Dear Shipwrights,

Please find a few items of interest below:

**Forthcoming Company and Associated Events**:

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| Date | Event | Location | Remarks |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| 12 Sep 17 | Company visit to Newcastle University | Newcastle University | Open to all Shipwrights – limited spaces.  Details tbc |
| 12 Sep 17 | The Dickinson Dinner, Newcastle | Trinity House, Newcastle | Open to all Shipwrights. Places are available. |
| 13 Sep 17 | Visit to the Queen’s Silver Medal Competition. | Hawkhirst, Kielder Water | Open to all Shipwrights, E&C & Wardens have priority. |
| 27 Sep 17 | Shipwrights’ Hull Dinner | Hull Trinity House. Speaker Lord Prescott. | Open to all Shipwrights.  Places are available. |
| 29 Sep 17 | Election of the Lord Mayor | Guildhall | Liverymen only. Tickets are available from the Office. |
| 1 Nov 17 | Annual Banquet | Mansion House | All Shipwrights & Guests.**Note – it is a Wednesday!** |
| 9 Nov 17 | Company visit to University of Strathclyde & Northern Lunch | University of Strathclyde & Glasgow & Strathclyde Universities URNU | All Shipwrights.The Company hosts students and cadets to lunch. |
| 22 Nov 17 | PW’s Social Event – Visit to the Franklin Exhibition | National Maritime Museum, Greenwich | Details TBC |
| 5 Dec 17 | Annual Carols Service & Reception  | Charterhouse & Ironmongers’ Hall | All Shipwrights - with the Ironmongers’ Company |
| 18 Jan 18 | Election Dinner | Ironmongers’ Hall | Liverymen only.  Booking will not open until after the Banquet. |
| 25-27 Jan 17 | Inter-Livery Skiing | Morzine, France |  |
| 8 Mar 18 | Livery Dinner | Merchant Taylors’ Hall | Liverymen and Professional Guests. |

**The Dickinson Dinner – Tue 12 Sep 2017**.  The Newcastle Dinner has been renamed the Dickinson Dinner in memory of Liveryman Alan Dickinson who did so much to support it.  The dinner will again be held at Trinity House Newcastle and is open to Liverymen and Freemen with guests.   **Booking is open on the website and there are still seats available**.  Those attending the dinner may wish to join the Company visit to the Queen’s Silver Medal Competition at Kielder Water on Wed 13 Sep 2017.  Places are limited but there are usually spaces available – please ask the Clerk.

**Company Dinner Hull Trinity House – Wed 27 Sep 2017**.  There are 8 seats unallocated for the Hull Dinner at Hull Trinity House.  The guest speaker will be The Lord Prescott and Associated British Ports and Finnlines are very generously sponsoring the dinner, so the cost will be £70 a head.  ABP may lay on a voyage on the Humber.  The Prime Warden very much hopes that all places will be filled.

**SPORTS**

**Shipwrights’ Golf**.  A reminder to all golfers to respond to the appeal for volunteers from Patrick White and Sean Gay which was sent out yesterday.

**Hot Barrels Clay Shoot - 21 September 2017**.  Help for Heroes has invited the Company to an inspirational charity clay shoot at the award-winning E.J. Churchill Shooting Ground.  Whether you are an experienced gun or a complete novice, the impressive 5,000-acre estate provides the perfect setting for a relaxed and entertaining day.  However, the Shipwrights’ need a volunteer to organise the event and captain the team.

Shooting will take place in four gun teams, with professional instructors on hand to offer help and advice.  All guests will be supplied with guns and cartridges, as well as safety equipment.  Joining you on the course will be teams from the Shooting for Heroes initiative - some of you will have met these folk before at Ramster.  The programme gives them shooting related qualifications and the opportunity to gain experience in game keeping, shoot management, pest control and conservation, enabling many to go on to future careers in countryside management.

**Outline Itinerary**

8.30am Guests welcomed on arrival with breakfast

10am    Shooting begins

1pm      Drinks reception

2pm      Lunch

4.30pm Guests depart at leisure

**Prices**

£1,200 per team of four

£300 per person

Non-shooting guests also welcome at £115 per person (all prices include VAT)

**Organisation**

Any Liveryman or Freeman willing to organise a Shipwrights’ Team for the event should contact the Clerk for further information.

**CITY**

**Livery Briefing**.  Please find a link to the latest edition of the *Livery Briefing* which will shortly be available at the following web address: <http://www.liverycompanies.info/library/livery-briefing/>   Please note the final two items which relate to **City Briefings for Liverymen** and the **Wardens’ and Court Assistants’ Course on 20 Sep 2017**.   Previous editions of the Livery Briefing may also be found at the same location.

**Shrieval Chain Appeal Letters**.  The Shrieval Chain Appeal letters in respect of Sheriff Elect Alderman Timothy Hailes JP and Sheriff Elect Neil Redcliffe JP can be found at the following link at the request of their sponsors and in the hope of enlisting your support.  <http://www.shipwrights.co.uk/members-news/shrieval-chain-appeal-letters>

**From Livery Schools Link – Volunteering Platform**.  A reminder that Livery Schools Link is pulling together a list of Liverymen willing to assist schools by supporting career days and proving motivational talks and the Company is one of the first Livery Companies to have signed up to it.  The initiative has the full support of the Court and offers a way of helping out so interested Shipwrights are encouraged to sign up to the platform by following the directions below:

**New Livery Company Volunteering Platform to help young people in schools has launched!**

Giving back is a big part of being a member of a Livery Company and we are delighted to announce that the Shipwrights are taking part in the first phase of the newly launched Livery School Link Volunteering Platform. This technology driven concept lets teachers and schools put out requests for volunteers to Livery Companies with ease and transparency.

As we all know, our young people in schools struggle to find careers they are interested in; as experienced business people, we can help by going into schools and maybe inspiring them to explore our career paths.

Are you interested in helping with…

* **Motivational Career Talks** that inspire the next generation.  Would you like to give a talk to a class or an entire year group on topics such as how you moved from education into work and share your unique career insights and advice.
* **Supporting Career Days** at a school.  This would mean having café conversations/speed networking in small groups, mock interviews and providing CV tips and advice.

Livery Schools Link are promoting the platform to schools and teachers to encourage requests for volunteers.  Once the requests come in, volunteers will be emailed about any matching opportunities they have registered an interest in.

As Shipwrights, we see this is an excellent initiative and would positively encourage your support.  You can find out more on Livery Schools Link website - [www.liveryschoolslink.org.uk](http://www.liveryschoolslink.org.uk).   You will clearly see where you can sign up and create your own volunteering profile.

It’s all about giving back and we all know that just a few hours a year can make all the difference.

**News from *HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH***.  The Captain of HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH, Freeman Captain Jerry Kyd RN, has written to the Prime Warden:

As you may have seen in the media (and I also know Scotty has written to Richard Cole-Mackintosh), HMS Queen Elizabeth has completed her metamorphosis from  being a building project in Rosyth Dockyard to a living, breathing ship at sea.  It has been a lot of hard work for all concerned, but everyone is relishing the challenge of completing sea trials and in particular the spectre of our first entry to our home in Portsmouth very soon before joining the Fleet at the end of the year.

I am sitting here writing this letter from the Port of Cromarty Firth, Invergordon, where the Ship is alongside for her first port visit – to refuel and conduct some maintenance before recommencing her sea trials.  The ship is coming along well and we are learning about her idiosyncrasies every day.  She is a strong and fine ship and I cannot wait to embark our first F-35 Lightening Strike fighters next year.  But until then, we continue to train hard, with the assistance of staff from the RN’s Flag Officer Sea Training organisation in preparation for future operations.  This has been, in so many ways, a ‘first’ for the RN: we have never manned a ship so early in its life before, nor have we subjected ourselves to the demands of FOST so soon after first sailing before.  The important first stages of proving the engineering, power and propulsion plant and so forth are currently taking up our full attention, but it was super to embark two Merlin helicopters from 820 Naval Air Squadron last week – her first aircraft and quite a symbolic moment for us all here.  We are slowly turning her into an aircraft carrier!

I should like also to thank you and all the Shipwrights for your continued generosity in supporting HMS Queen Elizabeth – just like Ark Royal days!  We will be presenting your prizes for 2016-2017 at the next suitable moment.  Lastly, I am sorry that we have been unable to host you aboard the Ship while she has been under construction and under ACA management but I do hope, as soon as the dust from sea trial settles, to be able to invite you to visit.

Until then, all the very best from your carrier.

**London Matters**.  The Link to the latest news from Maritime London is at: <http://www.maritimelondon.com/news/>

**National Maritime Press Releases**.  The link to the latest Press Releases from National Maritime is: <https://www.nmdg.co.uk/about-us/news-press-releases/>

**Office Closures**.  A reminder that there will be some periods over the next few weeks where the office is unmanned in order that those working here can take some leave.

Regards,

**Richard Cole-Mackintosh**

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