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Creating a legacy

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Welcome from the Master

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *my*WCI. With over 530 members, it is a challenge for everyone to know all that happens in the WCI or even why.

This *my*WCI magazine is intended to address this and illustrate the many varied aspects of our Company.

The editorial team and I have really enjoyed putting together this edition. We welcome feedback. If you have ideas or comments then please do let me know at masterfardon@wci.org.uk.

Our next bulletin is scheduled for Summer 2026.

This edition of the *my*WCI is sponsored by my employer **WTW**. Thank you to them.

Thank you to our Clerk, Victoria, Assistant Clerk, Sam, and Accountant, Zoe who do a tremendous amount on our collective behalf. What makes us stand out as a forward-thinking livery Company though, is the phenomenal input and energy from all our volunteers, the broad range of activities we cover, the cross-livery activity we support, our insurance presence in the City Civic and so much more.

Enjoy YOUR livery – I know I do!

Master's charity: Civitas Schools

Each Master nominates a charity that will be the focus of the Company's fundraising during their year in office. Civitas Schools has ten after school clubs in London, one of which has been named 'The Insurers School'. Civitas helps young children who have fallen behind in maths and English, through tuition in small groups, thus enhancing their life skills. I am raising money to buy books for Civitas with the WCI 500 books challenge. We have achieved the first target and are now on the second. If you can contribute, I would be very grateful. While doing that, at the Civitas Just Giving Page, please do leave a note about which book you have enjoyed reading and would recommend to others. It will appear on the WCI Big Book List. Your support, interest and involvement in all sorts of ways is invaluable. Thank you and enjoy your WCI. Please donate towards the 500 Books campaign using the QR Code – Don't forget to tell us your favourite book when you donate!

About our Company and vision

Incorporated as The Company of Insurers, we were granted Livery status in October 1979 to become the Worshipful Company of Insurers. Our Livery status, awarded only three months after the Company's incorporation, is something of a record and an endorsement of the position that the insurance industry holds within the City of London. The formal letters patent were granted on 18 September 1979 and presented by the Lord Mayor, Sir Kenneth Cork, on 19 October 1979 to create the Worshipful Company of Insurers.

Now with over 530 members, of whom 150 are Freemen/women, drawn from professions across the insurance industry, we share a rich tradition with London's Livery Companies of promoting excellence within our industry, while working to help and contribute to the City Civic in London and the wider community.

Our vision is to embrace the diversity of the industry and create a sense of inclusion for all members.

Membership of the Company is open to everyone eligible for membership of the Chartered Insurance Institute and those engaged in the widest sense in the business of insurance in a professional capacity.

From the outset, the aim of the Company has been to secure the participation and support of senior leaders in our profession and to develop a broad and balanced membership from the different sectors of the industry (insurers - both life and non-life, whether in London or across the UK - Lloyd's and London market, brokers, loss adjusters, lawyers, actuaries and consultants). In recent years, we have worked hard to broaden our membership to be truly representative of the diversity of talent in our industry.

We want the unique Fellowship of our Company to create a sense of genuine belonging and inclusion for all our members.

Current officers

The Company is governed by a Court of Assistants. The Court is responsible for policy, strategy and overall management of the Company. Each year the Court elects from its ranks a Master, together with a Senior Warden and a Junior Warden.



Ajay Gupta Senior Warden

Sara Fardon Master

Claire McDonald Junior Warden

The officers were installed at a Court Meeting and confirmed at Common Hall on the 8th October 2025.

The Court appoints a Clerk and office staff to manage our day-to-day, especially our busy events programme:

Victoria King, Clerk
Samantha Ball, Assistant Clerk
Zoe O'Brien, Accountant
Helen Rayner, Team Assistant

The Insurers' Collection

Many members like to show their support for the Company and everyone receives a high quality embroidered magnetic badge that can be worn at Livery events. We have now launched an expanded range of our very own branded merchandise. From coasters to notebooks, umbrellas to pens as well as the ties, cufflinks and lapel pins that have been available for some time, enabling the WCI to be promoted far and wide. To view the collection and place an order: visit www.wci.org.uk website and click on:"Insurers' Collection".

Interview with the Master

The last few years have been a period of significant evolution for the WCI. An influx of new members from a wider variety of backgrounds has made the Company more representative of the market.

Master Sara Fardon spoke to David Worsfold about how this has shaped her theme for the year:

“My theme will be called ‘My WCI’ and that encompasses a sense of belonging. My primary focus is going to be to engage and inform members of the breadth and depth of activity that the WCI undertakes because we're a big, lively and active livery.”

As the membership has grown, and with it the range of activities that members can engage with, she feels there are more opportunities to draw people in, making every member feel the Company has something to offer.

This is partially about ensuring we reach every member in the most effective way for them:

“So what's going to be new is that we're going to increase and develop the number and styles and ways that we communicate with people. So let me give you a few examples.

“We've got today the excellent monthly bulletin, which is brilliant.

But what we know is that because that's got such a lot in it, it's getting longer, which is lovely. But I think we can talk to people in more ways than that.”

We’re going to produce a printed magazine, twice a year, winter and summer, around 16 pages, to give much more written, in-depth information. I've got a team of people working on that to help me. So that will give a lot more background and depth.”

Adding a high quality printed publication will also help promote the WCI as it can be easily shared with potential members.

Enhanced digital communication

Print is going to be one new channel but making greater use of digital communication tools will also feature:

“I'm going to do more video content and a few more single subject or solo bulletins, to add to the messages that are being sent out in different ways. So a few more communications and different ways of reaching people.”

This needs to start with ensuring new members are made to feel an important part of the WCI family from the day they join:

“Thinking about new members when they join up we've set up a WhatsApp group for them to just bring them together and involve a bit of chat and share a bit of information.

We're going to change that every year for new Masters. As a new Master comes in, we’ll set up a new group. This will help overcome any sense of bewilderment at what the WCI does and how it works.



It will enable people to share their questions and experiences with each other while also having ready access to that year’s Master.”

This will also enable people to learn more about the core activities and purpose of the Company. Top priorities for Sara are raising awareness of the Company’s charitable support and its military affiliations:

“Something we do well at the moment is our philanthropy, where through all the membership and the collective donations that we have we are able to make donations to different charities. But I don't think there's enough visibility as to who we're doing that with and why and how charities really value everything we're doing.

“It is the same with our military. Quite a bit has happened in that over the last year with Karl as Master, especially through the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant.

CV

Graduate trainee and inspector,
Eagle Star Insurance
Commercial consultant, Eagle Star
National account manager, CGU Bonus
Branch manager, Willis Leicester
Insurer relations director, Willis
Commercial Network
Commercial Director, Willis
Underwriting
Managing director, WTW Networks
Regional director, WTW Midlands
Fellow, Chartered Insurance Institute
Fellow, Chartered Management Institute

Joined WCI, July 2015
Liverywoman, May 2016
Junior Warden, 2023
Senior Warden, 2024
Master, 2025

But many of us aren't even clear why we've got military affiliations or understand why we have the ones we do."

Of course, events are the best way to meet, engage and learn about the Company and the wider Livery movement and the WCI has a diverse mixture of events which Sara believes offer something for everyone:

"There is a bit of debate about whether there are too many posh events but I think people like posh so we've got our great events as we call them – the Installation Dinner, the Winter Lunch and the Mansion House banquet. I think people like those as we don't get the opportunity to go to these places regularly and the chance to get dressed up.

"It is also lovely when we can just meet and have a low-key fellowship meeting such as our monthly lunches at the Little Ship Club or meeting for a drink with iEngage where you spend more time getting to know people in different ways. I like the blend which is about right and I think there's a good mix and but we're always open to new ideas and new suggestions as well."

Sara's year as Master is going to be a very special – and hectic – year as it is the first time that the WCI has been the Mother Company of the City's first citizen, Lady Mayor Dame Susan Langley.

This has already seen us have a high profile at November's Lady Mayor's Show and it will continue throughout 2026:

"Becoming the Master is an honour, a privilege and is going to be exciting in its own right but having Dame Susan as Lady Mayor brings an extra dimension of interest to us all. We've been working with Dame Susan over the last year as she prepared for her year so we've helped her and engaged on different things.That's a privilege in itself to be able to understand that so we're exceptionally lucky as a Company and then for me being lucky enough to be the Master at the same time is really fortunate."

Every Master nominates a charity they want to support during their year in office and Sara is focussing on one of her passions:

The Master's Charity

"I wanted to concentrate on literacy in its broadest form and thinking about the importance of literacy so the charity I'm supporting is Civitas Schools. They are a small charity based in London and they set up schools where they help young adults and children who have fallen behind in Maths and English at school. They give them tuition to help get them moving again through after-school clubs. Small groups working with teachers who are teaching by ability rather than age."

Members will learn more about this charity through the year but their engagement with Sara's love of reading and passion for literacy won't stop there:

"I'm going to launch a 500 Book Challenge where we will ask everybody in the Livery if they'd like to contribute and see if we can raise 500 books for Civitas which will make a phenomenal difference to them because lots of these children don't have access to books and they don't have books at home."

She will also be asking members to nominate a book that has been special to them, for whatever reason, capturing this so it can be shared to show how books can influence and shape people's lives and careers.

A further dimension to this focus on literacy will be to look at some key aspects of financial literacy, especially pensions:

"I also want to think about financial literacy as we know that taking financial decisions is really important and it can affect your life choices. So I'm going to be doing a Master's series on pensions. It's a complicated area and who wants to think about the pension when you're young – nobody – but we're going to look at the issues and challenges.

I'm also keen to do an in-person lecture because we need to understand what goes on in other countries, as the whole world is under a stress and strain. I think it's worth a good debate and discussion so I'm keen to bring that to life as well."

Our Philanthropy

£585k

Total WCI donations

£110k from the general fund made up of members donations

£80m

Total annual donations across all liveries

30

Charities supported

40

Projects & Initatives

The Worshipful Company of Insurers Charitable Trust supports a range of carefully chosen charities: some receive long-term support as charity partners while others receive ad hoc grants for specific projects. The Trust additionally runs two education funds. Through this philanthropic work, the WCI continues to make a meaningful difference by advancing education, supporting those entering the insurance profession, and helping individuals in need within the wider insurance community and beyond. This year, the Trust strengthened its commitment to creating opportunities for young people and professionals, notably through ongoing support for Brokerage Citylink, which opens pathways to careers in London's financial sector for those who might otherwise be excluded.Trustees remain dedicated to ensuring that all grants and activities deliver genuine public benefit, encourage member involvement, and foster long-term partnerships that amplify the positive impact of charitable giving across the sector.

How to get involved

· Seek out volunteering opportunities, notified via the clerks
· Seek to use the WCIs donation matching to top up personal donations (details on the website)
· Connect your charities at the WCI Charity Partner Application process (details also on the website)

City Harvest
cityharvest.org.uk

Mudchute Farm
mudchute.org

Action Tutoring
actiontutoring.org.uk

Go Kids Go
go-kids-go.org.uk

City Harvest

The WCI's Champion for the Livery Food Initiative, Raphael Zindi, joined representatives of 15 other Livery Companies on a visit to the City Harvest's New Covent Garden Project.

"We had a brilliant tour of the market led by Sarah Calcutt, CEO of City Harvest. The visit concluded with tea, coffee, and a light breakfast, followed by an overview of LFI and City Harvest's plans. We also heard from speakers representing City Harvest's local community and partner organisations who provide food to their communities daily", said Raphael.

This year, The Livery Food Initiative is committed to raising £120,000 to support City Harvest's New Covent Garden Market project, which aims to provide nutritious food to vulnerable communities across London. This visit was a unique opportunity to learn about the market, City Harvest's new site, and their plans to deliver fresh produce to their communities. New Covent Garden Market (NCGM), the UK's largest wholesale market, spans 37 acres and hosts 152 wholesalers, generating an annual revenue of £880 million. Each night, the market receives premium seasonal fruits and vegetables from around the globe. City Harvest operates on-site to redistribute unsold, edible produce to those in need, thereby preventing food waste. City Harvest's new satellite site within the market's arch five will expand relationships with traders and accept fresh produce donations six days a week. City Harvest aims to rescue enough edible food from the market to provide over one million healthy meals annually.

Mudchute Farm - £4000

Established in the 1970s, Mudchute Park and Farm is one of the largest city farms in Europe. With 32 acres of countryside, located a stone's throw away from the hustle and bustle of Canary Wharf, the farm is a place where you can experience rural life without leaving the city.
We are proud to be one of London's only Rare Breed Survival Trust's Approved Conservation Farm Parks. The farm is home to over 100 animals, including pigs, sheep, goats, cows, ducks, geese, chickens, rabbits, and even llamas. Visitors can get up close and personal with the animals by feeding them or petting them under the supervision of the farm's expert staff.
The Farm includes a Childrens Nursery and offers many facilities for local residents, businesses and schools, including an Education Centre, Corporate Volunteering Days, Team Building Days, Party Hire, Meeting Rooms, Venue and Field Hire for large and small meetings and events. The farm also hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including open days, seasonal festivals, and educational workshops.

Action Tutoring - £5000

Action Tutoring partners with schools to provide cost-effective, evidence-based tutoring that supports pupils facing disadvantage to unlock their full potential. Trained volunteers deliver targeted support, helping schools meet their academic goals.

Go Kids Go - £2500

Go Kids Go is the leading provider of free wheelchair skills training for children in the UK. Go Kids Go have been running training since 1990; enabling independence and helping to ensure that the young people are able to reach their full potential.

The Lady Mayor: Creating a legacy

Dame Susan Langley spoke to David Worsfold about her journey to the Mayoralty and her focus on leaving a genuine legacy.

The cheers that echoed around the streets of the City of London back in November were joyous and celebratory, touched with a unique sense of pride.

There was pride from our own company as we led the parade, taking pole position as Dame Susan Langley's Mother Company. There was pride when the "697 Women" passed the Mansion House, representing the hundreds of successful women in the City of London as the 697th Mayor assumed office. There were plenty of familiar faces from the WCI among them.

There was also pride that a girl from the East End of London had attained the highest office in our historic City. This clearly means a lot to Dame Susan and will be one of the cornerstones of her legacy:

"With my background, this is where my aims will be more personal because it depends on where I came from. For me, it all has to be about opportunity.

"I used to watch the Lord Mayor's Show on my granddad's shoulders. If you ever told that little girl that one day she'd be in it, let alone in the golden coach she would never have believed you. I'll use that. I so wish my parents were still with us as they would be so amazed. They sadly died before I was made a Dame or elected to anything.

"And how do we give others the same opportunity that we've had or better? So there's two layers to it. People keep talking about getting people in and work experience and jobs and stuff. But there's a layer below that, that says anything is possible. I've just bounced through life thinking, oh, give that a go. But a lot of people from my background still think twice about the City. And when I get a group of them, they go: I don't talk right; I don't look right; It's really long hours; It's scary with a lot of horrible people. There are these perceptions. So I've now got the opportunity to help break those down …And whatever I put in needs to have longevity."

As well as this simple passion, which will surely cut through with any group of youngsters nervous about their prospects of succeeding in London's financial and professional services sector, there is a lot of thought and practical groundwork that has gone into ensuring that her year in office has a lasting impact.

One challenge for any Lord Mayor is making an impact in a single year. In the past this has also led to a feeling of discontinuity as the incumbents themes can differ substantially. This is where the Mayoralty is already changing, part of Dame Susan's determination to make a difference.



The Court of Aldermen has already indicated its support for Alderman Timothy Hailes for 2026/27, who in 2017 became the first member of the LGBT community to openly serve in the office of Sheriff of The City of London and Alderman Bronek Masojada – a past Master of the Insurers – for 2027/28, to become Lord Mayors, subject to formal votes.

"We designed something we've called the Modern Mayoralty and Tim and Bronek have been brilliant. Both of them. This is a team effort. We've put some guidelines around what the Mayoralty is and it falls into four pillars.

"There's UK business support and promotion. This sub-divides as there is a UK dimension and an overseas dimension. There is the state and civic role of the Mayoralty. Then there's philanthropy and what I have called social engagement."

How does this pan out in reality? This was one of her key questions when first approached to consider becoming the City's first citizen, fearful that it was a largely a ceremonial role, because that's what the public sees. She says the reality is very different:

"It is probably 10% ceremonial, 20% philanthropic and social impact and then 70% business."

She wants that reality to be better understood:

"I stand behind tourist groups outside Mansion House and hear them talking about the Mayoralty and the show and ceremony and I actually want to go: no, that's not it. But I don't seize their flags from them. The aim, over time, is that when someone stops you in the street and asks what the Mayoralty does they will say they are an ambassador for the financial and professional services sectors and when they say, what does Mansion House do? I want them to say it is the FPS Embassy for the City of London."

Another of the innovations is the creation of what she describes as "a little bit of light governance over the Mayoralty" with the creation of a ten person Mayoral Advisory Board, chaired by former Cabinet Secretary Lord Mark Sedwell. One of key tasks will be to help create an impact plan for the Mayor that is focussed on delivering within the four pillars and has a unified sense of purpose: "We're no longer having an individual brand. We're developing a branding for the Mayoralty and for Mansion House that will stand the test of time and which will grow."

The most visible outward sign of Dame Susan's determination to make a difference is her decision to style herself as Lady Mayor, the first of the three women who have been Mayor to do so. There is little doubt that this has been noticed well beyond the City and widely welcomed but required some diplomatic advocacy on her part to make it happen.

It started when she was elected to the Court of Alderman.

"I was the first to take the title Alderwoman. I wasn't trying to make a point but what triggered it was when someone said Alderman Langley everyone shook my husband's hand. I got fed up with that.

Change can be hard

"Changing that was hard. There were papers written about whether it could be done but the nice thing is now that it is done all of the women who come after me have a choice."

When it came to the Mayoralty the potential legal obstacles were non-existent because all the relevant legislation just refers to the position as Mayor. Lord Mayor is the title that has been used by convention. This didn't stop her having to work to justify the adoption of Lady Mayor as her title but her approach was always gentle persuasion, as she recounts one encounter with someone reluctant to accept the change:

"I get that view that since 1189, it's been the convention, I said, but that's because it's been men. Fine. That was the way it started. I said, well, let's turn it round. Let's say since 1189, it's been women, and the title is Lady Mayor, and there's always been Lady Mayor. How would you feel if I addressed you as my Right Honourable, the Lady Mayor? And he said, oh, I see what you mean."

While her role is to be an ambassador and advocate for the whole of the City, she will inevitably lay a special emphasis on the insurance sector and has a clear view of how she can help.

Engaging in the debate about getting regulation that helps the industry and the City's role in insurance grow will be at the forefront; it will go beyond that:

"Secondly, one of the key messages coming up in the industry is that we don't promote ourselves well enough. This isn't just insurance, there's a whole mood music issue with the city at the moment, where all of the press is negative. We don't do the good news stories. And that's not just insurance. But when you look at the talent gap and the skills gap that might be heading that way in insurance you know we need to be more positive.

"We've got to make sure people know it's a good industry to come into and the societal good that it does."

What is she most looking forward to?

"The thing I'm looking forward to, to be perfectly honest, is I want to go back to those schools in the East End and stand up and go, if I can do this, you can do it.

I always think you change people's lives only one person at a time, so even if one or two people went a different route in life as a result I'll be happy with that. I could step down and feel it was job done."

Our 'i' bodies round-up and the people behind their success

Chris Digby and Raphael Zindi shine a spotlight on the work and impact of WCI's key member focussed committees; iWIN, iNED, and iENGAGE - through the voices of their Chairs.

With Claire McDonald and Andrew Torrance stepping down, we celebrate their contributions, highlight recent achievements, and showcase how these committees support the Livery's growth, diversity, and professional development.

Insurance Non-Executive Directors Forum

We provide invaluable information for insurance Non-Executive Directors (iNEDs), aspiring iNEDs, compliance staff, company secretaries and all those interested in corporate governance. iNED offers a range of events to support them.



Christopher Digby, Andrew Torrance and Raphael Zindi

Andrew Torrance iNED Chair (Outgoing)

Andrew has led the iNED Committee with a focus on delivering high-quality, value-driven Forums for aspiring and current NEDs. Now in its 13th season, iNED has earned a respected place in a competitive landscape. Andrew is especially proud of the updated iNED Primer - an essential resource for NEDs - and the committee's growing LinkedIn presence.

His passion lies in ensuring every Forum is impactful, relevant, and expertly delivered. Andrew is handing the baton over to Sian Fisher.

What is the core mission of the committee, and how does it support WCI members in their professional journeys?

The core mission of the iNED Committee is to ensure the continuing success of iNED. This requires delivering for each of our stakeholders. That means that for the delegates who attend our Forums we need to ensure a high quality event which delivers value by providing helpful material delivered by subject matter experts.

For our four sponsors, DWF Law, BDO, Forvis Mazars and the CII, it it provides them with opportunities to demonstrate their relevance and expertise to our delegates, as well as benefiting from having their brands associated with the programme of Forums which we deliver each year.

Finally, from the WCI's perspective, we need to demonstrate we are delivering on the education component of the Company's priorities, encouraging delegates to our Forums who are not Livery members to join, and to be self standing from a financial perspective.

What recent initiatives or achievements from the committee are you most proud of, and why?

iNED is now in its thirteenth season, believe it or not. We owe a great debt to Terry Hayday who had the vision to see that the regulatory responsibilities placed on NEDs in the insurance sector had been transformed following the financial crisis and that iNED could help educate NEDs in the sector on what they needed to do to meet these changed expectations. At that time the iNED offer was unique.

Today the world has changed and the achievement of the iNED Committee of which I am most proud is that we have carved out a place for ourselves amongst the many organisations now delivering training material to NEDs which is recognised, valued and respected.

This year, a key achievement has been updating and relaunching our iNED Primer, which now consolidates all essential information for anyone considering a NED role. It's available in the iNED section of the WCI website and is well worth a look, not only for aspiring NEDs but for those already active in NED roles.

A second achievement is the continued build of our presence on LinkedIn. We now have over 900 followers with regular posts on topics of interest to the iNED community.

What inspired you to take on the role of Chair, and what are you personally passionate about bringing to the committee?

I took on the role of iNED Chair because I believed its programme of Forums added great value to those who participated and I wanted to play my part in ensuring that this continued.

My personal passion on the Committee is my commitment to ensuring that our Forums are high quality events which deliver for our delegates, both in terms of the subjects covered and the content provided by the speakers we select.

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iWIN

Insurance Women's Inclusivity Network

A network for insurance women who come together to support each other, acquiring knowledge, skills and connections to develop and accelerate their careers.
iWIN promotes progression and development through, in-person & virtual events, relationship building and networking.



Ailsa King and Claire McDonald

Claire McDonald iWIN Chair (Outgoing)

Claire has been instrumental in transforming iWIN into a vital gateway for women joining the Livery, growing female membership from just 14 to around 160. Under her leadership, iWIN's LinkedIn following has soared to over 3,500, and her innovative sponsorship model now generates revenue for WCI. Claire's vision is clear: to see women make up at least a third of the membership. She highlights time constraints and cost transparency as key barriers to address in attracting and retaining female members. Claire is handing over the baton to Ailsa King, who we will hear from in the coming months.

Raphael and Christopher were fortunate to be able to talk to Claire about iWIN about its, and her role in the future of the Livery, especially in attracting members

Claire would like to see female representation climb from 20% to over 30%, ideally a third of the overall membership.

Two key challenges for attracting and retaining female members relate to:

- Women generally being time poor and unclear of the commitment or opportunities to contribute
- Cost of membership and events, especially around what may or costs that may be claimable from employers and the best ways to raise with managers/employers

Highlights

- iWIN is a bridge group, most women come to the livery through iWIN events
- 14 women when Claire first joined, now around 160 female members
- Female membership is around 20%, with around half of members Liverywomen
- Main communication channel is LinkedIn, started with 200 followers, now over 3,500
- Generates revenue for the WCI through Claire's sponsorship model

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iENGAGE

For Young Professionals

The WCI's initiative to engage younger professionals in the insurance market.
It has a leadership committee which is developing a programme of events to help young professionals develop their careers.



Christopher Digby and Samantha Lydon

Samantha Lydon iENGAGE Chair (Ongoing)

Samantha leads iENGAGE, WCI's vibrant initiative for professionals under 45, with a focus on career development, mentoring, and community building. Sam has built the current committee to support this work and under her guidance, iENGAGE has launched popular programmes like mentoring, monthly networking lunches, and Fireside Chats with senior market leaders. With a growing LinkedIn presence and inclusive events like the Associate Programme, Samantha is passionate about helping the next generation thrive in the Livery and the wider insurance market.

New members

From October 2024 to December 2025, we were delighted to welcome 59 new members

Ben Hindson
Christopher Bates
Lewis Bebb
Stephen Brown
Allen Bruce
Hayley Budd
Paul Burgess
Stephen Burr
Greg Butera
Isabelle Cadignan
Emma Clark
Toby Clegg
Thomas Colraine
Jayne Eade
Yvette Essen
Dele Fajimolu
Ayleen Frete
Emma Fuller
Paul Galpin
Edward Gaze
David Park
Roland Horton
Janet Hughes
Robert Humphreys
David Indge
Sarah Iveson
Jake Iveson
Gemma Jarrett
Greg Johnstone
Jaspal Kainth
Peter Kelly
Laura Llwellyn Gray
Erica Mackay
Paul Merrey
Hanna Metsanvirta
Kasha Mleko
Charlotte Myers
Pierre Njeim
William Otter
Robert Page
Cameron Parham
Amechi Pierce Howe
Millie Popplewell
Neil Riddington
Edmund Saul
Matthew Saunders
Laura Scarpa
Richard Smith
Vivek Syal
Chris Thomas
Owen Thomas
Susannah Tilbury
John Timpson OBE
John Townsley
Anita Watson
Claire Weston
Jordan Woodford
Robert York
Franziska Arnold-Dwyer

Obituaries | Requiescant in Pace

With sadness, we record the passing of the following members in 2025

Victor Alexander
Liveryman 1981

A man of warmth, great humour, wisdom and generosity; who loved travel, sport and adventure.

David Ball
Liveryman 1983

Worked in senior roles in the London Market for over 30 years, handling many of the most high profile claims of his era.

Peter Davidson
Liveryman 1991

A true gentlemen and a charming golfing companion. A much loved member of WIGS for over 25 years and won the Neave trophy in 1999 & 2013. He was appointed WIGS Captain in 2012 and President in 2013.

Jason Frangoulis
Liveryman 1982

A quintessential lifelong learner. His life story is interwoven with his love for learning. Jason's personal philosophy: 'I simply plan my life on the principle 'keep learning and die later… if you can!'

Paul Hosking
Liveryman 2004

A highly respected and valued member as well as being an excellent golfer. A fierce competitor and friend to all those that were fortunate to share time with him.

Nicholas Michaelides
Liveryman 2012

A stalwart who made great contributions to the Livery and the wider (re)insurance industry. He was a man of great strength.

Derek Stapleton
Liveryman 1981

Remembered fondly as one of our oldest members. He was a senior leader at Ecclesiastical Insurance responsible for governance and strategic oversight across the group.

Kay White
Liverywoman 2022

A true force of nature and a wonderful friend to many across the Livery. A champion of women sitting on the iWIN and Education Committees.

WCI & the Military A shared history of risk and duty



The Armed Forces Covenant signed by Master Karl Jarvis in July was a key milestone for the Levelling Up the Playing Field agenda of the WCI 2025 in his year as Master. The event took place at Drapers' Hall in the presence of Air Vice Marshal Ranald Munro and Dom Sweny, Chairman of the Lloyd's Military Network.

Franck Viort takes a deeper look at our military affiliations and how they have been built over the years. A solid and well-established history with the Armed Forces provided the foundations for the Covenant. In particular, the WCI has relationships with:

HMS Audacious, an Astute-class nuclear submarine based in Faslane and equipped with long range Tomahawk missiles and Spearfish torpedoes. Originally, the WCI's affiliation was with HMS Edinburgh until it was decommissioned in 2020. HMS Audacious, the fourth submarine in the Astute class, was launched in April 2017 and formally commissioned in September 2021. Despite communication being limited to periods when it is not on active service, the WCI is able to contribute through an Award to recognise crew members who stand out for their contribution. These are usually presented at the Mansion House Banquet.

Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry holds strong ties with the insurance market, the City of London and the home counties and has a long and proud history with strong links to serving squadrons from the Army Reserve: C (KSY) Squadron The Royal Yeomanry (RY) based in Croydon and 265 (KCLY) Support Squadron based in Bexleyheath.

71st (City of London) Yeomanry Signal Regiment, an Army Reserve regiment that forms part of 11th Signal Brigade.

RAF 1034 (Surbiton) Squadron Air Training Corps is community-based and open to young people aged between 13 and 20. The ATC is organised into more than 900 squadrons across the country and the WCI supports the unit that serves Surbiton and Esher. This partnership was initiated in 2019 to mark the 100th anniversary of the RAF. In addition to attendance to events and parades, the WCI has created an Annual Award to an outstanding squadron member and another one for an outstanding cadet. The RAF 1034 squadron provides carpet guard at formal WCI events such as Mansion House or Guildhall banquets.

The Volunteer Cadet Corps (VCC) is a Ministry of Defence sponsored youth organisation and part of the Royal Navy's Cadet Forces and is unique in being solely based in a number of Royal Navy establishments where logistical and training support is provided. The VCC is open to young people between the ages of 9 and 18 and aims to help develop them into dependable and reliable members of society by using the traditions, standards and ethos of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. The WCI has made a contribution for the uniforms and regularly supports school careers forum.

Cadets from Middlesex and North West London: 34 Detachments, with over 1000 cadets. The WCI works closely with the cadets, force 21 in particular, attending Visitor's Day at their training camp in Hampshire and benefiting from their presence as carpet guards at some of our official events. The WCI awards a prize every year and invites the recipient to the Mansion House dinner.