



# Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

**January – February 2004.**

## **DIARY FOR 2004**

I attach a copy of the calendar of events for the forthcoming 12 months through to April 2005 as the final page of these Tidings. You are specifically asked to note the dates in your diary and await full details, which will be circulated nearer to each event.

## **WELCOME TO NEW LIVERYMEN**

The following were 'Clothed in Livery' at the November 2003 Court meeting:

John Allen  
Laurence John Allen  
Peter David Ager  
Graham John Jones  
Christopher Paul Luxton  
Duncan Raymond Major  
Gordon Robert McVean

## **THE LORD MAYOR – OUR HONORARY FREEMAN ALDERMAN ROBERT FINCH - HIS INSTALLATION AND THE SHOW 2003**

On Friday afternoon, 7<sup>th</sup> November, The Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Past Master Tony Ellison, Court Assistant Michael Bayless, and the Clerk, together with their Ladies, attended the 'Silent Ceremony' in the Great Hall of Guildhall in seats especially reserved for them providing an excellent view of the proceedings. This is a very ancient ceremony, when the new Lord Mayor is 'sworn in'. The only words spoken are by the Lord Mayor when he takes the oath, the rest of the ceremony being totally silent.

That evening they all went to a Church Service in St Peter ad Vincula in the Tower of London, which the Lord Mayor attended, when the Dean of the Chapels Royal (the Bishop of London) gave a most interesting address.

On Saturday morning, everybody was up early in order to be at the Art Gallery of Guildhall for the Presentation Ceremony. The Master, escorted by the Senior and Junior Wardens, Past Masters Tony Ellison and Mike O'Connor, and the Clerk, presented the Lord Mayor with a beautiful framed Illuminated Scroll. Some 15 other presentations were made by other Livery Companies, as well as the Guilds of Zurich. The Ladies were also able to be present to watch the ceremony, and everybody took breakfast with the Lord Mayor in the Crypt.

A little later that morning, tens of thousands of people, some say there was some half a million, lined the streets of the City to cheer the new Lord Mayor in his horse drawn Golden State Coach, bringing up the rear of a procession that was reputed to be the largest ever, being some three miles long! The Company was privileged to have a very special Float in the Show based on a theme of 'Cleaning through the Ages'. The decorated lorry, which included a very much-enlarged version of a specially commissioned painting by Mick Dean, a graduate of the City of London Art School, depicting scenes of London, was accompanied by young dancers

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from the Greenwich School of Dancing in appropriate costumes. A couple of 'ride on' sweepers/scrubber dryers followed the float.

In addition the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Clerk, dressed in Gowns and Tudor Bonnets processed in a horse and carriage – a very special privilege – complete with 'woolly wonders' to wave to the crowds. At the Royal Courts of Justice they were allowed to watch the Lord Mayor take the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown, before the Lord Chief Justice and take a glass of champagne and canopies! After the Show, they, together with their Ladies, who had watched the Show from the special balcony at Mansion House, took lunch in Egyptian Hall with the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, Sheriffs and the civic party. All in all a very memorable day!

On Monday evening, 10th November, The Master and his Lady were guests at the Lord Mayor's Banquet in Guildhall, an event they both thoroughly enjoyed and will long remember.

The Company is especially grateful to several individual Liverymen and the following Corporate Sponsors, which enabled us to enter the Float:

Kimberley Clark Professional  
Truvox International Ltd  
MacLellan International Ltd  
Turret RAI Ltd  
Technical Concepts International Ltd

Some 90 members of the Company, their family, friends, and representatives of the sponsors, watched the Lord Mayor's Show from the Grandstand at St Paul's Cathedral.

## **THE STORY BEHIND THE SHOW**

It didn't start off this big but over 800 years the Lord Mayor's Show has grown in size and stature.

The first procession took place in 1215 and its roots lie with King John and the oath of allegiance. Recognising the importance of the City, the King granted the people the right to choose their own Lord Mayor. However the person chosen still had to appear before him for royal approval and to swear loyalty to the Crown. In practice this involved the Lord Mayor and his supporters travelling from the City to the Palace of Westminster to swear the oath of allegiance.

Since that time, the scope of the Show has changed considerably. Even though the oath of allegiance is still sworn (although these days it is done at the Royal Courts of Justice), today the Show is as much a celebration of the City's energy, diversity and unique nature. Alongside the more traditional and historic elements including the Lord Mayor's Coach and the Pikemen are floats representing the City's neighbouring communities, arts organisations, businesses and other organisations that keep the City running.

It is now the largest such show in the world. In 2003 it was 3.2 miles in length and 6,500 people took part, some 2,000 of them were military servicemen. There were 21 marching bands and 23 carriages – in Her Majesty's Jubilee procession there were only 9 carriages! It was probably the noisiest show ever. Much of the noise was made by the Letzi Zumpf Meister and the 891 people that he brought with him from Zurich to help celebrate. They even borrowed 40 horses from the Household Cavalry. Joining the 26 Guilds of Zurich and the 103 Livery Companies of the City of London was a way to show the shared civic traditions between the two countries and that run throughout the modern world.

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## FEBRUARY COURT LUNCHEON – MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2004

Applications from Freemen and Liverymen are invited to attend this luncheon, which follows the Election Court, when the Master and Wardens for the ensuing year are elected. It will be held as usual at Wax Chandlers' Hall, 6 Gresham Street, London EC2. Reception is at 12.30 for lunch at 1.00 p.m.

***Applications should be made on the attached form and returned to the Clerk as soon as possible, complete with payment, by not later than Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February.***

### AWARDS MADE AT LADIES' BANQUET.

Nearly 200 people attending the Ladies' Banquet at Merchant Taylor's Hall on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November saw the Master make presentations of awards to the following:

**Environmental Cleaners' Post Graduate Medical Officers' General Practice Prize to Captain Lucie Baker RAMC.** Lucie received a medal and purse (cheque for £500) as the member of the RAMC who performed best in the general practice examination for newly commissioned medical officers. The medal is in a presentation case and bears the Company's Coat of Arms on the front with the RAMC's badge on the obverse. The medals were designed and made for us by Garrard's the Crown Jewellers.

**Territorial Army Award for Excellence in the field of Environmental Health to Major Stewart Henry RAMC.** Stewart had just returned from Iraq having spent some six months in theatre. He received a medal similar to that received by Captain Lucie Baker and a purse (cheque for £350).

**Eric Hill Memorial Award to Sheffield College.** Roger Harrison received a certificate and cheque for £500 on behalf of the College, which had achieved the highest number of successful candidates in the City & Guilds examinations for Cleaning Science and Cleaning Services Supervision.

**Gunmakers' Company Trophy for Top Gun at Inter Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot to Liveryman Chris Lawrence.** Chris has been 'top gun' for the past five years. Is there anybody out there who can beat this man?!

### COMPANY'S SCHOOLS AWARDS

The Trustees of the Charity Fund have once more provided £200 to each of the following schools for students' annual book prizes. The prizes are normally awarded to students for special work connected with the environment.

City of London School (for boys)  
City of London School for Girls  
City of London Freemen's School

It is anticipated that the Master will attend the various prizegivings.

### NEW BURSARY FOR GIRLS' SCHOOL

The Trustees of the Charity Fund have agreed to provide The City of London School for Girls with a bursary equivalent to a term's fees (approximately £3,200) every year for four years, commencing in September 2004. This will enable the School to receive matched funding from the Corporation of London to support all new donations for bursary places.

## **CORPORATION OF LONDON CLEAN CITY AWARDS – SWEEPER OF THE YEAR**

The Master and Clerk attended Guildhall on 16<sup>th</sup> January for what is fast becoming a prestigious annual awards ceremony. The Corporation are especially delighted that for the second year our Company has sponsored two awards and the Master presented:

John Lindsay with a certificate and cheque for £250 as the Outstanding Sweeper of the Year, and  
Bernard Jackson with a certificate for being 'Highly Commended'.

Both of them regularly keep the streets of the City clean and work for the Corporation's contactors, MRS.

## **KNEELERS FOR ST OLAVE'S CHURCH – DO YOU KNOW A 'STICHER' WHO CAN MAKE ONE?**

In the summer of last year I advised you of the Court's request for contributions towards a special fund to have new kneelers made for our Chaplaincy Church. Many of you kindly donated the £75.00 we asked for - in fact a few of you were generous enough to contribute £150. The Clay Pigeon Shoot contributed £500 from the profits of the May 2003 shoot. The raffle at the Ladies Banquet made £1,762. In total we need some £5,000 for the production of the 50 kneelers. To those of you who have been meaning to contribute but it has slipped your mind, cheques are still welcome, made out to WCEC Charity Account.

We have, with a great deal of help from Mrs Alison Saunders of the Clothworkers' Company, arranged for the Royal School of Needlework to design the templates and have completed tapestry kits produced. Mrs Saunders is kindly organising some 40 volunteer 'stichers' around the country to make up the kneeler tapestries ready for stuffing and final putting together.

It would be very helpful if you personally could make one, or can find some volunteers to make up a kit on behalf of the Company. To set the ball rolling, the Clerk has two lady volunteers – who else will join in and have the satisfaction of producing a kneeler tapestry that may well still be in St Olave's in 50 years time?

### ***Please contact the Clerk with details of the volunteer stichers and he will arrange for the tapestry kits to be sent to them.*** **NEW ALMONER DESIGNATE AND TRUSTEE**

In the June-July issue of the Clerk's Tidings last year I reported that Mrs Doreen Heyes was not very well and may soon have to retire from the post of Almoner, which she has held since 1976. Well Doreen has not yet retired, but we have appointed an Almoner Designate who has taken over many of her duties. Liveryman Tom Borland was kind enough to let his name go before the Court for approval in July and he attended his first Trustees meeting in October. Tom has since taken care of all of the Christmas tidings and gifts, and visited two senior citizens clubs in London that we have previously supported and as a result of his report will do so again. He is also keeping a kindly watch on members of the livery who may be ill. If you know of anybody you feel that Tom may be able to assist please advise him – his contact telephone number is 01908 271071.

## **INSTALLATION, SERVICE OF REDEDICATION, AND BANQUET – THE PREMIER EVENT – BOOK DATE NOW**

The Installation ceremony and Service of Rededication will take place in St Olave's Church, Hart Street, EC3 starting at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004. The Banquet will follow, and will be held in Mansion House at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. This is the Company's premier event of the year, when all Liverymen and Freemen are expected to attend (such summons being agreed when one is Admitted as a Freeman and Liveryman of the Company), and to which they may of course bring guests. Application forms will be circulated to everyone after the Election Court in February. You may wish to start extending invitations to partners, family,

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friends, colleagues and clients now? The Clerk is hopeful that ticket prices will be about the same as last year.

## **BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS 2004 – BOOK THE DATE NOW**

I am advised that entries for this year's awards are some 50% up on 2002. The judges will have a big task to carry out their inspections across the country, including several in Scotland. The awards ceremony will be held in Guildhall on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July together with a luncheon and we expect a very full representative attendance from our Livery and from the industry and their client building representatives. It is anticipated that the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will be present accompanied by one of the Sheriffs and his Lady, and the Sword Bearer. Make a special note in your diary now for what looks to be another very special event for the Company. Our thanks go to the Committee chaired by Court Assistant Steve Wright, with a special thanks to the Awards Director Liveryman Richard Chisnell and the several judges, whose names will remain confidential for the time being.

## **MASTER VISITS OTHER COMPANIES**

The Master has been a guest at the following Companies over recent months, often accompanied by the Clerk ©:

Information Technologists' Company ©	Chartered Architects' Company
Chartered Surveyors' Company	Ironmongers' Company ©
Solicitors' Company ©	Weavers' Company ©
Distillers' Company	Lightmongers' Company ©
Innholders' Company ©	Launderers' Company
Wax Chandlers' Company ©	Painter-Strainers' Company Art Exhibition
Modern Liveries Company (with Senior Warden)	Mansion House (Masters' & Clerks' meeting) ©

## **DOES THE CLERK KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

This time last year I was able to communicate with some 90 members by email and asked you to help with more email addresses. Your kind responses helped me get this up to around 140. However, it would be extremely helpful if I were able to communicate with the majority of you by this medium. So if you have received these Tidings by Royal Mail, and you have an email address, please let me know by simply sending me an email at:

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## **UP-DATED WEBSITE**

May I recommend you take a look at the Company's newly up-dated Website at [www.environmental-cleaners.com](http://www.environmental-cleaners.com)

I'm sure you would wish me to thank Court Assistant Philip Morrish for his excellent work as our 'Keeper of the Website'. If you find any items that you feel might be corrected, or improved, I'm sure Philip will be pleased to hear from you. His contact details are: [phillipmorrish@jeffam.com](mailto:phillipmorrish@jeffam.com); or telephone 0207 836 9957

## **MEMBERS' BOOKLET UP-DATE**

This is published and distributed to every member each year. It provides essential information about the Company, its events, and more particularly the contact details of every member.

***The Clerk wishes to ensure that the 2004-2005 contact details are accurate. Please would you assist by checking the current edition in your possession and if you find your personal contact details inaccurate in any way advise me by completing the attached form and returning it by not later than Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2004. Remember to include your email address too!***

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
15 Jan 04	Charity and F&GP Committees	Wax Chandlers' Hall
15 Jan	Officers' Meeting & Dinner	Le Beaujolais, 25 Litchfield St
16 Jan	Corporation of London 'Clean City Awards' to present an award to the 'Sweeper of the Year'	Master & Clerk to attend Guildhall
22 Jan	New Members Induction & Social Evening	Tallow Chandlers' Hall
16 Feb	Election Court & Company Luncheon	Wax Chandlers' Hall
18 Feb	Corporation of London Liveable City Awards – We present the Environmental Management Award	Master & Clerk to attend Mansion House
1 Mar	Inter-Livery Bridge Competition	Drapers Hall
26 Mar	United Guilds Service & Lunch	St Paul's Cathedral & Stationers Hall for lunch
1 April	Charity & F&GP Committees	Wax Chandlers' Hall
16 April	Installation and Banquet	St Olave's Church and Mansion House for Banquet
17 May	Court Meeting and Visiting Masters' Luncheon	Wax Chandlers' Hall
19 May	Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot	Holland & Holland Ground
17 Jun	Charity & F&GP Committees	Wax Chandlers' Hall
24 June	Common Hall & Election of Sheriffs & Lunch	Guildhall & Painters' Hall for lunch
12 July	Court Meeting and Building Cleanability Awards Lunch in presence of Lord Mayor	Wax Chandlers' Hall and Guildhall for Awards Lunch
17 Sept	WCEC Golf Day	Oxfordshire Course, Thame
20 Sept	RAMC Awards and Company Lunch	Livery Hall to be chosen
29 Sept	Common Hall & Election of Lord Mayor & lunch	Guildhall & Painters' Hall for lunch
21 Oct	Charities & F&GP Committees	Wax Chandlers' Hall
8 Nov	Court Meeting and Company Luncheon	Wax Chandlers' Hall
13 Nov	Lord Mayor's Show	Grandstand at St Paul's & Lunch at Stationers' Hall
26 Nov	Ladies' Banquet	Drapers' Hall
January 05	Corporation of London Clean City Awards – we present the 'Sweeper of the Year' Award	Master & Clerk to attend Guildhall
20 Jan 05	Charity & F&GP Committees	Wax Chandlers' Hall
20 Jan 05	Officers' Meeting & Dinner	Venue to be confirmed
February 05	Corporation of London Liveable City Awards – the Environmental Management Award	Master & Clerk to attend Mansion House
21 Feb 05	Election Court & Company Lunch	Wax Chandlers' Hall
1 to 3 March 05	The Cleaning Show	NEC Birmingham
25 Mar 05 (tbc)	United Guilds Service	St Paul's Cathedral
31 Mar 05	Charity & F&GP Committees	Wax Chandlers' Hall
17 or 24 April 05 (tbc)	Installation and Banquet	St Olave's Church and Mansion House for Banquet