



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

May – June 2005.

Common Hall – Election of Sheriffs – Friday, 24th June 2005.

This will take place at Guildhall on Friday, 24th June, with Liverymen of one year's standing able to attend, subject to advising the Clerk, who will issue the necessary pass. Those attending may be able to partake of lunch at Painters' Hall subject to advising the Clerk soonest and payment of £41.00 per person.

The candidates are Mr Alderman John B Stuttard MA who was elected Alderman of the Ward of Lime Street in 2001 and serves on the Courts of the Glaziers' and Chartered Accountants' Companies. He is the sponsoring Alderman and Court Assistant of the Guild of Educators. He was articled in 1967 to Cooper Brothers (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers) in the City, becoming a partner in 1975. He is married to Lesley and they have two sons. She is a Liveryman of the Gardeners' Company. They live at Totteridge Common, N20.

Mr Kevin D N Kearney was Master of Pewterers' Company in 2002/03, having been Admitted in 1965, and joining the Court in 1988. His wife Mary is a 4th generation Pewterer and Liveryman. He was an equity partner and senior partner in Kilburn and Strode, Chartered Patent Agents until retirement in 2001. They live in Chobham, Surrey.

Company Luncheon – Monday, 11th July 2005.

This July the Master has chosen Tallow Chandlers' Hall, 4 Dowgate Hill, EC4 (near Cannon Street Station) for the Court meeting and Company Luncheon. Tallow Chandlers' Hall is set deep in historic London. It sits on the buried walls of the Roman Governor's Palace, and is but a stone's throw from the London Stone, ancient heart of London. The Tallow Chandlers originally moved into a Dowgate Hill property in July 1476. They bought what was probably a merchant's house from Dame Margaret Alley for £166 13s 4d. However, it was burnt down during the Great Fire of London in September 1666. Two large beams of the predecessor medieval hall that survived the Great Fire remain in the cellars under the present Beadle's office. Today's Hall dates from 1672. Designed (it is believed) by the Company's Surveyor, Captain John Caines under the guidance of the Surveyor and polymath Robert Hooke. Construction and decoration work continued until about 1677. Much refurbishment work has been carried out since then. Over the years, the original musicians' gallery has been sadly lost. Bomb damage in World War II also necessitated repair and rebuilding of parts of the Main Hall. However, the basic size, shape and layout of the Hall has changed little since 1672. It is now one of the most well preserved - and certainly among the most popular - of the London livery halls.

It is also an opportunity to launch and promote the 2005-2006 Building Cleanability Awards and we expect a number of the sponsors and supporters of this prestigious programme to be present.

An application form is enclosed with these Tidings for those not on emails, which should be returned by not later than Tuesday, 28th June.

VE/VJ Day – Thames Pleasure Cruise – Sunday, 10th July 2005.

This purely social event is a cruise on the River Thames aboard the ‘Salient’ one of Crown River Cruises fleet of vessels leaving St Catherine’s Pier (by Tower Thistle Hotel) at 1.00 pm and returning around 4.00 pm. A buffet lunch, dancing to a Jazz band and a licensed cash bar are all included in the price of £39.00 each. Family and friends are invited and there is no lower age limit although unfortunately there is no price concession for children. The event is being organised by the Membership Services Committee.

Full details and an application form are enclosed for those not on emails, and this should be returned to the Clerk by not later than Friday, 24th June.

Company Golfing Society Day – Wednesday, 14th September 2005.

This year the Company Golfing Society Day will take place at Pyrford Golf Club in Surrey and the format will be coffee and bacon rolls on arrival at 9.00 am, a 18 hole individual Stapleford, a light snack lunch, followed by 9 hole Greensomes. Presentations will take place around 6.30 with a three-course meal. The cost is £90 for members and £95 for guests. Application form is enclosed for those not on emails, which should be returned with payment to the Captain, Court Assistant Peter Robb as soon as possible – cheques made payable to WCEC.

As ever, all our celebrated trophies will be there to be won and the Captain asks all winners from last year to ensure the trophies are engraved, cleaned and returned by not later than on the day.

RAMC Awards Luncheon – Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Hampshire – Monday, 19th September 2005.

Having held this event in City Livery Halls for the past couple of years, the Master has agreed that we should re-visit Keogh Barracks – a venue we last used for these presentations in September 2000. Your Clerk is in early discussion with the RAMC about arrangements, which will be published a little nearer the time together with the appropriate application form. You can expect the RAMC to put on a good show with displays and a museum visit so the Master will be pleased for you to put the date in your diaries now and anticipate getting there for an 11.00 am start. Maps will be provided for those travelling by road – it’s about an hour and quarters drive from central London and is about 5 minutes from Junction 4 of the M3. Trains to Ash Vale run half hourly from Waterloo and take about 40 minutes.

NEW MASTER AND WARDENS INSTALLED

Michael John Poulter was installed as Master at St Olave’s Church on Friday, 1st April 2005 in front of large congregation of Court Assistants, Liverymen, Freemen and guests, which included his wife Jean and a coach full of his family. Many personal and industry friends also supported Michael.

Paul Michael was installed as Deputy Master; Stephen J Wright as Senior Warden; and Michael F Bayless as Junior Warden. Our Honorary Chaplain, Reverend John Cowling conducted the Service of Rededication.

The Master, Wardens and their Ladies received some 260 people at the Mansion House for the Installation Banquet. The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Michael Savoury and the Lady Mayoress were in attendance together with Mr Alderman & Sheriff John Hughesdon and Mrs Hughesdon, and Mr Sheriff David Cobb and Mrs Cobb.

Junior Warden Michael Bayless proposed the Civic Toast (to the Lord Mayor, Corporation of London and the Sheriffs) and The Lord Mayor responded. The Master proposed the toast to the Guests, and Mr Murray Craig, Clerk to the Chamberlain’s Court, City of London, responded most entertainingly and proposed the toast to the Company. Mr Craig was accompanied by his wife Mrs Tracey Craig. Past Master Emeritus and Father of the Company, John Ayres proposed the toast to the Founder.

Other guests included, the Immediate Past Chief Commoner, Mrs Deputy Joyce Nash OBE and Common Councillor Bob Duffield; Deputy John Barker, Chair of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee; Major General Louis Lillywhite MBE, QHS, L/RAMC, Director General Army Medical Services and Mrs Jean Lillywhite; Brigadier John Graham L/RAMC, Director Medical Policy, Defence Medical Services, and Mrs Heather Graham; Mr Greville Cater, Master of the Poulterers' Company; Mrs Diana Uff, Master of the Clockmakers' Company and Professor John Uff; Honorary Freeman Martin Chapman upon his retirement as Honorary Assistant Clerk, and Mrs Veronica Chapman.

NEW MEMBERS EVENING

The Membership Services Committee organised an excellent evening for both new and existing members at Armourers' Hall on Monday, 18th April and some 60 people attended. The Junior Warden welcomed two speakers, firstly Mr Neil Morley, a Blue Badge Guide, who gave an entertaining illustrated presentation on the some of the sites and views of the City of London. This was followed by a most informative talk about the Livery movement by Deputy Pauline Halliday. Pauline is Deputy for the Walbrook Ward in the City having been first elected in 1992. She was the first Lady Clerk of a Livery Company and is currently Middle Warden of the Farriers' Company. Her husband Mr Peter Halliday who is a Past Master of the Fruiterers' Company accompanied Mrs Halliday. The Master thanked the speakers and the committee and a hot fork supper was enjoyed with drinks sponsored by the Junior Warden.

VISITING MASTERS' LUNCHEON

This was held at Armourers' Hall on Monday, 16th May following a meeting of the Court that morning when nine new Freemen were Admitted and two Freemen 'clothed in livery'. There was a 'full house' of some 80 diners and the Master welcomed the following nine Masters of other Livery Companies:

Name	Order of Precedence
Curriers' Company	29
Tylers' & Bricklayers' Company	37
Woolmen's Company	43
Turners' Company	51
Basketmakers' Company (Prime Warden)	52
Glovers' Company	62
Company of Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers	72
Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators	81
Management Consultants' Company	105
Tax Advisors' Company	107

The Clerks of Curriers' and Turners' Company were also present.

Each Master gave a brief resume of his Company having been allowed four minutes to do so. The Clerk did come close to gavelling one or two Masters for extending their time limit but the process of moving his chair in readiness to do so seemed to have reminded them just in time!

INTER-LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Once again the Company, for the eleventh year in succession, has delivered one the largest inter-livery events on the calendar. As always Court Assistant Chris Parr ably assisted by his wife Liveryman Sandra Parr organised this event at Holland and Holland's shooting grounds in North London with over 60 teams from Livery Companies participating and nearly 400 people sitting down in the marquee to the hog roast lunch. The Master was in attendance and assisted with the presentation of the prizes.

KNEELERS AT ST OLAVE'S

There are now 38 completed Environmental Cleaners' Company kneelers in our Chaplaincy Church so we are getting close to the intended 50. This has cost some £3,900 to date so we should come well within the £5,000 target.

HONORARY CHAPLAIN IS AN HONORARY FREEMAN

It was the Master's pleasure to Admit the Reverend John Cowling as an Honorary Freeman of the Company at the May Court in recognition of his many years of service as Honorary Chaplain. John, who retired as Rector of St Olave's in February and moved near to Romney Marsh in Kent, has kindly agreed to stay on as our Honorary Chaplain until such time as a new Rector is installed at the Church.

MEMBERS HANDBOOK 2005-2006 AND REVIEW 2004-2005

The amended copy for the handbook has just gone to the printers so will despatch to you under separate cover in the next few weeks. There has been a slight delay this year as we have changed printers to save some considerable costs. The Review is also with the printers and will be distributed at the same time as the handbook. We are grateful to the Deputy Master for his guidance in these matters.

NEW FREEMEN

The following were Admitted to the Freedom of the Company at the May Court:

Matthew Richard Glover G Burtinshaw
Duncan John Percy
Killian Slattery
Warwick Stephenson
Jamie Alexander Wright

John Joseph Doyle
Martin James Scott-Fairweather
Mark David Smith
David Samuel Troth

NEW LIVERYMEN

The following were 'Clothed in Livery' at the May Court:

Brigitte Paula August Maria Garner
Martyn Ives Vesey

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR QUARTERAGE FOR 2005-2006?

Many of you kindly assist the Clerk by paying annual Quarterage by standing order and this is much appreciated – it saves so much administrative time. However for those of you who do not do this may I please ask, if you have not already done so, to send in your cheque for £140, or £70 for those Gentlemen of 65 years and Ladies of 60 years and retired from business, and those under 35 years of age. I will also be shortly chasing up a few who have still to pay for last year!

NEW COMPANY WEBSITE

Any day now, Assistant Philip Morrish who is the keeper of the Company Website will upload a newly designed website for the Company. There may be just a few gaps that will be completed in the coming weeks when up-dated information comes to hand. Have a look – the address is:

www.environmental-cleaners.com

DO YOU HAVE ANY MATERIAL OR INFORMATION WORTHY OF ARCHIVING

The Company has appointed PME & HA Eric Green as Archivist and he will be pleased to hear from anybody, especially the members of some years standing, who feel they may have material, information or stories worthy of archiving. The Clerk has much information in storage boxes and on computer. However, the formal archiving is a new venture and will take some little time to organise, but your responses, either to Eric or the Clerk, will be most welcome - at any time.