



# Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

June-July 2003

## **NEW AND SPECIAL VENUE FOR SUMMER COURT AND LUNCH – WHY NOT COME AND BRING A GUEST, OR TWO!**

With the Master's wish for the Company to meet at some new venues this year, the July Court and Luncheon will be held at Ironmongers' Hall, Shaftesbury Place, Barbican, EC2 (entrance off Aldersgate Street), on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2003. Ironmongers' are one of the 'Great Twelve' Livery Companies (number 10 in order of precedence) with a Hall to match. Your Clerk's records do not reveal our Company having ever met at this Hall before, so here is a wonderful opportunity for Liverymen and Freemen, with their guests, to take luncheon in one of our beautiful Livery Halls. There are fine stained glass windows, wall panelling, and five wonderful chandeliers in the Banqueting Hall. As well as this hall, we have full use of the Court Room, and, the Drawing Room for reception drinks.

Attached to these Tidings, is a letter inviting all Liverymen and Freemen, with their guests, to attend lunch, together with an application form, which should be returned to the Clerk by not later than Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2003, with your cheque, please! There should be no waiting lists for this event, as the Hall will sit up to 168 for lunch – unless, of course, you all wish to be there!

## **NEW SHERIFFS**

The Company will be well represented at Common Hall at Guildhall on 24<sup>th</sup> June for the election of Sheriffs. We have also taken all the seats allocated to us for the lunch at Painters' Hall afterwards. Passes and lunch tickets will be despatched in the next couple of days.

The nomination for Aldermanic Sheriff is Mr Alderman Nicholas John Anstee, who is a member of the Butchers' Company. He was elected to the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Aldersgate in 1987, at the age of 29, becoming Alderman for that Ward in 1996. He qualified as an accountant in 1982, and is now with Deloitte and Touche.

The nomination for Lay Sheriff is Charles Bond, supported by the Master, Wardens and Court of Glaziers & Painters of Glass (he was Master Glazier in 1997/98). He is also a Freeman of the Guild of Educators. Born in Newark in 1939, following university at Hull, his first job was with Baring Bros. He became a solicitor in 1969, and senior partner in Ashton Hill & Co in 1985, specialising in aviation law and later in Trust law. He has been Honorary Consul for Norway for over 23 years.

## **CHANGES TO THE COURT**

At the May Court, the Master installed the following Liverymen as Assistants:

Anthony B Instone  
Issa K Tahhan  
David Woods

The Master also regrettably accepted the resignation from the Court of Mary Biswell. Mary has not been well of late and finds travel difficult, but she remains a member of the Livery, and we all hope to see her feeling better soon, and attending functions.

### **NEW LIVERYMEN**

The following Freemen were 'clothed in livery' at the May Court:

Kevan J Brown  
Barry Horne  
Alan Lewis

### **NEW FREEMEN**

The Master Admitted the following to the Freedom of the Company during the May Court:

Christopher Paul Luxton  
Peter Webster

### **INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT**

Our thanks must once again go to Court Assistant Chris Parr and his wife Liveryman Sandra Parr for organising such a successful event at Holland & Holland's Shooting Ground, Northwood, Middlesex, on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. It is now recognised as probably the largest Inter Livery function in the City Calendar.

There were 75 teams of four guns each, from 63 Livery Companies. Shooting started at around 8.20 a.m. and continued through to about 2.30 p.m. In all some 350 people joined the fine buffet luncheon, complete with two roasted pigs. Our Honorary Freeman, Alderman Robert Finch, ably supported by the Master, presented the prizes. The best individual score of 77 out of 80 went to our very own team captain, Liveryman Christopher Lawrence, for the sixth or seventh time in succession (the Clerk's not too sure!).

We are grateful to the following kind and generous sponsors of the event:  
Hugh Burrell & Martin Read of PSL presentation Services Group for the Visual Plasma Screen Results display, and sound.  
Mark Groves, London Flying Chef's for the Champagne  
Sweeting's Restaurant for a prize  
Nick Harris and members of the Information Technologists Company, for the computer programming  
Court Assistant Jack & Liveryman David Amos, Barclays Print for the programme.

Chris Parr is still finalising the accounts but it is expected that a number of worthy charities, nominated by the winning teams, will benefit again this year, as well as the Company's special contribution to the Lord Mayor's Fund from the event. Last year some £7,500 went to charity.

### **LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL – EVENTS**

There are many events in support of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for Save the Children planned for the year ahead. To keep up to date contact the Lord Mayor's Appeal on Tel: 020 7929 8350 or Fax: 020 7283 6089. Their Website is: [www.thelordmayorsappeal.org.uk](http://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org.uk)

### **ST OLAVE'S CHURCH – KNEELERS – YOUR HELP REQUIRED!**

Our Honorary Chaplain, Revd John Cowling, is looking for financial support towards the provision of 150 kneelers for our Chaplaincy Church in Hart Street. Those of you who attended the Installation and Service of Rededication at St Olave's will remember his

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'commercial' and will no doubt have seen the lovely sample kneeler on display. John has organised the experts to make them, he needs some money now!

The Court is recommending that members of our Livery, who wish to support this appeal, should contribute to the cost of one or more kneelers, at £75.00 each, and your cheque should be made out to the WCEC Charity Account, in order that we can claim Gift Aid on your donation.

Your Clerk has included a form with these Tidings for you to complete and return to him, with your cheque, at your earliest convenience. He will report how many kneelers we have paid for later in the year.

### **ALMONER**

Our Almoner, Mrs Doreen Heyes, is not very well these days, and may soon have to retire from the post she has held since 1976. In fact Doreen is our first and only Almoner, and the Clerk is advised that it is a post quite unique within Livery Companies. The main function is to support members, widows and widowers, who may be in need of assistance, not necessarily financial, but often just a chat on the 'phone. At Christmas, Doreen makes sure that widows of members are especially contacted, and, maybe receive a small gift. The Almoner can also make recommendations to the Charity Trustees for grants and donations to appropriate organisations. Until last year Doreen was one of the Trustees of the Fund, and it is anticipated that any successor, would become a Trustee. If you are interested in your name, maybe with others, going forward to the Trustees, and the Court, for consideration as the Almoner at some future date, or know of a member of our Livery who might also be interested in the post, you are to please make contact with the Clerk in the near future.

### **BRITISH CLEANING INDUSTRY CONFERENCE – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003.**

The British Institute of Cleaning Science, in association with BCC, are organising a special one-day conference at The Moat House, Hotel, Stratford Upon Avon, on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2003. The theme of the conference is 'Raising Standards – Reducing Liabilities'. A full programme of speakers has been arranged, which include Dr Liam Fox MP, Chris Humphries of City & Guilds, Tony Belmega of Learning & Skills Council, Paul Cryer of NHS Estates, Phil Bell of Royal & Sun Alliance, Stuart Much of Croners Consultants, and Professor David Bellamy. Main sponsors of the event are JohnsonDiversey, Karcher, Unger, and Camberford Law. Support sponsors are Cleaning & Hygiene Today, Metzger Recruitment, Fiamm Batteries, and UK College Alliance.

Full details, and registration, are available at their Website: [www.britcleanconf.co.uk](http://www.britcleanconf.co.uk)

BICSc are also holding their annual awards dinner at the same venue on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> September, and this can also be booked through the same Website.

### **PRESENTATION DINNER FOR THE LORD MAYOR ELECT – 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

In anticipation of our Honorary Freeman, Alderman Robert Finch, being elected as Lord Mayor at Common Hall in Guildhall on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2003, the Court has agreed to hold a special presentation dinner at Wax Chandlers' Hall on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2003. The Master, on behalf of the Company, will present a gift to the Alderman, especially chosen to honour his election to this great office.

There will be more details published in later Clerk's Tidings, but you may like to make a note of the date. It will be a black tie event, but numbers will be limited to the accommodation at Wax Chandlers.

## **LORD MAYOR'S SHOW – SATURDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - WE HAVE A FLOAT THIS YEAR – WHY NOT APPLY FOR GRAND STAND SEATS?**

We will be entering a Float in this year's Lord Mayor's Show, in support of our Honorary Freeman, Alderman Robert Finch. The design and preparations are well in hand through a small committee of Senior Warden Paul Michael (Chair), Court Assistant Peter Holt, and Liveryman Richard Thorne (recognised by the Pageantmaster as the 'man in charge'). The Master, Wardens and Clerk, properly gowned, will also process in a specially commissioned horse drawn carriage, having been to Guildhall to present the Lord Mayor with an illuminated scroll. Kimberly-Clark Professional, Truvox International Ltd, MacLellan International, Turret RAI plc, Technical Concepts Ltd, and individual members of the Company are generously sponsoring the float.

Do come and support the Company, if you have not already been asked to take part in the Float, and be part of the Company's block booking for the Grandstand in St Paul's Churchyard. The price is £22.00 each, including a copy of the Official Programme. All seats must be occupied by 10.45 am. It is recommended you use public transport, as there is no parking available. The Grandstands are not covered! Children will only be allowed if they have a ticket unless small enough to sit on a lap without causing inconvenience to others. No pushchairs, carry cots, or bulky packages permitted. Afterwards it is our custom to retire to a neighbouring Livery Hall for lunch (where a special children's menu is normally available), details of which will be advised to those who apply for tickets to the Show through the Clerk.

Please apply for tickets to the Clerk using the attached application Form, which should be returned not later than Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, but why not do it now?

### **ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**

Any Liveryman of over one year's standing who wishes to attend the election of Lord Mayor at Guildhall on 29<sup>th</sup> September and who has not already applied for a pass should contact the Clerk no later than 18<sup>th</sup> August.

### **NEW MEMBERS' BOOKLET**

Enclosed with these Tidings is the Members' Booklet for 2003-2004. If you receive the Clerk's Tidings by email, the booklet will arrive in the post shortly. Please check your personal contact details from Page 53 onwards and advise the Clerk of any amendments. You will note that this year more details of the various committees has been included from page 4, as has a fuller list of other appointments at page 7. Pages 11 to 13 provide information of the principal functions. At page 14 is the new 'Ethical Code of Practice' introduced by the Deputy Master Edward Daniell and approved by the Court for publication. Information about the various awards the Company makes can be found from page 25 to 28. On pages 44 and 45 are some details, including a picture, of the Queen's Jubilee Window in the Guildhall Art Gallery, presented by the Company in February 2003.

### **SOME OTHER DIARY DATE REMINDERS**

**18 September** - WCEC Golf Day @ Oxfordshire Course, Thame (Contact C/A Peter Robb at 020 7628 5456 or email: [greencrestsales@aol.com](mailto:greencrestsales@aol.com) for application details)

**22 September** - RAMC Awards Luncheon at Barber Surgeon's Hall – details to be issued by the Clerk later.

**14 November** - Ladies' Banquet at Merchant Tailors Hall – why not start inviting guests now – Clerk will issue full details and application forms later.

**24 November** - Court meeting and lunch.

**QUARTERAGE 2003-2004 – IF YOU HAVE YET TO PAY, PLEASE DO SO TO AVOID THE CLERK HAVING TO SEND OUT CHASE-UP LETTERS - £140, OR £70 FOR OVER 65'S AND UNDER 35'S – THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR KIND HELP. END.**

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