



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

May-June 2007.

NEW MASTER AND WARDENS INSTALLED

Michael Frederick Bayless was installed as Master at St Olave's Church on Friday, 20th April 2007 in front of large congregation of Court Assistants, Liverymen, Freemen and guests, which included his wife Cherry and a coach full of his family and friends. Many personal and industry friends also supported Michael.

Stephen J Wright was installed as Deputy Master; Kenneth E Marriott as Senior Warden; and Philip R D J Morrish as Junior Warden. Our Honorary Chaplain, Reverend Oliver Ross conducted the Service of Rededication.

The Master, Wardens and their Ladies received some 280 members and guests at the Mansion House for the Installation Banquet. Due to the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor leaving for China that evening, our Honorary Freeman, Alderman Sir Robert Finch was the Lord Mayor's Representative, and, Lady Patricia Finch accompanied him. Mr Sheriff Richard Regan and Mrs Ann Regan were also in attendance. It was a particular pleasure for the Master to welcome Sir Robert, as he was unable to attend our Installation Banquet when he was the Lord Mayor in 2004.

Junior Warden Philip Morrish proposed the Civic Toast (to the Lord Mayor, Corporation of London and the Sheriffs) and The Lord Mayor responded. The Master proposed the toast to the Guests, and Mr Chris Duffield, Town Clerk and Chief Executive, City of London, responded most entertainingly and proposed the toast to the Company. His wife Mrs Trish Duffield accompanied him. Past Master Emeritus Timothy Louis proposed the toast to the Founder.

Other guests included the Chief Commoner, Mrs Deputy Pauline Halliday (who is also the Master of the Farriers' Company No 55) and was accompanied by her husband Mr Peter Halliday; Common Councillor John Brewster OBE, Chair of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and Mrs Daphne Brewster; Brigadier John Graham L/RAMC, Director BFG Health Service and Chairman of the Selection Panel for the Environmental Health Technicians Awards and Mrs Heather Graham; Mr Peter Bostelmann, Master of the Grocers' Company (No 2) and Mrs Hilary Bostelmann; Mr Henry Millward, Master of the Needlemakers' Company (No 65) and Mrs Susan Milward.

VISITING MASTERS AT MAY COURT LUNCH

The new Master welcomed the eight Masters and one Prime Warden, five of them with their Clerks to the traditional May Masters' Luncheon at Armourers' Hall on 14th May. They were, with the Company's order of precedence:

Dr Alan Mawson, Master Salters' Company (9)
Mr Jeremy Lyon, Prime Warden Dyers' Company (13)
Mr Peter Dowling, Master Innholders' Company (32)
Mr Christopher Rogers TD, Master Founders' Company (33)
Mr Nicholas Carr FRICS, Master Plaisterers' Company (46)
Dr Andreas Prindl CBE, Master Musicians' Company (50)
Mr Hugh Stevenson, Master Framework Knitters' Company (64)
Prof Barry Rider PhD LLD, Master Pattenmakers' Company (70)
Group Captain Roger Gault FRAeS, Master GAPAN (81)

All the Masters and Prime Warden had to speak for not more than 4 minutes about their Company and the Clerk is pleased to report that the occasional cough or pushing back of his chair seemed to avoid some getting the 'gong' for over running their time! The Master Salter, being the Senior Master present and therefore speaking last, also generously responded on behalf of the guests. This was another 'full house' event with the Clerk just able to accommodate all applicants having agreed with the Hall that we can now go up to 91 within the usual horseshoe table layout and with a further small table in the end fireplace, rather than the original 81 when we first took up lodgings!

INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT – The Largest Inter Livery Event now?

Another good year with the weather holding out for us, yet again. A total of 94 teams representing 54 different Livery companies and some 20 guests including reigning Masters and Clerks attended, making this we believe to be largest Livery event in the City. A total of £4,700.00 was surplus on the final accounts, which will be donated to many charities including the usual £1,000 for this year's Lord Mayor's charity. The Master was in attendance and the prizes were awarded as follows:

Alan Ritson Cup top livery team - Gunmakers C - 338 - £750.00
Gunmakers prize top livery gun – A Price - 74 - Saddlers - £500.00
Horners prize Masters & Court team - Gunmakers D – 284 - £250.00
Lightmongers top gun ladies - S Deacon - 55 Farriers A - £125.00
Team Livery side by side - Gunmakers A - £125.00
Team Livery highest flush - Gunmakers F - 78 - £125.00
Top Individual Livery s/s - Jason Abbot - 69 - £125.00
17th livery team - Solicitors - 269 - £125.00
27th livery team - Distillers - 247 - £125.00
37th livery team - Clothworkers Court team - 233 - £125.
47th livery team - Poulterers Court team - 206
57th livery team - Tallow Chandlers B – 165

We entered two teams but they appear not to have been amongst the prizes but I am told they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Company is extremely grateful to Court Assistant Chris Parr for organising this event, able assisted by his wife Liveryman Sandra Parr. The event will be held at the same venue next year on Wednesday, 21st May 2008.

COMPANY LUNCHEON AND BCA LAUNCH – MONDAY, 9TH JULY 2007 AT TRINITY HOUSE

This July the Master has chosen Trinity House, Trinity Square, Tower Hill, EC3 (near Tower Hill Tube Station) for the Court meeting and Company Luncheon – it is now a tradition to visit another Hall for this meeting. Trinity House is a Georgian, Grade I listed building in an historic part of London, close to the River Thames. It is easily accessible by public transport and overlooks one of the United Kingdom's 15 World Heritage Sites – The Tower of London. The present building was designed by Samuel Wyatt and constructed at the end of the 18th Century. The building was completely re-furbished in 1990. Trinity House is the headquarters of a unique maritime organisation dedicated to the safety of shipping and to the welfare of seafarers and their dependants. It traces its origins back nearly 500 years to the reign of Henry VIII, by whose Royal Charter it was incorporated in 1514. The Royal connection persists to this day, as the current Master of Trinity House is His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Corporation of Trinity House's connection with 'seamarks' began with an Act of Parliament during the reign of Elizabeth I. Today the Corporation is the General Lighthouse Authority for England, Wales, the Channel Islands and Gibraltar, maintaining 72 lighthouses 11 light vessels and over 500 other navigational aids. It is also a deep-sea pilotage authority and has thriving charitable functions, promoting the safety, welfare and training of mariners. The House comprises a suite of five elegant rooms exhibiting many fine paintings, and shipwrights' models in glass cabinets. The 2nd largest loom carpet in England covers the floor of the Courtroom, where the painted ceiling depicts the role of Trinity House – the welfare of mariners. Outside the courtroom hangs the bell from the Royal Yacht Britannia. The Library

houses a fine collection of silver gifts dating back to the early 17th Century, as well as stained glass windows from as far back as 1570.

It will accommodate up to 120 people so I should be able to find seats for all those wishing to join us for lunch. An application form is attached with these tidings for those not on emails, which should be returned not later than Tuesday, 26th June.

It is also an opportunity to launch and promote the 2007-2008 Building Cleanability Awards and we expect a number of the sponsors and champion supporters of this prestigious programme to be present. The Master Chartered Architect is our principal guest and will speak! You may wish to note in your diaries that the presentation of the BCA Prizes will be made on Monday, 30th June 2008 at a lunch in the Great Hall at Guildhall – another very special event.

MASTER TAKES US TO REIMS FOR HIS LIVERY WEEKEND AWAY - 29 June to 2 July.

Thirty of us - having travelled by coach and PO Ferry, will be staying at the Hotel de la Paix, which is a Best Western 4* Hotel in the centre of Reims within walking distance of the shops and it has also the usual facilities including an indoor swimming pool.

On the Saturday we will visit Champagne Lanson in Reims with tasting included, Tour Reims Cathedral with an English speaking specialist guide, have time for shopping in the City and also visit the House of Tattinger including another tasting.

On Sunday we visit Moët & Chandon with the most expensive tasting of champagnes that it is available followed by free time for lunch in Epernay. Then, a train journey into Mercier for yet another exotic tasting. On Monday we return home stopping at Cash & Carry for essential supplies, arriving back in Central London early evening.

RAMC AWARDS LUNCH NOW CALLED OUR MILITARY AWARDS LUNCH – WHY?

Firstly, this year we are holding this event at Armourers' Hall on Monday, 24th September – full details to be published later. Why are we changing the name? Well, we have recently agreed with the RAF Environmental Health (EH) Cadre to make an annual award of a medal and purse to one of their technicians, on a similar basis as we have done for the past 10 years for the RAMC EH Cadre. Also, we have agreed to support two Army Cadet Force detachments in South East London – 73 and 75 Detachments, both RAMC Badged, one of which is a Corps of Drums. We will be awarding annually a new Silver Company Shield to the 'Outstanding Cadet', and, making an award of £1,000 annually to the Detachments in order to support cadets participating in outward-bound projects. The Court have therefore decided that these, as well as the RAMC EH Technician awards, should all be presented at one event, hence the change of name. We may even have some drums played at the lunch – but perhaps before!!

The RAMC GP Prize and the TA EH Officer Prize will continue to be presented at the Ladies Banquet each year.

COMPANY GOLFING SOCIETY DAY – Wednesday, 26th September 2007

This year we are returning to Ashridge Golf Club, Berkhamstead, following the success of last year. The programme is:

8.00-8.30am Arrival and registration with coffee and bacon rolls

9.00-9.20am Tee Off for 18 holes

12.00-12.30 (Approx) 3 course Carvery lunch and presentations

The cost is £98.00 per person for members, and guests, who are most welcome, will cost £103.00 each.

Should you wish to enter please make contact with the Golf Society Captain, Court Assistant Peter Robb at peterwjrobb@yahoo.co.uk or 'phone on 07808 590207

NEW FREEMEN AND LIVERYMEN

The following were admitted at the May Court:

Clerk of the Company: Michael A F Bizley
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Freemen:
Kevin Paul Day
Andrew Gordon Large
Aziz Tejpar
Liverymen:
Neil Morley
Anthony Frederick Vockins

NEW COURT ASSISTANTS

The following Liverymen were admitted as Assistants at the May Court meeting, initially for a three-year period:

Gordon Robert McVean
Barrie Patrick Torbett
Miss Sally Ayres will be admitted as an Assistant at the July Court.

REMEMBRANCE – PAST MASTER EMERITUS BRIAN BARCLAY

The Clerk is saddened to report death of Past Master Emeritus Brian Barclay, who passed away on Thursday, 3rd May 2008. PME Brian was a founder member of the Company and Master in 1987-88. He had been ill for some time. The Court stood in silent tribute at the May Court. The Clerk advised that the funeral had been held on 4th May, and if there were to be a memorial service he would advise the date in due course.

ERIC HILL MEMORIAL PRIZE

Although the original C&G course is no longer running, the Court has accepted that a similar and new course – C&G 7643 Cleaning Science Levels 2 and 3 be adopted and the Eric Hill Memorial Prize be offered to that College or C&G Centre which produces the best overall results each year. Sheffield College will win the 2007 award, and they will be presented the prize, which continues at £500, and a certificate, at the July Court Lunch.

LIVERYMAN DOREEN HEYES BEQUESTS

The Executors (Mr & Mrs Andrew Neil) of the late Almoner's Will have agreed that a bequest to the Chaplaincy Church of St Olave's, Hart Street, would be a stained glass panel in the centre of the North window over the entrance door and that this would take the form of the Company's Coat of Arms. The Clerk had sought agreement with the Executors and the Chaplain that Ms Stella Timmins (who designed the Guildhall Art Gallery window) be commissioned to design the window, and samples were already in the hands of the Master & Wardens, the Church and the Executors.

Also, the Executors wished that the Honorary Chaplain should have made new vestments, which should also have some Company designation.

The Company to also receive a suitable Silver engraved Loving Cup in memory of Doreen.

QUARTERAGE PAYMENTS

Just under 50% of the Company members have kindly signed up to paying Quarterage by direct debit this year, and many still paying by standing order. Hopefully with a little persuasion these will change to direct debit during this year in readiness for April 2008. Those of you who pay by cheque and have not yet done so are asked to do so NOW - £140 or £70 if over 65 and retired from work, or under 35 years of age for the first 5 years of membership. Some people have paid twice – the DD but did not cancel their standing order! The Clerk will sort this out in the next couple of weeks and send a cheque to those who have done so. The cheque and standing order payers will be asked to move over to direct debiting.

LADIES BANQUET – DIARY DATE

Will be held at Drapers' Hall on Friday, 23rd November 2007 – full details later.

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