

# Cripplegate Ward Club

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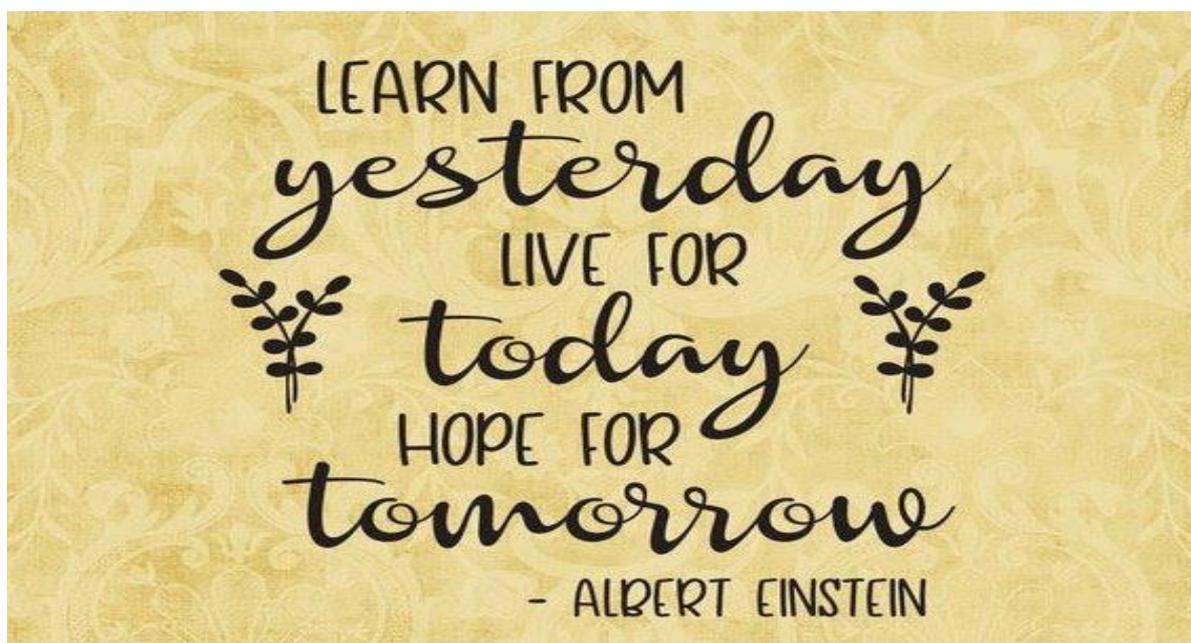
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Dear Cripplegate Ward Club Members,

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Despite the ongoing restrictions for much of the country, I hope you and your families are safe and well and had a lovely festive season. As we say goodbye to 2020 and welcome 2021 with an open heart, we look forward to planting seeds together for a hopeful tomorrow.

Since the last Newsletter, we had a hugely successful 'Christmas Champagne Party' on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with 87 screens signed in and more than a 100 people in attendance. This was a joint party with Women in Livery (where I and Past Master Judy Tayler-Smith are on the Committee) and the British Malaysian Society. The sole purpose of a joint event with other City institutions is to ensure a varied programme of events and make it more festive.

Our Champagne experts from the Confrérie du Sabre d'Or were very generous in passing their knowledge to the attendees and for donating a most generous prize of a champagne tasting for two, plus two free sabrages with certificates. After all, most of us do enjoy a celebratory glass of Champagne!

Dame Fiona Woolf DBE DSTJ DL, Lord Mayor 2013-2014, spoke from heart and delivered an excellent Christmas message with her passion of promoting diversity in the City. Sir Mark Moody-Stuart's Christmas reading was most eloquent and befitting for such an occasion and the East-West Gala Chorus entertained us with Christmas Carols.



The Hat Competition was won by Lady Judy Moody-Stuart, however Cripplegate Ward Club members Elaine Clack came a very close second with her amazing Ascot hat, with Michael McClure not far behind in his woolen Elf hat from a well-known supermarket! Among the people sending Christmas greetings were the President of the City Livery Club, Nicolas Somers, the Master Upholder, Wendy Short-Blake and Judy's sister Dr Janet Dehmer who had signed in from Germany. There were also some people signed in from other countries.

Our Next event on 21 January 2021, is a Personal Interview with Sheriff Christopher Hayward CC. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs are still very busy despite the Pandemic and we are grateful to Sheriff Hayward for sparing some time out of his busy diary. Many of you might have already attended Sheriff Hayward's 'City Post Covid' talk which has done the rounds in multiple organisations, however this will be completely different. I am hoping that lots of members will book and register their support.

My last event as your Master, will be our 23<sup>rd</sup> February event which will be "East End Revisited," a presentation given by Past Master David Ayers. This was deferred due to PM David falling ill. I am pleased to say that David is fit and well again and those members who had registered for this talk previously, will be sent the Zoom link mid-February. We will also be accepting new bookings for this event, once the flyer is circulated again.

I will write to you once more, which could be my 'Master's Report', which is circulated with the AGM papers. However, in the meantime I would like to thank PM Judy Tayler-Smith who agreed to be my 'acting consort' during my year in office.

Judy and I have been the entire 'Events Committee' for the last 10 months and we have both tried hard to bring the Club interesting functions and provide value to your Cripplegate Ward Club membership during lockdown.

Stay safe and let's hope for a better 2021.

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