



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

March/April 2005

NEW MASTER AND WARDENS ARE ELECTED

At the meeting of the Court of the Company, held on Monday, 21st February, Michael John Poulter was elected to succeed Paul Michael 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, London EC3 at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 1st April. *Liverymen and Freemen are asked to make a particular effort to attend this Installation Court Ceremony and Annual Service of Re-dedication followed by the Banquet, details of which are elsewhere in these Tidings together with an enclosed application form.*

Paul R Michael was elected Deputy Master; Stephen J Wright was elected Senior Warden and Michael F Bayless 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 David A Amos, Graham J Jones, Christopher P Luxton and Michael Murray were elected to the Court for an initial period of three years, and will be admitted at the May Court. The Assistants for 2005/2006, including those to be Admitted, are:

Court Assistant		Elected
David A Amos	-	Feb 2005
Jack D Amos	-	Nov 1999
Christopher J Broadley	-	Feb 2004
John Butler	-	Feb 1995
Richard C Chisnell	-	Feb 2004
Brian D Francois	-	Feb 2004
Christopher B Harrup	-	Feb 2004
Peter D Holt	-	Nov 2002
Anthony B Instone	-	Feb 2003
Graham J Jones	-	Feb 2005
Christopher P Luxton	-	Feb 2005
Kenneth E Marriott	-	Feb 2002
Philip R D J Morrish	-	Feb 1997
Michael Murray	-	Feb 2005
Anthony C Neal	-	Feb 1995
Christopher L H Parr	-	July 1994
Peter W J Robb	-	Feb 2000
Mrs Angela M Starling	-	Feb 2004
Issa K Tahhan	-	Feb 2003

(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, Michael O'Connor, Edward Daniell, Jack Broadley and Paul Michael. 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 TO THE F & GP COMMITTEE

Past Master Michael O'Connor, Court Assistant Tony Neal, and Liverymen Mrs Wendy Silvester and Mrs Judith West have been elected to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee for a period of three years.

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The F & GP Committee for 2004/2005 will therefore be:

Master, Deputy Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
H/A & P/M/E Alan Vause (Ex-officio)
P/M Michael O'Connor (to February 2008)
C/A Anthony Neal (to February 2008)
C/A Elect Angela Starling (to February 2006)
C/A Peter Holt (to February 2007)
L/M Mrs Wendy Silvester (to February 2008)
L/M Richard Thorne (to February 2007)
L/M Mrs Judith West (to February 2008)

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE ELECTED

The Court reaffirmed that the Junior Warden by virtue of office should be the Chairman of the Membership Services Committee, and that the next in line for that office should also serve to ensure continuity. The committee elected for 2005/2006 is:

Junior Warden-elect Michael F Bayless (Chairman)
C/A Kenneth Marriott (Vice Chairman)
C/A Anthony B Instone (to continue from last year)
L/M Neil Young (promoted to Senior Steward having been a Steward last year)
As Stewards:
Liveryman Sally E Ayres
Liveryman Eric M Bennett
Liveryman Carol Crump
Liveryman Mrs Jennie Harvey
Liveryman Duncan Major
Liveryman Gordon R McVean

The Committee will report to the Court

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTED

The Building Cleanability Awards Management Committee is appointed until after the Awards Ceremony in July 2006 and the Court confirmed the following:

C/A Elect Graham Jones (as Chairman)
S/W Elect Stephen Wright (until March 2006)
H/A & P/M/E Eric Green (in advisory capacity)
C/A John Butler
C/A Anthony Instone
C/A Christopher Harrup
L/M Mrs Jennie Harvey
L/M Mrs Maureen Marden
L/M Jim Melvin
L/M Paul Taylor
L/M Stephen Waud
C/A Elect Richard Chisnell as the Executive Director of Awards
Plus representatives of the Awards' Patron and Sponsors

The Committee will report to the Court

INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REAFFIRMED

The following were re-elected:

C/A Christopher Parr (Chairman)
P/M/E John Howard
P/M Michael O'Connor (Vice Captain of Company Team)
Liveryman Christopher Lawrence (Captain of Company Team)
Liveryman Mrs Sandra Parr

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PROGRESSION TO JUNIOR WARDEN – NEW ADDITION

The Court accepted the recommendation of the Officers that the following be added to the list of those who may progress to be elected as Junior Warden:

C/A Philip R D J Morrish

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

2006	-	C/A Kenneth Marriott
2007	-	C/A Philip Morrish

Following the confirmation of electoral policy as explained earlier, there will be two names added in 2006 to ensure that there are three names on the succession list.

CLERK AND BEADLE

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

Michael Bizley was re-elected Clerk of the Company for the year 2005/2006

Stephen Andrew Marvell was re-elected Beadle to the Company for the year 2005/2006

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

Senior Past Master and Father of the Company	P/M/E John Ayres
Company Archivist (role to be defined)	H/A & P/M/E Eric Green
Golf Captain:	C/A Peter Robb
Golf Vice Captain	L/M Andy Riddle
Rep to the Court of City University:	C/A Jack D Amos
Rep to City & Guilds	L/M Mrs Judith West
Enfranchised Rep to BCC:	S/W Elect Steve Wright
Unenfranchised Rep to BCC:	J/W Elect Michael Bayless
Construction Liveries Group:	L/M John Saysell
Member LOGVEC Group	C/A John Butler
Rep to the Sustainable City Forum	J/W Elect Michael Bayless
Keeper of the Website:	C/A Philip Morrish

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

The following will serve as trustees for 2005/2006:

Alan C Vause (to October 2006) [Chairman]
Master-elect Michael J Poulter
Deputy Master-elect Paul R Michael
Senior Warden-elect Stephan J Wright
Junior Warden-elect Michael F Bayless
P/M/E Harold Whiting (to October 2006)
Almoner, L/M Tom Borland (to October 2008)
The Clerk is Secretary to the Trustees

POLICY ON AGE LIMIT FOR MASTERS

Following a decision by the Aldermanic Council that Aldermen should retire at 70 years of age, the Liveries Committee decided to follow suit by recommending that Masters of Livery Companies should not be in excess of 70 years during their year of office. Many of the older Livery Companies had a system of "Buggins Turn" with the accession to Mastership being based on seniority, which meant that many individuals did not become Master until well after this age. It was felt that this did not help the image of a modern Livery movement and actively deterred younger Liveryman progressing within their Livery Companies.

It has been, over recent years, the practice of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners to follow this recommendation. However, this has never been incorporated into our Ordinances or

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Company Customs and Procedures. Recent events have called this “policy” into question and it was, therefore, appropriate that a formal decision be made by the Court as to our future policy in respect of Age Limits for Officers of the Company.

The options the Court considered were:

1. That we formally adopt the age limit of 70 years as a policy of the Company.
2. That we formally adopt an alternative age limit e.g. 65 or 75 years as a policy of the Company.
3. That we do not set any age limit in respect of any suitable person acceding to Mastership.

The Court at its meeting in February decided to adopt recommendation 3 as policy, and this will be included in the Company’s Customs and Procedures for future reference.

ELECTORAL PROCESS FOR OFFICERS, COURT ASSISTANTS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The current process as practiced by the Company over the last 8 to 10 years is that, following the January Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee the Master, Deputy Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, the Junior Warden designate (next in line of succession) and the Clerk convene a further Meeting to discuss:

The making of recommendations to the Court for Master, Deputy Master, Senior and Junior Wardens for the ensuing year, and it has been the practice to nominate a “succession” of Court Assistants for up to 3 years prior to election as Junior Warden, and on the assumption they will progress to Master.

Also the appointment of Court Assistants - There must be not less than six and not more than twenty Assistants.

Appointments to the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Appointments to the Trustees of the Charity Trust

Appointments to the Membership Services Committee

Appointments to the Building Cleanability Awards Management Committee

Appointments to the Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot Management Committee

Appointments to the Float Committee (Lord Mayor’s Show)

Appointments to any other Committees that the Court has decided from time to time shall exist

Appointments of the other various Offices and Representatives of the Company as listed in the Members’ Handbook under ‘Other Appointments’ and as amended appropriately each year

Appointment of the Clerk in accordance with the Ordinances

Appointment of the Beadle in accordance with the Ordinances

At this meeting of the Officers both nominations by the attendees, and, by any Court Assistant or Past Master, as previously advised to the Master or Clerk, are considered. The nominations are approved and listed by the Clerk who will seek in writing from each nominee their formal agreement to their name going before the Court for the relevant office. The nominations to relevant office are then recommended by the Master, on behalf of the Officers, at the Election Court in February each year at which meeting the Court will approve or not approve these recommendations. This also included the system of having a nominated succession to Junior Warden, and, the fact that this will determine the process of election in the event of any casual vacancy occurring.

The February 2005 Court approved the electoral process as outlined above, including that of the nominated succession to Junior Warden, which shall determine the process of election in the event of any Junior Warden casual vacancy occurring, and, that it should all be included in the Company’s Customs and Procedures Document. Furthermore it was agreed that the Electoral Process should be an item on the Agenda of the November Court meeting each year in order that members of the Court may be reminded to put forward any nominations to the meeting of the Officers in January each year.

PAST MASTERS AS MEMBERS OF THE COURT

The February Court also reaffirmed that Past Masters have a right to vote at Court Meetings for four years after being Master, this to include the year as Deputy Master. Thereafter they become Past Master Emeritus, with the right to attend Court and speak, but not vote.

ADMISSION TO THE FREEDOM

The following was Admitted, in accordance with custom, to the Freedom of the Company at the Court meeting held on 21st February 2005:

Martyn Ives Vesey

Martyn is the Director General of the Cleaning & Support Services Association.

QUARTERAGE 2005/2006 - UNCHANGED

Quarterage will remain unchanged for this coming year 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006 at £140.00, with the 50% reduction continuing for lady members over 60 and men over 65 who have retired from business, and, all new Freemen and Liverymen under the age 35 for the first five years in membership of the Company.

However, the Court have asked the Clerk to research the possibilities of changing the payment method for the majority of members from Standing Order to Direct Debit. Watch this space!!

FINES 2005/2006 – SOME INCREASES

The Fines on Admission by Redemption have been increased from £500 to £650 (i.e. £325 for Freedom and £325 for Livery, both payable on admission to Freedom but to include one ticket to lunch on the occasion of Admission to the Freedom of the Company). The full list of increases is:

On Admission to Freedom	
By Patrimony	From £175 to £250
By Servitude	Nil
By Redemption	From £250 to £325

On Admission to Livery	
By Patrimony	From £250 to £325
By Servitude	From £250 to £325
By Redemption	From £250 to £325

(All, except Servitude, payable on admission to Freedom)

Apprentice Binding	From £125 to £200
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These new rates will come into immediate effect except for those candidates who have been interviewed or accepted for interview.

However, the Court did agree that the following Fines would remain unchanged having been increased last year:

On Appointment to Court of Assistants	-	£300	
On Election to the Office of:	Master	-	£500
	Senior Warden	-	£450
	Junior Warden	-	£350

FREEMAN AND LIVERY NUMBERS

The membership of the Company is currently made up as follows:

Freeman	33
Liverymen	195
Hon Freemen	8
Hon Assistants	1 (excluding those who are also Liverymen of the Company)
Apprentices	4
Total	241

LIVEABLE CITY AWARDS

On 16th February the Deputy Master attended the Mansion House, with the Senior and Junior Wardens, Court Assistant John Butler, and the Clerk, for the Corporation's Liveable City Awards. The Environmental Management Awards, which are sponsored by our Company, were presented to the

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winners UBS AG, and the runners up Barclays Bank plc. The Master, Deputy Master, the Wardens and C/A John Butler were judges of the Environmental Management entries. Some eight different categories of awards were presented that evening, several also supported by Livery Companies.

ERIC HILL MEMORIAL AWARD

The Master, at the February Election Court Luncheon in Armourers' Hall, presented Ms Kathryn Lidster who was representing Castle College, The Sheffield College, with a framed Certificate and a cheque for £500 in recognition of the College having the largest number of successful candidates in the City & Guilds Certificate 7641 - Cleaning Science, and 7642 - Cleaning Services Supervision, in 2004.

RECEPTION AT CLEANING SHOW

Room 23 on the concourse outside Halls 6 and 7 at the NEC was full late Wednesday afternoon, 2nd March, when the Company held a successful wine reception for members and potential members attending the Show. The outcome is that some half dozen candidates are being invited for interview at the end of March. Many thanks to the Master for providing the facilities.

INSTALLATION COURT, SERVICE OF REDEDICATION AND BANQUET – FRIDAY, 1ST APRIL

As previously advised, the Ceremony of Installation and the Service of Rededication will be held in St Olave's Church, Hart Street, London, EC3 on Friday, 1st April and starts at 5.00 pm. This follows the ancient traditions of the Guilds and Livery Companies of the City of London, and, members and their guests are invited. The Banquet will be held in Mansion House starting at 6.45 for 7.30 pm, and this is only about 8 minutes walk from the Church. We will be honoured with the presence of The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Michael Savory, the Lady Mayoress, Mr Alderman and Sheriff John Hughesdon, Mr Sheriff David Cobb, their Ladies and other distinguished guests. Murray Craig, who is Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, will give an entertaining response on behalf of the guests. The Banquet is an ideal occasion to entertain spouses, partners and also for Corporate hospitality.

Just in case you have forgotten to order your tickets for the Banquet, an application form is attached. Closing date is Tuesday, 15th March

COURT MEETING AND LUNCH – Monday, 16th May 2005 – at Armourers' Hall.

The Lunch that follows this meeting of the Court always proves popular, as it is the occasion when about ten Masters of other Companies are invited. They have to 'sing for their lunch' - each of them speaking for not more than four minutes about their Companies - a most interesting and fascinating insight into the Livery Companies of the City of London. Full details and application forms will be sent out nearer the date.

INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT – Wednesday, 18th May 2005.

The Company, through the good offices of Court Assistant Christopher Parr and his willing team of helpers, is once again organising this very prestigious event in the Annual Livery Calendar to be held at Holland & Holland's Ground on Wednesday, 18th May 2005. If any of you are keen shots and wish to be part of our Company team(s) please contact our Clay Pigeon Shooting Vice Captain P/M Michael O'Connor on 01892 511144 (Office) or 01892 770474 (Home), Email – Mike.OConnor@dcuk.co.uk

COMMON HALL

ELECTION OF SHERIFFS – 24TH June 2005

ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR – 29TH September 2005

Admission to Common Hall at Guildhall for the Elections will be by pass card only. It is anticipated that we shall be able to arrange a limited number of places for lunch, after both events, at Painters' Hall. Application forms will be sent out a little nearer the date of the first Common Hall. You are reminded that only Liveryman of one years standing are allowed to attend Common Hall and vote.

QUARTERAGE

For those who do not have standing orders, Quarterage of £140 for 2005/06 is due on 1st April. The Clerk would appreciate payment without reminders. **END.**

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