



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

March 2008

NEW QUARTERAGE CHARGES AND FINES EFFECTIVE 1ST APRIL 2008.

Quarterage

The Court has agreed that Quarterage be uplifted to £175.00 for 2008-2009, effective 1st April 2008. It was last raised by £10 to £140.00 in 2003.

Also to continue is a 50% discount for members retired from business aged 65 for men and 60 for ladies, also for those under 35 for the first five years of membership up to that age.

The Clerk had advised that Quarterage does not cover the Company's overheads and we are constantly reliant on new members producing fines to cover these costs. Admission and other Fines over the past couple of years have generated around £11,000 to £12,000, but as the Court noted, that only generates a very small working surplus. Should incoming new membership decline, the Company would be operating at a loss.

PLEASE NOTE

All those paying by Direct Debit will be charged £175.00 (or £87.50 if on the lower Quarterage rate) when the Quarterage is collected in mid-April 2008.

Those few still paying by standing order should please make arrangements with their bank to pay the new sum of £175.00 (or £87.50) by not later than 9th April 2008. The same applies to those who are permitted to pay by cheque, with £175.00 (or £87.50) due by 9th April 2008.

Fines

The Court agreed the following changes to Fines, effective from 1st April 2008, excepting those already interviewed for Admission to the Freedom of the Company

On Admission to Freedom	
By Patrimony	£250 unchanged
By Servitude	Nil
By Redemption	£325 to £350

On Admission to Livery	
By Patrimony	£325 unchanged
By Servitude	£325 unchanged
By Redemption	£325 to £350
(All, except Servitude, payable on admission to Freedom)	

Apprentice Binding	£200 unchanged
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Admission to Court	£350 to £400
Junior Warden	£400 to £450
Senior Warden	£500 to £550
Master	£600 to £700

NEW MASTER AND WARDENS ARE ELECTED

At the meeting of the Court of the Company, held on Monday, 18th February, Kenneth Edward Marriott was elected to succeed Michael Frederick Bayless as Master. He will be installed as Master in the Ceremony, which follows the ancient traditions of the City of London, at St Olave's Church, Hart Street,

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London EC3 at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 18th April, followed by the Installation Banquet at Mansion House, details of which are contained at page 8 (back page) of these tidings.

Michael Bayless was elected Deputy Master; Philip R D J Morrish was elected Senior Warden and Jack D Amos as Junior Warden. They will be installed at the same time as the new Master.

NEW COURT ASSISTANTS ELECTED

At the same Court meeting, Liverymen Mrs Maureen Marden was elected to the Court for an initial period of three years, and will be admitted at the May Court. Court Assistant Chris Parr was asked to stand down having served as an Assistant since 1994. The following Assistants were also re-elected following a review of their recent three-year term: David A Amos, Graham J Jones, Christopher P Luxton, and Michael Murray.

The Assistants for 2008/2009, including those to be admitted, are:

	Elected
David A Amos	- Feb 2005
Miss Sally E Ayres	- Feb 2007
Christopher J Broadley	- Feb 2004
Richard C Chisnell	- Feb 2004
Brian D Francois	- Feb 2004
Christopher B Harrup	- Feb 2004
Peter D Holt	- Nov 2002
Graham J Jones	- Feb 2005
Christopher P Luxton	- Feb 2005
Mrs Maureen Marden	- Feb 2008
Gordon R McVean	- Feb 2007
Michael Murray	- Feb 2005
Anthony C Neal	- Feb 1995
Peter W J Robb	- Feb 2000
Mrs Wendy Silvester	- Feb 2006
Mrs Angela M Starling	- Feb 2004
Issa K Tahhan	- Feb 2003
Barrie P Torbett	- Feb 2007
Neil Young	- Feb 2006
(There is one vacancy)	

Additionally there are three Honorary Assistants, Past Masters Emeritus Eric A Green and Alan C Vause; also Arthur H Green, who was Clerk 1985 to 87. And, those Past Masters who held office up to 4 years previously, Paul Michael, Michael Poulter, Stephen Wright and Michael Bayless. All Past Masters Emeritus may continue to serve on the Court after their first 4-year period as Past Master, but in an ex-officio capacity only and with no voting rights.

NEW ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE F & GP COMMITTEE

Court Assistant Michael Murray, Liverymen Mrs Jennie Harvey and Liveryman Robert Vincent have been elected to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee for a period of three years. Court Assistant Tony Neal stands down having completed his three-year term, as does LM Mrs Judith West, and LM Mrs Maureen Marden stands down on election as an Assistant.

The F & GP Committee for 2008/2009 will therefore be:

Master, Deputy Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
PME Michael O'Connor (ex-officio)
PM Jack Broadley (February 2010)
CA Christopher Broadley (to February 2009)
CA Neil Young (to February 2010)
CA Michael Murray (to February 2011)
LM John Saysell (to February 2009)
LM Mrs Jennie Harvey (to February 2011)
LM Robert Vincent (to February 2011)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND THOSE ELECTED

The Court reaffirmed that the Junior Warden by virtue of office should be the Chairman of the Membership Committee, and that the next in line for that office should also serve to ensure continuity. The committee elected for 2008/2009 is:

Junior Warden-elect Jack D Amos (Chairman)
CA Peter Holt (Vice Chairman)
PM Michael Poulter (for one year)
PME Robert Burtinshaw (for 2 years)
CA Chris Luxton (for 1 year)
CA David Amos (for 2 years)
LM Judith West (for 1 year)
LM Gary Fage (for 2 Years)
LM Ashley Hoadley (for 3 years)

The varying periods of service are to assure some continuity on the committee whilst the committee membership works towards a period of three years for each member, just as the F&GP Committee structure of term of office.

The Senior Warden of the day may be invited to serve in an advisory capacity, and, assist with any recruitment projects. Others may be co-opted as required. The committee will continue reporting to the Court.

STEWARDS

LM Duncan Major (Senior Steward)
The following Stewards will continue in post for a further term:
LM Robin Lee
LM Richard Ward
The following are newly elected for a term not exceeding three years:
L/M Claire Fowler
L/M Bradley Reames
L/M Paul Taylor
L/M Bill Yemc
L/M James Metzger
F/M Debbie Castro

The Senior Steward allocates stewarding duties upon hosting instructions from the Clerk, to whom he reports.

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Building Cleanability Awards Management Committee is appointed until after the Awards Ceremony in July 2008 and the Court confirmed the following:

C/A Graham Jones (as Chairman)
PM Michael Poulter (as an assessor))
CA Christopher Harrup
LM Mrs Jennie Harvey
LM Mrs Maureen Marden
LM Jim Melvin
LM Paul Taylor
LM Barry Richards
LM Peter Collingwood

CA Richard Chisnell as the Executive Director of Awards

Plus representatives of the Awards' Patron and other Sponsors. The Committee will report to the Court.

INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The following were re-elected:

LM Christopher Parr (Chairman)

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PME John Howard
PME Michael O'Connor (Vice Captain of Company Team)
PM Paul Michael
LM Christopher Lawrence (Captain of Company Team)
LM Mrs Sandra Parr
Plus:
The Master of the Day
And the Clerk, if needed

The Committee will report to the Court

FLOAT COMMITTEE

The committee co-ordinates the Company's participation in the Modern Livery Companies' Float in the Lord Mayors' Show in November 2008:

Senior Warden Elect, Philip R D J Morrish
Junior Warden Elect, Jack D Amos
Clerk of the Company, Michael Bizley

25th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT GROUP

The following to be members were all re-elected:

CA Peter Holt (Chairman)
CA Peter Robb
CA Issa Tahhan
CA Elect Gordon McVean
CA Elect Barrie Torbett

SUCCESSION TO JUNIOR WARDEN

The Court accepted the recommendation of the Officers that this year there would be two additions to the list of those who may progress to be elected as Junior Warden:

CA Peter Robb
CA Barrie Torbett

Subject to election at the appropriate time the succession might therefore be:

2009	-	CA Peter Holt (Master in 2011)
2010	-	CA Peter W J Robb (Master 2012)
2011	-	CA Barrie Torbett (Master 2013)

CLERK AND BEADLE

It is a requirement of the Company's Ordinances that the Clerk and Beadle be elected each year:

Michael A F Bizley was re-elected Clerk of the Company for the year 2008/2009

Stephen Andrew Marvell was re-elected Beadle to the Company for a period of six months.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

Senior Past Master and Father of the Company	PME John Ayres
Company Archivist	PME & HA Eric Green
Archivist designate	PM Michael Poulter
Golf Captain	CA Peter Robb
Golf Vice Captain	LM Andy Riddle
Rep to the Court of City University	JW Jack D Amos
Deputy to Court of City University	DM Michael Bayless
Rep to City & Guilds	LM Mrs Judith West
Enfranchised Rep to BCC	PM Steve Wright
Unenfranchised Rep to BCC	DM Michael Bayless
Construction Liveries Group	LM John Saysell
Member LCSC	LM John Butler

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TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

The following will continue to serve as trustees for 2008/2009:

PME Michael G O'Connor (to October 2011) [Chairman]
Master-elect Kenneth E Marriott
Deputy Master-elect Michael F Bayless
Senior Warden-elect Philip R D J Morrish
Junior Warden-elect Jack D Amos
PM Paul Michael (to October 2011))
Almoner, LM Tom Borland (to October 2008)
The Clerk is Secretary to the Trustees

INTERVIEW PANEL

Following on from the last two year's successful interview panels, this year all candidates for consideration for progression to Junior Warden, and candidates for election as Court Assistants, were again interviewed by a panel consisting of the Master, Deputy Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, anticipated Junior Warden, and this year Past Master Michael Poulter, with the Clerk in attendance. Thus enabling each candidate to express their views on the future of the Company, and be advised of the commitment they might be taking on, if recommended and elected. This practice is now established as an annual event and part of the Company's Customs and Procedures.

DIARY FOR 2008-2009

The up-dated calendar of events is attached to these tidings. Specific dates in 2008 that you should make note of are the Installation on Friday, 18th April (see details at end of the Tidings); the Military Awards and Lunch on Monday, 22nd September; the Ladies Banquet Friday, 28th November; and the Livery Dinner on Thursday, 22nd January 2009. The July 2008 Court and Lunch will be held on Monday, 30th June to coincide with the Building Cleanability Awards presentations and Luncheon to be held in the Great Hall at Guildhall.

WELCOME TO NEW FREEMEN

The following were Admitted as Freeman of the Company at the February 2008 Court:

Simon Keith Berryman
Simon Paul Collins
Stuart John Hough
David Peter Overell
John Richard Salvage
Jacqueline Daphne Susan Sims
Jane Geis-Speyers

NEW LIVERYMEN

The following Freeman were 'Clothed in Livery' in accordance with the customs of the Company at the February 2008 Court:

Alan Rodney Garrett
Gary Henstock
Kevin Eric Francis Meighan

FEBRUARY COURT LUNCH – ANOTHER SELL OUT

A full house (91) of members and guests attended the February Election Court Lunch in Armourers' Hall. Miss Diana Vernon, Headmistress of the City of London School for Girls responded the Master's toast to the guests. Our Bursary Student at the Girls School, Miss Grace Onwuamaegbu, accompanied Miss Vernon. The Masters of the Furniture Makers, Chartered Secretaries & Administrators, and Water Conservators were present, two with their Clerks.

MASTER PRESENTS TWO PORT DECANTERS

The Master, Michael F Bayless, presented the Company with two Cumberland Crystal Glass Hogget port decanters with hallmarked silver bases.

In receiving these, the Deputy Master expressed the Company's appreciation of a wonderful gift, and, especially thanked the Master for being such an excellent representative of the Company within the livery generally and without. In doing so he had continued to raise the Company's reputation.

SWEEPER OF THE YEAR

The Master and Clerk attended City of London Clean City Awards at Mansion House on 25th January. The Master presented, in the company of the Lord Mayor, the Environmental Cleaners Prize to the outstanding street sweeper in the City – Mr Pat Brazil, who received a certificate and cheque for £250. For the last year Pat has been the resident sweeper in and around Leadenhall Market where his infectious personality and sense of humour have made him a popular addition to the unique ambience that can only be found in a market environment. The runner-up was Mr Alan Beackon, who also received a certificate and a cheque for £100. For several years Alan has been responsible for the cleansing in the morning of Tower Bridge and the ever-changing face of the 'river-walks', which are all designated by The City Corporation as 'City Walkways'. He is also an integral part of a weekly team that tackles the waste that is generated at Petticoat Lane and then ensures that the area is washed and left in pristine condition for both the commercial and residential inhabitants.

SUSTAINABLE CITY AWARDS – OUR CATEGORY WINNER IS OVERALL WINNER

The Company sponsored the Small and Medium Enterprises category at the ceremony held at Mansion House on 13th February. There were 21 entries in this category judged by the Junior Warden, Philip Morrish, and the winners were once again Bovince for the Beales Hotel. This category winner was also the overall winner of the Sustainable City Awards and will represent the City of London in the European finals. The Master, Senior Warden and Junior Wardens attended the ceremony, the Master acting as escort to the Lady Mayoress.

VISITING MASTERS LUNCHEON – 12 MAY

This is always a special occasion with Masters having to sing for their lunch by speaking for no more than 4 minutes about their own Company. Spaces at this lunch are usual at a premium so you should book very early on the attached application form, with closing date of Thursday, 1st May 2008.

INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT – 21 MAY

LM Chris Parr and his committee are busy finalising arrangements for this year's Shoot, to be held, as usual, at the Holland & Holland Grounds in North London, on Wednesday, 21st May. Chris is expecting a large turnout with some 70 teams from the Livery Companies and about 400 people present. This is now one of the largest Inter Livery events on the calendar, and provides some £7,500 for various charities. Any member wishing to shoot in a Company team to contact PME Mike O'Connor on 01892 511144 or email: Mike.Oconnor@dcuk.co.uk

MASTER'S WEEKEND 'CRUISE' AWAY – 11 to 13 JULY

This year Master-elect, Kenneth Marriott, has decided that the Master's Weekend Away shall be a Cruise aboard the Norwegian Jade from Southampton to Zeebrugge and return. Full details and application forms have been distributed, but do get in touch with the Clerk if you have mislaid them and wish to attend, or better still you can book direct with Norwegian Cruise Lines by telephone 0845 230 6033. Do this soon as the ship is getting quite full – not with just us I must admit!!

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS 2008

See the attached application form for the awards ceremony and luncheon being held on Monday, 30th June 2008 in the Great Hall of Guildhall. This is one of the prestigious events in the Industry's calendar and not one to be missed. Full tables of 10 will be available at a discount – see the form. Please note that applications are to be sent to BCA – see address on the form, and CA Richard Chisnell, the Executive Director of these awards, and can be contacted on information@cleanabilityawards.co.uk or 01962 864138. Closing date for applications is 7th June 2008 but do book earlier to avoid disappointment.

COMPANY GOLF CAPS – KEEP OUT THE COLD ON THE COURSE!

The Clerk is in possession of a stock of Company Golf Caps, either blue or green complete with the Company Coat of Arms embroidered on the front. The Captain of the Company's Golf Society, CA Peter Robb, says they are good quality. They will cost you £17.50 each including P&P and VAT.

COMPANY GOLF UMBRELLAS

With Blue and White segments and the Company Name and Crest. Still a few of these in stock, priced at £25.00 including P&P and VAT.

COMPANY TIES

Just a reminder that these silk ties are also in stock and priced at £25.00 including P&P and VAT.

COMPANY CUFF LINKS

Still a few in stock and priced at £70 per pair – there are either t-bar or chain versions.

COMPANY WALL SHIELDS

Priced at £48.00 – they are 7" x 6" and the Company's Crest is hand-painted in the form of a plaque on the shield. Would make nice presents – and look good on the wall of your office! I have just a few left in stock – so first come first served!

Orders for all of these to the Clerk - with payment – and they will be despatched within a few days to your home address.

LADIES' BANQUET 2008 – WE VISIT A DIFFERENT HALL THIS YEAR

A note for your diary – Friday, 28th November 2008, this year's Ladies' Banquet. It will be held at Carpenters' Hall, which is situated on corner of Throgmorton Avenue and London Wall. The Clerk can find no record of the Company having such an event at this Hall. The Carpenters' Company have been located on London Wall since its first Hall was built there in 1429. The Hall survived the Great Fire but was pulled down in 1876 to make way for Throgmorton Avenue and their second Hall. This Victorian building was destroyed by fire in 1941 although the outer walls survived, along with most of the Company's treasures. The present Hall was built within the Victorian walls and opened in 1960. We shall, as usual, using round tables of 10, so why not make a note in your diary and think about which friends you can invite, or what corporate entertainment might be appropriate.

THE CITY LIVERY YACHT CLUB

The City Livery Yacht Club – exclusive to members of Livery Companies and The Guild of Freeman – offers a range of sailing, boating and socialising opportunities. Whether you are an avid sailor or a complete novice (with or without a boat!), they invite you to join them – all for just £35 per annum (plus a £35 joining fee). You can even fly the Defaced Blue Ensign and Burgee from you boat! If you are interested apply to Club Secretary, City Livery Yacht Club, 10 Phillips Close, Maidenbower, Crawley, RH10 7NP – Tel: 08700 66 42 32; Fax: 08700 66 44 14; or email: jw@dlyc.co.uk. Their website is at: www.dlyc.co.uk

STAINED GLASS WINDOW AT ST OLAVE'S CHURCH IN MEMORY OF LATE ALMONER

Following a little difficulty with the first designer, we are delighted that the Executors of Liveryman Doreen Heyes Will, Mr & Mrs. Andrew Neil, the PCC at the Church, and the Court of the Company, have all agreed on a new design by Messrs Harman & Co of Birmingham for the Company's Coat of Arms to be included in the North Window (over the entrance door) of our Chaplaincy Church. The matter is now in the hands of the Diocesan Architect's Department, and subject to their agreement it should then proceed to the Chancellor of the Diocese for a Faculty. Hopefully the window will be in place by later this year, when we will arrange a service of dedication. The total cost of the project is being borne from the estate of the late Liveryman and Almoner Mrs Doreen Heyes, and we appreciate the kind co-operation of Mr & Mrs Neil in bringing this matter, hopefully to a satisfactory conclusion.

THIS CLERK TO RETIRE!

The Clerk formally advised the Election Court in February of his wish to retire after the Installation Banquet in 2009, having served seven years, and will then be near to 71 years of age. The Court agreed that an interview panel be established in the autumn to seek a replacement to be elected not later than the February 2009 Court.

GRAND CHARITY BALL – SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2008

You should all have already received an information pack detailing this event and seeking your support with my last Tidings? May I remind you that it is being held on Saturday, 6th September at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, which is adjacent to Lancaster Gate Tube Station in W2. This is the first time the Company has organised such an event and all the money raised will go to our Charity Fund for distribution. This is an initiative set up by the Master-elect, Kenneth Marriott, and Court Assistant-elect Maureen Marden is chairing the organising committee and can be contacted at maureenmarden@btconnect.com or Tel: 020 8393 6157 or 07785 700523

INSTALLATION COURT, SERVICE OF REDEDICATION AND BANQUET – FRIDAY, 18TH APRIL

We have once again been fortunate in being permitted use of the Mansion House for our Installation Banquet when we celebrate the Installation of the Master-Elect, Kenneth Edward Marriott. Unfortunately the Lord Mayor is otherwise engaged overseas. However, we will be honoured with the presence of Alderman Sir Michael Savory (Lord Mayor in 2004), as Lord Mayor Locum Tenens. Other distinguished guests will include Mr Sheriff Alderman Michael Bear and Mrs Bear, representatives of the City of London Corporation, visiting Masters and senior military officers.

The Reception starts with sparkling wine and is followed by an excellent four-course dinner plus coffee and Petits Fours, with wines, a loving cup, and port. The new Junior Warden will propose the Civic toast, and Sir Michael Savory will respond. The new Master welcomes the guests and Mr Malcolm Higgins, the recently retired Examinations Director at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, will respond.

Music will be by the brass quintet of the Honourable Artillery Company during the reception and dinner, and the Official Mansion House Photographer will be on hand to take photographs of members and their guests. These photographs will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the evening.

The event will be preceded by the Installation Court and the Service of Rededication, which will be held at St Olave's Church, 8 Hart Street, EC3 at 5.00 p.m. on the same day. This follows the ancient traditions of the Guilds and Livery Companies of the City of London and members and their guests are invited.

Full details and application forms have been distributed to those on email with the Clerk, but enclosed herewith for those who are not. Closing date for applications is 31st March 2008, but book early to avoid disappointment. This is certainly an opportunity for entertaining friends and clients.

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF LONDON AND THE 'SQUARE MILE'

The Square Mile is a vital asset to the British and European economies. Some Key Facts:

- \$1,109bn foreign exchange turnover each day in London (32% global share)
- 42% of the global foreign equity market
- 70% of all Eurobonds traded in London
- 20% of international bank lending arranged in the UK (largest single market)
- The world's leading market for international insurance. UK worldwide premium income reached £167bn in 2005
- 88m metal contracts per annum traded in London
- 416m contracts a year traded on London's international futures exchange Euronext.liffe
- £3,836bn total funds under management in the UK in 2006
- £1,301m in overseas earnings generated by the maritime industry in London in 2004
- £1,686bn pension fund assets under management (third largest in the world)
- \$643bn daily turnover in 'over the counter' derivatives (43% of global share)
- 82% of the \$24.4bn EU Emissions Trading Scheme
- 75% of Fortune 500 companies have London offices
- 252 foreign banks in London
- 649 foreign companies listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE)