

Newsletter

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agies of Past Master Sir Brian Hill, to raise money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Cancer Research Campaign: an excellent evening in delightful surroundings concluded with a very informal dinner.

In July we elected Robin Broadhurst as our next Master and Stuart Hibberdine and Delva Patman as our next Senior and Junior Wardens. Five days later we produced a party of 225 from our Livery and friends plus 65 Insurers, 12 Coopers and 4 Stationers & Newspaper Makers to see *The Life of Henry V* at the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in Southwark.

In September we will be forming a party of 45 or so to visit the Old Bailey for a tour and supper.

Master's Report

This year our 20th Anniversary Lunch Party and "our" Past Master Keith Knowles' Shrievalty have given us special focus.

In November we thanked Past Master Anthony Bull on his becoming an Honorary Assistant for his immensely worthwhile achievement in initiating the UK Marketing & Design Awards Scheme.

In December we were accorded a special place in the Lord Mayor's Show as the Mother Company of a Sheriff and took our part in the ceremonial of the taking of office by the incoming Lord Mayor.

In March we set up and enabled Stanislas Yassukovich to give a first-class lecture about problems which could arise in the City of London's future as a world financial centre.

In May Past Master Michael Coates presented the Company with a beautiful Master's Lady's brooch and we enjoyed a marvellous reunion with 17 of our 19 Past Masters.

In June our Clerk and her Committee set out and made all the arrangements for 10 of our swimmers and 95 other swimmers from a total of 13 Livery Companies to meet at the RAC Club at Woodcote Park in Epsom, under the

The Company

Each of the above events has been easily and simply fitted in, either with or between the recurrent programme of two Livery Dinners, our Awards Presentation in Mayfair, our excellent Seminar in the City, our support for the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, our Bursaries and our Prizes to 2nd Year Students of surveying, our support for The Company of Chartered Surveyors Training Trust, for our Estate Office at the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, for the work of our own Charitable Trust and the support for 135 Independent Topographic Squadron RE(V) and HMS Herald.

The Livery Movement

Amanda Jackson, our Clerk, is to be congratulated as President of the Fellowship of Clerks of Livery Companies and a member of the Livery Consultative Committee which produced the excellent new City Corporation booklet entitled *The Livery Companies of the City of London*, a copy of which has been sent by the Company to all Liverymen.

Looking through this booklet I realised that, during this year, I have had personal contact with office holders in at least 54 out of the 100 Livery Companies, not counting those one meets on City occasions, such as the United Guilds Service & Sons of the Clergy Services at St Pauls Cathedral or the St. Bartholomew's and the Freeman's School view days or the Mansion

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House events when all the Liveries are represented. This year there have been eight Chartered Surveyors who were Masters of Livery Companies simultaneously, and I arranged a small celebratory lunch for seven of the eight with the President of the RICS, the idea having been first put to me by Ian Flanagan, the Master of the Gardeners Company.

The variety of people involved and the liveliness of the Livery input to the City is immense. We play a full part, and, in addition to our individual personal guests, the Company has entertained many official guests during this year.

Valete

As the October date for Robin to take over approaches, my feeling is one of immense gratitude for having had the honour of serving as Master and for the superb support from the Court and the Livery that I have received. This Company is blessed with having an extremely able and hard-working Court and Clerk. Nothing just happens: it all needs forethought, sometimes a little courage and usually a good deal of determination and effort, and the Chairmen of our Committees, the Charitable

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Board, and our associated Training Trust Charity all deserve especial thanks.

I am proud of the fact that we have remained within budget, that the Company is in a sound financial position and that we have provided no less than five occasions for Livery participation at between £10 and £25 per head – Common Hall and Reception (only), the Lecture, the Swimathon Dinner, the Globe Theatre and the Old Bailey visit.

Ongoing

The two ongoing initiatives this year, which I know Robin will develop, are the invitations to all the Livery to support or renew Charitable Trust Covenants, and the embryonic Corporate

Management Training Agency idea initiated by Jonathan Strong and Geoffrey Wood and now likely to be supported by the Company through the mechanism of the Training Trust.

These are two thoroughly worthwhile matters which I commend to all of us to support substantially in the coming years.

Finally, I would like to thank both our Wardens, Robin Broadhurst and Stuart Hibberdine, for all the help that they have given me during the year and to wish Robin the very best of good fortune for this forthcoming year as Master.

David Pepper

Clay Pigeon Shoot



Once again, our Company fielded two teams at the Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition organised by the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners at the Holland & Holland Shooting Ground on May 22nd. 53 teams took part, which reflects the increasing popularity of this event and were honoured to have Alderman Roger Cork, the Right Honourable Lord Mayor, as a very special guest.

Last year the Company's "A" team was placed about half way through the field with a total score of 169, while the "B" team had the ignominy of being last with a score of 107. This year both teams improved, especially the "B" team – who, it could be said, could do no worse!

The day started at the West Wycombe Shooting

Grounds with a team practice or, at least, seven out of the eight guns read their instructions correctly and turned up at the correct rendezvous, leaving Roger Fidgen drinking gallons of coffee at Holland & Holland.

We arrived at the competition a little later than expected and just in time for an early lunch, something to do with getting priorities right. Once the shooting started the "B" team set about trying to catch the "A" team and did not do too badly.

The "A" Team, lead by Past Master Tony Gordon-James, scored 184 and earned themselves 21st place in the competition. Both Tony and John Hickman achieved a personal score of 36 out of 60, hotly pursued by Brian Lamden and Jeremy Smither, each with 34. The team shot 44/75 at the flush.

The "B" Team, lead by Geoffrey Wood, scored 163 and earned themselves 33rd place. Roger Fidgen shot 36 fresh from his lack of practice, Geoffrey Wood and Bob Dyson scored a 50% hit rate at 30 with Tony ("I have not shot for five years") Collins with a very respectable 25. The flush yielded 42/75 despite Bob Dyson breaking his gun into two pieces at the height of the fusillade. The flush had to be temporarily halted while the gun was reassembled which is the "B" team's excuse for not beating the "A" team at the flush. The "B" team's total score was 163.

The competition was won by the Lightmongers Company with the Gunmakers and Grocers second and third: a total of £6,500 was raised for charity.

We appear to have enough Liverymen who enjoy shooting clays to make up a third team for next year's competition on the May 21st 1998. Please let Amanda or me know if you would like to join us.

Geoffrey A C Wood

Inter-Livery Golf

The Company again entered a team in the Prince Arthur Cup: this competition is open to all Livery Companies, but the facilities at Walton Heath only permit 54 to take part. Each Company has two teams of two, thus there are 216 golfers who play two 18 hole rounds. The competition takes the form of a foursomes against bogey, and this year the Company were represented by David Orcharton, Chris Honeywill, Bill Peach and Keith Way. There is now a waiting list of over ten companies who wish to participate, and in order to accommodate these teams, the least successful companies each year are dropped and those on the waiting list absorbed into the competition. The Company came 13th this year.

The Company played its annual match against the Hermes Golfing Society at Worplesdon in June, but unfortunately the result was decided on the morning play in view of the horrendous storm which prevented most finishing the afternoon round. The current position since the match was started in 1993 is two halves and one win each.

The final golfing outing of the Company will take place on October 20th at Walton Heath, which is the match played between the Solicitors, Accountants and Surveyors' Companies. Five matches are played in the morning and afternoon with a foursomes pair from each company playing a match against the two other companies, thus six players go out together. We have been successful in this match, and the result is five to the Surveyors, one to the Solicitors and none for the Accountants.

We are always looking for new participants for these matches, and Keith Way, who organises them would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to play – 30 Throgmorton Street, London, EC2N 2BQ, telephone number 0171 710 8010.



John Hickman demonstrates how to shoot around corners

Inter — charity Swimathon Livery

Some people say, when referring to the Afrikaans-speaking population of the Transvaal, "That's what happens when you leave Dutchmen out in the sun for 200 years!" Good natured ribbing, I'm sure, but strange things can result from placing people in a strange environment. Take Liverymen for instance. Ever since Amanda Jackson decided, in 1991, to see if they would float collectively during the Lord Mayor's City Dip, many Liverymen have literally thrown themselves into the task.

Sir Brian Hill subsequently suggested that the Chartered Surveyors should encourage unbalanced colleagues from other livery companies to join our aquatic antics with the result that 13 companies took part this year at the RAC, Woodcote Park. Armourers & Braziers, Weavers, Basketmakers, Drapers, Feltmakers, Carmen, Farriers, Plumbers, Framework Knitters, Tilers & Bricklayers, Actuaries and Bakers teams all took part this

year and pitted themselves against the synchronised splendour of our own two teams comprising Amanda Jackson, Sir Brian Hill, Brian Lamden, Digby Flower, James Ager, Robin Brodie-Cooper, James Bryer, John Benfield, Roger Southam and yours truly.

Having seen the photographs (send cheque and SAE for copies) it is quite clear that Archimedes was correct about the amount of water a body displaces and some participants have a definite advantage! All ages and dimensions were represented and each swimmer managed to proceed with varying degrees of dignity and quite a lot of breathing difficulty, up and down the tricky course layout (four straight lanes managed to confuse a few!) to complete 34 lengths of the pool which equates to a 1 kilometre swim. I am told that in previous years, no fewer than five Masters were seen swimming and although perhaps not such a widely publicised attraction as swimming with

dolphins, scores of ordinary people who entered the water reported feelings of calmness, serenity and considerable joy.

The other most logical explanation for this phenomenon is that they were all looking forward to a couple of drinks, followed by a most convivial informal supper in the magnificent surroundings of one of Woodcote Park's dining rooms. It could also have been the knowledge that, as in previous years, we were raising funds for the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal. Last year the event raised £14,000 for St John Ambulance and most events have usually produced well over £10,000 for good causes.

We all owe our gratitude to Amanda Jackson for her organisational efforts, but also for her thoughtful provision of corporate kit. Natty rubber swimming hats with colour co-ordinated trunks really raised our team spirit and made us swim as fast as possible – so that we could take them off again! Are you sure you got the hat and waist size the right way round?

Finally, I must admit that the sound of my sponsors wingeing when I told them I completed the course successfully and that it was time to pay, was very satisfying, and I definitely intend to do it again next year. I may even have a side bet for the fastest time with Frank Taylor, past Master of the Bakers Company, who not only swam this year, but is apparently the oldest member of the RAC!

David Tuffin

Double Celebration



The Company marked the celebration of 20 years since the granting of the Letters Patent by an Anniversary Luncheon at Grocers Hall on May 6th.

The event was also to honour Past Master Keith Knowles, currently Sheriff of the City of London.

The Master, Wardens and Court entertained a number of guests who have contributed to the Livery over the past 20 years. These included no less than 14 Past Masters headed by the first Master, Sir Oliver Chesterton MC. There were also two former Lord Mayors, including Sir Robin Gillett who was Lord Mayor at the time of the granting of the Letters Patent. Also present was the Master Grocer, Master Tyler and Bricklayer and Sir Murray Fox.

As well as proposing a toast to the Company, Sheriff Keith Knowles gave an insight into his year in a speech which was sprinkled with anecdotes of amusing events.

The Master, Wardens, Court and the Clerk to the Company together with Past Masters.

Chartered Surveyors Training Trust

One of the most interesting phenomena of the Livery movement is the way in which it has kept so many of its old traditions and adapted them to the modern world. One such is education and training. Think of those proud livery company schools and many of the livery companies whose craft still continues to have well-established training and apprentice schemes. That is fine for the ancient companies who have a long tradition, significant funds and who started their education and training activities in a world where there was no other provision. But what could a new company do which is less than ten years old with no capital resources other than its charitable fund which it is trying to build to useful size, and is in a world where there is universal education and its trade is a profession with a comprehensive education and training system in place?

In 1982 there was a recession and the current Lord Mayor, Sir Anthony Joliffe, made a direct plea to the livery companies to do something to help the unemployed youth. The great and the good in two of the new professional companies sat round and pontificated about the amount they were already doing – after all what could a “two A level entry” profession do for the layabout unemployed youth even if their predicament was unfortunate? Two chartered surveyors, however, were prepared to do more than talk. They had the idea of running a then new YTS scheme in liverymen’s offices. After all, two years at the bottom of the administrative ladder making coffee and filing must help these unemployed youths. What now seems even more surprising is that the Chartered Surveyors Court agreed to the idea.

It was thus that a ten year-old company dipped its toe into the water of education and took on 14 young people financed by the YTS government grants: the scheme was run part time by the assistant clerk. How little did we really know what we had started. Those 14 did not come with earrings, long hair, and a stropic attitude looking for hand outs, they all wanted to become chartered surveyors, and one of those original intake has in fact qualified.

Much has been developed over the past 14 years. The independent charity, the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust, which now runs the successor to that first brainchild is administering programmes which take people without any A levels and in seven years produce honours degree graduates who have seven years work experience, a job, and are highly valued by their firms. These programmes are still supported financially by government youth training grants.

The heart of the trust’s success lies in the way it handles and manages its trainees. The programmes have been based round the National Certificate and Higher National Certificate one day a week with four days in suitable employment. Funding for these certificates is being phased out and the programmes will probably now need to be changed to being based on GNVQs. Trainees are visited every six to eight weeks in their work place as well being monitored at their college. In this way the normal difficulties of course fatigue (i.e. boredom) and girl/boy friend distraction can be caught early and the trainee helped to remain working properly. A few of them come from homes which are not exactly ideal in terms of support and the trust is able to provide detached understanding and practical help. The company’s own charitable fund has often provided help to deserving cases. One such case was a boy of 16 who came for an interview to join the trust and it gradually became apparent to the manager that there was some home problem. It turned out the mother had just been abandoned by her husband who had left the finances in serious deficit, and she had had to borrow money to buy him a suit for the interview – and he only had one shirt. The Livery Company paid for him to be clothed for work. In fact he has been one of the successful trainees who is now on a full-time degree course.

One of the dangers for the trust which it discovered early on and which it still has to watch very carefully is the perception that employing these trainees is an act of charity. This attitude conceals the fact that there is a perfectly good commercial case for their employment without any charitable overtones. It also distorts the attitude to them at work. So the trust has found that it must never suggest that what it is doing is in anyway charitable – its product must always be sold on cold commercial logic. Given that trainees when they start cost a firm less than £4,000 per year this is not too difficult. What is a greater difficulty is to persuade some employers to give them enough responsibility and variety to mix in with the



The Master presents the 2nd Year ONC prize to Yeliz Hanan

grind of being at the bottom. However, it all works: if it didn’t it would not have been growing at more than 20% per annum for the last three years when surveying, architecture and civil engineering have not been growing at anything like this rate – if at all.

The trust’s activities and its 80 trainees are presently confined to Greater London, which is about all that can be administered economically by the present staff of two. There was a trial in the Birmingham area a few years ago but the numbers were insufficient to support a full-time employee there and it was dropped. However it remains a long-term dream of the trust to go much wider geographically – applications are received from places as diverse as Yorkshire and the Isle of Skye. But this is unlikely to be pursued until the present uncertainty over the courses which can be funded is resolved.

This short sketch of the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust can only give a flavour of what is involved and how it works. It gives great pleasure to all involved and they would be only too happy to “show people around” or give tips to anyone thinking of doing something similar.

The prizewinners with: Sylvia Reid, Master Architect, Richard Cotton, Chairman of the Trust and the Master, David Pepper



Military Survey 250th Anniversary

Faced with going somewhere unfamiliar we reach for a map and, in this country, they are easily available. Faced with fighting somewhere unfamiliar and sailors, soldiers and airmen have even more need for reliable maps and charts, but the provision outside UK cannot be taken for granted. The business of providing maps, charts and other things geographical for the armed forces rests with the Hydrographer of the Navy below the high water mark and with Military Survey for anything above it. Both organisations have members of the Land and Hydrographic Division of the RICS and are also linked to our company through the formal adoption of the hydrographic ship HMS Herald and the Territorial Army unit 135 Topographic Squadron RE (V).

Although the Hydrographic Department celebrated its 200th anniversary in 1995, Military Survey traces its origins back even further to the Jacobite rebellion in Scotland in 1745. By 1747 it had become apparent that campaigning would be easier with a decent map, and so a survey for a military map of Scotland was commissioned. Soon the threat of an

invasion by Napoleon shifted the emphasis of military mapping first to Kent and, with the formation of the Ordnance Survey, to the country as a whole.

From that point wherever the Army was deployed, maps were also required and, as the Empire grew, there was also a need to demarcate its boundaries. However, it took a land tax in Ireland to create the first bodies of soldier surveyors in the 1820s. World War 1 brought many new requirements, including maps for airmen, and by World War 2 the successors of those units formed in Ireland had grown to a considerable force, with surveyors and mobile map production units deployed to all theatres of war. The tasks continued with Korea, Malaya, Aden and Borneo – all areas where mapping was poor to non-existent and getting lost cost lives. There was also the need to prepare and train in Europe just in case the Soviets did cross the border.

And so to more recent times – to the Falklands War with several hundred different map products prepared in the 10 weeks that conflict lasted, and the Gulf War when mobile map production facilities were once again deployed to the desert. Military surveyors were with the guns throughout the advance into Iraq and hundreds of tons of maps were air-lifted from the UK alone. Bosnia has involved demarcating

minefields and the new boundary between the warring factions, directing the guns firing over Sarajevo and providing an essential part of the command and control for the UN and NATO headquarters.

In all, this part of defence has seen its task expand significantly as new areas of the world have come into the headlines, and almost every task is a very real test. 135 Squadron, our affiliated unit, provides a vital TA element to enhance this capability in times of need and its part-time soldiers have been pleased to welcome members of the Livery to their base in Ewell.

However, this 250th year is very special and will be celebrated by several events in the Autumn. On Sunday 14 September, Military Survey will be hosting an open day at Hermitage in Berkshire to which all those who have an interest in its activities or history will be most welcome. On the following day the military element, including 135 Squadron, will receive the Freedom of Newbury and, as the icing on the cake, HM The Queen has graciously conferred the title “Royal” on the School of Military Survey at Hermitage. Further details are available from the Anniversary Project Office, Denison Barracks, Hermitage, Berkshire RG18 9TP.

Major General Roy Wood

UK Property Marketing & Design Awards

This year's Awards Ceremony, held at The Mayfair Theatre, attracted a packed house for a highly successful evening, presented at a brisk pace by RICS past-president Simon Potts as master of ceremonies.

There was some disappointment among the organising committee that the total of entries, at 340, was slightly down on the previous year. This loss, however, was more than outweighed by the overall standard which was encouragingly

high and in several categories – annual reports and corporate brochures, for example – quite outstanding.

An indication of future trends was seen in an innovative award, given by *Estates Gazette*, for the best marketing approach using electronic media, as voted by the publication's internet users.

In their comments the judges stressed that over the seven years of the awards there has been a particularly marked improvement in the clear presentation of detailed and sometimes complex information: the auction and investment categories in this year's entries were cases in point.

The Company's Victor Ludorum, chosen from the category winners, was a difficult decision. Eventually, however, the impact and style of the Manhattan Loft Corporation's entry for their Bankside development won the day.

With the well established awards now contributing significantly to the Company's Charitable Trust, the Master, David Pepper, was able to announce some of the monies generated will be ploughed back into initiatives designed to train property people in marketing in the wider context.

John Clayton



David Pepper, Master of the Company of Chartered Surveyors, George Gillon, chairman of the UK Property Marketing & Design Awards Committee and Simon Pott, master of ceremonies



Anthony Bull, Past-Master, who conceived the awards seven years ago, presenting the Victor Ludorum plate to John Hitchcox, managing director of the Manhattan Loft Corporation

Ewell Volunteers get two weeks in the sun

Thirty volunteers have just returned from an all-expenses-paid two week break in the sun – courtesy of the Territorial Army! Men and women from the Royal Engineers Squadron based in Welbeck Close, Ewell, were out in Cyprus for the second time in five years working on a major survey task around those areas of the island that are still UK territories. These were established in 1960 when the island gained its independence, and the 150 kilometres of international boundary has almost 800 white marker pillars that must be maintained.

For Nicola Rainey, who has only recently joined the unit, her first annual camp with the unit was also her first trip to Cyprus. “I’ve only recently finished my recruits course and started my training as a combat surveyor to run the Army’s map supply system”, said 29-year-old Nicola, who lives in Kingston and works in insurance in the City. “Now I’ve had a whole variety of survey work packed into 16 days in the sun. I first spent a few days completing a field check of the eastern boundary near the resort of Ayia Napa, where the border snakes through the fields and orange groves of rural Cyprus, and then moved to the other end of the island with one of the small survey teams equipped with the new Global Positioning System to re-coordinate markers to an accuracy of a few centimetres.”



Meanwhile Sapper Brian Murphy, 26, another recent recruit, was working on something different. “A large number of boundary pillars had been destroyed over the last couple of years”, said Brian, who is also the unit electrician. “Our team was tasked with rebuilding them. Working in a mobile ‘hit squad’ with one of the new Hydreema diggers – that’s like a big JCB – a four-tonne truck with a



concrete mixer and supply of new pillars on the back, and a couple of LandRovers, we threaded our way along the maze of field tracks that criss-cross the border, heading for points that had earlier been reported as damaged by the reconnaissance parties. It’s hard work in the sun”, Brian agreed with Sergeant Tim Ives from Godalming who was leading his team, “but very satisfying to be able to achieve a 99% success rate during our limited time out there, while still leaving time for a bit of R&R, whether it’s a barbecue, an afternoon swim down on the beach, or a trip to one of the popular tourist spots like Paphos and Mount Olympus.”

Members of the 80-strong unit have to complete 15 days continuous training annually plus a minimum of 12 days weekend training and one Monday evening a week, for which they get Regular Army rates of pay plus a tax-free annual bounty of up to £900. The unit is always looking for new volunteers to fill a variety of both technical and non-technical trades. The Ewell Squadron’s main role is map supply, which involves a mix of traditional soldiering skills, such as self-reliance, basic infantry and engineer skills, driving and logistics. Both men and women between 17½ and 32 are eligible to

join, and need no previous experience.

The unit also has a reprographic section, which focuses on cartography and printing, in which civilian-qualified tradesmen need do only 19 days per year. One of their jobs in Cyprus was to work on the production of a new large-scale map of the Paramali valley, which will be completed using the print facilities back at Ewell. Corporal Dave Maytum, who works as a Civil Service draughtsman and who will be drawing in the detail, managed to get a birds-eye view of the scene when the Army Air Corps laid on a special flight in a Gazelle helicopter for him and a couple of others to get extra photographs of the area. “That made a great end to the camp,” said Dave. “Flying low over the sunlit orchards and vineyards in the valley, surrounded by juniper forests, was a terrific experience, and being able to get my own photos of the area will make the job back home even more interesting.”

Anyone interested in joining 135 Independent Topographic Squadron Royal Engineers should phone Captain Brian Tenucci on 0181-393-0981 to get more information.

Captain Gareth Almond

HMS Herald

After much positive feedback as a result of the original Affiliated Groups’ Newsletter I have decided to once again “lay fingers to keyboard” and update you all on HMS Herald’s progress. At the time of writing the original letter in September Herald had already visited Cagliari in Sardinia and Catania in Sicily, while

operationally we had concluded our first exercise – Rapid Response – and were busy preparing for our second exercise codenamed Damsel Fair.

Just prior to commencing Damsel Fair HMS Herald spent several days alongside the Naval Base in Canakkale, Turkey. While Canakkale was far from a usual tourist location it proved to be an exciting and interesting “run ashore”. As expected, the Turkish baths were a popular choice, with a good percentage of the ship’s company taking the opportunity to experience a

Turkish massage – interestingly, the Turks themselves were not regular visitors to the baths. Canakkale also saw the beginning of much Christmas shopping with Turkish delight of various flavours being purchased. Perhaps the highlight of the visit was the opportunity to visit the battlefields of Gallipoli which were within easy driving distance. We were lucky enough to be taken on an organised tour led by a local university professor, and it quickly became startlingly apparent just how many young lives had been lost for no apparent gain. The Turkish Government has now set the entire area aside as a National Monument to those of all nationalities who died. All of us found the experience a particularly moving one.

The opportunity to visit Gallipoli tied in well with our role in Exercise Damsel Fair where we were tasked with conducting beach surveys prior to an amphibious assault, while also providing survey support to the joint NATO Force involved in the exercise. Conducting the exercise in the vicinity of Gallipoli brought home the real need to be accurate in our beach surveys – although unfortunately the weather defeated our attempt to conduct a covert night survey. Despite much enthusiasm on our part we unfortunately had to leave the night operations to the American Seal Team who were performing a similar role. We also conducted an accurate survey of an area where mines were due to be dropped by parachute. Strategically, mine warfare is very important in the area of the Dardanelles as very few resources would be needed to cut off the entire Black Sea from the Mediterranean. Once we had participated in the post-exercise debriefing at the end of September we sailed from Turkey for Crete.

The next leg of our voyage would see HMS Herald commence the primary survey task of our visit to the Mediterranean. Although we had collected some useful data during our various exercises we were now to commence the oceanographic work of our trip while our boat camp would soon be detached to Cyprus to conduct a local survey of the approaches to Akrotiri. However, in the knowledge that relaxation is the key to productivity the ship spent a couple of days in Iraklion on Crete's northern shore. Here the ship's company were able to relax in a local resort with the chance of visiting the fabulous Minoan remains at Knossos. These were truly spectacular, and if you left the beaten track the remains were literally thick on the ground.

On sailing from Iraklion we headed to the area south of Cyprus where we commenced our survey. We spent three intensive periods interspersed with two visits to Limassol, criss-crossing the Mediterranean between Cyprus and Suez taking oceanographic measurements. These were primarily collected using our oceanographic probe which measures conductivity, temperature and depth while also recording data while on passage between “dip” positions. This work occupied us from early October until well into November when it would become necessary to make passage to the UK. While the work became very routine it was broken up by some variety. We investigated some very saline stagnant pools on the sea bed called brine lakes and even succeeded in collecting a bottom sample at a depth of two miles – which we feel is probably a record.

Our two visits to Limassol enabled us to restore

and carry out the maintenance necessary to keep us fully operational while also affording pleasant breaks. The ship became quite familiar with the local RAF bases as several groups took the opportunity to enjoy some adventurous training sessions which included horse riding, water sports and mountain walking which the RAF were good enough to help with. We also enjoyed a day conducting exercises with our sister ship HMS Hecla which proved to be the last opportunity for the ships to operate together as she has now decommissioned following her return from seven months in the Middle East. The day happened to fall on October 21 which provided the perfect excuse for the two ships to enjoy a final mess dinner together while celebrating the Battle of Trafalgar.

All too soon, however, our time in the sun came to an end, and by early November it was necessary to think of our return voyage. Winter was beginning to set in as we made passage west through the Mediterranean and up through the Bay of Biscay, where even the hardest stomachs were put to the test. For several days the weather was so rough that the ship struggled to manage a walking pace into the heavy sea. Just as we began to imagine we would be late home the sea and wind relented and we came to anchor in Plymouth Sound on the evening of November 26. It had been an interesting and varied trip which provided a useful appetiser to the deployment we would undertake in the coming year.

*Jonathan Fuller
Royal Navy PR Officer*

Focus On The Changing City

– A Seminar on the commercial activities of The City of London

Thirty five delegates attended this year's annual seminar, held in early February, for what is best described as a “roller-coaster ride” through mergers, take-overs, flotation, corporate rescue, derivatives, commodities, foreign exchange, money markets, financial futures and raising capital. However, as the seminar photographer proved, none of the above are as complex or difficult as taking a reasonable picture!

Under the chairmanship of Michael Jukes, this year's delegates were given an insight into the workings of The City of London and its importance in the world financial markets. Debate centring around the impact of both a general election and a single European currency was interspersed with details of the “Ken and Eddie Show” and how to mount a corporate rescue of an Italian family-run pizza restaurant in Guildford! Lectures were supplemented with visits to the City Model, Lloyds of London and



Bankers Trusts Co.'s dealer floor. Breakfast was supplemented with a copy of the FT.

The seminar closed with a Livery dinner at Innholders Hall with several delegates drinking into the early hours of the morning, still trying to understand the benefits of rescuing Ravenelli's pizza parlour.

Adam Glover

Surveying the Thames

George Gillon, a member of the Court of Common Council and Port Health Authority Committee, arranged a visit to the Port of London Authority on August 13th. The Master, the Clerk, George and members of the Court and Livery were therefore able to log five of the most enjoyable hours of CPD they are ever likely to be able to record. It was extremely instructive and, on a very hot, humid day, hard work.

Chartwell, the PLA survey vessel, collected the party from St Katherine's pier and they looked forward to an hour and three quarters lazy cruise to the PLA offices at Gravesend which house the Thames Navigation Service Control, the Harbour Master's Office and the Pilot Station.

The cruise, however, was not to be quite so lazy: from Canary Wharf to Gravesend we were "hard at it" learning how the PLA charts the whole of the 95 miles of its manor and provides information for Admiralty charts. With over 50 million tons of cargo passing along the river in 28,000 vessel movements absolute accuracy is



The Port of London Authority's survey vessel, Chartwell

vital, particularly as some large tankers have only 0.9 of a metre clearance between their keel and the river bed: tidal information as well as chart depth is essential to the pilots.

On arrival at Gravesend we were greeted by Rear Admiral Bruce Richardson CB and then given a detailed tour of the Hydrographic Office, seeing the tidal information being incorporated into maps and charts: following lunch we were given a tour of the Port Control Office seeing the ship movements on the radar screen. This part of the visit was unfortunately far too short – not only because it was the only air-conditioned part of the trip! Finally, before catching a train from

Gravesend back to London, we did a tour of the Oil Spillage Recovery Vessel.

The day provided another insight into the diverse work of chartered surveyors and during lunch the Master had the opportunity to explain the *raison d'être* of the Livery Company. Coincidentally, just as the Master started to speak on the balcony overlooking the river, half a dozen swans decided to take off with a particularly unharmonious racket. Was this to be the Master's "swan song"?

Brian Lamden



From the Master Elect

I am greatly looking forward to my year as Master and feel very honoured by the opportunity.

Surveying was a profession I fell into rather than chose. Over the years I have found that this is also true of many others, but I have yet to meet anyone who had any cause to regret that. Surveyors are naturally gregarious and play an

important part in the City generally in giving of their time and skill in so many charitable ways.

Our own Livery is no exception, and it offers through the members the opportunity to put something back as a collective group on the charitable and educational front, as well as supporting the City Mayoralty.

I believe that in our first 20 years the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors has made an impact in everything it has done, but the task for the next generation will involve continuing to build our charitable resources and define how we can use them to best possible advantage.

In my own particular year I am looking to take stock of issues and to consolidate and improve on what we already do. In particular I am anxious to ensure that the activities of the Livery are well understood across the whole profession, and to foster co-operation between the RICS, the British Property Federation and the increasing number of specialist groups, from the Investment Property Forum to the British Council for Offices.

However, as with all things, we benefit from the Livery in direct proportion to our contributions. Accordingly, I propose to send out a questionnaire not only to produce a detailed database for the Company but, more

importantly, to understand your motivation and *raison d'être* for being part of the Livery so that we can tap into the talent that abounds.

Above all I wish to lay particular emphasis on the enjoyment factor, something that surveyors are notoriously good at. My year will have an emphasis on social activities, but will also be working on a longer-term plan to create something that will not only raise the profile of surveyors and hopefully the standards, but also provide a source of income which will allow us to continue to build our resources, raise our profile and ensure that in 2077 we celebrate our centenary.

I am looking forward to the opportunity of seeing all of you on as many occasions as possible during the course of the year, and if at any time any of you want to make contact on any subject, I hope you won't hesitate to let me know. Hopefully Amanda Jackson has got me under control.

Your presence will help me enjoy my year even more, and with the support of the Senior Warden Stuart Hibberdine and Junior Warden Delva Patman, together with the Court and our Clerk Amanda Jackson, we can have a successful and enjoyable year.

Robin Broadhurst