



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

March 2009

MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Liveryman John Butler on 9th February 2009. John was admitted a Freeman in 1985 and was clothed in livery in 1987. He served on the Court as an Assistant from 1995 to 2006. John served the Company well on several committees including the Building Cleanability Awards and was our representative at one time to City & Guilds, and more recently to the Livery Companies Skills Council, of which he was Vice Chairman. John was married to Past Master Emeritus Mrs Inez Butler. The Master, a number of Past Masters, Court Assistants, Liverymen and the Clerk attended the funeral, with the Clerk giving a short tribute at the following reception.

YOU WILL HAVE A NEW CLERK FROM 1ST MAY 2009!

Following a rigorous selection process, one of our own Liverymen, Neil Morley has been elected as the new Clerk of the Company and will be installed as such at the Installation Court in St Olave's Church on 1st May 2009.

This process involved 15 applicants, 7 of whom were interviewed, of which 3 were internal applicants. Three were selected for a second interview, where they had to make a presentation. The specially set up interview panel, consisting of the current Master, Wardens and Deputy Master, the next anticipated Junior Warden and recent Past Master, reported a recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which in turn confirmed that recommendation to the Election Court in February.

The hand-over process has already started, and the first event Neil will be totally responsible for is the Court and Visiting Masters' Luncheon on 11th May. In the meantime if you have any questions you can ask either of us! Neil's contact details are:

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The Court has very kindly agreed that I may be called Clerk Emeritus, and, to admit me as an Honorary Assistant on 11th May. So, I will still be able to continue making a contribution to the work of the Company, but perhaps give Neil a little time to get his feet under the table before appearing too often!!

NO CHANGE TO QUARTERAGE CHARGES AND FINES FOR 2009-10

Quarterage

The Court has agreed that Quarterage shall remain unchanged at £175.00 effective 1st April 2009.

Also to continue is a 50% discount for members retired from business aged 65 for men and 60 for ladies, also for those under 35 for the first five years of membership up to that age.

PLEASE NOTE

All those paying by Direct Debit will be charged £175.00 (or £87.50 if on the lower Quarterage rate) when the Quarterage is collected in late-April or early May 2009.

Those few still paying by standing order should please make arrangements with their bank to pay the new sum of £175.00 (or £87.50) by not later than 15th April 2009.

The same applies to those who are permitted to pay by cheque, with £175.00 (or £87.50) due by 15th April 2009.

Fines

The Court also agreed Fines will remain unchanged as follows:

On Admission to Freedom	
By Patrimony	£250
By Servitude	Nil
By Redemption	£350
On Admission to Livery	
By Patrimony	£325
By Servitude	£325
By Redemption	£350
(All, except Servitude, payable on admission to Freedom)	
Apprentice Binding	£200
Admission to Court	
Junior Warden	£450
Senior Warden	£550
Master	£700

NEW MASTER AND WARDENS ARE ELECTED

At the meeting of the Court of the Company, held on Monday, 16th February, Jack David Amos was elected to succeed Kenneth Edward Marriott as Master. He will be installed as Master in the Ceremony, which follows the ancient traditions of the City of London, at St Olave's Church, Hart Street, London EC3 at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 1st May, followed by the Installation Banquet at Mansion House, details of which are contained at page 8 (back page) of these tidings.

Kenneth Marriott was elected Deputy Master; Barrie P Torbett was elected Senior Warden and Peter D Holt as Junior Warden. They will be installed at the same time as the new Master.

NEW COURT ASSISTANTS ELECTED

At the same Court meeting the following Liverymen were elected to the Court as Assistants for an initial period of three years and will be admitted at the Court on 11th May:

Liveryman Mrs Jennie Harvey
Liveryman Barrie B Richards
Liveryman Peter W (Bill) Yemc

The following Assistants were re-elected following a review of their recent three-year term:

Court Assistant Wendy Broadley
Court Assistant Issa Tahhan
Court Assistant Neil Young

Court Assistant Anthony Neil was asked to stand down having served as an Assistant since 1995.
Court Assistant Graham Jones asked to stand down having served since 2005.

The Assistants for 2009/2010, including those to be admitted, are:

	Elected
David A Amos	- Feb 2005
Miss Sally E Ayres	- Feb 2007
Christopher J Broadley	- Feb 2004
Mrs Wendy Broadley	- Feb 2006
Richard C Chisnell	- Feb 2004
Brian D Francois	- Feb 2004

Christopher B Harrup	-	Feb 2004
Mrs Jennie Harvey	-	Feb 2009
Christopher P Luxton	-	Feb 2005
Mrs Maureen Marden	-	Feb 2008
Gordon R McVean	-	Feb 2007
Philip R D J Morrish	-	Feb 1997
Michael Murray	-	Feb 2005
Barrie P Richards	-	Feb 2009
Peter W J Robb	-	Feb 2000
Mrs Angela M Starling	-	Feb 2004
Issa K Tahhan	-	Feb 2003
Peter W (Bill) Yemc	-	Feb 2009
Neil Young	-	Feb 2006
(There is one vacancy)		

The Court also reaffirmed that the Almoner, Liveryman Tom G Borland, may continue to attend Court meetings, but not have a vote.

Additionally there are three Honorary Assistants, Past Masters Emeritus Eric A Green and Alan C Vause; also Arthur H Green, who was Clerk 1985 to 87. And, those Past Masters who held office up to 4 years previously, Michael Poulter, Stephen Wright, Michael Bayless and Kenneth Marriott. All Past Masters Emeritus may continue to attend the Court after their first 4-year period as Past Master, but in an ex-officio capacity only and with no voting rights.

NEW ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE F & GP COMMITTEE

Court Assistant Christopher Luxton, Liverymen Timothy Doyle have been elected to serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee for a period of three years. Court Assistant Christopher Broadley stands down having completed his three-year term, as does LM John Saysell, and LM Mrs Jennie Harvey stands down on election as an Assistant.

The F & GP Committee for 2009/2010 will therefore be:

Master, Deputy Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden,
PME Michael O'Connor (ex-officio)
PM Jack Broadley (February 2010)
CA Neil Young (to February 2010)
CA Michael Murray (to February 2011)
CA Christopher Luxton (to February 2012)
LM Robert Vincent (to February 2011)
LM Timothy Doyle (to February 2012)

There is one vacancy for a Liveryman who will be elected at the May Court.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND THOSE ELECTED

The Court reaffirmed that the Junior Warden by virtue of office should be the Chairman of the Membership Committee, and that the next in line on the succession list should also serve to ensure continuity. The committee elected for 2009/2010 is:

Junior Warden-elect Peter D Holt (Chairman)
CA Peter Robb (Vice Chairman)
PM Michael Poulter (to 2012)
PME Robert Burtinshaw (to 2010)
CA David Amos (to 2010)
CA Elect Bill Yemc (to 2012)
LM Gary Fage (to 2010)
LM Ashley Hoadley (to 2011)
LM James Metzger (to 2012)

The Senior Warden of the day may be invited to serve in an advisory capacity, and, assist with any recruitment projects. Others may be co-opted as required. The committee will continue reporting to the Court.

STEWARDS

LM Ashley Hoadley (Senior Steward)

The following Stewards will continue in post for a further year:

LM Robin Lee

LM Clare Fowler

LM Bradley Reames

The following are newly elected for a term not exceeding three years:

LM Kevin Day

LM John Doyle

LM Colin Haworth

LM Darren Marston

The Senior Steward allocates stewarding duties upon hosting instructions from the Clerk, to whom he reports.

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS LTD

A new Company, limited by guarantee, has been established effective 1st April 2009, to legally oversee that biennial BCA programme. There will continue to be a Management Committee to organise the event – see next item.

The Directors effective 1st April 2009 are:

Chairman	-	Liveryman Paul Taylor
Managing Director	-	Court Assistant Richard Chisnell
Director	-	Senior Warden Elect Barrie Torbett
Director	-	Clerk Emeritus Elect Michael Bizley

They will be elected biennially.

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Building Cleanability Awards Management Committee is appointed until after the Awards Ceremony in July 2010 and the Court confirmed the following:

Chairman	-	Liveryman Paul Taylor
Executive Director	-	Court Assistant Richard Chisnell
		Court Assistant Elect Barrie Richards
		Liveryman Timothy Doyle
		Liveryman Martyn Vesey

Plus: Representatives of the Awards' Patron and other various sponsors

This committee will continue to report directly to the Court, as well as the Board of BCA Ltd

INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The following were re-elected:

LM Christopher Parr (Chairman)

PME John Howard

PME Michael O'Connor (Vice Captain of Company Team)

PME Paul Michael

LM Christopher Lawrence (Captain of Company Team)

LM Mrs Sandra Parr

Plus:

The Master of the Day

And the Clerk, if needed

The Committee will report to the Court

FLOAT COMMITTEE

The committee co-ordinates the Company's participation in the Modern Livery Companies' Float in the Lord Mayors' Show on 14th November 2009:

Senior Warden Elect, Barrie P Torbett
Junior Warden Elect, Peter D Holt
Clerk of the Company, Neil Morley

25th ANNIVERSARY PROJECT GROUP

The following to be members were all re-elected:

JWE Peter Holt (Chairman)
SWE Barrie Torbett
CA Peter Robb
CA Issa Tahhan
CA Gordon McVean

SUCCESSION TO JUNIOR WARDEN

The Court accepted the recommendation of the Officers that this year there would be two additions to the list of those who may progress to be elected as Junior Warden:

CA Mrs Maureen Marden
CA Issa Tahhan

Subject to election at the appropriate time the succession might therefore be:

2010	-	CA Peter W J Robb (Master 2012)
2011	-	CA Mrs Maureen Marden (Master 2013)
2012	-	CA Issa Tahhan (Master in 2014)

CLERK AND BEADLE

It is a requirement of the Company's Ordinances that the Clerk and Beadle be elected each year:

Neil Morley was elected Clerk of the Company for the year 2009-2010 – see first page!
(The retiring Clerk, Liveryman Michael A F Bizley becomes Clerk Emeritus)

Graham Beacom was elected Beadle to the Company for the year 2009-2010

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

Senior Past Master and Father of the Company	PME John Ayres
Company Archivist	PM Michael Poulter
Golf Captain	CA Peter Robb
Golf Vice Captain	LM Andy Riddle
Rep to the Court of City University	The Master, Jack D Amos
Rep to City & Guilds	LM Mrs Judith West
Enfranchised Rep to BCC	PM Steve Wright
Construction Liveries Group	LM John Saysell
Member LCSC	To be appointed
Rep to the Sustainable City Forum	CA Philip Morrish
Keeper of the Website	CA Philip Morrish

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND

The following will continue to serve as trustees for 2009/2010:

PME Michael G O'Connor (to October 2011) [Chairman]
Master-elect Jack D Amos
Deputy Master-elect Kenneth E Marriott
Senior Warden-elect Barrie P Torbett
Junior Warden-elect Peter D Holt
PME Paul Michael (to October 2011)
Almoner, LM Tom G Borland (to October 2013)
The Clerk of the Company is Secretary to the Trustees

INTERVIEW PANEL

Following on from the last three year's successful interview panels, this year all candidates for consideration for progression to Junior Warden, and candidates for election as Court Assistants, were again interviewed by a panel consisting of the Master, Deputy Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, anticipated Junior Warden, and the most junior Past Master, with the Clerk in attendance. Thus enabling each candidate to express their views on the future of the Company, and be advised of the commitment they might be taking on, if recommended and elected. This practice is now established as an annual event and part of the Company's Customs and Procedures.

DIARY FOR 2009-2010

The up-dated calendar of events is attached to these tidings. Specific dates in 2009 that you should make note of are the Installation on Friday, 1st May (see details at end of the Tidings); the Military Awards and Lunch on Monday, 21st September at Salters' Hall; the Ladies Banquet Friday, 20th November at Drapers' Hall; and the Livery Dinner on Thursday, 21st January 2010 at Brewers' Hall. The July 2009 Court and Lunch will be held at Butchers' Hall on Monday, 13th July to coincide with the launch of Building Cleanability Awards for 2010. There is also the Masters' Weekend being held in Scotland this year over the weekend of 31st July to 3rd August.

NEW LIVERYMEN

The following Freemen were 'Clothed in Livery' in accordance with the customs of the Company at the February 2009 Court:

Stanley Charles Atkins
Ian Frederick Bennett
Michael Anthony Bone
Paul Martin Pearce
Shane Patricia Scott

ANNUAL LIVERY DINNER

Some 50 Liverymen of the Company joined the Master and Wardens for what has now become traditionally our own Annual Livery Dinner, it being the third occasion it has been held – note Freemen and guests are not permitted to attend, other than a speaker from The City. This year, we visited Watermen's' Hall, a beautiful Georgian Hall in St Mary at Hill. The Master, Mr Kenneth Marriott, welcomed Mr Billy Dove MBE JP, Common Councillor for Bishopsgate Ward, who provided us with an entertaining background to his work within the City of London Corporation. In proposing a toast to the Company. As is the tradition, the Senior Warden, Mr Jack Amos, responded on behalf of the Company. Next year we will visit Brewers' Hall for this event.

FEBRUARY COURT LUNCH

A full house of members and guests attended the February Election Court Lunch in Armourers' Hall. Mr Peter Cook, a Past Master of the Plaisterers' Company (2000), and the Chairman of the Livery Committees Communications Working Group responded the Master's toast to the guests. Mr Cook is also a candidate for election as a lay Sheriff in June this year. The Master Constructor attended with his Clerk, as did the Clerk of the Armourers' & Brasiers Company, who is effectively our Landlord!

MASTER PRESENTS A REPLICA OF OUR ARMORIAL BEARINGS

The Master, Kenneth Marriott, presented the Company with beautiful hallmarked silver and enamel representation of the Company's Armorial Bearings set in a mahogany stand, complete with a hallmarked silver inscription on the reverse of the stand. It stands approximately 12 inches tall, and will be kept safely in a specially made box. Mr Glynn Noakes, a Jeweller and personal friend of the Master made the piece over several months. It is a custom that the retiring Master presents a gift to the Company.

It was agreed that the piece would always stand in the front the Master's place and behind the Mace at meetings of the Court and at functions in our lodgings, or at halls where Company silver was displayed at functions.

In receiving this, the Deputy Master expressed the Company's appreciation of a wonderful gift, and, especially thanked the Master for being such an excellent representative of the Company within the livery generally and without. In doing so he had continued to raise the Company's reputation.

SWEEPER OF THE YEAR

The Master and Clerk attended City of London Clean City Awards at Mansion House on 30th January. The Master presented, in the company of the Lord Mayor, the Environmental Cleaners Prize to the outstanding street sweeper in the City – Mr Philip Clarke, who received a certificate and cheque for £250. Mr Clark joined the City Cleansing Service in 1995. In 2002, after holding several positions of varying requirements and responsibility on the Day Shift he took on a new challenge and joined the City of London Street Cleansing Night Service where he has proven once again to be a great asset and a well liked and respected member of the Night Cleansing Service team. He is thoroughly professional and is liked and respected by colleagues and clients in equal measure. In line with Corporation contractual requirements, he has successfully completed the NVQ qualification for Cleansing Services.

The runner-up was Mr Orville King, also received a certificate and a cheque for £100. He joined the team in 2004 and for some time now he has been responsible for the cleaning in the morning of streets such as Leadenhall Street taking in the many alleyways surrounding Leadenhall Market and also The Lloyds Financial building area where his attention to detail and the standard he leaves behind are first class. He is also an integral part of a weekly team that tackles the waste that is generated at Petticoat Lane and then ensures that the said area is washed and left in pristine condition for both the commercial and residential inhabitants. He has also successfully completed the NVQ qualification for Cleansing Services.

SUSTAINABLE CITY AWARDS – OUR CATEGORY WINNER IS OVERALL WINNER

The Company again sponsored the Small and Medium Enterprises category at the ceremony held at Mansion House on 19th February. There were 18 entries in this category, Environmental Management, judged by the Court Assistant Philip Morrish and Deputy Master Michael Bayless, and the winners were:

1. Studio E Architects (97 points)
2. Forsters (95.5 points)
3. First Impression (94.5 points)
4. Café Spice Namaste (90.5 points)

The Master, with CA Philip Morrish, attended the ceremony, the Master processing with the Lord Mayor.

VISITING MASTERS LUNCHEON – 11 MAY

This is always a special occasion with Masters having to sing for their lunch by speaking for no more than 4 minutes about their own Company. The Master will be installing three new Assistants, a new Honorary Assistant (me!!), several Freemen and Liverymen. Spaces at this lunch are usual at a premium, even more this year, so you should book very early on the attached application form, with closing date of Friday, 1st May 2009. Please note that due to numbers attending, no guests will be permitted except for the new Freemen and Liverymen, and of course the Master & Wardens Ladies by tradition. Please return your application to the new Clerk, Neil Morley, and his address is on the form!

INTER LIVERY CLAY PIGEON SHOOT – 20 MAY

LM Chris Parr and his committee are busy finalising arrangements for this year's Shoot, to be held, as usual, at the Holland & Holland Grounds in North London, on Wednesday, 20th May. Chris is expecting a large turnout with some 70 teams from the Livery Companies and about 400 people present. This is now one of the largest Inter Livery events on the calendar, and provides some £7,500 for various charities. Any member wishing to shoot in a Company team to contact PME Mike O'Connor on 01892 511144 or email: Mike.Oconnor@dcuk.co.uk

MASTER'S WEEKEND AWAY – 31 JULY to 3 AUGUST – VISITS SCOTLAND

This year Master-elect, Jack Amos, has decided that the Master's Weekend Away shall be a visit to Huntley, near Aberdeen. Most of those participating will take a leisurely journey up to Scotland by train – perhaps enjoying some fellowship, a meal and the odd drink on the way. Visits to local distilleries are of course part of the weekend! Full details and application forms have been distributed to those on email, and it appears that all available rooms have now been taken up! However, if you are interested I suggest you get in touch with Court Assistant Maureen Marden on 0208 393 6157 or email: maureenmarden@btconnect.com to see if any places are still available.

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS 2009-2010 – LAUNCH – 13 JULY

The launch of the next programme will take place at a luncheon in Butchers' Hall on Monday, 13th July, following a meeting of the Court at that Hall that same morning. Should you or your Company be interested in providing sponsorship for the 2009-2010 Awards programme and presentations, which are scheduled to take place in the Great Hall of Guildhall on Monday, 12th July 2010, please contact Court Assistant Richard Chisnell on 01962 864138 or email: information@cleanabilityawards.co.uk

COMPANY GOLF CAPS – KEEP OUT THE COLD ON THE COURSE!

The Clerk (as will the new Clerk!!) is in possession of a stock of Company Golf Caps, either blue or green complete with the Company Coat of Arms embroidered on the front. The Captain of the Company's Golf Society, CA Peter Robb, says they are good quality. They will cost you £17.50 each including P&P and VAT.

COMPANY GOLF UMBRELLAS

With Blue and White segments and the Company Name and Crest. Still a few of these in stock, priced at £25.00 including P&P and VAT.

COMPANY TIES

Just a reminder that these silk ties are also in stock and priced at £25.00 including P&P and VAT.

COMPANY CUFF LINKS

Still a few in stock and priced at £70 per pair – there are either t-bar or chain versions.

COMPANY WALL 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! I have just a few left in stock – so first come first served!

Orders for all of these to this Clerk until mid April and thereafter to the new Clerk - with payment – and they will be despatched within a few days to your home address.

LADIES' BANQUET 2009 – BACK AT DRAPERS' HALL THIS YEAR!

A note for your diary – Friday, 20th November 2009, this year's Ladies' Banquet. We shall, as usual, using round tables of 10, so why not make a note in your diary and think about which friends you can invite, or what corporate entertainment might be appropriate.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW AT ST OLAVE'S CHURCH IN MEMORY OF LATE ALMONER

Pleased to report that we are hopeful that this will be in place in time for our Installation Court on 1st May. It is intended to hold a special service of dedication at a date in early June to be confirmed.

INSTALLATION COURT, SERVICE OF REDEDICATION AND BANQUET – FRIDAY, 1st MAY

We have once again been fortunate in being permitted use of the Mansion House for our Installation Banquet when we celebrate the Installation of the Master-Elect, Jack D Amos. Unfortunately the Lord Mayor is otherwise engaged overseas. However, we will be honoured with the presence of Alderman Sir John Stuttard (Lord Mayor in 2006), as Lord Mayor Locum Tenens. Other distinguished guests will include both of the Sheriffs, representatives of the City of London Corporation, visiting Masters and senior military officers. The Dean of St Paul's, Rt Rev Graeme Knowles will respond on behalf of the guests. The event will be preceded by the Installation Court and the Service of Rededication, which will be held at St Olave's Church, 8 Hart Street, EC3 at 5.00 p.m. on the same day. This follows the ancient traditions of the Guilds and Livery Companies of the City of London, and members and their guests are invited. Full details and application forms have been distributed to those on email, but enclosed herewith for those who are not. Closing date for applications has been extended to 14th April 2009, but book early to avoid disappointment. This is certainly an opportunity for entertaining friends and clients.

I trust you have found my 'Tidings' over the past seven years interesting and informative? Thank you for your kindnesses and co-operation – it has all been great fun. I hope to see you at Company functions in the future, but in the meantime goodbye! Michael Bizley.