



# Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

January to March 2006.

## NEW MASTER AND WARDENS ARE ELECTED

At the meeting of the Court of the Company, held on Monday, 20th February, Stephen John Wright was elected to succeed Michael Poulter 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 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 7th April.

Michael J Poulter was elected Deputy Master; Michael F Bayless was elected Senior Warden and Kenneth E Marriott 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 Mrs Wendy Silvester and Liveryman Neil Young were elected to the Court for an initial period of three years, and will be admitted at the May Court. Court Assistant John Butler asked to stand down. The Assistants for 2006/2007, including those to be Admitted, are:

<b>Court Assistant</b>		<b>Elected</b>
David A Amos	-	Feb 2005
Jack D Amos	-	Nov 1999
Christopher J Broadley	-	Feb 2004
Richard C Chisnell	-	Feb 2004
Brian D Francois	-	Feb 2004
Christopher B Harrup	-	Feb 2004
Peter D Holt	-	Nov 2002
Anthony B Instone	-	Feb 2003
Graham J Jones	-	Feb 2005
Christopher P Luxton	-	Feb 2005
Philip R D J Morrish	-	Feb 1997
Michael Murray	-	Feb 2005
Anthony C Neal	-	Feb 1995
Christopher L H Parr	-	July 1994
Peter W J Robb	-	Feb 2000
Mrs Wendy Silvester	-	Feb 2006
Mrs Angela M Starling	-	Feb 2004
Issa K Tahhan	-	Feb 2003
Neil Young	-	Feb 2006

(There is one vacancy)

Additionally there are three Honorary Assistants, Past Masters Emeritus 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, Edward Daniell, Jack Broadley, Paul Michael and Michael Poulter. 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.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE F & GP COMMITTEE

Court Assistant Christopher Broadley, and Liverymen John Saysell and Barrie Torbett have been elected to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee for a period of three years.

The F & GP Committee for 2006/2007 will therefore be:

Master, Deputy Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden,  
H/A & P/M/E Alan Vause (Ex-officio)

P/M/E Michael O'Connor (to February 2008)  
C/A Anthony Neal (to February 2008)  
C/A Peter Holt (to February 2007)  
C/A Christopher Broadley (to February 2009)  
L/M Mrs Judith West (to February 2008)  
L/M John Saysell (to February 2009)  
L/M Barrie Torbett (to February 2009)

#### **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE ELECTED**

The Court reaffirmed that the Junior Warden by virtue of office should be the Chairman of the Membership Services Committee, and that the next in line for that office should also serve to ensure continuity. The committee elected for 2006/2007 is:

Junior Warden-elect Kenneth Marriott (Chairman)  
C/A Philip Morrish (Vice Chairman)  
C/A Anthony B Instone (to continue from last year)  
L/M Duncan Major (promoted to Senior Steward having been a Steward last year)  
As Stewards:  
Liveryman Sally E Ayres  
Liveryman Eric M Bennett  
Liveryman Carol Crump  
Liveryman Mrs Jennie Harvey  
Liveryman Gordon R McVean  
Plus new Stewards:  
Liveryman Ms Brigitte Garner  
Liveryman Neil Nixon

The Committee will report to the Court

#### **BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTED**

The Building Cleanability Awards Management Committee is appointed until after the Awards Ceremony in July 2006 and the Court confirmed the following:

C/A Graham Jones (as Chairman)  
P/M/E & H/A Eric Green (in advisory capacity)  
C/A Anthony Instone  
C/A Christopher Harrup  
L/M John Butler (in an advisory capacity)  
L/M Mrs Jennie Harvey  
L/M Mrs Maureen Marden  
L/M Jim Melvin  
L/M Paul Taylor  
L/M Stephen Waud  
L/M Barry Richards  
C/A Elect Richard Chisnell as the Executive Director of Awards  
Plus representatives of the Awards' Patron and Sponsors

The Committee will report to the Court

#### **INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REAFFIRMED**

The following were re-elected:

C/A Christopher Parr (Chairman)  
P/M/E John Howard  
P/M/E Michael O'Connor (Vice Captain of Company Team)  
Liveryman Christopher Lawrence (Captain of Company Team)  
Liveryman Mrs Sandra Parr  
Plus:  
P/M Paul Michael

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## PROGRESSION TO JUNIOR WARDEN – NEW ADDITIONS

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

C/A Jack Amos  
C/A Peter Holt

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

2007	-	C/A Philip Morrish (Master in 2009)
2008	-	C/A Jack Amos (Master in 2010)
2009	-	C/A Peter Holt (Master in 2011)

## CLERK AND BEADLE

It is a requirement of the Company's Ordinances that the Clerk and Beadle be elected each year:

Michael A F Bizley was re-elected Clerk of the Company for the year 2006/2007

Stephen Andrew Marvell was re-elected Beadle to the Company for the year 2006/2007

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

Senior Past Master and Father of the Company	P/M/E John Ayres
Company Archivist	P/M/E & H/A Eric Green
Golf Captain:	C/A Peter Robb
Golf Vice Captain	L/M Andy Riddle
Rep to the Court of City University:	C/A Jack D Amos
Rep to City & Guilds	L/M Mrs Judith West
Enfranchised Rep to BCC:	Master Elect Steve Wright
Unenfranchised Rep to BCC:	J/W Elect Kenneth Marriott
Construction Liveries Group:	L/M John Saysell
Member LCSC	L/M John Butler
Member LCSC	F/M Keith Aldis
Rep to the Sustainable City Forum	J/W Elect Kenneth Marriott
Keeper of the Website:	C/A Philip Morrish

## TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

The following will serve as trustees for 2006/2007:

Alan C Vause (to October 2006) [Chairman]  
Master-elect Stephen J Wright  
Deputy Master-elect Michael J Poulter  
Senior Warden-elect Michael F Bayless  
Junior Warden-elect Kenneth E Marriott  
P/M/E Harold Whiting (to October 2006)  
Almoner, L/M Tom Borland (to October 2008)

P/M/E Michael O'Conner to attend meetings until October 2006 when he will be appointed a Trustee on the retirement of P/M/E & H/A Alan Vause, and subject to approval of the Trustees become Chairman.

The Clerk is Secretary to the Trustees

## NEW INTERVIEW PANEL ESTABLISHED

Following on from last year's decision to make the Officers recommendations for office more transparent, this year all candidates for consideration for progression to Junior Warden, and candidates for election as Court Assistants, were interviewed by a panel consisting of the Master, Deputy Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Past Master Emeritus Terry King, with the Clerk in attendance. Thus enabling each candidate to express their views on the future of the Company, and be advised of the commitment they might be taking on, if recommended and elected. This practice to become an annual event, with the then Officers in post plus a Past Master forming the panel.

## DIARY FOR 2006-2007

This is up-dated calendar of events is attached to these tidings. Specific dates in 2006 that you should make note of are the Installation on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April; the Building Cleanability Awards on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July; RAMC Awards and Lunch on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September and Ladies Banquet Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### WELCOME TO NEW FREEMEN

The following were Admitted as Freemen of the Company at the February 2006 Court:

Vernon Leslie Holmes  
Scott Robert Michael  
James George Parker  
Robert Vincent  
Richard Philip Ward

### NEW LIVERYMEN

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

Matthew Burtinshaw  
Simon Keeping  
John Stinton  
David Troth

### 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 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS UP AND RUNNING

The decision to change bankers was reported in my December issue. I can now report that Child & Co, 1 Fleet Street, London EC4 has established accounts for both the Company and Charity Trust. The existing accounts at Clydesdale will continue in operation for the foreseeable future to receive payments from current Standing Order arrangements.

### NEW QUARTERAGE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk will be writing to everybody after April this year seeking their co-operation in implementing the Court's decision that as from April 2007 all Quarterage to be paid by Direct Debit instead of Standing Orders. Please do not make any changes until you hear from me later in the year. There will be no change to the amount of Quarterage due at April 2006.

### LIVERY NUMBERS

As at end of February 2006:

Freemen	45
Liverymen	203
Honorary Freemen	9
Honorary Assistants	1
Apprentices	4
Total	262 (240 this time last year)

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## QUARTERAGE AND FINES

The Court agreed that Quarterage for 2006-2007 should remain unchanged at £140, with £70 payable for those over 65 and retired. Also those under 35 to pay £70.00

Fines to remain unchanged for 2006-2007 at:

On Admission to Freedom	
By Patrimony	£250
By Servitude	Nil
By Redemption	£325

On Admission to Livery

By Patrimony	£325
By Servitude	£325
By Redemption	£325

(All, except Servitude, payable on admission to Freedom)

Apprentice Binding	£200
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The Admission fee to both Freedom and Livery (total of £650) to be paid prior to Admission to Freedom

The following Fines to be increased effective from February 2006:

Admission to Court	£350
Junior Warden	£400
Senior Warden	£500
Master	£600

## INSTALLATION COURT, SERVICE OF REDEDICATION AND BANQUET - 7 APRIL

This will take place on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006, with the Court and Service being held in our Chaplaincy Church of St Olave's, Hart Street at 5.00 pm, followed by the Banquet at Mansion House at 6.45 for 7.30 pm. Many of you who are in email communication with the Clerk have already booked your seats at the Banquet. In fact the Clerk has to report that there are very few places left with us close to the capacity of Mansion House at 320 places.

**Should you be interested in attending please call the Clerk on 01359 242947 to see if there are in places available.**

## UNITED GUILDS SERVICE – 31 MARCH

It is being held this year on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 at St Paul's Cathedral. A lunch is available at Stationers Hall at £45.00. Those wishing to attend the Service or the lunch are to please advise the Clerk by not later than 15<sup>th</sup> March on 01359 242 947.

## VISITING MASTERS LUNCHEON – 15 MAY

This is always a special occasion with Masters having to sing for their lunch by speaking for no more than 4 minutes about their own Company. Spaces at this lunch are usual at a premium so you should book very early on the attached application form.

## INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT – 17 MAY

C/A Chris Parr and his committee are busy finalising arrangements for this year's Shoot, to be held, as usual, at the Holland & Holland Grounds in North London, on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. Chris is expecting a large turnout with some 65 to 70 teams from the Livery Companies and about 400 people present. This is now one of the largest Inter Livery events on the calendar, and provides some £7,500 for various charities. Any member wishing to shoot in a Company team to contact P/M/E Mike O'Connor on 01892 511144 or email: [Mike.Oconnor@dcuk.co.uk](mailto:Mike.Oconnor@dcuk.co.uk)

## SPRING NEW MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENT – 24 MAY

This year we will be hosting Sir Michael Savory, who will be describing a day in the life of a Lord Mayor. Sir Michael was Lord Mayor last year. We will also see the return of Neil Morley who will this time give us a presentation of Victorian London. To be held at our 'lodgings' – Armourers' Hall on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.00 for 7.30 – see application form attached. Potential members are most welcome at this event.

## **MASTER'S SPONSORED WALK AROUND THE CITY LIVERY HALLS – 1 JUNE**

Master Elect Stephen Wright will be leading a group of volunteer livery members of the Company on a sponsored walk of all 40 Livery Halls with the intention of raising a sizeable sum of money for the Company's Charity Fund. The minimum entry fee is £50 with as much additional sponsorship as possible. Should you be interested in participating, please complete the attached form and return to the Clerk ASAP.

## **MASTER'S WEEKEND AWAY – 1-2 JULY**

Master Elect Stephen Wright feels that often there is insufficient time at formal events for members of the Company to socialise. He is therefore intending to establish an Annual Master's Weekend Away, with is year visiting North Norfolk, and especially the Muckleborough Collection (a Military and Tank Museum owned by Sir Michael Savory, last year's Lord Mayor). We would arrive in Norfolk on the Saturday morning, 1<sup>st</sup> July in time for some lunch at our hotel, before departing in a coach to the museum – and perhaps a short tour of the North Norfolk coastline. Return to the hotel for a black tie dinner in the evening with perhaps some music. Breakfast/brunch on Sunday morning before departing for home. Will those interested, members and their partners only (no guests), in taking part in this new initiative, please complete the attached form indicating their attendance? Final costings will be available once we have some idea of numbers attending.

## **BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS – 10 JULY**

A record number of nominations have been received for this year's awards, which will be presented at a glittering ceremony in The Brewery, Chiswell Street, EC2 on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006. The Great Hall at Guildhall is unfortunately unavailable due to renovation work in the kitchens. Full details of this luncheon and ceremony, now one of the top events in the industry's calendar, will be published shortly.

## **GOLF SOCIETY**

This year's Company Golf Day will be held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at Ashridge Golf Club, Berkhamstead. See attached application form, which should be returned in the first instance to the Golf Captain, CA Peter Robb with payment.

## **FLOAT IN LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2006**

We will, once again, participate in the Lord Mayor's Show by being part of the Modern Livery Companies Float. The date for your diary is Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

## **COMPANY ARCHIVIST**

PME & HA Eric Green has been researching some of archives of the Company, and made some recommendations to the Court with regard to future record keeping and storage. In doing so he has thoroughly enjoyed looking through the old records, especially those from the days of the Guild. However, the original records of the first meetings and minutes are not in a good enough state to be perused by a large number of Court and Company Liverymen. PME Eric has taken it upon himself to edit the records from 1972 to 1982 in the belief that a number of people might find some pleasure in reading about the actual happenings over that period. He found the exercise fascinating and the finished version with the title... "The First Ten Years" will be available to anybody who wishes to engage in a game of nostalgia and share in the moments of quirky judgements, serious concerns about the Guild's future and some hilarious minutes. One example was when the Court met at a commercial premises and our founder Clerk, no doubt writing the minutes after the odd sherbet, said, "As all the members went up to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor in the same lift there was no room for disagreement". The Clerk will shortly advise when 'The First Ten Years' will be available electronically. Hard copy will be available upon request only.

## **FEBRUARY COURT LUNCH – A SELL OUT**

101 members and guests attended the February Court Lunch in Armourers' Hall – probably a record attendance for such a luncheon, which involved a new table layout! Sir Robert Finch gave an address on the new arrangements for selection of candidates for the Shrievalty and Mayoralty.

## **QUARTERAGE FOR 2006-2007 DUE**

For the few of you who do not pay by standing order will you please ensure that the Clerk receives payment of Quarterage on 1<sup>st</sup> April or soon afterwards. There are still a few owe for last year!  
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