



# Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

January/February 2005

## DIARY FOR 2005

I attach a copy of the calendar of events for the forthcoming 12 months through to May 2006. You are specifically asked to note the dates in your diary and await full details, which will be circulated nearer to each event – *the next four event applications enclosed!*

## NEW JUNIOR WARDEN

At a specially convened meeting on Tuesday, 23 November 2004, the Court reluctantly accepted Peter Robb's resignation as Junior Warden. Peter regrettably cited current and future business commitments and was of the view that he was unable to take on the commitments of Warden and potentially Master in the foreseeable future. He apologised for any convenience caused. He is to remain on the Court.

The Master explained the Company's current progression procedure from Assistant to Junior Warden, and that Assistant Stephen Wright would normally be the next in line for promotion to Junior Warden. However, a second name had been put forward for the position of Junior Warden at this time, namely Assistant Jack Amos.

There followed a lengthy discussion but it was recommended by some Past Masters present and agreed, that the Court would unanimously support the decision of the Master.

The Master, in agreeing that both candidates were worthy of the Court's support, proposed that the Court should not, on this day, change the way that the Company had preceded with the progression and election of a Junior Warden over the past 10 years. Therefore Court Assistant Stephen Wright would be elected the Junior Warden, and subject to the normal election procedures move to Senior Warden in April 2005.

In accordance with the Customs of the Company, Assistant Stephen Wright made his declaration, he was clothed in the Warden's Gown and Badged and congratulated by the Master and the other Officers and members of the Court present. The Junior Warden signed the Officers' Declaration Book.

## WELCOME TO NEW LIVERYMEN

The following were 'Clothed in Livery' at the November 2004 Court:

Stephen M Corrigan  
Mrs Maureen A Marden  
Paul M Taylor  
Peter W Yemc

## WELCOME TO NEW FREEMAN

The following was Admitted as Freeman of the Company at the November 2004 Court:

Ms Brigitte Garner

## FEBRUARY ELECTION COURT LUNCHEON – MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

Applications from Freemen and Liverymen are invited to attend this luncheon, which follows the Election Court, when the Master and Wardens, and other nominations for various offices, for the ensuing year are elected. It will be held at our 'lodgings', Armourers' Hall, 81 Coleman Street, London, EC2. Reception is at 12.30 for 1.00 pm

*Applications should be made on the attached form, together with payment, and returned to the Clerk as soon as possible but not later than Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.*

## COMPANY RECEPTION AT THE CLEANING SHOW – WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH

The Master, who is Managing Director of the Quartz Publishing & Exhibitions Ltd, which has the responsibility for organising the Cleaning Show at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, has kindly agreed to sponsor a venue at the Show for our Livery Company to hold a reception on the second day (Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March). The reception will allow those exhibiting and attending the show to take time out with fellow Freemen and Liverymen, and, hopefully introduce a number of potential members.

The Cleaning Show, which is on from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, in Halls 6 and 7, is a world-class event and provides a unique opportunity for companies in the cleaning and support services industry to market, sell and promote products and services to an International audience. The attendance at the 2003 Show was some 9,000 and visitors had the spending power of £2 billion per year on cleaning and maintenance equipment.

The reception will be held in a room adjacent to the concourse at Hall 7 (it will be signed) and will be between 3.45 and 5.00 pm. Wine and canapés will be served.

*Those wishing attend should please complete the attached form and return to the Clerk by not later than Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2005. This will assist with catering arrangements.*

## TOUR OF NORMANDY BATTLEFIELDS – THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Honorary Freeman, Professor John Richardson (late of the RAMC) has kindly arranged a most interesting tour of the Normandy Battlefields especially for members of our Company and their guests. Some of you may remember participating in a similar tour of World War 1 battlefields some 5 years ago, which was most successful. **Full details are enclosed with these Tidings** and the Master is recommending the tour to all members. Places are however limited to 30 so it is the early bird applicants who will be going!

*Applications should be made on the attached form and returned to the Clerk as soon as possible but not later than Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Remittance with applications please.*

## INSTALLATION AND BANQUET – FRIDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2005

Subject of course to the Election Court on 21<sup>st</sup> February it is anticipated that the current Senior Warden, Michael J Poulter, should be installed as Master on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Ceremony of Installation and the Service of Rededication will be held in St Olave's Church, Hart Street, London, EC3 and starts at 5.00 pm. This follows the ancient traditions of the Guilds And Livery Companies of the City of London and members and their guests are invited. The Banquet will be held in Mansion House starting at 6.45 for 7.30 pm, and this is only about 8 minutes walk from the Church. We will be honoured with the presence of The Rt Hon The Mayor, Alderman Michael Savory, the Lady Mayoress, Mr Alderman and Sheriff John Hughesdon, Mr Sheriff David Cobb, their Ladies and other distinguished guests. The Banquet is an ideal occasion to entertain spouses, partners and also for Corporate hospitality.

*Applications for tickets should be made on the attached form, together with payment, and returned to the Clerk by not later than Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, giving you time to invite your guests. Pour Memoire cards will be issued and will be required for access to Mansion House.*

## AWARDS MADE AT LADIES BANQUET

200 people attended the Ladies' Banquet at Drapers' Hall on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November and saw the Master make presentations of awards to the following:

**Environmental Cleaners' Post Graduate Medical Officers' General Practice Prize to Captain Grant Wilde RAMC.** Grant 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. He was commissioned into the Corps in August 1999 and graduated with honours in 2002. He did his house jobs in MOD Hospital Units in Northallerton and Frimley Park before starting the Entry Officers' Course for which he won our prize. He is currently serving in Northern Ireland. In due course Grant will do a full Army Pilot's Course, for which he has already passed selection. He hopes to be on the medical team for the 2005 Everest Marathon in Nepal in November of this year.

**Territorial Army Award for Excellence in the field of Environmental Health to Captain Liam Howley RAMC (V).** Liam received a medal and purse (cheque for £350) having been selected for his excellent work in the Territorial Army. He is based with 201 Field Hospital (V) in Newcastle upon Tyne. He lives in Washington. The medal is in a presentation case and bears the Company's Coat of Arms on the front and the RAMC's badge on the obverse. The medal, and Captain Wilde received the same, was designed and made for the Company by Garrard's the Crown Jewellers.

The guests were truly entertained to some wonderful music from the students of the Guildhall School of Music, and the Master's choice of speaker in Mr Pete Goss was excellent. Mr Goss is a yachtsman par excellence, a true Englishman, a true hero - for anyone who can give up leading a single handed round the world race to rescue a French man in distress is the Master's book is a true hero. He is the only Englishman to be awarded France's highest civilian medal the Legion D'Honneur.

## 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. These prizes are normally awarded to students for special work associated 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 prize givings.

In November, the Senior Warden, Michael Poulter, visited the Freemen's School at Ashted Park and made a presentation about the Livery in general and our Company in particular to the Sixth Form students.

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

The Master and Clerk attended Guildhall on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January for these prestigious annual awards. The Corporation are especially delighted that the third year running our Company has sponsored two awards and the Master presented:

Stephen Prosser with a Certificate and cheque for £250 as the Outstanding Sweeper of the Year  
And  
Scott Heath with a certificate for being 'Highly Commended'

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

## MASTER VISITS OTHER COMPANIES

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

Bakers' Company *	Butchers' Company *
Armourers & Brasiers' Company *	Scientific Instrument Makers Company *
Firefighters' Company *	Water Conservators' Company *
Modern Livery Companies Dinner	Constructors' Company *
Actuaries' Company	Golden Service Awards *
City of London School Prize giving	Army Medical Services Dinner, Camberley
Solicitors' Company *	Lord Mayor's Briefing at Mansion House *
Fletchers' Company	Clean City Awards *

The Master anticipates attending before his year ends:

Upholders' Company *	Tobacco Pipe Makers' & Blenders Company*
Chartered Architects	Lord Mayors Banquet for Masters
United Guilds Service	

### PAST MASTERS' DINNER

The Master inaugurated an annual event on 20th October 2004, when 13 Past masters attended a special black tie dinner in the Court Room of Armourers' Hall. It was an evening of memories of times gone - even a touch of nostalgia! The following attended:

#### *As a Guild*

John Ayres	1978-79	Eric Green	1979-80
Harold Whiting	1983-84	Donald Wells	1985-86

#### *As a Livery Company*

Mrs Inez Butler	1992-93	Tim Louis	1995-96
Tony Ellison	1996-97	Terry King	1997-98
David Clark	1999-2000	Robert Burtinshaw	2000-01
Michael O'Connor	2001-02	Edward Daniell	2002-03
The Master		Deputy Master	2003-04
Senior Warden		Clerk of the Company	

It is anticipated that this year's dinner will be held in Coopers' Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

### ANNUAL REVIEW 2003-2004

This is enclosed with these Tidings. The Clerk apologises for the delay in delivery of last year's annual review, but there was a hold up with the printers, which was successfully resolved by the kind and generous intervention of the Master.

### MEMBERS' BOOKLET UP-DATE

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

Please would you all check your individual entries in the current edition in your possession and ***if there are any inaccuracies advise the Clerk on the enclosed form by not later than 21<sup>st</sup> February 2005. Remember to include your email address too – it does help the Clerk to communicate more regularly with the membership.***

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