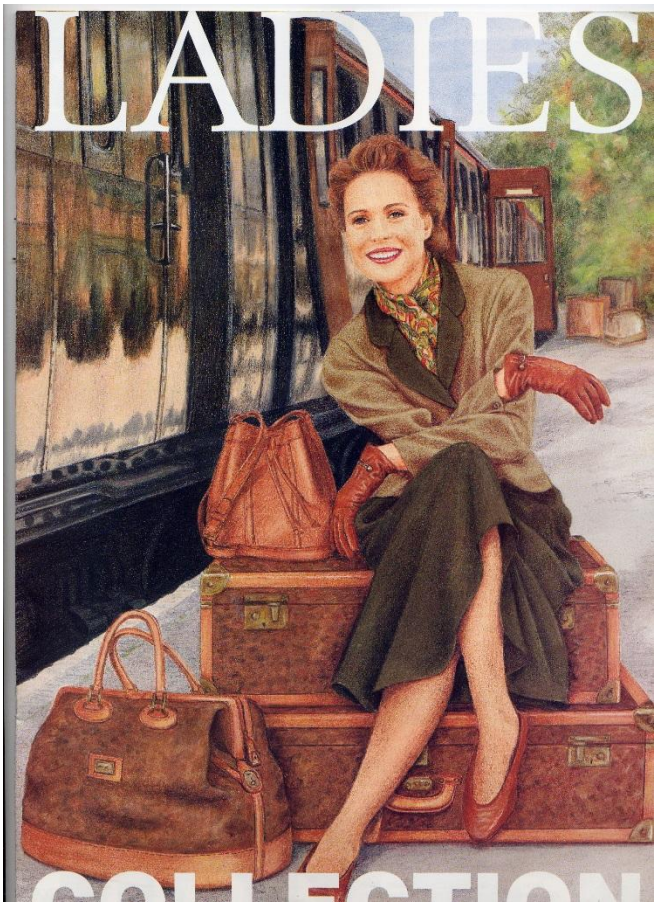
Increasingly film makers and costume designers are contacting Dents to ask advice about period and modern designs and to acquire beautiful gloves to ensure the perfect settings for the scenes. Dents say they were pleased and proud to have helped in a small way to recreate the accuracy and correct atmosphere of the recently launched top hit Goodbye Christopher Robin. Their popular glove resonant of the period, a lovely long wristed tan coloured soft leather glove with four button detail, is a top seller today.

Dents are also delighted to have been able to be involved in providing the glamorous gloves for the just released film Murder on the Orient Express.

"The film is set in a time when gloves were essential accessories in everyone's lives," said Dents Chief Executive Deborah Moore. "The charm and intrigue in this wonderful film provides top entertainment for everyone. Here at Dents we had samples from our official Glove Collections from the 1920s and 1930s so we could replicate exactly what was worn at that time.

It was such an era of style and high fashion, and it is lovely to see our gloves worn with such effect," she added.

Dents is particularly popular with film and media companies because of its 240 year old heritage and the fact that it still has a factory and skilled craftsmen here in the UK.



Glover wins Inter Livery Real Tennis Competition

Liveryman Miles Buckinghamshire and David Carpenter of the Distillers' Company won the "B" division of the Inaugural Inter Livery Real Tennis Competition held on the 17 October 2017 at the Queens Club. Over approximately 2.5hours playing time, they won 29 games, lost 11 and played 4 matches against their Livery Company opponents. In the Semi-finals, they won against the second team from Vintners and in the final they won against a team from the Carpenters and the Grocers. Both their opponents in these rounds found the handicap difference difficult to overcome against the steady play of David and Miles who raced to early leads in both matches to win the cup and no doubt the unofficial title of the competition's "handicap bandits".



Miles Buckinghamshire (Right) with his playing partner David Carpenter

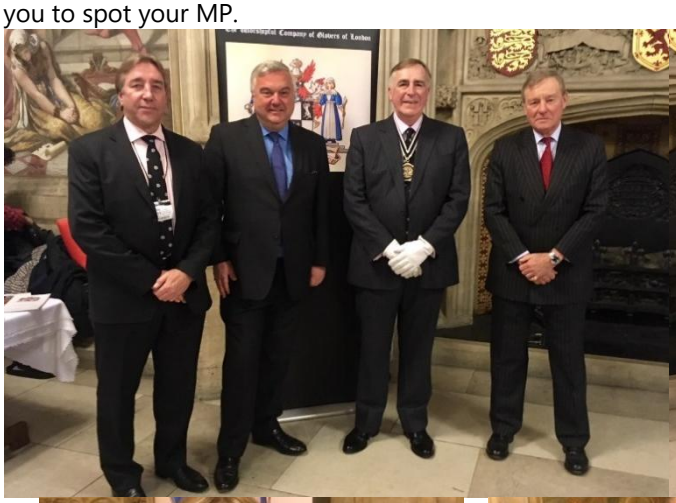
24 livery Companies were represented at this Competition which was graced with the presence in the afternoon of HRH The Earl of Wessex, Patron of the Tennis and Rackets Association, who is a keen player of the game. Throughout 2018, HRH intends to play every real tennis court in the world (some 50 with 27 in the UK) to raise funds for the Duke of Edinburgh's award to help young people in their careers. To find out more about this historic undertaking and how you can help , please contact Challenge@DofE.org

This inaugural competition was a great fun event. Thanks go to our organiser Michael O'Dwyer of the Brewers' Company and our main sponsor Psigma Investment Management and our other sponsors Pol Roger for the Champagne, Latimer Vintners for the wines, Fonseca for the port and Play Brave for our new white tennis shirts. The Hon. Mr Justice Cohen presented the Skinner's Leopards to the winners of the "A" Division. Lastly, David and I would like to thank all our fellow competitors who play this wonderful game, Ben Ronaldson and his great team of markers and the Queens Club staff and their Chairman of Tennis, Simon Mansfield.

I hear that plans for 2018 competition are well in hand so if there are any Glovers that play the game do get in touch!

Glovers at The Houses of Parliament

Thanks to the hard work and support of Liveryman Lady Heald and her husband Sir Oliver Heald MP, the Company, and in particular the Glove Trade Committee. had a one off opportunity to remind members of both Houses about the contribution made to the economy by the trade and to also show off some of the new and technically advanced protective gloves that were being made. Perhaps most encouraging was the fact that over 70 MPs (and Lords) including Secretaries of State, took the time to come and discuss gloving issues. Here is an opportunity for some of you to spot your MP.






















Welcome to Four New Freemen



The Wardens were delghted to be able to instal 4 new Freemen at a meeting of the Wardens held on 17th October 2017; They welcomed Christopher Dears, Pillips Griffiths, Nicholas Hammond and David Hobman.

Images from the Lord Mayor's Show



Members of the Company (L-R: A rather soggy Master enjoying one of his first duties on becoming Master, Our very own Ruritanian copper (Liveryman Ian Dyson) impressed by the weather & Past Master Alison Gowman with fellow Aldermen.

Red Cross Market at Guildhall

The photographs below of the Glovers' Company stall before the Market opened on the evening of Monday 27th November and at closing time next day show that this was a very successful event for the Company. The total proceeds to the Red Cross were just over £4,600. Our customers, including Princess Alexandra (seen right with the Master), were very impressed by the range of gloves provided by the trade. Special thanks are due to Pittards, Dents, Southcombes, Chester Jefferies, Polyco and Cornelia James for their generous donations and discounts. The weather was our friend as well, with a cold snap that made a pair of gloves an essential accessory.



The Glovers' team worked hard and their efforts were essential to our success. Thank you, Master & Mistress, Jonathan & Debbie Crossman, Chris & Val Dadson, Rodney and Sue Jagelman, Roger & Cheryl de Courcey, Jane Orr, Daphne Cave, Jenny Abbott, Jack & Annalies Bayliss, David & Christine Thorp and Jeremy Crossley.



Before



After

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK ABOUT FORMAL EVENTS

The Glovers are an extraordinarily sociable Livery Company as can be seen by the fact that your events have to take place in halls that have a capacity of over 200. What I do not want you to think is that because that is the case that events are costed to make maximum profit from your attendance. In fact far from it; Steve Marsh of the Social Committee does his best to price tickets as close to cost as he can and this has meant that on occasions we have fallen either side of that line although typically we have a margin of about 2% as contingency. Coupled with this is the increasing cost of Hall hire and catering. In short we are approaching the day when we will exceed £100 for lunches. That said, we will be one of the last companies to do so as many companies similar in shape and size to the Glovers are already at £110+.

We will do everything we can to bear down on costs but with this unwelcome landmark fast approaching I thought it might be time to provide an explanation (and a little warning).

CITY LIVERY BRIEFINGS 2018

These early evening events (5.30-7.30pm) are aimed at introducing Liverymen and Freemen to the City of London Corporation and its links with the Livery. Taking place at Guildhall, they have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday 7 February 2018

  Monday 21 May 2018

  Monday 8 October 2018

  Tuesday 20 November 2018

Comments from past attendees have highlighted how useful and informative these sessions are and the Master hopes that as many of you as possible ***(especially new Liverymen)*** will take full advantage of the service offered. To book on to these or any of the briefing courses set out below, please visit www.liverycommitteecourses.org/ or contact the clerk if you wish to discuss.