



# Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

FEBRUARY 2003.

## NEW MASTER AND WARDENS ARE ELECTED

At the meeting of the Court of the Company, held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, John (Jack) Rodger Broadley was elected to succeed L Edward Daniell 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 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April. ***Liverymen and Freemen are asked to make a particular effort to attend this Installation 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.***

Edward Daniell was elected Deputy Master; Paul R Michael was elected Senior Warden and Michael J Poulter 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 Anthony Instone, Ian Stewart, Issa Tahhan and David Woods were elected to the Court for an initial period of three years, and will be admitted at the May Court. In addition to the Officers to be installed, and, those to be admitted, the current members of the Court are:

Court Assistant		Elected
Jack D Amos	-	Nov 1999
Michael F Bayless	-	Feb 2001
Mary A F Biswell	-	July 1994
John Butler	-	Feb 1995
David R Clasper	-	Nov 1990
Peter D Holt	-	Nov 2002
Kenneth E Marriott	-	Feb 2002
Philip R D J Morrish	-	Feb 1997
Anthony C Neal	-	Feb 1995
Christopher L H Parr	-	July 1994
Peter W J Robb	-	May 2000
Stephen J Wright	-	Feb 2001

Additionally there are three Honorary Assistants, Past Masters 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, Brian Cole, David Clark, Robert Burtinshaw and Michael O'Connor. 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.

The Court reluctantly accepted the resignation of Court Assistant Roy Painter, who was elected in July 1994. Roy also resigned from the Livery. He left our industry some five years ago, and is now involved with a cherished car hire business. We wish him well with his retirement business.

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## **NEW ADDITIONS TO F & GP COMMITTEE**

Liveryman Elliott Bishop and Liveryman Mrs Angela Starling have been elected to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee for a period of three years. The committee for 203/2004, in addition to the Officers to be installed, will be:

P/M Alan C Vause (ex-officio)  
P/M Inez D Butler (to Oct 2003)  
C/A Kenneth Marriott (to February 2004)  
C/A-elect Issa Tahhan (to February 2004)  
C/A-elect Anthony Instone (to February 2005)  
L/M Christopher B Harrup (to February 2005)  
L/M Elliott Bishop (to Feb 2006)  
L/M Mrs Angela M Starling (to Feb 2006)

## **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Court agreed to change the name of the Recruitment Committee to Membership Services Committee to reflect it's wider brief. For 2003/2004 it will comprise:

J/W-elect Michael Poulter (Chairman)  
C/A John Butler  
C/A-elect Anthony Instone  
L/M Brian Francois - Senior Steward (from 2003)  
L/M Mrs Angela Starling - Steward  
L/M Julian Wilkinson - Steward  
L/M Ms Rita D Hamilton - Steward – elected 2003  
L/M Christopher Broadley - Steward - elected 2003  
L/M David Amos - Steward – elected 2003

## **SPONSORSHIP FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN LORD MAYOR'S SHOW AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

With the anticipated election of our Honorary Freeman, Alderman Robert Finch as Lord Mayor in September 2003, the Court has decided that we shall support him with a float, and an Officers carriage, in the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2003. With this in mind, Senior Warden-elect Paul Michael has been busy over the past 2 years collecting promises of sponsorship from the industry, which are proving to be reasonably satisfactory. However, more is needed to ensure that our Company makes the right impact on the day. If you, or your company, feel able to provide some further financial sponsorship, please contact either Paul Michael or the Clerk. The 'Float' committee to organise our participation will be:

Senior Warden-elect Paul Michael (Chairman)  
C/A Peter Holt  
L/M Richard Thorne

## **BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS 2004**

Following the very successful awards programme culminating with the presentations at Guildhall in July 2002, it was agreed to work towards a similar scheme for 2004. The following have been elected to serve on the management committee:

C/A Stephen Wright (Chairman)  
J/W-elect Michael Poulter  
P/M Eric Green  
P/M Brian Cole  
C/A John Butler  
C/A-elect Anthony Instone

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L/M Stephen Waud  
L/M Richard Chisnell (who will be engaged as the Director of the Awards)

## **OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

Golf Captain	-	C/A Peter Robb
Organisers Inter Livery Shoot	-	C/A Christopher Parr
	-	L/M Sandra Parr
Inter Livery Shoot Captain	-	L/M Chris Lawrence
Rep to Court of City University	-	C/A Mary Biswell
Representative to City & Guilds	-	C/A John Butler
Enfranchised representative to BCC	-	C/A Stephen Wright
Unenfranchised representative to BCC	-	S/W-elect Paul Michael
Rep to Construction Liveries Group	-	P/M John Howard
Rep to LOGVEC Further Education Group	-	C/A John Butler
Rep to Sustainable City Forum	-	C/A John Butler
Company Website Keeper	-	C/A Philip Morrish

## **TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY TRUST**

The following will serve as trustees for 2003/2004:

Alan C Vause (to October 2003) [Chairman]  
Master-elect John R Broadley  
Deputy Master-elect L Edward Daniell  
Senior Warden-elect Paul R Michael  
Junior Warden-elect Michael J Poulter  
P/M Inez Butler (to October 2003)  
P/M Harold Whiting (to October 2004)  
The Clerk is Secretary to the Trustees

## **PROGRESSION TO JUNIOR WARDEN**

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

C/A Stephen Wright and C/A Michael Bayless.

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

2004	-	C/A Peter Robb
2005	-	C/A Stephen Wright
2006	-	C/A Michael Bayless

## **ADMISSION TO FREEDOM**

The following were admitted to the Freedom of the Company at the Court meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2003:

Anthony Cole	Simon Cripps
Stephen Cole	Kevin Lapwood
Michael Collins	Wendy Silvester

## ADMISSION TO LIVERY

The following Freeman of the Company were admitted and 'Clothed in Livery' at the Court meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2003:

Bruce Anthony Birkin  
Trevor George Cripps  
James Stephen Metzger

## CHANGES TO QUARTERAGE FOR 2003

The Court has accepted a recommendation from the F&GP Committee that Quarterage for 2003 rise by £10 from £130 to £140, effective April 2003. Quarterage was last increased in 2001, and then by £10. The Company's costs continue to rise, and therefore it was considered not unreasonable that the Quarterage should rise approximately in line with inflation over the two-year period.

***A replacement Standing Order is enclosed with these Tidings, which the Clerk asks you to complete and return to him NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003.***

The Court also agreed a new privilege for all Freeman and Liverymen under the age of 35, who shall from April 2003, pay Quarterage at 50% of the full rate for their first five years in membership of the Company. This same privilege of 50% reduction also continues for lady members over 60 and men over 65 who have retired from business. If either of these criteria applies to you, please advise the Clerk who will send you a different Standing Order Form for completion.

There will be no change to Fines on Admission to the Freedom and Livery, nor those on taking office.

## FREEMEN AND LIVERY UP-DATE

I can report that at 31 December 2002 we have:

199 Liverymen (of which 179 are male and 20 female)  
48 Freeman (of which 42 are male and 6 female)  
4 Apprentices (all male)

If you have yet to be 'Clothed in Livery' please get in touch with the Clerk, who will advise on the necessary arrangements to progress from the Freedom of the Company.

## OUTSTANDING ROAD SWEEPER

The Master and Deputy Master attended Guildhall in early January and presented a Certificate and cheque for £250 to Bernard Kieran as the City of London's 'Outstanding Sweeper'. A runners-up Certificate was presented to Frank McCarthy. This was part of the Corporation's 'Clean City Awards' and our Company received considerable recognition for our involvement. This is to be an annual award.

## JUBILEE WINDOW

The Master and Clerk were presented to HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of the handover of the five stained glass windows in the Art Gallery in Guildhall to the Corporation on Thursday, 20 February. They explained the symbolic significance of the Company's Shield, which is within the design of our window. The Duke circulated during the reception and conversed with several members of the Company. In addition to the Environmental Cleaners window, the others were presented by the Gardeners, Shipwrights, Engineers, and Air Pilots & Air Navigators, all in celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

## **CLEANING SHOW – NEC BIRMINGHAM – 4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - WE WILL BE THERE!**

Contrary to recent publicity in the trade press, the Master Edward Daniell will be opening the Cleaning Show on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Additionally, the Company will be exhibiting at the Show – please visit us on Stand No: G 26. If you are able to spare two or three hours, or longer, on any of the three days to assist with manning the Stand, and perhaps give the Clerk a break and an opportunity to see other parts of the Show, please give him, or Michael Poulter, a call and agree a time and day. Your kind co-operation will be appreciated.

This will enable us to promote the Company to a wider audience, and could well provide us with a recruitment opportunity.

## **UNITED GUILDS SERVICE – 28 MARCH**

This will take place at St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Admission to this Service is by ticket only, which can be obtained from the Clerk on a first come first served basis. There is also an opportunity for those attending the Service to join others at Stationers' Hall for Lunch. There will be an open bar followed by a three-course lunch with either red or white wine, and, a glass of port. The charge for this is £38.00. ***IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE SERVICE AND/OR THE LUNCH PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION FORM BY NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.***

## **COURT MEETING AND LUNCH – MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

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' by 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 – but in the meantime do put it in your diary. Places will be limited!

## **INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT – 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

The Company, through the good offices of Court Assistant Christopher Parr and his willing team of helpers, is organising this very prestigious event in the Annual Livery Calendar to be held at Holland & Holland's Ground on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2003. If you are interested in taking part contact Chris at home on 020 8440 8779 or Mobile 07715 840420. You can also contact our Team Captain L/M Chris Lawrence on 020 7587 (Work) or 01474 852375 (Home).

## **COURT MEETING AND LUNCH – MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

The Master-elect is keen that we do something a little different and the Clerk is busy researching different venues. Watch this space!

## **COMMON HALL – ELECTION OF SHERIFFS – 23 JUNE ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR – 29 SEPTEMBER**

Admission to Common Hall for the Elections will be by pass card only. ***Please complete the enclosed application form and return by not later than 1<sup>st</sup> April.*** It is anticipated that we shall be able arrange a limited number of places for lunch after both events at a neighbouring Livery Hall. Details will be circulated to those applying for passes and indicating a desire to take lunch.

## **COMPANY GOLF DAY – 18 SEPTEMBER**

Our Golf Captain, C/A Peter Robb, has arranged for the Company's Golf Day to take place at The Oxfordshire Course, situated near Thame, on Thursday, 18th September. **FULL DETAILS AND AN APPLICATION FORM ARE ENCLOSED WITH THESE TIDINGS.**

## **RAMC AWARDS LUNCH – MONDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Instead of going down to the Officers' Mess at Camberley, we have agreed with the RAMC that this year we shall present the awards to the Environmental Cadre at the Barber Surgeons' Hall in the City – a most appropriate venue you may agree. Again full details will be published later.

## **LADIES BANQUET – 14 NOVEMBER**

It will be held this year in the Great Hall at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 30 Threadneedle Street, London, EC2 on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. Make a note in your diary, and invite your friends and relations now. Full details will be issued later in the year.

## **INSTALLATION, SERVICE OF RE-DEDICATION, AND, BANQUET – 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Installation of the new Master, Deputy Master and Wardens will take place at St Olave's Church, Hart Street, London, EC3 on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 5.15 p.m. This also includes the Re-dedication of the Company, and, the Officers' Badges. It is a Ceremony that follows the ancient traditions of the City of London. Freeman, Liverymen and their guests are welcome, in fact encouraged, to attend, especially if you are also attending the Banquet that follows.

The Installation Banquet will be held in the Mansion House. Unfortunately the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor cannot attend as he is in Australia at that time representing the Government and the City. However, we are to be honoured with the company of Sir Alexander Graham, Lord Mayor in 1991/92, who will be The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens. The Sheriff, Alderman David Brewer will also attend, together with other distinguished guests. This is the premier event of the year for our Company, when Liverymen and Freemen are expected to attend to support the new Master on this most important day. It is a function well suited for entertaining clients, colleagues, partners, spouses and family.

**DETAILS AND AN APPLICATION FORM ARE ATTACHED, WHICH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CLERK BY NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH. EARLY APPLICATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, AS THE LIST WILL BE CLOSED WHEN CAPACITY HAS BEEN REACHED.**

## **OBITUARY**

For those members of the Livery of long standing you will be sad to learn of the death of our very first Honorary Chaplain, Canon Leslie Edward Mitchell (Gus) Claxton, aged 91. Gus, who was Chaplain from 1972 to 1985, was the author of the Grace that we use at Court lunches, and also wrote much of the music for the Company's Hymn. He died whilst enjoying a long cruise with his wife Irene. The funeral took place at St Olave's, where he was Rector from 1968 to 1985. There will be a Memorial Service at St Olave's on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon, to which members of the Livery are invited.

We also have to, unfortunately record the sad passing of Peter Ewert, who was admitted to the Freedom of the Company in 1979.

**I TRUST YOU HAVE FOUND THESE TIDINGS OF INTEREST – DO LET ME HAVE ANY COMMENTS THAT YOU FEEL WILL IMPROVE MY COMMUNICATION WITH YOU.**

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