



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

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Remembrance

It is with great sadness that I have to report the recent and untimely death of Patrick Doyle. Patrick was a Founder member of the Company and a substantial benefactor in the early days of the Guild. The Master, Almoner and several members of the Company attended the funeral. The Court stood in remembrance for a minute's silence at the November meeting.

Ladies' Banquet

The Master, his Wardens and their Ladies, welcomed some 207 members and their guests at the Ladies' Banquet, held at Plaisterers' Hall on Friday, 25th November. The Master specifically welcomed Brigadier Jennie Wells, Director of Medical Policy – Army, and her partner Colonel (Retd) Roger Tamlyn RAMC. Other military guests were, Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Owen RAMC, Professor of Occupational Medicine at University of Birmingham and his wife Annie; Major Douglas Ralph RAMC, Deputy Head of the Environmental Health Cadre and his wife Christine; Major Phill Wright RAMC, Officer Commanding Environmental and Occupational Health at Keogh Barracks, Aldershot and his partner Laila El Hagri; During his toast to the guests The Master presented Captain Catriona Lane RAMC with the Company's Medal and Purse (Cheque for £500) as the winner of the Environmental Cleaners' Post Graduate Medical Officers' General Practice Prize. Her husband Lieutenant Nicholas Lane RN accompanied Catriona. Major Ray Gregson RAMC received the Territorial Army Officers' Prize of a medal and purse (Cheque for £350) for Excellence in the field of Environmental Health. His wife Sue accompanied Ray. The Master was also delighted to welcome five Masters of other Liveries and their Ladies – the Master Plaisterer, Master Upholder, Master Fruiterer, Master Launderer, and Master Firefighter. Hugh Burrell and his wife Mavis were especially welcome as he does so much for the Inter Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot communication and scoring systems. Our Honorary Chaplain, Honorary Freeman Reverend John Cowling was also given a special mention by the Master as it was likely that a new Rector of St Olave's would be in place early in the new year and would most probably become our new Chaplain. The principal speaker for the evening was Mrs Frances Edmonds, who entertained everybody with a lively, humorous and interesting speech.

Calendar of Events 2006-2007

This is attached to these tidings. Notable dates in 2006 that you should make note of are the Installation on Friday, 7th April; the Building Cleanability Awards on Monday, 10th July; RAMC Awards and Lunch on Monday, 25th September and Ladies Banquet Friday, 24th November. All Court meetings/lunch dates are booked, as well as many of events of interest to you all. See later for February Election Court Lunch order form.

New Freeman

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

David Stanley Reames
John Arthur Stinton

New Liverymen

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

Mark David Smith
Jamie Alexander Wright

New Beadle's Gown

The Beadle, Mr Stephen Marvell, was at the November Court, robed in a new Beadle's Gown, presented to the Company by the Master, Mr Michael Poulter, and, the Deputy Master, Mr Paul Michael, in recognition of their respective years as Masters of the Company. The robe, which is blue in colour, has 97 silver tassels representative of the Company's number in the Livery Companies Order of Precedence. It was made by Ede and Ravenscroft, who had earlier made all of the other Court Gowns.

Livery Numbers

The membership of the Company currently stands at 257, of which 199 are Liverymen, 45 Freemen, 9 Honorary Freemen, and, we still have 4 apprentices.

New Accountants

The Court has decided to change the Company's accountants. Messrs Kingston Smith of London will replace Baker Tilly who has been our accountants for many years, maybe since the days of the Guild, but by other names due to mergers and acquisitions. The reason is purely a matter of costs as Kingston Smith during a recent review of such matters had presented a very competitive quotation. Kingston Smith will be responsible for the accounts as from year ending 31st March 2005.

New Bankers

The Court has also decided to change the Company's bankers. Hopefully by the end of this year we will have transferred our banking arrangements to Child & Co, a subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS). Members should not be too concerned, as our current accounts with Clydesdale will remain open for some months to come in order to facilitate the receipt of income from outstanding Standing Orders for both Quarterage and contributions to the Charity Fund. It is anticipated that the Court will wish for the Clerk to make arrangements to transfer all current Standing Orders to Direct Debiting facilities and members will be advised of any changes in due course. The reason for this change was again purely cost, with RBS offering free banking, much better interest terms on deposits, and the direct debiting facility. As a matter of interest RBS look after the banking for some 60 Livery Companies.

City of London Briefings

Although these briefings are aimed particularly at new Freemen and Liverymen, wives, husbands and partners are also welcome. Liverymen and Freemen of longer standing, and who have not previously been to a Briefing, are also encouraged to attend as well. The Briefings 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. The proceedings start at 5.00 pm and conclude at 8.00 pm.

They will take place on the following dates in 2006:

Tuesday, 14 February	The Old Library, Guildhall
Tuesday, 16 May	Innholders' Hall
Thursday, 5 October	Innholders' Hall
Tuesday, 14 November	Innholders' Hall
Tuesday, 13 February 2007	Innholders' Hall

Any member of the Company wishing to attend to please advise the Clerk ASAP with their preferred date.

Inter-Livery Swimathon – Monday 9 May 2006

This will be held at the Royal Automobile Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey. Anybody interested in joining a Company team of five or more swimmers to swim a total of 5000 metres per team to please advise the Clerk ASAP. Sponsorship will be required with part of the funds acquired to go to the Lord Mayor's Appeal, which is supporting The Treloar Trust, the remaining to our Charity Fund.

"There is no substitute for...."

An educational and entertaining book of wool rhymes compiled by Richard Proctor a Past Master of the Woolmen's Company being published at £20 in a fully bound hard cover edition, with a Foreword by HRH The Princess Royal. This is your opportunity to place a pre-publication order for just £15.00 including P&P. For those with an interest in history, textiles, advertising or simply an English sense of humour, the Clerk is advised this book is a must, and ideal as a gift for your friends. Cheques with your

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Chamberlain's Court has temporary move

Due to refurbishment at Guildhall the Chamberlain's Court is temporarily relocating to the Guildhall Art Gallery, on the first floor immediately to the left of the John Singleton Copley's masterpiece depicting the defeat of the Spanish Floating Batteries at the Siege of Gibraltar in 1782. This is with effect from 14 December 2005 until around March 2008 when they plan to move back to smart new premises on the ground floor of the refurbished Guildhall North Block Offices.

New Gallery at London Museum

The Medieval London Gallery has finally come to fruition following two years of planning and development, and is a wonderful addition to the permanent galleries at the Museum of London, London Wall, EC2. Why not take a visit when next in the City and enjoy this new experience of what it was like to live in London between AD 410 and the accession of Elizabeth 1 in 1558.

Company Golf Caps – keep out the cold on the course!

The Clerk is in possession of a new 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.

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

New Livery Medals

The Court has decided to acquire a new type of Company Livery Medal, and 50 have been ordered from the manufacturers. These will be presented to all new Liverymen next year instead of the original design which most of you had presented to you at the time of being 'clothed in livery'. Existing Liverymen will be able to purchase one of the new type and the Clerk will advise price and full details in due course. They are in effect 1.5 inch 'cut to shape' enamelled version of the Company's Armorial Bearings hung from an blue enamelled top bar with the word 'Liveryman' in metal gilt. They will be worn on the lapel. They can also be used as a Ladies' Brooch and worn at Livery functions.

Lord Mayor's Show Float

The Master, Wardens and Court Assistant Angela Starling, dressed in Gowns and Badges took part in the Modern Livery Companies Float in the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday, 12th November. This required them to walk the entire procession route from London Wall to the Royal Courts of Justice and return. They took it in turns to carry the Company Placard. Over 5,500 people took part, including 2,000 servicemen and women, 180 vehicles, 66 floats, 21 marching bands and 21 carriages. The procession itself was 2.8 miles long, but fitted into a route of 1.7 miles. We were one of 18 companies making up the Modern Companies Float and it is the second year we have participated. It is anticipated we will do likewise next and in subsequent years.

November Court Lunch

We had another 'full house' sitting down for the Company Court Luncheon at Armourers' Hall on Monday, 7th November. By a full house I mean 89 people, which is some 6 over the normal accommodation at the hall, which was achieved by an additional table being placed in the fireplace opposite the top table. This is the second time the Clerk has had to do this to accommodate as many applicants as possible, and even then a few were disappointedly left out. The 'additional table' is becoming a prized place to sit! Mr Geoffrey Bond OstJ DL, who was Sheriff of the City of London in 2003-2004, and a Past Master of the Glaziers and Painters of Glass Company, was the principal guest.

Mr Bond provided the assembled company with a most entertaining and enlightening address about his experiences as a Sheriff.

Butchers' Company Celebrate 400 years

The Worshipful Company of Butchers celebrated its 400th anniversary of the granting of its Royal Charter and held a special service in St Paul's Cathedral in October at which the Senior Warden and his Lady represented the Company, due to the Master being away on holiday.

The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor - David Brewer CMG – a brief profile

Although his family originates from Cornwall David was born in Luton in 1940. His father was an eminent Harley Street physician, and his mother prior to marriage had been a Mezzo Soprano in the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company singing Gilbert and Sullivan. He attended St Paul's School, London and was indentured as an apprentice with the Merchant Taylors' Company at the age of 14. At age 19 he joined Sedgwick Insurance Brokers in Marine Claims and was eventually promoted to Marine Broking with contacts with their Japanese clients. At 36 he went to live in Tokyo and established a successful operation. He established the first representative office of an Insurance Broker in China in 1981. During making arrangements for a visit of the Chairman of Lloyds David was to meet with Tessa, becoming engaged and they subsequently married in November 1985. In 1993 David became the first Chairman of Sedgwick's Chinese Company. In 1999 he was awarded the CMG – Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George – for services to export. Today David is retained by Marsh as a consultant on Chinese and Asian financial affairs and by International Financial Services London (IFSL). In 1985 he became a member of the Court of the Merchant Taylors' Company, becoming master in 2001. He is also an Honorary Member of the Court of the Blacksmiths' Company, a member of the Court of the Insurers' Company, Sponsoring Alderman and Honorary Freeman of the Company of Security Professionals. David became a member of the Common Council for the Ward of Bassishaw in 1992, elected Alderman of the same ward in 1996. He was Sheriff in 2002. He has chosen The Treloar's School and College as his charity for the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

Treloar's Trust

This will be the focus of the Lord Mayor's Appeal. It provides education, therapy, training for independence and first-class care for young people with severe physical disabilities. It is based in Alton, Hampshire and receives students from all over the UK and overseas. Sir William Purdie Treloar founded the Trust while he was Lord Mayor of London in 1906. His appeal raised £60,000, the equivalent of £4 million today. It started with 18 patients and today has 380 young people. It is an independent charity and requires £2 million every year to continue caring for and educating their young students. With the new Lord Mayor's help the Centenary Appeal aims to double the £2 million required during each year of its centenary celebrations between 2006 and 2008. The aim is to build a new hall of Residence, create new classrooms and help others by funding a 'Moving On in the Community' project for those who have moved on from education into everyday life situations.

Court Assistant Ken Marriott does a good turn for the Stationers' Company

Ken found a silver plaque in a jeweller's shop that was to be melted down, but more significantly it was a presentation made by the Stationers' Company in 1929. He acquired it and has presented it to the Stationers in the name of the Environmental Cleaners' Company and received a delightful letter of thanks.

Quarterage 2005-2006

There are still a few members who have yet to pay their Quarterage for this current year. If you are one of them do please remit to the Clerk before the 31st December to avoid him having to send out 'credit control' letters and the embarrassment of being reported to the Finance and General Purposes Committee with the potential of being struck off for non-payment.

February Election Court Lunch – make application now!

This will be held at Armourers' Hall on Monday, 20th February 2006, and attached is a 'Flyer' and Application Form, which should be returned to the Clerk with payment by not later than Friday, 10th February. Remembering my earlier comments about the November Court Lunch being oversubscribed you are asked to make your application as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Applications will be taken on a strictly 'first come first served' basis.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR