

# Newsletter

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## Master's Report

It seems no time at all since I put down my pen from writing my half-term Newsletter: now I am composing my end-of-term report. If the time has flashed by – which it certainly has – then that is very good evidence that I have been thoroughly enjoying myself. There is no doubt that to be elected Master of a thriving a Company as the Chartered Surveyors is a very great honour.

If that was just my own opinion, it would be thought understandable but specious. The fact is, however, that during my year I have found this opinion reinforced throughout the Livery movement, and that which our predecessors started nearly 20 years ago is recognised as a fully-fledged Company which makes a significant contribution to City life. We have much to be proud of.

First and foremost, the many Chartered Surveyors who were in Guildhall on June 24 were proud to note the prominence of our Liverymen on the ballot papers for the offices of Sheriffs and others for the coming year. Most notably this ballot resulted in Past Master Keith Knowles being elected Lay Sheriff for the coming year. He will be “sailing under our colours”, reflecting great kudos on the Company, and I give his wife Corinne and himself every possible good wish for this most distinguished office.

Next I have been extremely proud of – and grateful for – the support which the Livery have given me during my year as Master. Every formal function has been oversubscribed – in fact I apologise to those who have found the doors shut on them – and our standing events such as the City Seminar and the Property Marketing Awards have been at least as successful as ever. For this I am particularly appreciative of the efforts of the Court, of my Wardens, David and Robin, and of Amanda, to whom I am especially grateful for her faultless organisation.

Then what has been special about this year? I think that the evening at the Tower of London and the Private View of the Crown Jewels was quite outstanding and enjoyed by all who attended. Our relations with our adopted units of the armed forces have been particularly close. I have visited the 135 Topographic Squadron at Ewell three times, once accompanied by members of the Court, and it has been a great joy to us to have HMS Herald confined to home waters for the whole year on account of her refit. This has meant that there have been four separate visits by the Livery to the ship, including one by me when I had the huge honour and thrill of spending a day on Herald during manoeuvres in the Channel as part of a flotilla of seven ships led by HMS Invincible.

As Master I have regarded our relations with other Liveries as a special concern. To bowdlerise Mandy Rice-Davies “I would, wouldn't I?” but it is a very important facet of Company activity and one which you have to wait to be Master to discover fully. By the end of my year I will have been very lucky and been entertained at or participated in functions arranged by some 30 other Livery companies.

I am pleased to report that the Company remains in a sound financial position and that there will be no need to increase quarterage this year.

All of this paints a cheerful picture of the present, but what of the future? I believe that the Company is fulfilling two of its three mandates very well, these being education and support of the Mayoralty. In education, the Youth Training Trust is thoroughly established and the City Seminar was as popular as ever: our links with universities and colleges have also strengthened during the year. The Livery has given ample proof of its support of the Mayoralty in many ways and this has been fully recognised.

But where the Livery and those most closely involved need to apply concentration is in the

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field of charity. We have inherited a substantial charitable fund generated from the munificence of our predecessors and their far-sightedness in establishing events which continue to contribute to it – including, most successfully again this year, the Swimathon. The problems exist on the dispensation side and the establishment of a creative pattern of giving relevant to the needs of our profession. Your Court is presently considering very constructive proposals in this regard and would hope to report to the Livery soon.

In appropriate Olympic parlance, I hope to pass the baton on cleanly. To be Master of your Company has brought me great joy and I know that it will do so to David next year.

*Michael Coates*

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# Chartered Surveyors Training Trust

One of the Livery Company's bigger offspring is reaching maturity in remarkably good health. In spite of being little known even within the Livery the Training Trust is now building on the solid foundation laid down over the last few years. It is certainly one of the real achievements of which the Company can feel justifiably proud. A measure of its health is the changes and problems which it has taken in its stride. Not the least of these are the changes in vocational qualifications which the Trust has been using, dramatic changes in course fees – and this year a change in the measurement rules which has deprived the Trust of £50,000 of funding on its expected results for this year on the grounds that it has been “too successful”!

How, you may ask, has a small body providing trainee surveyors to the property industry at below degree level managed to expand its numbers during the recession, stay solvent in spite of continuing cuts in levels of Government funding, and be doing more and covering a wider area than ever before? The short answer is that it is providing the industry with a well-priced commercial product which is becoming increasingly recognised as good for business.

To think of the Trust as an employment agency will be confusing. To recognise it as one of the best training agencies in the business is to begin to understand its astonishing success. It is because it is a training agency which uses colleges to provide the academic input and the firms which are benefiting from its trainees for the working experience. The secret is that this use of others is not about passing the trainee over to someone else and leaving it at that. Both the colleges' and firms' performance of their respective role is carefully monitored, and if it starts to slip below the quality expected by the Trust “something is said”. Those who have been on the receiving end of one of these “quiet chats” will know how determined the Trust is to maintain its standards.

The second secret of its success is its insistence on the commercial reality of the firms who have trainees. The Trust insists that its trainees pay their way, and ensuring this is often harder on the trainees than some of the firms themselves in respect of matters which help make the trainees of greater commercial use. Many firms, for example, find it difficult to tell a 17-year old to dress more appropriately or have short hair. The Trust is often making suitable comments and taking action in this sensitive area while the firm is still wondering what it should do.

The trainees appreciate it because they get dispassionate support they can rely on from both firms and colleges, they get support and help with any personal problems, and they get a job. But recently they have been getting even more. A self-development weekend in the Brecon Beacons in February was a sell-out for those in

their second year and there is a clamour for it to be repeated and expanded. It was paid for by the Charitable Fund of the Company this year and the Governors are determined to find ways of affording it next year.



The Trust entered the exclusive battalions playing in the Soft Ball League (8th division) and a number are going on a sailing weekend to France, courtesy of the Manager and her husband. Combine all this with the fact that trainees can stay with the Trust from leaving school at 16 to achieving an honours degree in one of the professions of the built environment, and the management could be said to be fairly positive: success is not so surprising. In fact the surprise is that it is not bigger, but then with only a manager and one other helper 70 or so trainees are a lot to cope with, which is why it has just gone for a 50% staff increase by adding a third person to the team. I hope he knows what he has let himself in for, because it certainly is not a picnic. But then success never comes easily and without real work.

*John & Pipyn Trustram Eve*

## Inter — charity Swimathon Livery

How many bronzed Adonis's can you pack into one swimming pool? On the afternoon of May 14 representatives from 14 Livery Companies filled the swimming complex at the RAC Club in Epsom, and the lithe athletic arrow-shaped physiques of the Freemen eagerly awaited the start of this year's Inter-livery Swimathon.

Which company would complete their 85 laps the fastest? How much blackmail could be

achieved with some injudicious photographs of respected City burgers exposing parts of their body which rarely see the light of day? The afternoon was summed up by a logo on one particular T-shirt which read “Wild & Wrinkly”

Once again the Company organised a very successful event which produced great camaraderie among fellow Liverymen and in so doing over £9,000 has been raised for The Lord

Mayor's Appeal for St John Ambulance. This year's teams comprised Digby Flower, John Hooper, Robin Broadhurst, James Ager, Robert Gunn, Brian Lamden, Amanda Jackson and Denis O'Leary. The biggest disappointment of the afternoon was that Michael Coates didn't make it into the water – either dressed or undressed.

There was some talk of next year's event being a 10 kilometre run – the disadvantage surely being that they won't have the water to support their ample physiques. The hard work and effort which goes into organising the event is appreciated by all who take part and reflects enormously well on the Chartered Surveyors Company.

*Roger Southam*

## Visit to 135 Topographic Squadron RE(V)

On Monday March 18 a small party of the Court, lead by the Master and the Clerk, visited the Headquarters and Training Centre of the 135 Field Survey Squadron at Ewell – which has been "adopted" by the Company – to see their work and training and to hear about their role in times of peace and war.

We were given a guided tour of the Centre by members of the Squadron, all of whom are volunteers who attend for training on a weekly basis. We were shown how the volunteers are trained in the complex system of identifying, marking, storing and sorting the maps for distribution and use in the field, and how the maps themselves are surveyed and produced by the Squadron and printed by them on their own fixed and mobile printing presses.

The Commanding Officer, Major Doreen Haddow, gave us a detailed overview of the Squadron's work and training procedures, illustrated by slides, and spoke warmly of the enthusiasm displayed regularly by all the volunteers. Major General Roy Wood, himself a Liveryman and member of the Court, and also

an Honorary Colonel of the Squadron, continued with an illustrated talk to explain the Squadron's role in providing detailed maps of any part of the world, often prepared at short notice and under difficult conditions.



After inspecting a comprehensive exhibition of maps and photographs illustrating the Squadron's recruitment methods and some of their activities at the annual training camps, we were generously entertained to supper and drinks in the Officers' Mess, where we had an opportunity to discuss their work with the volunteers before departing.

*Brian Lamden*

## Inter-Livery Golf

The photograph shows the Master on the first tee at Walton Heath when he captained the Company golf team of David Orcharton, Ron Lang and Keith Way in the 1996 Prince Arthur Cup – an annual competition played as a foursomes bogey over 36 holes. The Company finished 16th out of a total of 54 participating Livery Companies.

The Master also captained the Company team who were successful in beating the Hermes Golfing Society at Worplesdon on June 3rd, and will be playing in a ten-a-side three-way match against the Solicitors' and Accountants' Livery Companies at Worplesdon on October 21st.

Any member wishing to play in these annual matches should contact Keith Way at DTZ Debenham Thorpe on 0171 710 8010

*Keith Way*



## Spring Livery Dinner

The Company was particularly privileged to be able to hold the Spring Livery Dinner at the magnificent Fishmongers' Hall. The event was a sell-out with a broad range of both formal and personal guests including the Master Grocer, the Master Pavior, the Master Waterman and Lighterman, the Master Fletcher and the Chairman of the City and Guilds of London Institute.

During dinner we enjoyed the piano of Neil MacDonald (by kind permission of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama) and following dinner there was a short recital by the Teppich String Quartet, winners of this year's Company of Chartered Surveyors prize.

The toast to the Company was proposed by His Honour Judge Sir Lawrence Verney TD DL, the Recorder of London. Sir Lawrence related some of his links with the chartered surveying profession, most notable of which was his responsibility for lighting the Jubilee Beacon in Buckinghamshire, the third in the line from Buckingham Palace. He showed remarkable initiative in lighting the beacon early as he could not see the previous one which was his prearranged ignition signal. It appeared that the first beacon lit by the Queen was delayed due to the Queen's difficulty in getting through the crowd, but at least it meant that the final one at Holyhead was well on time!

The Master, in his response, stated that he was pleased that Grace that evening had been in the capable hands of the learned Clerk as opposed to another Livery function where the Grace had been given to the youngest of the assembled Company. At the appropriate time the young gentleman froze. It was however fortunate that at that moment in time an advertising-adorned London Bus was stopped at the traffic lights outside, thus creating the memorable Grace "Osram, Mazda, Phillips, Wang, IBM - Fray Bentos, Amen!"

*Brian Lamden*

## UK Property Marketing Awards

The Company of Chartered Surveyors' UK Property Marketing Awards are now made annually in February for 18 categories of marketing material ranging from company reports to brochures for various types of property, from residential and leisure to commercial.

The idea for these awards came originally from Past Master Anthony Bull in 1990, and the event has proved a popular and well-supported focus for the whole property industry in its efforts to improve media standards.

Sponsorship of the event comes from property companies, institutions and *Estates Gazette* and the awards go to those who carry out the skilled work of producing the material, either as design consultants, photographers or agents. In 1995 we received over 400 entries for the 18 awards which were announced in February 1996

The Judging Panel must be seen to be both competent in itself and vigorously independent and we have been fortunate to have had Ronnie Gray, former Chairman of Lever Brothers, as Chairman of the Judging Panel for each of the five years since the event's inception.

By the time the Awards Ceremony evening arrives, three nominations have been selected for each category and the winners are named 'on stage' and receive their award from the sponsor for the particular category. The Mayfair Hotel and its theatre has proved an ideal venue: this year some 300 people from the world of media,



*The Victor Ludorum Winners at the 1996 UK Property Marketing Awards Ceremony left to right —Ralph Doyle, David Brend & Rob Gilbert*

property companies, brochure designers and agents had a most enjoyable evening at which the Company's effort to raise standards in this important area of property communication was fully recognised. The Company itself gives a Victor Ludorum award for the best of the category winners (shown above).

The sponsors for 1995, with the award category shown in brackets, were:

Hammerson (*annual report*), Mayfair Inter-Continental Hotel (*auction*), Sun Alliance (*business space*), Slough Estates (*corporate advertisement*), Land Securities (*corporate brochure*), Development Securities plc (*investment*), Bass Developments Limited (*leisure*), MEPC (*office property – brochure/advertisement costing over £7,500*), Woolwich Building Society (*office property – brochure/advertisement costing under £7,500*), St. Martins (*overall campaign*), Cadogan Estates (*photography*), Centurion (*printing*), Schroder

Properties Ltd (*public/local authority*), Guardian Properties (*research document*), Grosvenor Estate Holdings (*residential*), Chartwell Land (*retail*), Speedway Signs (*the sign awards*), Scottish Widows (*special judges award*).

The members of the UK PMA Committee are:

George Gillon (*Drivers Jonas, Chairman*), Roger Carey (*Slough Estates, Vice-Chairman*), Edwin Tarry, Stuart Corbyn (*Cadogan Estates*), Michael de Styrcea (*Chesterton*), Graham Marsden (*Farebrother*), Robert Bould (*Grimley*), Mickola Wilson (*Guardian Properties*), John Strachan (*Healey & Baker*), Jeremy Smither (*Hillier Parker*), David Larkin (*Jones Lang Wootton*), Howard Woollaston (*Knight Frank*), Clive Arding (*Richard Ellis*), and Rodney Petty (*Weatherall Green & Smith*).

*George Gillon  
Chairman, UK Property Marketing Awards*

## From The Bottom Up!

The Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors keeps in touch with interesting aspects of the profession in various ways; for some years, for example, it has sponsored and, as it were, adopted HMS Herald, one of the ships making up Her Majesty's Hydrographic Squadron.

Herald is now 21 years old and, in company with other Hydrographic ships, spends more time at sea than other naval vessels. She has seen action, both in the Falklands as a hospital ship and in the Gulf War commanding mine clearance vessels, and has recently undergone a major refit at the Devonport Dockyard.

The Master and Members of the Court of the Company visited HMS Herald during the refit and spent an entertaining day at HMS Drake, not

only visiting the ship from bottom to top (looking very much like a builder's yard) but also dining in the wardroom, enjoying CPD at the Hydrographic School, and viewing some of the fascinating and unique articles in the Dockyard Museum.

These included a gargantuan pair of shorts, once owned by a large RAF gentleman who must have been the secret weapon in Bomber Command's arsenal. These were large enough for the wife of HMS Herald's Captain and Delva Patman of the Court of the Company to get into together! There were also size 19 boots to complete the ensemble.

*Brian Lamden*



## String Quartet Prize

My favourite musical joke is “how do you make a viola player play tremolo?” The answer is “to mark the passage ‘solo’”. This of course is grossly unfair when considering one of the musical highlights of the Livery year, the String Quartet final play-offs which are held each November at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

There is always an element of excitement attending these performances. The competitors have been hacking their way through the set

pieces for a month or two and are now trying to bring them to life in a fresh way; a variety of ensembles are paraded, with some opting for the all-French existentialist black look while others brazen it out in tweeds and Doc Martens. Music is shuffled, chairs are adjusted, cello spikes firmly driven into the floor and an air of expectancy hangs over the group with everyone staring at the first violin who takes a deep breath and launches off into – wait a moment – isn't that “Baubles, Bangles and Beads?” - No, actually it is not, it is Borodin, the original from which Baubles was stolen for Prince Igor.

Tunes are thrown around with heads bobbing in time and, when their turn comes, meaningful glances are thrown between players as a passage

is picked up and spun into a different key. Ensemble playing is wonderful. Everyone is a soloist and yet everyone is hanging by a silken thread depending on the others. What bravery, what tension!

This year's winners came through very stylishly and the Master (Maestro Coates) put them once again through their paces at the Fishmongers' Hall at the Spring Livery Dinner. After a serious recital, they kicked off the traces and played some Scott Joplin, and everyone hugely enjoyed the whole performance

Well done the Teppich String Quartet.

*Tim Robertson*

## The Orbita Britannica Walk

*Dear Master,*

As the Orbita Britannica Walk was under the auspices of The Company, it is appropriate that I should send you a final report on the undertaking before I close the files.

The walk of 4,444 miles was duly accomplished between March 6 and November 16 1995. I took three weeks longer than I intended because, as you know, I was immobilised near Inverness by a trapped nerve in my spine when I had completed three-quarters of the journey. After treatment, I resumed on September 17 at Edinburgh, so that I could keep intact my pre-arranged night stops between there and London, which I reached, as planned, on October 23. I then returned to Inverness and walked the missing sector between there and Edinburgh where I finished on November 23.

I must record my thanks to all those who made my journey possible, including those members of the Livery who generously provided me with hospitality on no less than 46 nights. Other Liverymen gave valuable help as members of the Walk Committees in London and Edinburgh; and I would like particularly to thank Past Master Gordon-James who chaired the London Committee and devoted much time to the fund-raising effort.

The Company itself, through the good offices of Liveryman Terry Knight, organised the heart warming reception when I arrived in the City.



*Chelsea Pensioners escort Robert Steel from the City Boundary to the Mansion House*

While I was on the walk, the Clerk also kindly processed all sponsorship payments and provided other administrative back-up. Thus were the Company's “auspices” translated into real practical support, for which I was most grateful.

The advance Sponsors named in the brochure contributed a total of £26,500. Sponsorship-in-kind (valued at £6,555) were contributed by *Ordnance Survey* (by providing all my maps), *Estates Gazette* and *Building* (free distribution of brochures), the *Brasher Boot Company* (boots and equipment) and *Royal Mail* (movement of my baggage for 94 days while I was in Scotland).

Total sponsorship for the walk now stands at £116,600. When added to the £133,500 raised by my Enterprise Neptune walk in 1990, the two endeavours for the National Trust have

exceeded £250,000. My earlier walks in 1979, 1985 and 1988 raised £251,282, so the aggregate of all five exceeds £500,000.

The five walks have been spread across almost the entire life-span of the Company; and, in the case of the last three in particular (beginning with the Lord Mayor's walk in 1988), all literature has emphasised my association with the Company, first as Senior Warden and latterly as Past Master. I hope this may have contributed, in however small a way, to the Company's reputation for benevolence, both within the City and beyond, especially as a large proportion of the money raised has come from members of the surveying profession, and not least from members of the Livery or their firms.

I am immensely grateful for this support, which has been steadfast in both good times and in bad. The good news for my intrepid supporters is that any further walking I do will be solely for pleasure and recreation.

*With my best regards,  
Yours ever,  
Robert*



*Diana Princess of Wales presents the 'Help The Aged Golden Award For Outstanding Achievement'*

# Clay Pigeon Shoot

Two teams of chartered surveyors, captained by Past Master Tony Gordon James, took part in the Annual Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot which was held on May 9th at the Holland and Holland Shooting School.



*The Gang!*

Unfortunately the professionals' expertise in surveying was not matched to their ability with a gun, and although the A Team (Lamden, Gordon-James, Fidgeon and Hickman) finished just in the top 20, the B Team (Dymond, Dyson, Wood and Bull) finished winning the booby prize of a free lesson at Holland and Holland!

As usual the Gunmakers won the competition by a clear margin – reflecting, perhaps, the fact

that the recession has left surveyors with their heads down working, with less time to shoot. More practice is needed!

Nevertheless, the shoot was a most enjoyable day and gave members of the teams the opportunity of meeting other members of Livery Companies away from the City.

Christopher Parr, of the Company of Environmental Cleaners who organise the event, writes —

Thankfully again the weather was kind to us, apart from a gusting wind which made some of the stands very challenging and the event a truly sporting occasion, the winning team scoring 69% of the birds. A total of 44 teams from 35 Livery Companies made this year's event even more

successful than the previous years. Arrangements are already underway for next year's shoot, the date being May 8th 1997 – please make a note in your diaries!

The standard of shooting was excellent all round considering the challenging stands, but yet again it was the Gunmakers who won the day, scoring 218, with the Environmental Cleaners second with 197, and the Mercers, Barbers and Solicitors following on. The highest individual



*Past Master Bull in (not very effective!) action*

score was won by G Cudlipp of the Mercers, with a *tremenère* of 53, Chris Lawrence of the Environmental Cleaners scoring 49, Jason Abott of the Gunmakers 48 and S Birch of the Carmen 47. The Farmers took the side-by-side team prize with Jason Abott winning the individual prize. The highest non-livery prize was awarded to the Broderers with a score of 146.

A total of £5000 was raised on the day, with the Gunmakers receiving £2500 for their charity and the organisers donating the difference to the Lord Mayor's charity, St John Ambulance, St Joseph's Hospice and the Macmillan Fund for Nurses.

We shall be organising a larger marquee next year to accommodate seating for all participants, and a separate bar area away from the catering to alleviate any queuing problems.

Oliver Shepard of Holland and Holland has kindly offered the use of the rifle range and archery as possible extra entertainment next year. Details for next year's competition together with entry forms will be dispatched to all team captains or Company Clerks later this year. Should your team have a nominated representative whom we are presently not corresponding with, please advise me directly to avoid any confusion.

Finally, on behalf of the Master of the Environmental Cleaners, Tony Ellison, Past Master, John Howard, myself and my wife liveryman Sandra, thank you and your team members for all your support in making the day a great success again.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Christopher Parr*

## The Young Chartered Surveyor of the Year Award

Since 1991 the Company, together with The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, have jointly promoted The Young Chartered Surveyor of the Year Award. This annual award of £1,000 from the Balch-Essex Prize Fund is made to a young member of the RICS for outstanding achievement. It is open to any chartered surveyor under the age of 36 years on December 31 who is engaged in the

profession in any capacity, including relevant research or other academic work of any kind.

Past recipients of the award are as follows:

Rob Andrew (1991) for his performance on the rugby field.

David Allen (1992) for setting up and teaching a post-graduate course in Land Management and Valuation at the University of Tirana (Albania).

Rob Walker (1993) for his involvement with the charity *To Romania with Aid*.

David Parker (1994) for his contribution to the profession in having negotiated with the Government of New South Wales for several years to secure recognition of the RICS qualification.

## “Focus on the Changing City”

The 16th Seminar on the commercial activities of the City of London, which took place from February 5th to 8th, fully maintained the standards set in previous years. A record number of 36 delegates who had been selected by ballot from the many applications received last November attended the four days.

The Company is indebted to all the contributors, including a number of regulars: Graeme Gilchrist, Peter Tudball and Miles Connell – who have spoken over many years – and to Nicholas Phillips of Lloyds and Paul Dex of LIFFE for arranging very interesting tours of their buildings. (The tour of Lloyds this year in fact took place the day of the announcement of the sale of the building to Despa.) Two other speakers of note who have been with us for several years are Eleanor Burton of Mercury Asset Management, with a talk on The Valuation of Companies and Michael Cassidy,

Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee of the Corporation of London, who took as his theme “The Corporation of London, Now and in the Future.”

Particular thanks must also go to the former Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Paul Newall, who spoke on the first day on the City’s future and was able to provide a very knowledgeable insight on this topic from his experience with Lehman Brothers – and, of course, his year as Lord Mayor – and to Pen Kent, Executive Director of The Bank of England, who made up the panel of two with Michael Cassidy on the last day.

The Seminar was based at Tallow Chandlers’ Hall on the first and last day, apart from excursions to Lloyds and LIFFE: on the other two days Bankers Trust, Schroders and ABN Amro provided a high level of speakers and hospitality for which the Company is sincerely grateful.

On the last evening the usual Seminar Dinner took place at Tallow Chandlers’ Hall with The Master and members of the Court, plus the



*The London International Financial Futures & Options (LIFFE) Trading Floor*

delegates and a number of the speakers. Colin Peacock, one of the delegates and a Liveryman, gave an excellent vote of thanks on behalf of the delegates and Professor Sir David Davies, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Defence, provided an amusing talk as the guest speaker.

Sincere thanks go to Maureen Bradshaw who was appointed the Course Co-ordinator, and to the Committee members, John Addelsee, Andrew Mayer (who both chaired days), David Steventon and Bob Dyson and Amanda Jackson for their invaluable help and support.

*Michael Jukes  
Chairman of the Seminar Committee*

## The Crown Jewels

When did you last see them? When you were knee high to a grasshopper or when your kids were a not dissimilar height? Obviously for a large number of Liverymen, their partners and guests, the answer to the question was probably “yes”, and therefore the opportunity to attend a private view was over-subscribed in what the learned Clerk describes as “record time”.

Two separate parties arrived together and were entertained to a drink in the Hall of Kings and welcomed in a brief talk by the Deputy

Governor of the Tower. The party split into two groups, one remaining for further drinks and then a tour of the Jewel House.

The other party, lead by the Master, the Upper Warden and a number of Court members, toured the new Jewel House, which was constructed only three years ago and allows the viewing of every one of the Crown Jewels at less than 18 inches distance. If you last went as a little boy or girl, I’m sure you probably didn’t realise the true magnificence and scale of the jewels. Personally, I had always thought that there is only one mace, not a whole rack of “spares” as well, and I couldn’t remember quite so many crowns. A truly magnificent display that really does deserve a visit.

For the ladies, however, there was a disappointment (not shared by their male partners). The shop at the end of the jewel house was closed, and so the Master’s desire to buy a very large diamond for his wife was thwarted.

Following the tour of the Jewel House, by very special permission, the Master and his party

were entertained to a buffet supper in the full splendour of the Fusiliers’ Mess with the regimental silver on display. To round off the evening we then watched the ancient – some would say quaint – Ceremony of the Keys with a full and extremely humorous commentary by one of the Yeoman Warders (you mustn’t call them Beefeaters, especially in this day and age!).

Having watched the Ceremony of the Keys lock the doors from the inside of the Tower, there was of course the question as to how one got home, but needless to say as it is a ceremonial there is a “side door”.

A truly magnificent evening, one of those relatively rare, really, really special evenings that I’m sure will stand out in everybody’s memory. Enormous thanks are due to the Master together with the learned Clerk for the contacts which enabled not only the private view, but also the rare privilege of dining in the Fusiliers’ Mess – and also to them both for the organisation of the evening.

*Brian Lamden*

The Company of Chartered Surveyors Charitable Trust was established in the first year of the Company's formation, specifically for the relief of poverty among members of the surveying profession; the advancement of education; and the recognition of high standards by awarding prizes in connection with the examinations of the RICS.

Since the formation of this original trust further trusts have been settled, broadening the scope of charitable giving both by recognising the Company's civic duty to support the Mayoralty in the City of London and also to contribute to other worthy causes.

Through the generosity of the family of the late Cecil Roland (Toby) Sutton, the Charitable Trustees have been enabled to establish a new research award to encourage excellence and promote knowledge in the practical and academic fields of surveying.

The total assets of the Company's trusts now exceed £0.5 million and these are added to each year by individual covenanted giving from Liverymen and from fund-raising activities such as the Inter-Livery Swimathon and the UK Property Marketing Awards.

The funds are administered by the Court of the Company as Trustees: the day-to-day management — which involves the administration of investments, the review of



applications for financial assistance, the collection and management of covenants and other income — is carried out by a Charitable Board made up of members of the Court and Livery.

Each year the Trustees strive to give financial support to a variety of activities including bursaries to students at universities; individual cases of hardship, principally from surveyors; the Master's Discretionary Fund, which is mainly utilised in meeting the Company's civic responsibilities; and the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust which encourages the training of non-graduates within surveying, architecture and engineering. The Trust also regularly supports the Guildhall School of Music and Drama through the Masters and Court bursary which provides some £1,500 per annum, and also the Chartered Surveyors Prize for a string quartet for which the prize is £500.

The Trustees' bursary scheme gives assistance of up to £1,000 to students suffering from financial hardship which cannot be met from any other source. These grants are principally aimed at students in the second year of a three-year course or, in the case of a sandwich course, entering their final year who must have achieved a satisfactory standard of work in the course to date and where their financial circumstances would make the completion of their course extremely difficult. So far this year nine bursaries totalling £6,500 have been awarded to students from the universities of Aberdeen, Kingston, Sheffield Hallam, Central Lancashire, Northumbria and Glamorgan.

The Toby Sutton Research Award was a subject of intense competition and the Trustees have decided to make two awards each of £2,000, the first to Sunil Sharma from Herriot Watt University, Edinburgh, whose subject is *Private Finance of the Built Environment in the Pacific Rim*: the second goes to Clare Stevenson from County Antrim studying at Reading University, whose subject is *The Disability Discrimination Act 1995*.

The dissertations following the research are to be submitted during October 1996 and it is the Trustees intention to make them available both to the Livery and the profession at large.

*Peter Davidson*



## From the Master Elect

Looking ahead to our next year, beginning in October 1996, I intend to lay emphasis on improving communication between the Court and the Livery and vice versa.

I believe that we will have an excellent reason to be active in our support of the Mayoralty, as Past Master Keith Knowles has been elected as Lay Sheriff.

I also intend during the year to make clear our constructive support of the "Financial City" and to close the year with an informal family evening.

Our 20th year (March) 1977–1997 is an excellent moment to review both our progress to date and our future intent, with modest pride in our achievements and without losing our sense of enjoyment in what we do.

Each member of the Livery has received, with Michael's permission, a report on the facts and the way the Company is administered. This will

be followed, on the Installation evening and before the Dinner, with an expanded Common Hall at which your views on the Company's performance to date and its aims for the future will be welcome.

My overall intention is to build on the excellent sense of good fellowship which has been a hallmark of Michael's year and to keep the diary uncluttered by concentrating on our three main evenings in October, March and June.

As to the family evening, we are currently exploring the possibility of substituting our Ladies Banquet in the summer of 1997 with a block booking at the, by then, newly opened Globe Theatre on the South Bank. Unfortunately, The Globe's Grand Opening is not now scheduled before June 1st 1997 and whether we will be able to secure a suitable date remains to be seen.

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