



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

April/May 2003.

NEW MASTER AND WARDENS INSTALLED

John (Jack) Rodgers Broadley was installed as Master at St Olave's Church on Tuesday, 15th April 2003 in front of a large congregation of Liverymen, Freemen and guests, which included his wife Carol and several of his family, some coming down from Scotland for this special occasion. He was also supported by friends from the Chobham area, and from within the industry.

Edward Daniell was installed as Deputy Master; Paul R Michael as Senior Warden; and Michael J Poulter as Junior Warden. Our Honorary Chaplain, Reverend John Cowling conducted the Service of Rededication.

Two Pipers from the Essex Caledonian Pipe Band welcomed guests on arrival at the Mansion House – a nice touch from our first Scottish Master.

The Master, Wardens and their Ladies received some 240 people at the Mansion House for the Installation Banquet. As the Lord Mayor was abroad for a three-week tour of the Far East and in Australia, we were delighted to have Sir Alexander Graham (Lord Mayor in 1990) as Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, who was accompanied by his wife Lady Carolyn. Mr Alderman and Sheriff David Brewer was also in attendance. Junior Warden, Michael Poulter proposed the toast to the Lord Mayor, Corporation of London and Sheriffs and Sir Alexander responded. The toast to the Guests was proposed by the Master, and Major General David Jolliffe, Director General of the Army Medical Services responded and proposed the toast the Company. Past Master Emeritus and Honorary Assistant Eric Green proposed the toast to the Founder. Other guests included the Master Wax Chandler and Master Launderer with their ladies, Colonel Jonathan Leach of the RAMC and his wife Susan, Deputy John Barker, Chairman of the Corporation's Port, Health and Environmental Services Committee, and Roger Watson Director of Environmental Services at the Corporation. Our Honorary Freeman, the Senior Alderman before the Chair, Robert Finch with his wife Patricia also attended.

ELECTION OF SHERIFFS – NOTE A REVISED DATE

Please be advised that the Election of Sheriffs will take place at Guildhall on Tuesday 24th June 2003, **not** 23rd June as reported in the last Clerk's Tidings. The Clerk will assume that those who responded for the 23rd date still wish to attend on the 24th unless he is advised to the contrary. Passes and applications for lunch will be issued in due course.

UNITED GUILDS SERVICE

The Master (Edward Daniell), Deputy Master (Michael O'Connor), the Clerk and eight members of the Company attended St Paul's Cathedral on 28th March for the Annual United Guilds Service. Over 2,000 members of the Livery, including many of their ladies, were in attendance to watch the robed procession of the Officers of the Corporation, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Lord Mayor together with the Clergy which included the Bishop of London. The Bishop of Sheffield gave the address. Afterwards we lunched at Painters' Hall.

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MAY COURT AND MASTERS' LUNCH – 19th May

The Court will meet on Monday, 19th May at Wax Chandlers' Hall, when it is expected that a number of new Freemen will be Admitted, and a few Freemen 'Clothed in Livery'. Three new Assistants will also be admitted to the Court. At the Luncheon following, the Master will host nine Masters of other Livery Companies, who will, as is customary at this lunch, each speak for about four minutes about their own Company. Closing date for applications, the information sheet and application form are attached to these Tidings, is Wednesday 14th May. As this is a popular lunch, early application is advised to secure a seat.

JULY COURT AND LUNCH – 21st July – a special venue!

This year we are holding the July Court and Lunch at Ironmongers' Hall, Barbican, EC2. This creates a wonderful opportunity to visit one of the Great Twelve Companies' Halls, as to the Clerk's knowledge our Company has never held a function there before. If you know better, please advise him! We have the full use of their Court Room, Drawing Room and Banqueting Hall, so we are not restricted for numbers attending the Luncheon. The Master is looking for an excellent response, and please bring guests, who may never have another opportunity to see inside one of the beautiful Livery Halls of London. Application Forms will be issued nearer the time, but do put the date in your diary, and start asking your guests now.

GOLF DAY – 18th September

It is being held this year at the Oxfordshire Course, Thame. Full details and application forms were included with the last Clerk's Tidings. However, the day will include:

Coffee and Bacon Rolls on arrival
18 Hole individual Stableford Competition
3 Course Early Evening Meal
Optional 9 Hole Afternoon Competition
Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive
Putting Competition

As ever, all our celebrated trophies will be there to be won, and Peter asks all winners from last year to ensure trophies are engraved, cleaned and returned!

This year's prices are £90.00 per member and £95.00 per guest. Only a certain number of places are available so if you have not yet applied please do so soon. If you have any questions, do get in touch with our Golf Captain, Assistant Peter Robb, on 020 7628 5456 or Email: GreencrestSales@aol.com

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO RAMC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CADRE AND ANNUAL LUNCHEON – 22ND September – another new venue!

Look out for detailed information in due course, but do put the date in your diary for this special annual event. Instead of going to Camberley this year, we are entertaining the RAMC at Barber Surgeons' Hall, 1 Monkwell Square, Wood Street, EC2. A most appropriate venue, you must agree!

NEW MEMBERS' BOOKLET

This is with the printers and the Clerk anticipates being able to distribute this before the end of May. Thank you for responding to the Clerk's earlier request for up-dates of your personal information. What with these, and a few additions to the Booklet, the Clerk had some 300 amendments to make. Lets hope all is correct!

MASTER'S VISITS

During the latter part of his year in the Chair, Edward Daniell accepted, amongst others, invitations to represent our Company at:
The Solicitors Company Livery Dinner at Drapers Hall (with the Clerk)
The Painter-Stainers' Company Ladies' Banquet at Painters' Hall
RAMC Ladies' Night at AMS Officers' Mess, Camberley
The Launderers' Company Court Diner at Pewterers' Hall
The Official Launch of Livery News at Painters' Hall
The Marketors' Company Spring Luncheon at Barber Surgeons' Hall (with the Clerk)
The Mansion House with Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, who hosted a dinner for Master and Prime Wardens of Livery Companies and their ladies. Speaking to a very full house, the Lord Mayor referred to the dual demands of his role, both civic and international. In addition to his visits abroad (some 80 days in the year), he attends approximately 30 meetings each week, dealing with a wide range of civic affairs including transport, the Olympics and business issues, as well as entertaining business representatives from a variety of sectors and many different countries. He also discussed the important role that the Livery plays in today's City.

Invitations for the new Master are already arriving, his first visit being to the Wax Chandlers' Company for dinner on 14th May, with the Clerk.

CITY OF LONDON BRIEFINGS – for Freemen and Liverymen

City of London Briefings are particularly aimed at new Freemen and Liverymen, but wives/husbands/partners are also very welcome. They provide a short introduction to the work of the Corporation, especially the relationship with the Livery Companies. There is the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and the Briefing is followed by a light finger buffet providing the chance to mix with other Freemen and Liverymen. Although those approaching the Chair of a Company should ideally go on the City Management Course, it has been suggested that as a minimum requirement Court Assistants should have attended a Briefing as well.

The dates and venues for this year's City of London Briefings are:

Monday, 2 nd June	-	Old Library, Guildhall
Tuesday, 1 st July	-	Old Library, Guildhall
Wednesday, 15 th October	-	Innholders' Hall
Friday, 28 th November	-	Old Library, Guildhall
Wednesday, 18 th February 2004	-	Old Library, Guildhall

The format for the evening will be:

5.00 pm	-	Registration (tea and coffee will be served)
5.30 pm	-	Welcome and introduction
5.40 pm	-	Video presentation
5.55 pm	-	Interval
6.10 pm	-	Second part of video presentation
6.25 pm	-	Question and answer session
7.00 pm	-	Light finger buffet
8.00 pm	-	Departure

Application for places on the Briefing is recommended and should be made in the first instance to our Clerk, with a 1st choice and 2nd choice of dates. The Clerk will then make application to the Livery Courses Administrator.

LIVERY PROFILE

As a result of gathering and analysing information from all Livery Companies in the form of a questionnaire late last year by the Mercers' Company, some key facts about the 103 City of London Livery Companies are:

Total number of freemen and liverymen.....**40,741**
How many Livery Companies admit women.....**96**
How many Livery Companies have their own Halls.....**41**
How many Livery Companies maintain an active present day trade link.....**85**
How many units in the armed forces are actively supported by Livery Companies.....**171**
How many churches are actively supported by Livery Companies.....**61**
What was the total charitable giving by Livery Companies in 2001.....**£42.8 million**

Yes, Livery Companies did give £42.8 million in 2001. More detailed information about the *Livery Profile* can be found on the Mercers' Website at www.mercers.co.uk

CORPORATION OF LONDON – NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Corporation has successfully promoted legislation in Parliament to improve the existing electoral arrangements and make them more representative of the area, which it serves. Under the new arrangements, the voting entitlement of residents will be unchanged but, in addition, a wide range of organisations will be entitled to appoint individuals to vote upon a sliding scale. A limited number of non-resident voters will lose their voting entitlements as a result of these changes but the net result of the reforms is a significant increase in the potential electorate, which will inevitably become more representative. The Corporation has given undertakings to Parliament that it will adjust the boundaries of the four residential wards to preserve the residential character; review the number of members which the residential wards return; review the boundaries of the remaining wards and the number of Members which each returns to ensure that there is a more balanced distribution of electors and Members.

Did you know that the impact of the new voting arrangements on the 25 Wards, are 5,796 Resident Voters and 26,655 Non-resident Voters, making a total electorate of 32,451. 110 Common Councillors would represent them, currently, but this may be cut to 100. The smallest Ward Electorate will be Vintry, with 445 (15 residential and 430 non-residential). The Ward of our Honorary Alderman, Robert Finch, Coleman Street, will have 23 residential and 1,811 non-residential. Full details of the proposals produced by the Review Panel are available at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/votong. For those interested in London, you will find this fascinating.

All interested parties have until 27th May to make their views known on proposals in writing to the Town Clerk PO Box 270, London, EC2P 2EJ.

TOWER WARD ALDERMANIC ELECTION

The election for the Alderman for the Tower Ward, vacant since the death of our Honorary Assistant Sir Roger Cork, was held on 3rd April. The results were: Stephen Leslie Barter – 18 votes; Richard Cawton Cunis – 16 votes; John George Stewart Scott – 15 votes; Hugh Richard Walduck – 24 votes. The successful candidate, Mr Walduck is a hotel director and farmer.

ALDERMANIC APPRAISAL PROCESS – Changes to how candidates for the Aldermanic Sheriff and Lord Mayor are selected.

The Court of Aldermen has agreed to make changes to the manner in which each year they choose the following:

- an Alderman they will support as a candidate in the Shrieval election; and
- an Alderman they will select as Lord Mayor if his/her name is one of the two returned by the Livery in Common Hall

Until now, the procedure has been to consider the next eligible Alderman in order of seniority, that is, based on the length of service, and to accept or reject this candidate for support, in the case of Shrievalty, or election, in the case of the Mayoralty.

The procedure has developed over recent years. In 1998, the Court of Aldermen:

- gave up their right to veto the appointment of an Aldermanic candidate elected in a ward;
- withdrew the requirement that an Alderman give an undertaking to resign if rejected for support for either the Shrievalty election or election for the Mayoralty; and
- agreed that Aldermen must stand for re-election not less than once every six years.

At the same time, an Act of Common Council was passed that confirmed the right of the Court of Aldermen to adjust the order of seniority, and hence the order in which Aldermen were considered for the Shrievalty and Mayoralty.

In the light of these changes and experience gained in their operation, the Court of Aldermen has now agreed to adopt a more flexible approach whereby, rather than merely accepting or rejecting the next single candidate in order of seniority, they will select the most suitable person from those eligible who wish to be considered.

For nomination to the Shrievalty, the Court of Aldermen will select the candidate they support from a list prepared by the Town Clerk of all those Aldermen who have not served the office of Sheriff And who wish to be considered.

For election for the Mayoralty, the Court of Aldermen will automatically consider all those who are eligible, that is, all the Aldermen who have served the office of Sheriff but have not served as Lord Mayor, together with the current Aldermanic Sheriff.

The new process will operate forthwith. The current procedure for candidates to be initially selected two years before taking office, with the selection to be confirmed one year before taking office, will not change. Accordingly, the new procedure will apply for the first time in respect of the Shrieval and Mayoral elections in 2005.

In making these changes, the Court of Aldermen has considered a large number of comments received, the likelihood of a larger number of junior Aldermen in the future, and the probability of candidates coming forward later in their careers than in the past. They believe that this revised system will prove more suitable both for the offices and the candidates.

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS – 2003/2004

The awards objective is to promote an increased awareness of the cleaning needs and Cleanability issues relevant to all commercial and public buildings, at all stages of design, construction and operational management.

The entry criteria includes anywhere in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Any commercial or public building of any age, with an internal floor area exceeding 5000 square metres and which has not previously been nominated for a Building Cleanability Award. Categories for entry are: Municipal/Public; Commercial; Education; Transport; Heritage; Retail; Health; Leisure.

Buildings satisfying the above criteria may be nominated by any of: Architects; Building occupiers; Designers; Building owners; Cleaning contractors; Property management companies; Refurbishment companies; Facilities management companies; Property development companies; Construction companies.

Buildings nominated will be visited and assessed against a range of external and internal criteria.

All entries will receive a Cleanability Assessment Certificate, indicating a 3, 4 or 5 star assessment rating. Entries in each category achieving a 5 star rating will be judged as finalists for the first, second and third overall Awards.

Nominations must be in by July 2003. Assessment will take place during the second half of the year, with the Awards Presentation Luncheon probably taking place in Guildhall, London, in July 2004.

If you wish to nominate a building for these awards please contact Liveryman Richard Chisnell, Executive Director, The Building Cleanability Awards, PO Box 17, Winchester, Hants, SO23 9WL. Email: information@cleanabilityawards.co.uk -

Website: www.cleanabilityawards.co.uk

CONTACT THE ELDERLY

Contact the Elderly, a registered charity, helps to relieve the loneliness felt by elderly people living alone with inadequate support from the family, friends and statutory services, by organising small groups of volunteer car drivers to collect and take elderly guests to a host's home one Sunday a month for afternoon tea. Each outing is to a different host. Over its 35 years, Contact the Elderly has seen a steady growth in the number of elderly guests it supports, and they now have 230 groups nationwide, 50 in London. A Group comprises usually around 10 elderly guests, four to five car drivers/helpers and twelve hosts. Contact for the Elderly are wondering whether our Livery Company might be prepared to become:

- once a year, hosts to a group, and/or
- monthly car drivers/helpers collecting and taking a couple of elderly guests to the hosts home, or
- once or twice a year, reserve drivers.

If any member of our Company wishes to assist with any of the above proposals they are to first contact the Clerk, who will pass their information on to Contact the Elderly.

LIVERY YACHT CLUB – Messing about in boats – with or without the boat!

Not a lot of people know this but....within our City is a thriving Yacht Club exclusively for Liverymen! The City Yacht Club offers sailing, boating and social opportunities to its members, even those members who are interested in 'messaging about in boats' or who just like to meet up and chat about their boating experiences. In fact, not all members cruise or sail, nor do all members have boats.

Membership is open to members of all Livery Companies. Social events during the year include the start of the season Fitting Out Dinner, the Cowes Regatta Weekend in May, plus Days Out on the Thames followed by the closing Laying Up Supper. Meetings and social activities are held at the prestigious Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge.

The City Yacht Club has its own distinct characteristics giving members some unique benefits. These include the Club's exclusive tie and mess dress, but by far the most distinctive advantage to membership is the right to fly a Defaced Blue Ensign from members' boats – those from the boating world will greatly appreciate this unique privilege. All this can be yours for an annual membership fee of just £25.00! If you are interested in boats, or just socialising in a boating environment, contact: Janet Walker, Hon Sec, c/o Stuart Fyfe Suite, 854 Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey, CR8 2BH. Tel 08700 66 42 32; Fax: 08700 66 44 14; www.cityliveryyc.co.uk

PERSONAL ARMORIAL BEARINGS SERVICE

Stella Timmins, who designed the stained glass windows at the Guildhall Art Gallery Extension, is now offering a Personal Armorial Service for past and current Masters. Providing an original piece of stained glass bearing the individuals own Arms. The piece would be 7 inches in diameter, have a lead surround and a chain for hanging. Cost £305 plus VAT. For details contact Stella on 020 7388 6738 or Mobile: 0794 1155 407.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR QUARTERAGE FOR 2003-2004?

Many of you completed a new Standing Order for the increased Quarterage (now £140) for 2003-2004 – and the Clerk thanks those for that. However, quite a lot of you did not, which means that those of you who had Standing Orders from previous years will owe the Company at least £10.00, and in some cases even more. If you are one of them, a cheque in the post in the next few days will assist administration and avoid a reminder letter from the Clerk. For those who do not use Standing Orders, your remittance for £140, also in the next few days, in settlement of this years' Quarterage, will be most helpful. If you are over 65 for Gentlemen, and 60 for Ladies, and retired from business the Quarterage is £70. Also if you are under 35 it is at 50% of the full rate too. A few of you still owe for last year – please pay up!

EARLY REMITTANCE OF QUARTERAGE HELPS KEEP ADMINISTRATION COSTS, AND THE CLERK'S VALUABLE TIME CHASING PEOPLE, TO A MINIMUM