



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

October/November 2008

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

1. Members' Handbook 2008-09
2. Review of 2007-08
3. Details and application Form for Livery Dinner (for those not on email)
4. A list of important Livery Company dates for your diary through to 2010

LADIES BANQUET – FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER

At the time of publishing these Tidings, the event is sold out! Those on email benefit from early notification! This year we are visiting Carpenters' Hall, 1 Throgmorton Avenue (on junction with London Wall). Maximum numbers are 200 on round tables of 10. The Clerk believes this is the first time the Company has used this Hall for such a function – unless somebody out there knows different? The Master has decided that it should be a musical evening, so there is no special speaker this year, except the Master Ironmonger will propose the health of the Company.

The Carpenters' Company has been based on London Wall since its first Hall was built in 1429. The Hall survived the Great Fire of 1666, but was pulled down in 1876 to make way for the construction of Throgmorton Avenue and the Company's second Hall. This building was severely damaged in 1941, but the present Hall was built within the surviving Victorian walls and opened in 1960. At least 18 different kinds of wood were used throughout the building, which was intended as a showcase for the craft of carpentry. A bridge was built over Throgmorton Avenue to house part of the banqueting hall, which was designed by Clifford Wearden of Sir Basil Spence's practice, in a modern contemporary style.

The Master will be presenting medals and purses to the following winners:

Major Stephen York RAMC, whom performed best in the General Practice examination of the Post Graduate Medical Officers' Course for newly commissioned medical officers. Stephen is unlikely to be present to receive his prize, as he is overseas on operational duties. Colonel Robin Simpson L/RAMC, The Defence Professor of General Practice will receive it on his behalf.

Major Jonathan Brice RAMC (V), a territorial officer, based in Northern Ireland, who has excelled in the field of Environmental Health. Jonathan's citation reads:

Maj Brice is a popular member of the Regt through his regular attendance and willingness to become involved in a wide variety of activities. His professional standing is well recognised both from within the Regt and from the Environmental Health Cadre in general. He is always keen to be involved in the wider sphere with the other military and Tri-service EHO's through attending single service and joint conferences whenever he is able.

Jonathan has in recent years completed a seven-month overseas deployment taking on the role of the Pan-Balkans EHO and looking after the Environmental Health of the deployed force in both Bosnia and Kosovo. He was the initial TA incumbent of this single post that was previously filled by Regular Officers. The post tour feedback from all concerned was very positive. He is now looking to deploy again with his current Unit to Afghanistan in 2010.

In addition to undertaking annual camps with the Unit including Marble Tour in Gibraltar, he has also had a number of attachments with Regular EH Teams in various locations including Edinburgh, Northern Ireland and Cyprus with the Joint Services Hygiene Unit. This has given him exposure to the wider aspects of EH not usually encountered at Regt level.

Jonathan's capabilities as a military EHO have been recognised widely. He has previously been tasked to take part in the Main Planning Conferences for exercises in Albania and Armenia advising on EH and general medical force protection measures for the deploying UK contributed elements of the force. His advice however has been heeded by the other NATO nations participating. He also took part in the two-stage exercise in Albania Exercise Longbow Lancer offering his advice in real-time.

Jonathan has also been willing to give support to his regular counterparts, providing EH cover in his native Northern Ireland when members of the HQNI and 38 (I) Bde EH Team have had no members available in Province.

Staff Sergeant Keith Gatward RAMC, the Senior NCO Environmental Health Technicians Prize for meritorious service. His citation is shown with those who were presented prizes at the Company's Military Awards in September.

LIVERY DINNER – THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2009

This will be our third annual Livery Dinner and this year we are going to Watermen's Hall at 16 St Mary-at-Hill, EC3 (just off Lower Thames Street with nearest Tube being Monument). Once again we are visiting a Hall new to the Company and sufficiently large to take the numbers that normally attend this event.

The Company of Watermen and Lightermen was established by Act of Parliament in 1555 to control the Watermen on the River Thames responsible for the movement of goods and passengers. Indeed it remains the only ancient City Guild to be formed and controlled by Act of Parliament. They are Company without Livery, similar to the Parish Clerks.

Today the Watermen and Lightermen still work on the River Thames, the former being concerned with passenger transport and the latter with the carriage of goods. The young Freemen of the Company are eligible to participate in the Doggett's Coat and Badge Race, which has been held annually since 1715. This gruelling boat race is held each July and goes along the river from London Bridge to Chelsea. The winner has the honour of wearing the scarlet coat, breeches and silver arm badge that are based on the original costume of an eighteenth century Watermen.

The present Hall dates back to 1780 and remains the only original Georgian Hall in the City of London. It was designed by William Blackburn and is a perfect example of eighteenth century domestic architecture.

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 no outside guests except for the speaker. 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, 7th January 2009.

MILITARY AWARDS PRESENTATIONS AND LUNCH – 22nd SEPTEMBER

Another new Hall to the Company (that makes three this year!), on this special occasion we visited Vintners' Hall in Upper Thames Street.

The Vintners' Company with its first Charter in 1363 is one of the Twelve Great Livery Companies of the City of London. With its origins steeped in the history of the City of London,

and the import, regulation and sale of wine, the Company continues to maintain strong links with the UK Wine Trade, with Vintners' Hall known as the Trade's "spiritual home". With its trade, social, charitable and educational interests, the Company continues to play an important role in the 21st century. The Vintners of London have possessed a Hall situated between Upper Thames Street and the River Thames since the 15th century, and it is probable that for many years before that time they had occupied the same site and made use of a building there as their Common Hall. The piece of land on which Vintners' Hall stands was bequeathed to the Vintners' Company in the will of Guy Shuldham, citizen and Vintner of London, dated 7 November 1446. The original hall and almshouses were burnt down during the night of Sunday 2 September 1666, less than 24 hours after the Great Fire of London had broken out in Pudding Lane some 600 yards away. The actual construction of the new Vintners' Hall took place in the 1670s. During the 18th century only minor changes and improvements were made, and the Hall suffered only superficial damage during the Second World War and since then only subtle modernisation and redesign and careful restoration have taken place.

The winners of the two RAMC Environmental Health Technicians prizes were:
Staff Sergeant Keith Gatward, the Senior NCO, a medal and a cheque for £400; and L/Cpl Stewart Benson, the Junior NCO, a medal and a cheque for £350

For the first time the Company presented a prize to an RAF Environmental Health Technician and the winner was:
A/Corporal Lisa Cake, a medal and cheque for £400

And the second winner of the annual Best Cadet prize was:
Lance Corporal Brogan Twite, a Company Wall Plaque and cheque for £100.

Their citations are:

"Staff Sergeant Gatward is an Environmental Health Technician currently deployed on Operation HERRICK 8 in Afghanistan. Although employed in 16 Close Support Medical Regiment, the bulk of his time is spent in 16 Air Assault Brigade Headquarters. Throughout his time in the Headquarters, his sound professional knowledge and experience have placed him in a position of great responsibility and pressure, a position he has relished and thrived on. His contribution towards the safe deployment of a force in excess of 4000 soldiers to an operational theatre was considerable and is testament to his professionalism and ability. His role in the Brigade Headquarters involves advising senior commanders and their staff on all aspects of Environmental Health and health risk in order for them to formulate safe plans. For the current operation, this involved advising on the whole spectrum of environmental health from vaccination programmes to unit environmental Health training. Concurrent to this, he has had the responsibility of mentoring and developing junior Environmental Health Technicians under his control. He is a devoted and committed senior EHT who has greatly enhanced the capabilities and reputation of the Brigade Environmental Health Cadre. Staff Sergeant Gatward has been deployed on Operation HERRICK 8 since March 2008 and will complete a 6-month operational tour as the Task Force Helmand Environmental Health Advisor. He has, in such a short time, proved his worth whilst dealing with environmental hazards encountered by units deployed into austere and dangerous locations. He has been extremely proactive in visiting bases to assess the environmental threats, giving sound professional and tactical advice to Battle Groups. In addition he has deployed at extremely short notice to play a vital part in the control of contagious outbreaks of disease. Without his proactive stance in containing these outbreaks there could have been potentially serious impacts on military operations in a hostile environment. Due to his extensive professional knowledge and calm, level headed approach, these outbreaks have been controlled and measures have been implemented to prevent them spreading or reoccurring. As an ambassador for the Environmental Health Cadre, Staff Sergeant Gatward epitomises all the best traits of his profession. He is most strongly recommended for the Annual Award for Excellence from the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners."

Staff Sergeant Gatward was unable to attend due to being abroad on operational duties so it was decided to invite him to the Ladies' Banquet to receive his prize in person.

“LCpl Benson is nominated for the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners Annual Award for Excellence for his outstanding dedication to the delivery of EH support within HQ 5th Division. He has been employed within an undermanned EHT, where both the SO3 Med (EH) and Warrant Officer have deployed on Operations concurrently, resulting in an increased workload on the junior members of the team. LCpl Benson has risen to this additional responsibility and consistently punches above his weight, taking on the workload normally completed by a SNCO to good effect. He always places the needs of others before himself, is the first to volunteer for work or indeed complete tasks without being asked, with little or no need for direction and supervision. He displays a level of leadership, maturity and organisational ability far beyond his current rank and experience.

During the past year, LCpl Benson has developed a comprehensive electronic system for the management of information and references within the EHT. This task was undertaken of his own volition and ensured the EHT has access to up to date information at all times in a quick and easy format. In an undermanned team covering the range of EH work with constant need for technical direction, this has resulted in a significant increase in efficiency and operational effectiveness for the EHT. This has been a valuable tool in the development of personnel and due to his unselfish nature, this JNCO set about sharing this information with colleagues throughout the EH Cadre.

LCpl Benson presented his Information Management System to the EH Cadre at the Land Forces Symposium in Nov 07. Despite the seniority of the audience, his rank and experience, LCpl Benson delivered the presentation in a highly professional, succinct and interesting manner. His presentation and Information system was highly acclaimed by those present and has been adopted within the RF Divisions, with a positive impact across the EH Cadre, both within the UK and on Operations in Iraq.

This JNCO has been a dedicated and enthusiastic character, who has made a significant impact not just within the Branch, but also within the unit. His consistently high performance is above and beyond that expected of his rank, through his professionalism and personal standards. His maturity, determination and desire to get the job done is an example to others and underpins the selfless commitment required of Army personnel. This is summarised by his upcoming deployment to Afghanistan later this year as a volunteer, shortly after the expected birth of his second child. This award would be fitting recognition of his efforts and selfless commitment to the mission, EH Cadre and Army”.

“Corporal Cake was assigned within a short time of completing trade training to be the Station Environmental Health Technician for Royal Air Force Odiham; a role normally expected to be held by someone with greater experience. She commenced this high profile position in May 2006, holds acting rank, and reports directly to the Senior Medical Officer in her capacity as sole Environmental Health provider to that Unit. Whilst at Odiham, she was deployed to Iraq; her performance was admirable and she was clearly mindful of the operational imperatives. Corporal Cake has performed her duties to an exceptional standard, conducting her affairs in a highly professional manner both on and off base. She is a highly effective communicator and regularly liaises with senior Station executives. Her written reports are exemplary. Due to her excellent performance she was selected to mentor Environmental Health students on 6-week practical placements, a role usually undertaken by senior technicians. She rose to the challenge with vigour, ensured that no time was wasted and became instrumental in the students’ practical training. Her dedication and enthusiasm was pivotal to their development. Corporal Cake is highly motivated and, because of her abilities and good judgement, does not require supervision and can be trusted at all times. She earns the respect of everyone she has contact with. Her dealings with the civil authorities are worthy of praise, notably resolving complex issues involving a local food outlet just off base and sub-standard accommodation. Her qualities have equally been recognised at Headquarters Air Command. She was used as an advisor on an exercise, rose to the challenge and was commended for her endeavours. Corporal Cake plays a full and active part within the medical centre and all the station has to offer both recreationally and in representing Royal Air Force Odiham at football and netball. Corporal Cake is the epitome of what the modern day Royal Air Force expects and demands. An exemplary EH Tech, Corporal Cake is thoroughly recommended for the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners Award”.

“Lance Corporal Brogan Twite showed a lot of promise since joining the cadets in September 2006. Her wit and enthusiasm soon shone through. She quickly picked up the ACF ethos and passed her basic tests. In 2007 she attained her 1 star and attended the Junior NCO’s Cadre in October for experience; however the promise she had shown earlier enabled her to pass the cadre with full marks. At the start of this year the unit suffered, with all the senior cadets being on leave to concentrate on their exams at school, and with Instructors being thin on the ground, Lance Corporal Twite stepped up to the mark. On most parade nights she would assist me by taking the recruits and teaching regimental history and badges of rank as well as drill. Her work with the recruits enabled them to pass their tests and advance. Whilst doing this she still managed to pass her own 2 star tests. This is the reason she was nominated for this award unanimously by all the staff at 75 (Walworth) Detachment RAMC, SELACF”.

The RAMC winners were supported by Brigadier Jeremy Rowan OBE, Director of Medical Plans (Army), Major Steve Hallam, Deputy Head of the EH Cadre, and Major Douglas Ralph, OC DEOH, Ash Vale. Squadron Leader Sharon Castle SO2 EH, and Squadron Leader Gary Moyes, OC RAF EH Squadron represented the RAF. The South East London Cadet Force were represented by their Commandant, Colonel Ian Rouse, Major Patrick Byrne, Executive Officer, and Staff Sergeant Peter Harrison OC 75 (Walworth) Detachment RAMC, and Revd Martin Coe the Cadet Padre. The Master was delighted to welcome visiting Masters of the Makers of Playing Cards, Spectacle Makers, and Security professionals.

OCTOBER COURT LUNCH AND PRESENTATION OF FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PRIZE

This clashed with school half term, which meant that many regular attendees were away on holiday. For the first time in recent history the Clerk had a few spare seats for lunch!! However, for those who have complained that seating has been a bit tight, they could spread their elbows a little! We were well entertained, and more importantly informed, about the ‘credit crunch’ and stock market fluctuations by the Master’s guest speaker, Mr Mark Chetwood, Investment Director at PSigma Investment Management Ltd. The Master also presented the Eric Hill Memorial Prize – that is a certificate and cheque for £500.00 – to Merton College, who were represented by Mary Schramm, their Employment Skills Director, and Mr Phil Moore, and Trainer/Assessor at the College. The award was given this year, on the recommendation of City & Guilds, for the College’s success with candidates in NVQs Levels 1 and 2 in Cleaning and Support Services 7696.

INTER LIVERY CHARITY WALK – BECOMES AN ANNUAL EVENT

Following on from the second successful walk last year, we organised, on 18th September, another Inter Livery Walk of all 40 Livery Halls. This time we had 19 visiting Masters, each with a member of their Court or their Clerk, walking with our Master, PM Stephen Wright, CA Neil Young and me as the official photographer/recorder! 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 for a quick glass of water, back over the bridge to Fishmongers and then the collection around Dowgate Hill. This year Vintners’ Company invited us in for a glass of champagne, then on to Painters and the long ‘slog’ out to Master Mariners, back via Apothecaries, up to Warwick Lane, back down Cheapside and Gresham Street areas, with a cup of tea and/or water at Saddlers, and finally to Grocers. We measured it last year at around 8.25 miles and we got back to Armourers’ for about 4.30 pm. We have sent a cheque for £2,000 to the Lord Mayor for his Appeal, and he has replied personally, wishing he could have joined us! We are aware that several Masters accrued sponsorship and especially the Master Ironmonger raised some £7,500 for his charities! The Court has agreed that this will now be an annual event.

INAUGURAL CHARITY BALL 2008 A GREAT SUCCESS

This is an initiative, instigated by the current Master, Kenneth Marriott, which took place on Saturday, 6th September 2008 at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London, W2. His intentions were to raise a substantial amount of money specifically for the Company's Charity Fund, and I am sure all we agree that the £22,531 raised was a tremendous result. Much praise for the success of the evening must go to the organiser, Court Assistant Maureen Marden.

Some 230 people attended, and after an excellent meal we were entertained by the Alpha Connection Dance Band, and especially the Band of the Blues and Royals, who provided a most memorable marching and musical cabaret. In addition to the raffle, which had over 50 prizes, there was a table raffle for more of the 'Master's Malt', a silent auction for many signed souvenir pictures and prints, and a live auction for items such as a week in a villa in Spain, including flights for 6 people, which due to the generosity of the liveryman donor was sold three times, a Caribbean cruise on a Norwegian Cruise Line ship, and a couple special football events. A Kings and Queens raised even more money.

The Court have decided that there should not be any more Charity Balls until we celebrate our 25th Anniversary as Livery Company in 2011.

NEW FREEMEN

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

At the May Court:

Stanley Charles Atkins
Jacqueline Ruth Bromley
Colin John Haynes
Paul Martin Pearce
Henry James Stanley Peters
Benedict James Alexander Steele

At the July Court:

Ian Frederick Bennett
John Cripps
Robert John Ellis
Del Hunter

At the September Court:

Michael Anthony Bone
Richard David Carter
Mrs Jane Nicholls Hill (Daughter-in-Law of the Founder)

At the October Court:

Robert Anthony Chapleo
Shane Patricia Scott

NEW LIVERYMEN

The following have been 'Clothed in Livery':

At the July Court:

Simon Paul Collins
David Peter Overell
Jacqueline Daphne Susan Sims

At the October Court:

Simon Keith Berryman
Jacqueline Ruth Bromley
Del Hunter
Jane Geis-Speyer

NEW BEADLE

Stephen Marvell left the service of the Company after the Installation Banquet in April, primarily due to his increasing deafness. He had served the Company well for some four years. The Master installed a new Beadle at the May Court. He is Graham Beacom, who had a career in hotel sales and marketing before joining a client, the Insight Travel Group, part of ADT. Became MD of Evan Evans Tours for 13 Years before forming own company Discovery Tours. Graham retired as Director General of National Caravan Council in 2007.

COMPANY ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2008

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| Income | £48,784 |
| Surplus on functions is | £3,769 |
| The Administration Expenses at | <u>£51,958</u> |
| The operating surplus was | £595 |
| Add Fees and Fines of | <u>£12,300</u> (less deficit of £457 on investments) |
| All in all we made a surplus of | £12,438 |
| On the balance sheet the fixed assets stand at | £106,302 |
| The net current asset position is | <u>£39,990</u> |
| The Company's Accumulated Fund is | <u>£142,591</u> |

THE CHARITY FUND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2008

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| Income from donations | £15,965 |
| Income from Investments | £13,032 |
| Bank interest | <u>£1,542</u> |
| Total Income | £30,539 |
| Donations and Awards made | £16,461 |
| Investment management fees | £4,239 |
| Governance costs | <u>£5,250</u> |
| Total expenditure | £25,950 |

The Charity's accumulated fund stands at £573,729

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS! - 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 – many people 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. 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.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW IN ST OLAVE'S CHURCH APPROVED

Delighted to let you know that our Chaplaincy Church has received the necessary Faculty for our Company's Coat of arms to be included in the north window of the Church, the one over the entrance door. This will be dedicated to the memory of LM Doreen Heyes, our first Almoner who served from 1976 to 2004, and paid for from one of her bequests, kindly organised by her executors, Mr & Mrs Andrew Neil. Hopefully it will be installed before our Installation Court in the Church on 1st May 2009. There is likely to be a separate service of dedication.

CITY ELECTS NEW SHERIFFS

Alderman Roger Gifford and Mr George Gillon FRICS CC were elected as Sheriffs for 2008-09. Alderman Gifford has thirty years in international merchant banking in the City of London, which gives him a perspective on the remarkable ability of the City to promote and develop financial services. Six years in the '90's as head of a bank in Japan also added invaluable experience. He is a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians and the Worshipful Company of International Bankers, a member of the Cordwainer and Bread Street Ward Clubs, and the Royal Society of St George, amongst others. He is also sponsoring Alderman for the Guild of Public Relations Practitioners and has been on the Court of Aldermen since 2004. Mr Gillon has been a business advisor in real estate for 40 years with Drivas Jonas and Richard Ellis. A past Master of the Chartered Surveyors' Company he has been a Common Councillor since 1995.

NEW LORD MAYOR

Alderman Ian Luder was installed as Lord Mayor at the Silent Ceremony on Friday, 7th November, with the Lord Mayor's Show then next day. The Lord Mayor was Sheriff this last year, and 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. The Master, Wardens and Clerk participated in the Lord Mayor's Show as part of the Modern Companies' Float. It rained and we all got wet!!

PAST MASTERS ANNUAL DINNER

This year the Past Masters' Dinner was held in the small dining room at Salters' Hall. Those in attendance were: PME's Eric Green, Donald Wells, John Howard, Tony Ellison, Tim Louis, Terry King, David Clark, and PM's Jack Broadley, Mike Poulter, Stephen Wright. The Master, Deputy Master, Wardens, and the Clerk were also present.

THE CLERK TO RETIRE

Michael Bizley has advised the Court that it is his wish to stand down as Clerk of the Company next May, having completed seven years in post. A sub-committee has been formed to find his successor and initial interviews are likely to take place in December with the intention of having a candidate for election at the February Court. There are several outside applicants as well as a number of members showing interest.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!