



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

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November Court and Company Luncheon – Monday, 7th November 2005

The Court will meet at Armourers' Hall at 10.30 on Monday, 7th November, when in addition to normal business will Admit two new Freemen to the Company, and, those who have the Freedom of the Company and been recently Admitted to the Freedom of the City of London will be 'clothed in livery'.

The Master has invited Mr Geoffrey Bond, a Sheriff in 2004-2005, and a Past Master of the Glaziers' & Painters of Glass Company, to join us for lunch in the Hall and speak on his experiences as a Sheriff, but we await his confirmation.

Application for tickets for the luncheon is attached with a closing date of Friday, 21st October 2005.

Ladies' Banquet – Friday, 25th November 2005

This prestigious event is being held at Plaisterers' Hall – the Company having last been there for a banquet in the year 2000 – it has since been thoroughly refurbished. It is the largest Livery Hall in the City, certainly one of the most splendid and is set beneath a brand new office complex. The rooms are a skilful reproduction of Robert Adams original 18th Century designs. The Great Hall is the centrepiece with walls forming an arcade of pilasters with Corinthian style capitals. There is a Minstrels Gallery at one end and windows looking onto one of the few remaining sections of the original Roman London Wall at the other.

The sparkling wine reception from 6.45 p.m. will be followed at 7.15 p.m. by a three course dinner with coffee, wines and port/brandy, followed by a stirrup cup just before carriages at about 10.30 pm. The annual General Practice Prize to the RAMC, and an award to a Territorial Officer of the Environmental Health Cadre, will be presented in the presence of a number of distinguished guests including Senior RAMC Officers. The Guildhall School of Music and Drama will provide musical entertainment.

The Master has arranged for Mrs. Frances Edmunds to be our speaker. Frances is much in demand on the professional speakers circuit as a motivational and humorous speaker. In a recent *Times* survey, she was voted Britain's top female after-dinner speaker. In 1976, she married her current husband, sometime Middlesex and England cricketer, Phil Edmonds, and accompanied him on tour to the West Indies in 1986. It was there that she wrote her first and highly controversial best seller *Another Bloody Tour*, which launched her into her present career as writer, broadcaster and professional speaker. In 1987, she followed the England cricket team to Australia and produced *Cricket XXXX Cricket*, a No. 1 bestseller both in UK and Australia. In Australia, she co-hosted *Good Morning Australia*, Australia's most popular breakfast TV show, and covered the cricket and the America's Cup for the *The Times*. In 1989 she wrote *Members Only*, - an irreverent search for signs of independent, intelligent life in the Houses of Parliament. She found few. Her subsequent novels *Samson Delilah*, *Star of Heaven* and *Games* were all greeted with critical acclaim. Her latest work of non-fiction, *Winning the Game of Life*, published in June 2001, is a book on personal success, self help and motivation and embraces techniques employed by Britain's foremost captains of industry and sportsmen/women. In addition to her writing, Frances Edmunds has wide experience on radio

and television, hosting programmes as diverse as Radio 5 Live's *505*, *Women on Top*, *A Game of Two Halves* and Channel 4's *The Greatest*. She is a regular news reviewer for *BBC Breakfast News* and *Breakfast with Frost* and appears frequently on radio and TV as a guest and panellist.

Having our Ladies' Banquet at Plaisterers' Hall means that we should be able to accommodate all applicants but this is a popular event and early application is recommended. Seating will be at round tables of 10 and complete tables may be booked by members for their individual parties. This is an ideal occasion, in a fine and sumptuous setting, for corporate entertainment or simply to entertain spouses, partners and business colleagues.

An application form is attached, with a closing date of Wednesday, 9th November 2005.

RAMC – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

There was a good turn out at Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot, for the annual presentation of prizes to the Environmental Health Cadre of the RAMC on 29th September. The Master presented a purse of £400 and medal to Staff Sergeant Christopher Taylor RAMC whose citation read:

"Since arriving at Headquarters 4th Division Staff Sergeant Taylor has dedicated himself to ensuring environmental health standards and the health of the Division have been kept to the highest standard possible. As a Senior Non Commissioned Officer in charge of a busy environmental health team he has demonstrated maturity, a sense of responsibility, leadership and knowledge far beyond that which is expected of him and has made an outstanding contribution in the Division. He has a likeable manner and the respect of subordinates, peers and seniors alike. This coupled with his outstanding professional knowledge has ensured that all of the units within the Division have had a first class service in helping to resolve their issues. At all times, unit commanders at all levels have received the appropriate timely advice in order to lower disease incidence, ensuring the safety and welfare of the troops and thereby maintaining the Divisions capability

"Staff Sergeant Taylor has been instrumental in the implementation of the SCHASE Risk Based Approach to Auditing. This has been done in conjunction with a Headquarters LAND trial and in support of the Land Management Consultancy Service (LMCS) Study. Staff Sergeant Taylor, in order to achieve this, has worked tirelessly on writing and rewriting the environmental health modules to ensure they were user friendly, thorough and ensured both military and civilian legislative requirements were met. His contribution and recommendations were integrated into the final LMCS report accepted HQ LAND whereby Staff sergeant Taylor demonstrated an effective and efficient way of auditing units in the 4 Division that can now be applied to the Army as a whole.

"Staff Sergeant Taylor has demonstrated his ability without the direction from senior officers and warrant officers that he can manage and use to good effect the largest environmental health team in the British Army. This was demonstrated in the success of the LMCS trial and that HQ LAND Command is now considering using the SCHASE system Army wide. He also ensured the movement and smooth amalgamation of the North and South teams within the 4th Division, which is now operating effectively. Most importantly he has shown a dedication to his subordinates in training them, ensuring their welfare at all times and showing them the highest standards of leadership possible. In short his contribution to the health of the Army has been outstanding in all respects."

The Junior NCO prize of a purse of £350 (increased from £250 this year) and a medal was presented to Corporal Susan Johnson RAMC by the Master. Her citation read:

"During the past 12 months A/Cpl Johnson has demonstrated all of the qualities that are expected of a nominee for this award. In addition to excellent performance in her normal work, she has taken it upon herself to improve the way in which we deliver the primary aim of the AMS as a whole and the EH Cadre in particular, namely the "***maintenance and promotion of health and the prevention of disease***".

"Largely during her own time, she has produced a training package to support the delivery of ITD 8 training to soldiers throughout the Command. She has spent long periods searching

information sources such as the Internet to ensure that the information is current and entertaining. Drawing on her own experience from operational tours in Afghanistan and the Middle East, along with the experience of other members of the Team, she has produced an ITD 8 "Toolkit". This is a series of modular presentations and supporting materials that can be used independently or together to satisfy the requirements of ITD 8. The major advantage of this approach is that it allows topics that are particularly relevant to the audience e.g. their rank and age and local conditions to be taken into account. Col Health at DM(A) has stated that it is his intention to include the "toolkit" in his DHP Action Plan. The toolkit has been extensively tested in Germany to good effect, especially on the BFG Health Services Roadshow where she has been the main uniformed contributor.

"In addition to the toolkit A/Cpl Johnson has produced advice and guidance materials for soldiers and civilians in the Command on a range of topics from safety in the home to tattooing and body piercing. She has also engaged with BFBS Radio with a view to using this medium to spread the "good word" to service personnel and their families in Germany. Her latest project is to develop a web page on the HQ UKSC(G) web site which will hold useful information and links for all in the Command and those further afield who can access the Army intranet, again much of this work is being completed in her own time.

"In keeping with the best traditions of the Army Medical Services and the Environmental Health Cadre, A/Cpl Johnson has made an immense contribution to promotion of health in Germany to both military and civilian personnel. I unreservedly support the nomination for Cpl Johnson to receive the award for excellence from the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners."

A reception and luncheon was held in the Officers' Mess with the Commandant of the Defence Medical Services Training Centre (DMSTC), Group Captain Keith Lane RAF in attendance. Colonel Simon St Miller L/RAMC, the Parkes Professor of Preventative Medicine responded to the Master's toast to the RAMC. Major Phill Wright, OC DEOH, Major Douglas Ralph, Deputy Head of Environmental Health, Major Jim Fletcher, SO2 Environmental Health Policy were also in attendance. The Master presented Captain (Retd) Peter Starling, the Curator of the Army Medical Services Museum with a cheque for £250, and members had a guided tour of the museum after lunch.

COMMON HALL – NEW LORD MAYOR ELECTED

About a dozen Liveryman of the Company attended Common Hall in Guildhall on 14th September, and saw the Master in full regalia process to the service in the Guild Church of St Lawrence Jewry, and, process into Guildhall for Common Hall with Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff of the Livery Companies, as well as the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen and Officers.

Alderman David Brewer CMG (Merchant Taylor) was elected Lord Mayor elect to take office at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall on Friday 11th November, followed by the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday, 12th November.

Members present joined several other Livery Companies for luncheon in Painters' Hall.

THE MAYORALTY – SOME CHANGES?

The Clerk has just been advised by the Town Clerk that following Common Hall in September, the Court of Aldermen has reviewed arrangements for the Mayoralty in future years and has taken two decisions: firstly, to express support for Alderman Nick Anstee for 2008-09 (he was next in line to David Brewer) and, secondly, to commence the appraisal process for 2006-07 in accordance with the new arrangements as outlined in Sir David Howard's letter of 21 March 2005 to the Livery and Court of Common Council. Those on the list at Common Hall in September were John Hughesdon (Alderman and Cooper) and Sheriff in 2004-05; and, David Robin Mauleverer (Alderman and Air Pilot and Air Navigator) who was a lay Sheriff in 2001 and has recently been elected Alderman for the Walbrook Ward. Watch this space!

CITY WALK

Some 20 members of the Company enjoyed a most interesting guided tour of the City on the evening of 20th September. Their guide was the knowledgeable Neil Morley, a Blue Badge holder, who had given an entertaining and informative talk at the 'New Members' evening earlier in the year. After the walk a supper was enjoyed at the Raglan 'pub. Thanks to the Junior Warden and his Membership Services Committee for organising the event.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW – SATURDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2005.

Some 30 members of the Company have booked seats in the South Grandstand at St Paul's Cathedral to watch the procession as it winds its way from London Wall through to the Royal Courts of Justice at the beginning of The Strand, where it rests for a short lunch break. The Master, Deputy Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Court Assistant Kenneth Marriott, will be participating in the Modern Livery Companies Float (No 25 in the procession) in full regalia.

A crowd of thousands are expected to welcome the new Lord Mayor. Attractions will include music, pageantry, dancers, military parades, fancy dress and a flypast along with some 6,000 people taking part in 220 vehicles and 60 floats. The Show will stretch almost three miles.

For those of you who wish to see the Show the route is Gresham Street, Princes Street, Mansion House, Poultry, Cheapside, New Exchange, St Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate Hill, and Fleet Street. The Lord Mayor travels from Guildhall to Mansion House at 10.50 and waves off the procession at 11.00. The head of the procession reaches the Royal Courts of Justice at 11.20. The Lord Mayor joins the procession at Mansion House at 12.05. At 12.15 the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress arrive at St Paul's to be blessed by the Dean. At 12.35 the Lord Mayor reaches the Royal Courts of Justice, leaves the Coach and swears oath of allegiance before the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and Master of Rolls. At 13.00 the head of the procession sets off from the Courts via Victoria Embankment, Blackfriars, Queen Victoria Street, returning to Mansion House at about 13.25. At 14.00 the Lord Mayor rejoins the procession at the Courts and arrives back at Mansion House at 14.30 where he inspects the guard of honour and is greeted by City Aldermen and Livery Company Masters.

This year is the 400th anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot, so the traditional evening fireworks display on the Thames promises to be a spectacular as ever! This is at 5.00 pm.

CITY LIVERY YACHT CLUB – WHY NOT JOIN?

The City Livery Yacht Club was formed in 1956 and provides a range of sailing and socialising opportunities for members. Membership is exclusively for members of Livery Companies and the Guild of Freemen, and offers superb benefits for boating enthusiasts. Whether you are an avid sailor or a complete novice (with or without a boat), there are plenty of opportunities to socialise. The Club organises a monthly programme of events, including races, regattas and dinner functions. Membership is just £25.00 for the year (plus £25 joining fee). If you are interested please call 08700 66 42 32 or email Janet Walker (Hon Sec) jw@clyc.co.uk Further details on website: www.cityliveryyc.co.uk

BRITISH RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MARKET, GUILDHALL – 21 TO 23 NOVEMBER

The biennial Christmas Market is the largest fundraising event for the British Red Cross in the Square Mile and one of the largest in the country. In 2004 the market raised over £80,000 and in 2005 the aim is to exceed £100,000. Perhaps Guildhall offers a far more pleasurable shopping experience than the High Street? Preview Night Monday, 21 November 5.30 – 9.00 pm entry by pre-booked ticket only £15 single, £25 for two (includes champagne and canapés). Public Days, Tuesday, 22 November 11 am to 6 pm and Wednesday, 23 November 11 am to 4 pm – entrance fee on the door £3. For further information contact Rebecca Payne on 020 7382 4650 or Email: rpayne@redcross.org.uk

BEAUTIFUL MEASUREMENT

28th October is the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Guild of Scientific Instrument Makers. They have decided to mark this anniversary by holding a one-day celebration of scientific instruments in the Clore Education Centre at the British Museum on 24th November 2005. This study day will appeal to the general public and the specialist. Full price tickets are £40. Price includes coffee, lunch with wine and soft drinks and afternoon tea. For more information contact the Learning and Information department at the British Museum on 020 7323 8850/8510 or contact the Clerk of WCSIM at 9 Montague Place, SE1 9DD, Tel: 020 7407 4832; theclerk@wcsim.co.uk

THE MANSION HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Each year at the Installation Banquet, the Master presents the Lord Mayor (or his representative) with a cheque for £1,000 from the Trustees of our Charity Fund for the Mansion House Scholarship Scheme. The Scheme was started in 1998. Donations of the last mayoralty allowed Alderman Sir Robert Finch to award no less than eleven scholarships in some of the thirty countries, which he visited as Lord Mayor. This has brought the overall number of scholarships awarded through the scheme since its inception to thirty-four. Each scholarship has allowed a young student or business executive to attend an academic course at a British University or to undertake a training course or business attachment here in the City studying in the financial services sector.

Our Company was one of twenty two Livery Companies that contributed during the last mayoralty, raising the thirty seven the overall number of Companies that have supported the scheme since its inception, many like us on an annual basis. The Lord Mayor deeply appreciates the ongoing support from the Company.

During the current mayoralty, Alderman Michael Savory has awarded three scholarships to young business executives from Tunisia, Malta and Greece and he hopes to offer further scholarships during his visits to the Far East and to South America.

Each scholarship remains in the order of £5,000.

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS – BURSARY RECIPIENT

The Master and Clerk, together with Masters and Clerks of several other Livery Companies were recently guests of the School at an Open Day. The tour of the school, which is within the Barbican complex, was most informative and interesting - not least the masses of modern teaching aids. Before lunch some half dozen very talented student musicians gave us a musical concert. We were also able to meet the beneficiary of the Company's bursary – Miss Grace Onwuamaegbu. Grace was a delightful girl of Nigerian parents, and travels in each day from south London. The Master, who spent several years of his early commercial life in Nigeria, and Lagos in particular, was able to discuss with Grace many aspects of her homeland. The Master and Clerk received emails from Grace after the visit – the following being a copy of the Master's:

Dear Master Poulter,
It was great meeting you today, I had a great '20 minutes' talking to you.
I wanted to thank you for giving up your time to come to visit the school and I hope you enjoyed your stay. I also wanted to thank you for your sponsorship towards my education. It is well appreciated. Another thing that I did appreciate was the good advice you gave me. After I retire I'll be sure not to pick up the phone. Thank you for all you do.
Yours gratefully
and akaro (that's good bye in Yoruba)
Grace Onwuamaegbu-CLSG

The Senior Warden also attended the Schools Prize Day at Guildhall on Friday, 14th October as the Master was out of the country on holiday.

CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S SCHOOL

The Deputy Head has informed the Clerk that two students have received the Environmental Cleaners' Prize for Food Technology and four students the Company's prizes for Services in the Boarding Houses, at the School's Prize Day in July. The Master and his Lady were in attendance. Sally Davis is going on to Southampton to study Occupational Therapy; Alexander Firth to study Primary Education at Roehampton University of Surrey; Theo Highland will study Engineering Foundation at Oxford Brookes; Aurelia Li will study Architecture at Nottingham; Adrian Lo will also study Architecture but at University College London; and, Patriese Miller is off to Southampton to study Biomedical Sciences.

The boarders who were chosen for the Service Prize have done a great deal to ensure that the Boarding environment is a pleasant one and have also organised activities associated with the environment of the School.

The Company is thanked for providing the funding (£200) which enabled the students' efforts to be rewarded.

The Master also presented the School with one of the Company's heraldic shields, which is added to the collection, which is on display in the School's Livery Room.

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

The Headmaster has also written to the Clerk expressing the School's appreciation of the £200 for prizes for pupils at their Prize Day. The School values the close links with the Livery Companies.

ERIC HILL MEMORIAL AWARD 2005

Matthew Boulton College, Birmingham, which runs both the City & Guilds 7640-01 (Cleaning Science) and 7640-02 (Cleaning Services Supervision) qualifications, will receive the award as the best overall centre for these qualifications, at the February 2006 Election Court Luncheon. In total the College's 25 learners achieved 15 distinctions (60%), 8 credits (32%) and 2 passes (8%).

CONGRATULATIONS – A MARRIAGE

I am sure you will all wish to join with the Master, Wardens and Assistants in congratulating Court Assistant Kenneth and Shevonne Marriott on their recent marriage. Many of you will know Shevonne Hartley, as she has been Ken's guest at many functions over the past couple of years.

LIVERY IRONBRIDGE WEEKEND

In June the Master and his Lady attended the annual Livery Ironbridge Weekend together with many Masters and their Ladies from other City Livery Companies. It is especially useful for the Master of our Company to meet so many other Masters so early in his year of office – and it appears that many friendships are struck, which will probably last for many years to come. The Master also presented one of the Company's heraldic shields to add to the collection of other Company heraldic shields on display at Ironbridge. The 2006 weekend is from 16 to 18 June.

PAST MASTERS' DINNER

To be held this year at Coopers' Hall on Thursday, 20th October with some 14 in attendance. Amongst general discussions, PME & HA Eric Green will talk about the role of the Company Archivist. END.