



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

October-November 2004.

THE MASTER'S LADY

I am pleased to report that the Master's wife, Jacqui, is home again after her stay in hospital following a life saving operation.

Jacqui unfortunately fell down some stairs on Saturday, 11th September, sustaining a cracked skull and damage to her brain in two areas, which resulted in her being unconscious and taken to hospital. She was transferred to the Atkinson Morley Neurological Hospital and kept in the ICU, but her condition worsened requiring a life saving operation on Tuesday, 14th September.

The Master reports that Jacqui will require occupational therapy and other specialist help but expects to have her 'firing on all cylinders' very soon.

The Master, his son Scott, and Jacqui are extremely grateful for the kind wishes and thoughts from so many caring people.

COURT AND COMPANY LUNCHEON – Monday, 1st November 2004.

This will be held at our new 'lodgings' – Armourers' Hall, 81 Coleman Street, London, EC2, following the normal meeting of the Court that same morning. An application form for tickets for the luncheon is attached with these Tidings, and should be returned to the Clerk, with payment, by not later than Friday, 22nd October 2004. If you have yet to visit Armourers' Hall this is an excellent opportunity to view our new home – it is one of the more beautiful Livery Halls of London. Those of you on email will also receive the form with these Tidings as another attachment.

LADIES' BANQUET – Friday, 26th November 2004.

This is one of the most prestigious events of the year in our Livery Company's calendar. This year the Master has decided to return to the magnificent Drapers' Hall, in Throgmorton Avenue, EC2. The Drapers' Company are number 3 in the order of precedence, and the present Hall occupies the site, which was once 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 reception will be held in the Drawing Room and Court Dining Room. The Court Dining Room, dating in part to the late 1660's, is the oldest room in Drapers' Hall and overlooks the garden. The Court Room is dominated by two Louis XV Gobelin tapestries, which hang either side of the fireplace, depicting the legend of the Golden Fleece. The Livery Hall is one of the largest and most impressive Livery Halls in the City of London. The room 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 Master has arranged for Mr Pete Goss, the round the world sailor, to be our speaker. Mr Goss has built a reputation for being an interesting and entertaining after dinner speaker. Some musical entertainment is also being arranged.

Drapers' Hall will accommodate some 250 people for dinner, so there will be room for everybody who wishes to attend. 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.

Details together with **application form** are enclosed with these Tidings, and **must be returned to the Clerk, with payment, by not later than Friday 12th November**. This will enable the Clerk to finalise arrangements with the caterers and produce a table plan etc. Those of you who receive this by email will have the application form as a further attachment.

ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

A dozen members of the Company attended Common Hall in Guildhall on Wednesday, 29th September. The Master, complete in gown and chain of office, having previously attended a Service in the Guild Church of St Lawrence Jewry, processed into Guildhall with Masters of the 105 Livery Companies, members of the Livery Committee, Officers of the Corporation, Aldermen, Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor. The Aldermen below the Chair who have served the office of Shrievalty and eligible to stand for election for the Mayoralty were Michael Berry Savory, Poulter; David William Brewer CMG, Merchant Taylor; Richard Devenish Agutter, Goldsmith; and Nicholas John Anstee, Butcher. Michael Savory and David Brewer were chosen by Common Hall for the Court of Aldermen to elect a Lord Mayor for the ensuing year, and they chose Michael Savory, who will be installed at the Silent Ceremony in Guildhall on Friday, 12th November, with the Lord Mayor's Show taking place on Saturday, 13th November.

Following Common Hall, members of the Company adjourned to Painters' Hall for their traditional lunch.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW – Saturday, 13th November.

We are taking part again this year! The Master, Paul R Michael, Senior Warden, Michael J Poulter, Court Assistants Kenneth Marriott and Mrs Angela Starling will be representing the Company within the Modern Livery Companies Float in the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday, 13th November. They will be dressed in their Gowns, Badges and Tudor Bonnets, and together with three representatives from each of some 17 other 'Modern' Companies, will walk surrounding a special 'bus with a band aboard – it is float number 45 in the procession. They will take it in turns to carry a placard displaying the Company's name. Look out for them on the outward and return journeys and give them a good cheer – they will be walking some 6 or 7 miles!

RAMC AWARDS LUNCHEON

Apothecaries' Hall was the venue for this year's presentations to the Army Environmental Health Cadre with some 60 members of the Company present on Monday, 21st September. The Master presented medals and purses for 'Excellence' to WO2 John Maxwell (Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs) and Lance Corporal Linzie Greene (Junior NCOs and Other Ranks) following the reading of the citations by Major Jim Fletcher RAMC. WO2 Maxwell was the winner of the Junior NCOs prize

in 1997, the first year of these awards, and, L/Cpl Greene was the first female winner of either prize.

WO2 John Maxwell made an excellent 'PowerPoint' presentation of the role of the Environmental Health Cadre post war operations in Iraq. Brigadier Alistair Macmillan L/RAMC proposed a toast to the Company in responding to the Master's toast to the guests, following a very enjoyable lunch. Brigadier Macmillan was attending his last event as he retired at the end of September. Other RAMC Officers present were Major Ken Roberts, Major Dougie Ralph and Major Phil Wright.

It is agreed that next year this event will be held at Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot on a date yet to be decided, but at approximately the same time of year.

COMPANY GOLF DAY

It was a rather wet and windy day at the Oxfordshire Course on Friday, 17th September for the thirty-four members and guests who took part in the Company's Annual Golf Day. The winners of the main prizes were:

Broadreach Scratch Prize – Junior Warden Peter Robb

Low Handicap Prize – Past Master Emeritus Eric Greene

High Handicap Prize – Past Master Michael O'Connor

The retiring Captain, J/W Peter Robb, advises the Clerk that next year's event will be held on a different course, which has yet to be selected, and on a date to be advised.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2003/2004

This would normally have been circulated by now, but there has been a delay with the printers. The Clerk hopes to be able to circulate this as soon as possible.

QUARTERAGE 2004-2005

If you have yet to pay this year's Quarterage, the Clerk would appreciate an early remittance to avoid sending out more 'credit control' letters!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2005-2006

Please get out your diaries and book the Company's event dates for 2005-2006!!

Attached to these Tidings is a provisional calendar of events from January 2005 through to May 2006. You will note that one of two of the dates and venues are provisional but your Clerk will confirm these to you in due course.

However, you may wish to note that the Installation at St Olave's Church and Banquet at Mansion House is confirmed as Friday, 1st April 2005. We have also been advised the Lord Mayor Elect has kindly agreed to attend with the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their Ladies.

OBITUARIES

The Almoner reports the sad death of the following Liverymen:

Liveryman Allan A Shellard – Admitted in 1978 and Livery in 1987 – who died on 8th October 2004

Liveryman Leslie R Hill – Admitted 1977 and Livery in 1987 – who died on 16th September 2004

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Liveryman Wendy Silvester, who gave birth to a baby boy, Oliver William, on 10th September 2004.

NEW COMPANY GOLF UMBRELLAS FOR SALE

How many of you would like to be the proud owner of an Environmental Cleaners' Company Golf Umbrella?

The Clerk is currently having 75cm storm sport with plastic grip brollies made, complete in the Company colours of blue and white and the Company's name and crest.

They will be priced at £22.00 each, including postage and packing.

Please send in your cheques now with a note of your requirements – first come first served - and they will be despatched to you in the next month.

The Clerk is also researching the purchase of baseball (Golf) caps and will advise you about these later.

THE LIVEABLE CITY AWARDS – Our Company sponsors prestigious award

The Awards were established by the Corporation of London in 2001, in partnership with seven of the City's livery companies, one being our own company. The awards aim to recognise and reward best practice in sustainability amongst organisations in the City and beyond. They have now grown to become the foremost and most prestigious sustainability awards in the UK. The Awards explore work across the three pillars of sustainability development – the environment, social issues and the economy. The awards have eight specific categories, in addition to which one organisation also receives the title of overall winner for 2004. The categories are:

- Sustainability and ethical investment and asset management (UK-wide)
- Air quality and contributions to climate change (London-wide)
- Traffic reduction and transport management (London-wide)
- Energy management and water conservation (UK-wide)
- Access to goods and services for disadvantaged communities (London)
- The built environment (London-wide)
- Biodiversity: sustainable use and conservation (London-wide)
- Environmental management (City-based firms only)

This will be the third year that the Environmental Cleaners' Company have sponsored the Environmental Management Category Award – last year it was won by M J Gleeson plc from the construction sector. The closing date for entries is 1st December 2004. Further information and electronic application form can be found at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lca Hard copies are available from the Sustainability unit on 0207 332 3598 or lca@corpoflondon.gov.uk

Should your company, or perhaps a customer, be City based, why not give serious thought to entering the Environmental Management category, or any of the others, for that matter? If in any doubt give the Clerk a ring and he will try to help.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

There will probably not be another Clerk's Tidings before then! However, I do hope to see many of you at either the Company lunch on 1st November, or the Ladies Banquet on 26th November, or maybe both!!