

Lincoln's Inn Residents' Association
LIRA – Letter from the Chairman

Three New Square IP Chambers

WC2A 3RS

29th June 2021

Dear LIRA Members, Residents and Friends,

When I was a child, one of my favourite books of fairytales had a beautiful illustration of “Sleeping Beauty”, in her overgrown and silent bower, festooned with cobwebs and dust. I am reminded of this image as we seem to be slowly re-awakening from the long seclusion of “the Lockdowns” and the Pandemic restrictions. Many of us are returning to our chambers and offices for the first time in 15 or 16 months, blinking a little (metaphorically speaking) and wondering where the last year has gone.

My sincere sympathy goes out to everyone who has suffered loss, illness and personal tragedies during this time. It has been an immeasurably hard period for everyone to navigate through, and we have all had to cope with unexpected challenges and difficulties. However, I do hope that we can look at the positive aspects too. The friendships that have re-ignited over “Zoom” . The support and care we have experienced from surprising sources, and the sense of community and camaraderie which has sustained us.

My sincere thanks also goes out on behalf of all LIRA members to those hard working staff members of the Inn who have simply stayed the course; attending in person at work throughout the Lockdowns, getting their jobs done, and keeping the Inn clean, secure and safely ready for resumption of more normal times. Particular thanks are directed to Nick Bracey and his entire team, whose ready smiles and positive spirit were, in themselves, immensely uplifting and provided a bright welcome at the front gate. In addition it has been so heartening to see Joe and his MCR team back in action with the splendidly designed South Terrace laid out so cleverly for outdoor socializing.

I am aware that we have had some new residents moving into the Inn for the first time in 2020 and 2021, and I sincerely hope that we may see some new faces at the forthcoming LIRA AGM. This is to be held at 5.30pm on 14 July 2021 in the Ashworth Centre. The Notice of the Forthcoming AGM has been posted on the LIRA website (www.liram.co.uk¹) and on the notice boards around the Inn. You will find enclosed the current draft AGM Agenda. There is no membership procedure or fee to join LIRA. We are simply the residents' association for all those resident in domestic flats within the estate of Lincoln's Inn.

I also encourage those longer standing residents to come along on the 14th too. You may feel that you are too busy, or spend too little time in your flat in the Inn for LIRA to be of relevance to you. But I hope that you may re-think, and resolve to come along and participate, and see old friends and hopefully meet some new neighbours too.

¹ Please note the “m” in the domain name – Lincoln's Inn Residents' Association Members' website – “liram”

If you cannot attend, please do pass along your apologies for absence if possible. Also, if you wish to raise any issues with me or any members of the LIRA committee please send me an email. We do genuinely want feedback, and communication to be an important part of the residential community here in the Inn.

In 2021 we can look back, and reflect on a truly difficult past year, but also look forward, to what we hope will be a much better and exciting year to come. News of forthcoming events and LIRA news etc. will be posted on the website. Please do keep an eye on it. If you have not previously accessed the Member Pages, and need the password, please let me (or any committee member) know and we will help.

With best wishes,

Denise McFarland-Cruikshanks – LIRA Chairman

Email dmc@3newsquare.co.uk

AGENDA
LINCOLN'S INN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
LIRA AGM
Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 6pm
Rooms 1-5 Ashworth Centre

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln's Inn Residents' Association (LIRA) will take place, in person, on Wednesday 14 July 2021 in rooms 1-5 of the Ashworth Centre.

Tea & Coffee etc. will be available from 5.30pm.

The formal meeting will start at 5.45pm.

The following items are on the agenda:

Welcome and Apologies for Absence

1. **Chairman's Introduction** (Denise McFarland-Cruickshanks) & Report

Including :

- (a) General Update
- (b) Changes in LIRA Committee
- (c) Inter Inn event planned - 2022
- (d) Looking ahead to the Platinum Jubilee 2022
- (e) Privacy policy and database of LIRA members
- (f) Feedback from Members
- (g) Use of Website www.liram.co.uk
- (h) New Members of LIRA – welcome to new residents just joining the community
- (i) New Volunteers for LIRA Roles

2. **Presentations by:**

- Nick Bracey – Chief Porter
- Phil Ardley - Director of Estates

3. **Q & A** An opportunity for Questions from Members (at the Discretion of the Chairman) to be put to Members of LIRA Committee.

4. **AOB**

