



Clerk's Tidings

Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2003

LADIES' BANQUET – FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 2003.

One of our most prestigious events of the year is this year being held at Merchant Taylors' Hall - meeting the Master's wish for the Company to visit a number of different Halls in his year of office. The Merchant Taylors' Company alternates with the Skinners' Company each year as 6th and 7th in the order of precedence and, arguably, has one of the finest Livery Halls in London. The sparkling wine reception from 6.45 p.m. will be followed by a four course banquet with wines and port at 7.15 p.m. The Eric Hill Memorial Award will be presented to the College with the most success in the City & Guilds 764 Examinations for Cleaning Science and Cleaning Services Supervision. Also the Post Graduate Medal and Purse, our annual award for the RAMC doctor who achieved the highest marks in their examination will be made to this year's prizewinner in the presence of distinguished guests including Senior RAMC Officers and Masters of other Livery Companies and their ladies.

The Master has arranged for Alan Wallace to be our speaker. Alan has built quite a reputation as an excellent after dinner speaker, and is truly an all round entertainer. There may even be a little bit of 'magic'!

Having our Ladies' Banquet at Merchant Taylors' Hall means that we should be able to accommodate all applicants but this is a popular event and early application is recommended. Seating will 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 an **application form** are enclosed with these Tidings, and must be **returned, with payment, by not later than Monday, 3rd November** to enable the Clerk to finalise arrangements with the caterers and produce a table plan etc. Those of you with whom the Clerk communicates by email will already have received the application forms.

COMPANY LUNCHEON – MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2003.

This will be held at Wax Chandlers' Hall, 6 Gresham Street, London, EC2 following the normal Court meeting that same morning. Again an application form is included with these Tidings, and should be **returned to the Clerk, with payment, by not later than Monday, 17th November 2003.** Those of you on email will also receive the application form.

PRESENTATION DINNER FOR LORD MAYOR ELECT

We had a full house at Wax Chandlers' Hall on Thursday, 16th October for a six course Candlelight Dinner, when the Master presented our Honorary Freeman, Mr Alderman Robert Gerard Finch with a beautiful Norman Ackroyd limited edition framed print of his etching 'Winter at Windermere', in recognition of his Election as Lord Mayor of London at Common Hall on 29th September. The mount had been specially cut and our presentation message inscribed in rather special calligraphy. Mrs Patricia Finch was presented with a very special bouquet. The Master also presented the Lord Mayor Elect with a 5ft x 3 ft framed oil painting by Mick Dean, which had been commissioned by the Company's Float Committee to form the

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basis of our centrepiece on the float in the Lord Mayor's Show. The Alderman has the choice of hanging the painting in a place of his choice or arranging for it to be auctioned with the resultant monies going to his Lord Mayor's Appeal. For more details about the painting see the article on the Lord Mayor's Show.

RAMC AWARDS LUNCHEON

This year we invited the Royal Army Medical Corps to Barber-Surgeons' Hall in the City on Monday, 22nd September, instead of us going to Camberley, for the annual awards presentation to the Army's Environmental Health Cadre.

Major Jim Fletcher RAMC gave a most interesting and enlightening PowerPoint presentation about the work of the Environmental Health Cadre's work during the recent conflict in Iraq.

The Master presented medals and purses for 'Excellence ' to Staff Sergeant John Woods and Corporal David Seal, following the reading of citations by Major Ken Roberts RAMC.

The Master Barber, Sir Barry Jackson, who is also currently President of The Royal Society of Medicine, was present together with his recently appointed Clerk, Colonel Peter Durrant. Brigadier Alistair Macmillan L/RAMC responded to the Master's toast to the guests following a very enjoyable lunch.

ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

Fifteen members of the Company attend Common Hall in Guildhall on Monday, 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 103 other Livery Companies, members of the Livery Committee, Officers of the Corporation, Aldermen, Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor. The Alderman below the Chair who have served the office of Shrievalty and eligible to stand for election to the Mayoralty were Robert Finch, Solicitor; Michael Savory, Poulter; David Brewer, Merchant Taylor; and Richard Agutter, Goldsmith. Robert Finch and Michael Savory were chosen by Common Hall for the Court of Aldermen to elect from those two a Lord Mayor for the ensuing year, which was Robert Gerard Finch, an Honorary Freeman of our Company.

Following Common Hall, members of our Company adjourned to Painters' Hall for their traditional lunch, and on this occasion we were privileged to have the sole use of their Painted Chamber, rather than sit in the Hall with the other Companies. It made a rather special intimate lunch for those present.

COMPANY GOLF DAY

Thirty-four members and guests attended the annual golf day at the Oxfordshire Course, Thame on Thursday, 18th September. They enjoyed an 18-hole Stapleford competition on what proved to be a challenging course – well for some! They all enjoyed a rather later lunch – or was it an early dinner!

The Captain Peter Robb advises the Clerk, that the Golf Day will probably be at the same venue next year, provisionally on 16th September 2004, although this will have to be confirmed.

NEW COMPANY TIE

Many of you have already acquired a new Company Tie and been very complementary about the design and quality. For those of you, who have yet to do so, please send the Clerk a cheque for £25.00 (with a note for saying what its for) and he will send you a new tie by return post.

The Clerk is looking into how we can accommodate a request from some of the Lady members for a scarf of a similar design. Unfortunately the material that the ties are made of is not suitable for scarves. Watch this space!

EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE LORD MAYOR ELECT'S INSTALLATION AND THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

FORMAL PRESENTATION DINNER

As well as our Company dinner for the Lord Mayor Elect, there is the City's Formal Presentation Dinner, this year to be held at Innholders' Hall on 21st October. The Master, two Wardens and Clerk will be in attendance to represent our Company. This is the event, which the Lord Chancellor, Queen's Private Secretary and Aldermen, amongst other dignitaries, attend. Representatives from the Lord Mayor Elect's other Company's will also be present. His 'mother' Company is the Solicitors, and he is a Court Assistant at the Innholders', and an Honorary Liveryman at the Chartered Surveyors.

THE SILENT CEREMONY

This is the 'swearing in' ceremony and is being held in Guildhall on Friday, 7th November in the afternoon at 3.00 pm. This is a fine ceremony and the Lord Mayor Elect has kindly extended invitations to six members of the Court and their ladies. The Master, two Wardens, Past Master Tony Ellison, Court Assistant Michael Bayless and the Clerk and their Ladies will attend.

CHURCH SERVICE

Following the 'Silent Ceremony' there will be a Church Service in St Peter ad Vincula in the Tower of London at 6.00 pm. The Dean of the Chapels Royal (The Bishop of London) will preach. Those attending the Silent Ceremony will represent the Company.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN GUILDHALL

The Clerk has arranged for the production of a beautiful Illuminated Scroll, which will be presented to the Lord Mayor in Guildhall by the Master on the morning of Saturday, 8th November. The two Wardens, Past Masters Anthony Ellison and Michael O'Connor, and the Clerk will be escorts for the Master. Their Ladies have also been invited as guests to watch the ceremony. It is anticipated that the Lord Mayor's other Companies will make similar presentations. Those present will be invited to have breakfast in the Crypts following the presentations.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Over the past several months the Company's 'Float Committee' under the Chairmanship of the Senior Warden, Paul Michael, have been planning our entry in this year's Show. Court Assistant Peter Holt, Liveryman Richard Thorne and newly elected Freeman Chris Klopper have been very active on this committee, and Richard has been nominated as 'person in charge' on the day. The Company is exceptionally grateful to several individual members of the Company for the financial support, as well as our official sponsors:

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The theme of this year's Show is 'The City in Tune' and our Float will be based upon an imaginative ever-changing fusion of dance, colour, dramatic effect and highly infectious music. The rigid vehicle will feature a double-sided giant illustration depicting the City of London evolving through the ages. This mural will be uncovered at various, landmark stages of the processional route. It is based upon the oil painting by Mick Dean, a graduate of the City of London Art School, which was presented to the Lord Mayor Elect at our dinner on 16th October. Additionally the vehicle will be accompanied by some 40-50 young dancers from Greenwich. Their costumes and routines will all be based on a general theme of 'Cleaning through the Ages' divided into three parts – 'Beginnings', 'Time of our Lives' and 'The New

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Millennium'. Watch the Show or see it on TV and look out for some more surprises. At time of going to press we understand that our Float Number may be Serial Number 104. Additional to the Float, the Lord Mayor Elect has invited the Master, Wardens and Clerk to join in the procession riding in a special horse and carriage (Serial Number 111), dressed in morning suit, gowns, badges and wearing Tudor Bonnets, or in the case of the Master his Tricorn Hat!

The Master and Clerk have been invited to attend the High Court to watch the Lord Mayor be sworn in by the Lord Chief Justice. The Master will also be part of the 'Guard of Honour' of 22 Livery Masters outside the Mansion House on the Lord Mayor's return. Those who took part on the presentation ceremony earlier at Guildhall will take lunch in the Mansion House with the Lord Mayor.

Some 90 members of the Company and our Float Sponsors have ordered and paid for seats in the special South Grandstand situated at St Paul's, to watch the outward journey of the procession on its way to the Royal Courts of Justice, so we shall be well represented on the day.

I have enclosed a copy of the Corporation of London's leaflet explaining all about the Show. If you have not ordered a seat in the Grandstand, why not come into the City and watch from the Streets with the thousands of other spectators. Enjoy the huge variety of floats, acrobats, fancy dress, military displays, traditional marching bands, a flypast, and a procession stretching some three miles. It will be on TV too – so check for the right channel on Saturday morning, 8th November!

LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET

The Master and Mrs Carol Broadley have received an invitation to attend the Lord Mayor's Banquet in Guildhall on Monday, 19th November. This is the one that the Prime Minister normally attends and speaks.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2002/2003

Enclosed is the Company's Annual Review, which includes a short message from the current Master, but more particularly a brief photographic record of Deputy Master Edward Daniell's year in the Chair.

BUILDING CLEANABILITY AWARDS 2003/2004

Enclosed is a letter from Liveryman Richard Chisnell, Awards Director, and a brochure providing details of this Awards Programme promoted by our Company and the Awards Patron, The British Cleaning Council. Also look out for the nomination form and give some thought to submitting an entry. We are of course most grateful to the sponsors: CSSA, BICSC, Greenham, and Karcher. The Awards Ceremony will take place in Guildhall, London on 12 July 2004.

FOUNDATION DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING MANAGEMENT

Also enclosed is a small introductory leaflet outlining the details of this distance learning degree programme, which will be available from University College Northampton from January 2004, which also provides contact details for those who wish to take this further.

CHRISTMAS MARKET –24TH-26TH NOVEMBER 2003

The small red leaflet enclosed provides you with details of the Christmas Market being held in Guildhall in aid of the British Red Cross. There is a preview night on 24th, entry by £15 pre-booked ticket only (Champagne & canapés), but it only costs £3 on the 25th and 26th (Senior Citizens and Children FREE). Xmas shopping?

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! Well, there will not be another Clerk's Tidings before then!!

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