

## Common Hall – 3 November 2016



On 3 November, the Master, Wardens, Liverymen, Freemen, Members, Apprentices and guests gathered for the Company's 2016 Common Hall and Award Presentations which were held in Salters' Hall, a new venue for this event.

The principal guests were Alderman and Sheriff Peter Estlin and Alderman and Sheriff William Russell

### Presentations

The following presentations were made during Common Hall by the Sheriffs

#### The Sheriffs' Award for Bravery 2016



Alderman and Sheriff William Russell, the Master, Ian Mayes, Doctor Matthew Smith and Alderman and Sheriff Peter Estlin

#### The Winner 2016

The 2016 Sheriffs' Award winner is Doctor Matthew Smith. Last December, Doctor Smith happened upon a traumatic scene where a mentally ill man inspired by the killing of Fusilier Lee Rigby, had slashed the neck of American musician Lyle Zimmerman. Along with a small group of other passers-by, Doctor Smith showed conspicuous bravery. The City of London Sheriffs decided that his bravery in the decisions and actions he took resulting in the survival of the victim, was worthy of their award. The Award was presented to Doctor Smith by Alderman and Sheriff Peter Estlin and Alderman and Sheriff William Russell.

For more details of the incident and the Doctor Smith's brave conduct, please click on this link to the [Press Release](#).

#### The Highest Placed Finalists

The Beadle read out the citation for each of the highest placed finalists and Commendation Certificates were presented to each of them by the Sheriffs. They are:

- Ben Butling

- Simon Ellis
- Natalie Harrison of the Tower Lifeboat
- Rustam Psiancin, Gilbert Hisona and Kevin Smith
- Michael Paolozzi and Anthony Wilson
- Darren Carroll

### The 2016 Annual Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Handler and Dog

#### Civil Division.

In the Civil Division, the award is made to the dog-and-handler team which is the supreme Champion at the Annual Security Dog User Trials held by the National Association of Security Dog Users (NASDU). The Winner of the Civil Division Award was Stephen Cadby and his dog Flash.



#### Police Division.

In the Police Division, all eligible constabularies, submit their nominations of dogs and handlers or team nominations to the Award Judging Panel of the WCoSP. The Winners of the 2016 Police Division Award were the officers, police staff and dogs of the British Transport Police Specialist Operations Dog Section.



#### Military Division.

In the Military Division, each Service can submit up to 3 pairs of dogs and handlers or a unit nomination to the Award Judging Panel of the WCoSP to be considered for the Award. The Winner of the Military Division Award was L Cpl Bobby Denslow and Military Dog Charlie of 102 Military Working Dog Squadron.



### Declaration Ceremony for Admittance as a Freeman



The following Members were admitted to the Freedom of the Company:

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| • Martin Abbott       | • Jon Harvey       |
| • Daniel Baquero      | • Glen Hymers      |
| • Chloe Beard         | • Philip A D Jones |
| • Nathan Bray         | • Mark Langworthy  |
| • Richard Brooks MSyl | • Brig David Neal  |
| • Jack Burdorf Cook   | • Claire Palmer    |
| • James Fargher       | • Luke Radford     |

- Jane Farrell
- Jeff Gardner
- Aaron Goddard
- Michael Good fellow
- Chas Staines
- Gary Stanton
- Steve Street
- James Wilson

### **Ceremony for Admitting a Freeman to the Livery (Clothing a Freeman)**

The following Freemen were admitted as clothed Liverymen of the Company:

- Fiona Bowman
- Chris Brice
- Brett Ennals
- Paul Gillings
- Richard King
- Paul Miller CSyP
- Aimee Regan
- Mike Ross



Fiona Bowman, the Master and the IPM

### **Apprentice Enrolment**



An Apprentice Binding ceremony took place at the Court Meeting before Common Hall when Hannah Crosby (Apprentice Master Mike Barley), Liam Callender (Apprentice Master David Lee), Faith Fetuga (Apprentice Master Wesley Harper), Luke Wheeler (Apprentice Master Michael White), Bartlomiej Mielniczuk (Apprentice Master Crawford Chalmers), Kyomo Ran (Apprentice Master Ray Williams) and Daniel Oppenheimer (Apprentice Master Stewart Griffiths) were bound as new apprentices to the Company. The Master introduced them to the members of the Company assembled in Common Hall.

### **Company Briefing**

The Master and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees gave short presentations on the activities and achievements of the Company over the past 12 months and looked ahead to the challenges and goals in the coming year.

### **Reception**

Following the formalities, the evening concluded with a reception.

### **Photographs**

Photographs are available from the [PhotoChris](#) website. Please use the password 'wcosp2016' to access a WCOSP event gallery.