



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

October 2007.

Please note that the following items have been enclosed with these Tidings:

1. Members' Handbook 2007-08
2. Review of 2006-07
3. Details and application form for Ladies' Banquet 2007 (for those not on email)
4. Details and application Form for Livery Dinner (for those not on email)
5. A brochure for the Building Cleanability Awards 2008
6. Details of the Charity Ball 2008, which requires your attention please.
7. A CD containing a Power Point presentation for use in recruitment of new members.

LADIES BANQUET – FRIDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER

This year the Master has chosen the beautiful Drapers' Hall for our prestigious Ladies' Banquet. It is a venue steeped in history. The present Hall occupies the site, which was once part of an Augustine Priory, on which Thomas Cromwell built his palace in the 1530's. After his execution the property was purchased by the Guild of Drapers in 1543. Rebuilt after the Great Fire of 1666 it was partially destroyed, again by fire, in 1772, rebuilt, and later altered in the 19th Century. The Court Dining Room dates back to the late 1660's and is the oldest room. The Livery Hall is one of the largest and most impressive Livery Halls in the City, and is dominated by the Company's collection of royal portraits and adorned from above by magnificent ceiling paintings by Herbert Draper depicting scenes from Shakespearean plays.

The sparkling wine reception from 6.30 p.m. will be followed at 7.00 p.m. by a four course banquet with wines and port. The Annual General Practice Prize to the RAMC, and an award to a Territorial Officer of the Environmental Health Cadre, will all be presented in the presence of a number of distinguished guests including Senior RAMC Officers. An engraved silver Loving Cup will be presented to the Company in memory of our first Almoner, Liveryman Doreen Heyes by the Executors of her Will, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Neil. The Master will also present Miss Anni Gale MBE with an engraved glass vase, in recognition of her retirement after serving as Principal Assistant -Diary to 25 Lord Mayors of the City.

The Master has arranged for Mr. John Welch to be our speaker. No less than five national newspapers have recognized Mr. Welch's rise to fame as one of the top after dinner speakers in the country, with material that is clean, topical and extremely funny. After serving as a non-commissioned officer in the Coldstream Guards, often supervising the 'Changing of the Guard' at Buckingham Palace and taking part in the 'Trooping of the Colour', he then joined a well known international business systems company, but such was the demand for his services as a speaker it was soon to become his profession. Additionally, the Master has arranged for some rather special musical entertainment!

An application form is attached, with a closing date of Saturday, 10th November 2007 for those who are not on the Clerk's email address book.

LIVERY DINNER – THURSDAY 24th JANUARY 2008

The Master is continuing with last year's initiative of adding a Livery Dinner to our social calendar. It must be a tradition by now and will be held every year at this time! This year we

are going to the rather lovely Innholders' Hall in College Street, just at the bottom of Dowgate Hill on Thursday, 24th January 2008. Please note that as this is a Livery Dinner, it is for Liverymen only. Freemen will not be permitted to attend. Also, as part of establishing a tradition there will be not outside guests except for the speaker, who this year will be Dr William Beaver, the Lord Mayor's Speechwriter. Apparently he prepares some 800 speeches for the Lord Mayor each year. He should therefore be good! It will, of course, be 'black tie'.

Details and an application form attached for those who are not on the Clerk's email address book, to be returned to the Clerk with payment by not later than Wednesday, 9th January 2008.

MILITARY AWARDS PRESENTATIONS AND LUNCH – 24TH SEPTEMBER

Held at Armourers' Hall this year, the first time we have invited the military to our 'lodgings', and you will note the change of name from RAMC Awards Lunch. This is because we are now including the Royal Air Force Environmental Health Squadron, and, two Army Cadet Units, 73 and 75 RAMC Detachments, which are based at Braganza Barracks in South East London, in our awards programme.

The Master presented prizes to the two RAMC Environmental Health Technicians: WO2 Pete Tagg, the Senior NCO, a medal and a cheque for £400, and L/Cpl Donovan Davy, the Junior NCO, a medal and a cheque for £350. Brigadier John Graham, Lt Col Ken Roberts, Major Andy Charnick and Major Douglas Ralph supported them.

WO2 Tagg citation read: "deployed on Op TELIC from Oct 06 to Mar 07 in the role of WO I/C EHT. His remit was to provide medical force protection advice to the Brigade and Units. During the early stages of his tour he quickly managed and resolved a significant upsurge in gastrointestinal cases throughout the theatre, whilst relocating a greatly downsized team (from 4 personnel to 2) during the Relief in Place (RiP) process. This was a huge undertaking for his small team however he achieved quick success and minimised further cases through his skilful planning and negotiation with HQ and unit personnel staff. At a time when theatre based human resources were at a premium his efforts in maintaining and improving combat power were widely acknowledged by MND(SE) and Brigade staff. As a result of his hard work and the lessons learnt, the theatre adopted new protocols to minimise and manage infectious disease cases for all forthcoming RiP's, this is clearly attributed to the work of WO2 Tagg. He spent the majority of his time either in the air, at unit locations or in the back of armoured vehicles, giving critical face to face advice and assistance to front line units on Env Hlth related issues and then backing up this support with timely and efficient reports in order effect change in infrastructure or contract provision for the benefit of the troops. To reinforce the stature of the man, numerous complementary calls were received by the Comd Med MND(SE) from all levels of command regarding his pragmatic and "can do" approach to his duties. During his tenure the tempo of operations in Southern Iraq MND (SE) changed dramatically. Attacks on bases and convoys increased whilst units began to transition into an operational over watch posture. Some bases closed whilst others grew considerably, as such demands for Env Hlth support increased overwhelmingly from HQ staff and Units. Nevertheless, because of his drive and determination, he continued to provide as much of a routine and proactive service as he could, resulting in very long workdays. He adopts a selfless approach to his work to benefit others, and this was clearly evident when he was tasked, at great risk, on his last weekend in theatre to visit the Basra City sites to give timely contingency planning advice to units on critical sanitation issues in order to maintain operational effectiveness. He achieved this to great effect and averted the potential for an operationally significant disease outbreak. In summary, WO2 Tagg is an exemplary Warrant Officer who, throughout this operational tour, has performed his duties in a manner well above and beyond that expected of him, adding value at every opportunity. This highly regarded soldier has an effect were it matters most; with the soldiers and units he supported so well. It is for these reasons this citation is submitted."

LCpl Davy's citation read: "deployed on Op HERRICK to a singleton post in KABUL. This location during his tour was the hub for all arriving and departing troops from Theatre.

He also covered the British Embassy and assisted in the food contract for that location and inspections of their facilities and resolved issues there with the hygiene standards, provided guidance as to their water supply and treatment.

Dealt with the main food depot for the Contractor

Two major outbreaks occurred with RiP troops, on the first instance he very quickly instigated control measures to prevent further spread and control the existing. His powers of communication to the Chain Of Command within the camp and his highly practical advice based upon the realisation that the operation could not be halted gained him great credibility with his seniors.

Following that he had developed immediate action drills which proved their worth when a second outbreak occurred. This was again very quickly brought under control.

His performance would have been impressive for any class one Technician but his performance was more impressive given this was his first operational Tour and was a relatively newly qualified Environmental Health Technician

LCpl Davy did not always have ready access to an EHO or a Senior Tech and had to act on his own initiative. He proved highly competent in adapting the requirements of Service.”

It is the first time the RAF has attended and Sqn Ldr Sharon Castle and Flt Lt Gary Moyes represented them. We will be making our first award to one of their technicians at the 2008 Lunch – new medals are being produced by Garrards.

We had been in touch with the Cadets units for some months, and, had already presented them with the first of our annual cheques, for £1,000, and to be used to help with outward-bound activities. On this occasion the Master was delighted to present a new shield to the Best Cadet, Cpl Demei Smith from 75 (Walworth) RAMC Detachment SELACF. Demei also received an engraved Company Wall Plaque to keep. The Colonel Commandant SELACF, Colonel Clinton Riley, and the Drum Major, Mike Price supported Cpl Smith. Her citation said that: “She has accomplished in a very short space of time her three star Army Proficiency Certificate as well as achieving the rank of Corporal. In November this year she will attend her Sectors Sergeant Cadre for assessment for further promotion. She is an accomplished musician playing the flute to a very high standard as well as the side drum. Corporal Smith has represented the Sector in a number of events. She is also a member of the National Corps of Drums selected from across the United Kingdom to play in a Tattoo in Malta last October half term.”

The new shield is a mahogany base with 20 years of hallmarked silver nameplates, and silver hallmarked and enamelled Company Coat of Arms as the centrepiece.

NOVEMBER COURT – IN OCTOBER AGAIN – NOW A PERMANENT DATE!

This was held as usual at our ‘lodgings’ - Armourers’ Hall – on Monday, 29th October. The change of date is to enable the Master and Clerk to represent the Company at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance and laying of crosses at St Paul’s Cathedral on the first Monday of November each year, in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and other Livery Masters and Clerks.

Three new Freeman were Admitted, and four Freeman were ‘clothed in livery’ at the Court, and a ‘full house’ some 89 members and guests attend the following luncheon. Mr Kenneth Dwan, the Master of the Company of Watermen & Lightermen of the River Thames responded on behalf of the guests and in doing so told us all about his experiences as an Olympic Oarsman in 1968 and 1972, winner of the Doggett Coat and Badge in 1971, and being the Queen’s Waterman in 1977, and Queen’s Bargemaster 2002-2004. His Clerk, Colin Middlemiss, accompanied him. The Master Butcher and Master Constructor were also in attendance with their Clerks, as was our Honorary Freeman, Alderman Sir Robert Finch (Lord Mayor 2003-04). The Master remarked that this was the first time he had attended without having to speak!

COMPANY REGALIA – FOR SALE

The Clerk has a number of items in stock, which is pleased to despatch on receipt of payment:

Company Ties – priced at £25.00 – silk with dark and light blue stripes and the Company Crest – a number of other Companies have remarked how nice they look!

Company Umbrellas – priced at £25.00 – with white and blue panels and the Company Crest and name on two of the white panels - ideal for golfers!

Company Shields – priced at £48.00 – they are 7” x 6” and the Company’s Crest is hand-painted in the form of a plaque on the shield. Would make nice presents – and look good on the wall of your office!

Company Golf Caps – priced at £17.50 – each has the Company’s Crest embroidered on the front. They come in blue or beige, so please state colour required when ordering.

New Livery Badge – priced at £40.00 – these are reasonably new and will replace the original medals. All new liverymen are now being presented with the new badge. Those liverymen ‘clothed in livery’ earlier may purchase the new one. It will be worn hanging from the left lapel.

Let the Clerk know of your requirements – by post with payment - and your item will be despatched to you within the week, subject to availability.

NEW COURT ASSISTANT

Miss Sally Ayres was installed as an Assistant at the July Court. Sally is the daughter of the Father of the Company, Past Master Emeritus John Ayres.

NEW FREEMEN

The following have been Admitted to the Freedom of the Company:

At the July Court:

George Peter Borgeat
Debbie Claire Castro

At the October Court:

Alan Rodney Garrett
Gary Henstock
Efraim Rosen

NEW LIVERYMEN

The following have been ‘clothed in livery’:

At the July Court:

Anthony James George Stoddart

At October Court:

Kevin Paul Day
Peter Chadwick Hadfield
Andrew Gordon Large
Stewart Stennett

INTER LIVERY CHARITY WALK

Following on from last year’s successful Company event, we organised, on 19th September, an Inter Livery Walk of all 40 Livery Halls. We invited up to 10 Masters of other Companies to enter with a member of their Court. The weather was good and following bacon butties in Armourers’ Hall we made our way along the Halls near to London Wall, then onto those around Bartholomew’s Hospital, back via Fore Street, then onto Furniture Makers for coffee, then to those around Throgmorton and Threadneedle Streets, Bishopsgate, Mark Lane, and

onto Watermen's for drinks and then Bakers for lunch. A long walk follows to Glaziers, back over the bridge to Fishmongers and then collection around Dowgate Hill, to Painters for more refreshment, and then the 'slog' out to Master Mariners, back via Apothecaries for well earned water, up to Warwick Lane, back down Cheapside and Gresham Street areas, with more drinks at Saddlers, and finally to Grocers, for a welcome finishing glass of champagne. We measured it last year at around 8.25 miles and we got back to Armourers' for about 5.00 pm. As well as the Master, the Deputy Master and PM Mike Poulter walked, as did your Clerk who was the 'official photographer' to record the calling at each Hall. The Master has sent each participating Master a CD with all the photos recording their epic journey! We will be sending £1,000 to the Lord Mayor's Appeal, and around £850 made its way into our Charity Fund via sponsorship of the Master. The Court has agreed that we shall run a similar event next year!

COMPANY ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2007

Income	£41,631
Surplus on functions is	£6,209
The Administration Expenses at	<u>£49,961</u>
The operating deficit was	(£2,121)
Add Fees and Fines of	<u>£13,900</u> , less Corporation Tax of £674.00
All in all we made a surplus of	£11,151
On the balance sheet the fixed assets stand at	£99,792
The net current asset position is	<u>£30,361</u>
The Company's Accumulated Fund is	<u>£130,153</u>

THE CHARITY FUND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2007

Income from donations	21,335
Income from Investments	13,674
Bank interest	<u>526</u>
Total Income	£35,535
Donations and Awards made	14,382
Investment management fees	3,534
Governance costs	<u>2,317</u>
Total expenditure	£20,233

Net income for the Trust was therefore £15,302.

There were realised and unrealised gains on investments of £32,799

The total value of Income and designated funds was £580,787 at the year-end, compared with £532,686 in 2006, an improvement of £48,101 over the year.

ROYAL CHARTER OF INCORPORATION

The Court have confirmed that the Company should seek from Court of Aldermen and the Privy Council a Royal Charter of Incorporation, which it was agreed we should do sometime in the future when the Ordinances were first agreed back in 1986. The Clerk has been busy working on this with the aid of a barrister clerk of another company, and the first draft was placed before the Court at their October meeting. A working party has been established to assist the Clerk in this work. A Petition will also need to be prepared, and the support of organisations within the sector sought. Hopefully it can be achieved before the end of 2008.

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS 2008

These were launched at the July Court Lunch, held at Trinity House, when a number of sponsors and supporters were present. The Master Architect was the principal guest and proposed the toast to the Company. Closing date for entries is the end of December 2007, with judging taking place thereafter. The awards will be presented at a prestigious luncheon in the Great Hall of Guildhall on Monday, 30th June 2008.

Brochure and entry forms are enclosed with these Tidings.

RECRUITMENT POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Enclosed with these Tidings is a wallet for the CD, which contains the Power Point presentation and speakers notes. Every member will therefore have one. However, it is the intention of the Membership Committee to use this when making presentations about the Company and the benefits of membership to those senior management teams of the larger companies within the sector, who are yet to join us as individual members. This was put together by a small committee of the Senior Warden, PM Mike Poulter, CA Neil Young, the Clerk, and primarily constructed into the Power Point configuration by LM Neil Morley, who used be a senior IT manager at the City of London Corporation. We hope you will find it interesting and helpful?

CHARITY BALL 2008

This is an initiative being proposed by the Senior Warden and to take place when he is elected Master next year. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 6th September 2008 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London, W2. His intentions are to raise a substantial amount of money specifically for the Company's Charity Fund.

Preliminary details are enclosed with these Tidings, seeking your support as either a sponsor, which can be achieved in several ways, or to commit to attendance.

Please send your responses back to LM Maureen Marden, who is chairing the small committee working on this project, and, we thank her for her efforts to date.

MASTER'S ACTIVITIES

The Master has been busy since taking office in April, and up to the end of October he has attended some 50 meetings, lunches or dinners. His wife, Mrs Cherry Bayless, joined him on 11 occasions, and, the Clerk has accompanied him at 20 events.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN ST OLAVE'S CHURCH

There have been a few problems in trying to get our Company's Coat of arms included in the North window of the Church dedicated to the memory of LM Doreen Heyes, our first Almoner who served from 1976 to 2004. However, we continue trying and are now hopeful that we may yet achieve success by the spring of next year.

GOLF SOCIETY

Court Assistant Peter Robb reports that the Company's Annual Golf Day on 26th September was the culmination of a very successful year for the Golf Society. He is proposing to introduce a Spring Meeting and details would be published in due course.

DEPUTY MASTER CHAIRS BCC

The Deputy Master, Stephen Wright, keeps himself busy, having just stood down from being Master of the Company, he took over the Chairmanship of the British Cleaning Council in July, for a two year term, succeeding Liveryman Judith West, who had represented BICS on the Council.

HONORARY FREEMAN REVD JOHN COWLING

I am delighted to report that our recently retired Honorary Chaplain and Rector of St Olave's, has become the Junior Warden of the Worshipful Company of Upholders. Born in 1932, John grew up in South-east London with a younger brother and two musical parents. His mother was a violinist and his father a singer and pianist. The family moved to Ashted in Surrey shortly before the end of WW2 and there he met and married Margaret. She teaches piano and is an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music. They have four children and twelve grandchildren. From singing in his local church choir as a boy he was drawn into the Christian community and, after school at KCS Wimbledon, national service learning Russian and three more years at Cambridge, he offered himself for ordination in the Church of England. Ordained in Manchester, he served for thirty-three years in various Lancashire parishes, ending up at Holy Trinity Church Southport, where he also became warden of readers in the diocese of Liverpool. In 1991 he came to London to be Rector at St Olave's and shortly after his arrival was invited to become chaplain of the Upholders' Company, as well as our own Company. Since 2005 he has been retired and now lives in the village of Burmarsh on Romney Marsh in Kent. Here he looks after a small 12th century church and the villagers who live around it. I am sure we will see John at one of our events when he is Master Upholder in 2009.

CITY ELECTS NEW SHERIFFS

Alderman Ian Luder and Alderman Michael Bear were both elected at Common Hall on Midsummers Day and took up their duties on 28th September. Alderman Luder was first elected to the Common Council in 1998 and was elected Alderman in his Castle Baynard ward in May 2005. He chaired the Corporation's Finance Committee from 2003 to 2006. A Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser, he was President of the Institute of Taxation in 1994-5 and is a partner with Grant Thornton. He previously served as a member of Bedford Borough Council for 23 years.

Alderman Bear has served as Common Councillor, Deputy and Alderman for the ward of Portsoken and his service includes chairing the Barbican residential Committee. After a civil engineering degree at the University of Witwatersrand S.A, and an MBA from Cranfield, he has worked widely in the international construction and property industries. As CEO, he brought the Spitalfields development to a successful conclusion and continues his many years as Managing Director of Balfour Beatty Property. He is also a Regeneration Director with Hammersons.

The office of Sheriff dates back to the middle ages and is of long-standing importance in the government of the City of London. Their duties include attending the Lord Mayor in carrying out his official duties, attending the sessions of the Central Criminal Court in the Old Bailey and presenting petitions from the City to Parliament at the Bar of the House of Commons.

A NEW LORD MAYOR TOO, AND, A SHOW ON SATURDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER

At Common Hall on Monday, 1st October, we elected Alderman David Thomas Rowell Lewis MA as Lord Mayor, to be installed at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall on Friday afternoon, 9th November. The world famous Lord Mayor's Show taking place the following day, at which our Master, Deputy Master and Wardens will participate as part with Modern Companies Float. Karcher UK is also supplying a Road Sweeper as part of that Float (which will be number 106 in the procession) so look out for them. The Lord Mayor Elect, who is Alderman for Broad Street Ward since 2001, and Sheriff only this last year, was born in 1947, married, with one son and one daughter. Educated at Dragoon School, St Edward's School, Oxford, and Jesus College, Oxford, MA Jurisprudence. He is an honorary fellow of Jesus College. Currently a consultant with Norton Rose, he was senior partner between 1997 and 2003. He is a Liveryman of the Solicitors' and Fletchers' Companies, and the Welsh Livery Guild, member of the Royal Society of St George and Guild of Freeman. His interests include dogs, collecting maps and Welsh rugby.

WE VISIT THE CADETS AT CAMP

As reported earlier, we have 'adopted' 73 and 75 RAMC Detachments of the South East London Army Cadet Force. There are some 850 cadets with SELACF from a variety of different backgrounds; many having grown up in severely disadvantaged circumstances. A Friday in early August saw the Master and Wardens, together with the Clerk and Past Master Paul Michael, attend the Cadets' Summer Camp at Knook, near Warminster on Salisbury Plain, where some 400 of the Cadets were enjoying two weeks of life changing experiences. Lt Col Ken Roberts Head of EHT at Camberley kindly attended with Captain John Woods and a Sergeant from the RAMC, and, our Honorary Freeman, Colonel, now Professor, John Richardson also joined in. It was an inspirational day for all of us, as we were able to witness first hand the way that the confidence of these young boys and girls improves, and also the way that activities undertaken at camp by the cadets help them to improve their life skills. It was a chance for Past Master Paul Michael to walk down memory lane as he attended Knook Camp as a Cadet, shall we say not so many years ago! It was also pleasing to see the washing machine that Court Assistant Chris Broadley had kindly donated being put to good use. Also, it was good to see representatives from the Wheelwrights' and the Information Technologists' Companies there too.

PAST MASTERS DINE

This year the now annual Past Masters' Dinner was held in the Private Members Dining Room at Guildhall on Thursday, 18th October. Those in attendance were: PME's John Ayres, Eric Green, Donald Wells, John Howard, Tony Ellison, Tim Louis, Terry King, David Clark, Robert Burtinshaw, Edward Daniell, and PM's Jack Broadley, Paul Michael, Mike Poulter, the Master, Wardens, and the Clerk. The Master gave a resume of Company activities and Eric Green provided an entertaining response.

THE OLD BAILEY

The Central Criminal Court in England, commonly known as the Old Bailey marked its centenary this year. The present building was opened in February 1907 by King Edward VII and dates from 1902. The building is on the site of the infamous Newgate Prison, which was demolished to allow the Courts to be built. Above the entrance is inscribed 'Defend the Children of the Poor and Punish the Wrongdoer'. The nickname Old Bailey comes from the street where the courthouse is located, which follows the line of the original fortified Roman wall of the City, known as the 'bailey'. The Old Bailey is probably the most famous criminal court in the world. It hears cases remitted from all over England and Wales as well as from Greater London. On the dome above the court is the statue of Lady of Justice, a woman holding in her right hand a sword representing power and punishment, reason and Justice, and in her left hand a balance standing for equity. During the Blitz, the Old Bailey was bombed and severely damaged, but subsequent reconstruction undertaken in the '50's saw the building fully restored. From 1968 to 1972 a new South Block, designed by the architects Donald McMorran and George Whitby was built containing more modern courts. To mark the centenary a reception was attended by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh. In Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities, the Old Bailey is the courthouse named in the book where Charles Darnay is put on trial for treason. The popular television series Rumpole of the Bailey concerns a defence lawyer who works at the Old Bailey.

LONDON ASSAY OFFICE

From a Goldsmith's Company review the Clerk has gleaned some interesting statistics about work dealt with by the London Assay Office for year ending December 2006:

	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM
Number of articles	4,013,429	1,493,008	143,936
Weight of articles	19,931,826 grams	37,475 Kilograms	1,068.763 grams

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