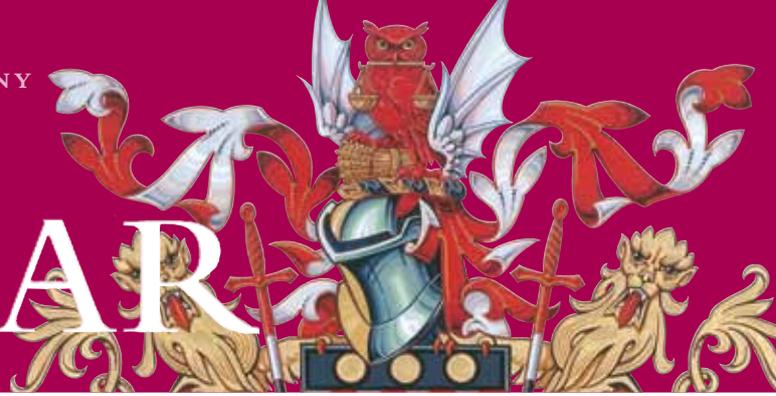


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THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' COMPANY

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## THE MASTER'S REPORT

"Good progress achieved in pursuing our objectives..."



Laurence Johnstone, Master

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Although it seems only yesterday that I began my term as Master, nearly 12 months have flown by – for me, a wonderful and fascinating 12 months! I hope the following review will be of interest.

A year ago I promised to build on the momentum already achieved towards the central objectives of our Business Plan, namely pursuing our charitable aims, fund-raising, supporting the Lord Mayor, developing the Company's profile in the City, building our links with the RICS and recruiting new liverymen. I also pledged to foster the involvement of our Liverymen and promote the enjoyment and fun which our Company offers.

12 months on, I can report that your Company is in excellent heart and that progress has been accomplished in all of our objectives during the year. This is largely due to the enthusiasm of so many of our Liverymen who have participated in our activities whilst, I believe, having a good deal of fun in doing so!

I will report on the "fun" side of things in a moment but will first describe how we have fared in pursuing our key aims.

From an educational perspective, on which our charitable work is chiefly focussed, under the guidance of Junior Warden Mickola Wilson and our Clerk Amanda Jackson, we have made great strides. Our bursary scheme is growing apace. As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, our first bursary student Charlotte Watson has graduated from university with a 2:1 degree. This I know will be the first of many such successes as the scheme gains impetus. Charlotte is the first ever member of her family to have attended university and she assures us that she would not have been able to do so without our support.

During the year I have visited each of our adopted schools and presented prizes and awards to the students on the Company's behalf. From my perspective these occasions have been particularly rewarding as the presentations are undoubtedly greatly valued by the recipients. I was delighted to present the Head Teacher at Archbishop Tenison's School, Lambeth with a cheque for the first tranche of a three year grant which will enable the school to achieve specialist status in Music.

The Chartered Surveyors' Training Trust celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year and continues to thrive under Assistant Roger Southam's energetic leadership.

Aside from Roger, the Trust's Board includes six of our Liverymen whom I thank for their time and effort.

Alongside our charitable work, it is important that we nurture and grow our capital funds from which the income can be used for our giving. Fund-raising is never easy and this was expected to be so this year amidst the financial challenges that prevail. However, I am pleased to report that we have made good progress in raising funds during the year.

Many of our Liverymen give regularly but this year a number have given especially generously for which I thank them sincerely. Our main fund-raising initiative - as reported elsewhere - was the highly successful Company Abseil organised by Assistant David Mann. This involved 45 abseilers including (against his better judgement!) your Master as well as the Senior Warden, other members of the Court and many of our Liverymen. As we go to press, the final tally is awaited but I anticipate that during our current year we will have delivered more than £60,000 of new funds into the Charitable Trust in addition to our investment income.

In the City, we are very well known and respected. It has been a privilege to be the Company's ambassador at many engagements during the year alongside fellow Masters and other City figures. By the time this Court Circular is in your hands I will have presented a cheque from the Company to the Lord Mayor at Mansion House towards his chosen charities. Looking ahead, our profile should continue to strengthen if, as is hoped, one of our Liverymen, Alderman Michael Bear, becomes next year's Lord Mayor subject of course to the due processes.

Our bonds with the RICS are strong but there is more to do to reach what I believe the relationship is capable of bringing. During the year, the new President, Robert Peto became one of our Liverymen. After 12 distinguished years as RICS Chief Executive, Liveryman Louis Armstrong steps down but we shall form close links with his successor Sean Tompkins as soon as he has his feet firmly under the table.

Good progress in recruitment has been achieved thanks to the hard work of Senior Warden, Rob Bould and the Elections Committee. During the year the Court resolved to form an enhanced Freedom category to recruit a body of younger members as Freemen of the Company and hence a pool for future admission to

the Livery. A steering group has been formed and its work is well underway. Rob will report to you on this in due course.

As to Fellowship, during the year we have offered a varied menu designed to deliver interest, enjoyment and fun. Events have included a Livery Quiz evening, a singing competition at the Guildhall School of Music, a visit to the State Apartments at the Royal Hospital, a Ski Trip to Klosters in Switzerland, and an evening at the London School of Ballet not to mention our usual agenda of sporting events. We have dined at Ironmongers', Apothecaries' and Stationers', each with distinguished speakers, and held a luncheon aboard HQS Wellington to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the College of Estate Management.

From my own perspective it is difficult to single out the most memorable occasion as there have been so many highlights. I do hope however that Liverymen have enjoyed these occasions as much as Clare and I have. This does seem so as almost without exception our events have been sell-outs. Demand for places on Clare's Ladies' visit to the Wallace Collection was such that she decided to organise a second event, a private tour of Clarence House, which itself was heavily oversubscribed.

Under Assistant Mark Larard's guidance, the links with our three Armed Forces Units have been much reinforced this year. We have received or made visits from or to all three units. As HMS Echo has been in her home port for much of the year we were able to arrange two separate visits. One of these was a fascinating day of sea trials during which I was honoured to give an address and present our new Endeavour Award to a member of the Ship's Company.

As is the custom, after five years "above the chair", Past Master Terry Knight retires from the Court. I wish him and Gilly well and sincerely thank him for all he has done for the Company not to mention his encouragement to me personally.

My term now comes to an end after what for me has been an amazing and memorable year. None of the achievements described above could have been realised without the support of the Committees, the Court and the many Liverymen who have enjoyed getting involved in our various facets. I could not have asked for a better senior management team than that of the Senior and Junior Wardens and, importantly, our Clerk Amanda Jackson who, assisted by Cindy Vines, has worked tirelessly during the year and helped Clare and me in so many ways. I thank them all sincerely.

It has been hugely enjoyable, as well as a privilege, to serve as Master. Thank you for allowing me to do this. I very much look forward to supporting my successor Rob Bould and the Company in coming year and beyond.

**Laurence Johnstone, Master**

## THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

At the start of the Company's year the Master set a demanding budget which pared expenditure to the minimum. This reflected the difficult economic scenario, the particular effects of the recession on the property sector and its likely impact on Liverymen. As I write this report, the accounts to the end of the Company's year have yet to be produced but I am pleased to report that every indication is that there will be no material deviation from the budget apart from expenditure associated with the forthcoming Mayoralty (subject to the due processes) of Liveryman Alderman Michael Bear as it has proved necessary to incur this expenditure in advance of original expectations.

The last twelve months have inevitably seen the investment world continue to be dominated by the global economic scene. Against this challenging background the Company's Investment Manager has continued to deliver satisfactory performance with the Company's portfolio being valued at £307,352 at 30th June 2010. The asset allocation and geographic spread is shown in the accompanying pie charts.

This valuation shows an improvement of some £40,000 in comparison with 30 June 2009 but also reflects a withdrawal of £10,000 to fund various Company expenses. The net return for the 12 month period was 14.6% which was a modest under-performance of 1.8% against the benchmark. The income from the portfolio remained in line with the forecast albeit minor changes were made to the asset allocation to generate increased yield.

During the year there has been frequent contact with the investment managers and in particular, discussion on the adoption of a new benchmark. We have also begun to prepare for the demise of cheques and arrangements are being implemented to move to electronic banking.

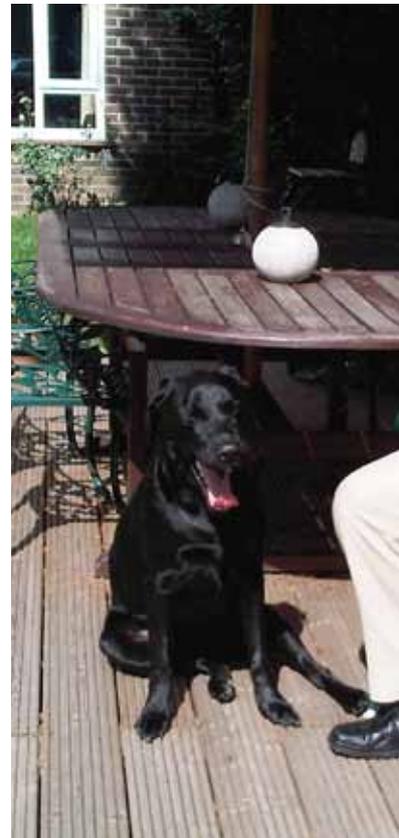
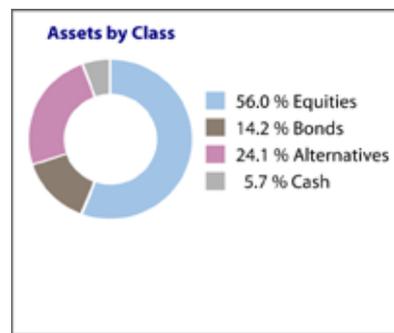
I would like to record my thanks for the support and hard work of all Committee Members and our Auditor James Harman, who provides valued advice. I fully appreciate just how busy everyone is and the time you have given to looking after the Company's financial and administrative affairs over the last twelve months is greatly appreciated.

**David Larkin Past Master & Chairman of F & GP**

## CHARITABLE GIVING

As at 9th September 2010, the value of our Charitable Fund stood at just over £1.32m. being some £300k more than the equivalent figure reported last year. The growth stems from the recovery in capital markets, the merger with the Guy Bigwood Trust and donations received from Liverymen and others.

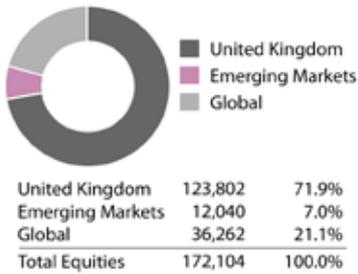
Our financial year runs to 30th September and whilst this report is written 3 weeks ahead of then, in the current year we shall have raised an inflow of



Archbishop Tenison's School Band, supported by The Charitable Fund



## Equities by Region



The Company's portfolio : asset allocation and geographic spread.



The Honorary Chaplain, the Rev'd John Kronenberg



new funds in excess of £60,000 which include donations from our Liverymen and from our fund-raising initiatives during the year.

The Fund remains focussed on developing opportunities for young people through support for:

- Our adopted schools and the provision of bursaries to support Alumni through University
- The Chartered Surveyors' Training Trust

The strength of the Fund has enabled us to extend our highly successful Bursary scheme to 11 young people from our adopted schools, to support their University studies. Candidates are selected on the recommendation of the schools' Heads on grounds of merit and hardship. The focus is on cases where the candidate is to pursue courses such as surveying, architecture or law and we can make a real difference by enabling them to proceed to University where, without our support, that would not be an option. It is especially pleasing that this scheme has recently delivered its first graduate in the form of Charlotte Watson, a pupil from St Saviour's & St Olave's school, who secured her Degree in Law from Middlesex University in June and is now on track to qualify as a Solicitor.

Following the closure of the Christchurch Youth Centre, the Trustees have allocated a similar level of funding to Archbishop Tenison's School, Oval, where the Head Teacher identified a need for a new activity to encourage camaraderie and a sense of common purpose amongst pupils. She has been particularly keen to develop the school's music department and to establish a choir to fulfil this need. Members of the Charitable Board have visited the school and witnessed the new spirit of confidence that the programme has instigated.

In a challenging economic environment, by creating opportunities that would not otherwise exist, the Company is making a real difference to young people, many of them underprivileged. Liverymen should feel real pride in our collective charitable effort.

I thank you for your continued support.

**Assistant Daniel Carter, Chairman, Charitable Board**

## LIVERY GO-KART GRAND PRIX

11 teams gathered at a cold Streatham Kart Raceway to contest the second annual Livery Karting event; a challenging 2 hour endurance race. Teams comprised 3 and 5 drivers. With a slippery Turn Four, competition was fierce for pole position with D Connal Partnership securing the coveted front slot on the grid for the rolling start.

The flag having dropped, the initial lead was being established by Bin Lamden's Bandits closely followed by 2009 winners Chestergate / Lambert Smith Hampton, Wacky Racers and Kolesar's Karters. Mid-point in the race necessitated fuel and pizza stops, with Chestergate / LSH maintaining a narrow lead.

The positions were shortly reversed with Kolesar's Karters taking a lead which they held until the chequered flag dropped and securing the evening's fastest lap with an impressive 0:34.128 on lap 115.

The remaining podium positions were hotly contested through the closing stages of the race with Chestergate / LSH narrowly missing out on second place to Wacky Racers following a late black flag and Trident Missiles and D Connal Partnership pushing for third until the final lap.

The event was flawlessly organised by Assistant David Mann and much enjoyed by the participants. A repeat is planned in the next Livery year.

**Liveryman David Tuffin**

## THE HONORARY CHAPLAIN

Since my appointment as the Company's Honorary Chaplain in 2009 I have been made to feel very welcome and have been struck by the warmth and conviviality of the functions I have attended. So I am grateful to the Master for this opportunity to introduce myself further to the Livery.

I am a Church of England Vicar in the Parish of Hinchley Wood in Surrey. I was ordained in mid-life after a short and less than distinguished career as a Chartered Surveyor. I passed my TPC, as it was then called, in Building Surveying whilst at Drivers Jonas and then moved to Hunter & Partners in 1987.

During the recession of the mid to late 90s I began to feel that my true vocation was in the Church. In 2000 my family and I relocated to Ripon College, Cuddesdon, a theological college near Oxford where I trained for full time ministry – to the thinly disguised incredulity of some of my friends and family!

Besides my parish, my work includes being voluntary chaplain to Esher and Molesey police stations. I am Vice Chairman of the local branch of the Council of Christians and Jews and am about to chair the local branch of Churches Together. My professional interests include ethics, high technology, inter faith relations and community.

The Church of England exists to serve the entire community and I stand firmly in that tradition. Whether we follow any particular faith or none, for most people it is how we try to live our lives that really matters. For me, the outworking of religious belief is seen in how we support one another in community as fellow human beings.

Please do get in touch if I can ever be of assistance as Chaplain or in my role as the Company's Almoner. I am available to assist with the welfare of our members and their families where any such help is needed. I very much hope to get to know many more members of the Company in the coming months. So please don't be alarmed if a strange Vicar introduces himself to you and attempts to engage you in conversation – it's all part of the job!

**Liveryman Rev'd John Kronenberg**

## THE LIVERY SKI TRIP

A party of 18 Liverymen, family and friends gathered in early March to ski the heights of Klosters and enjoy the clear mountain air of Switzerland's Eastern Alps.

Amidst the cluster of brightly painted wooden homesteads that is Klosters and in the welcoming warmth of the Hotel Chesa Grischuna, the alpine adventurers unpack, try their boots and hone their skis whilst large baths steam to relax their travelled limbs. Later, the fizz of fine champagne in the hotel's pine panelled salon gave us good cause to forget our journeys. A warm glow and smoke come from the hearth and the large smile of our Master, Laurence Johnstone, set the scene for the days which followed.

Next morning after a hearty breakfast and undaunted by blizzard forecasts, our skiers set forth to ascend the Gotschna Bahn cable car to meet the first blast of weather full in the face. We were off down the slopes and the sun shone through the low cloud to welcome us. What a morning we had up on the mountain top! Blue, red and black pistes were consumed by our band's ardour. Nothing was too much trouble for Geoff, our Ski Club of Great Britain guide, and no-one was left behind. Refreshments were deservedly consumed when the snowstorm closed in again mid-morning and we felt fortified for an 8 kilometre run across the mountain's ridge to Schifer. After lunch, bubble lifts swept us up to the very top and the storm swirled round us. We edged down the slopes just keeping in touch through the swirling snow which blew in from every side and from heaven knows where else! Wise counsel from the Master and Geoff, our intrepid alpine guides, steered the less experienced towards the cable car and the valley floor for welcome schnapps, coffee and hot warm towels! The Master meanwhile led his hardened band to ski down the mountain side, though not without some tumbles.

The party safe and refreshed in Klosters, we assembled for a rowdy match of skittles deep in the hotel's stone clad cellars. Whilst outside the blizzard blew, the two skittles teams (the Master's and the Senior Warden's) did battle - the Master's won by a whisker! A great dinner and singing in the piano bar long into the night ended a perfect day.

On day two, snow and brooding clouds hung everywhere with balconies deep in snow. Donning thermals and treading a wary path to breakfast, hot tea and thick jam raised spirits - but the mountain was closed. Talk of Davos and lunch at Wolfgang soon inspired a new plan and a walking party was organised to enjoy the deep snow, still falling. The rendezvous for lunch was the Kulm - a hearty hostelry and a favourite of the Prince of Wales - perched by the railway and snow capped pines. An invigorating morning walk meant lunch and accompanying refreshments were ordered in liberal quantities, until at long last, sunshine burst into view at 3pm allowing a post prandial walk and fairer skiing for tomorrow. The day finished with a fondue, raclette and much wine to warm us on our trek back to the Grischuna.

On day three, we rose to a perfect day of deep snow, gin clear skies and glittering sunshine. Anticipation lifted all our spirits and what a day we enjoyed: the pistes beckoned and we skied our hearts out around the Parsenn, Weissflugipfel and Rinerhorn with a truly memorable ski in spring snow before lunch. In the afternoon, the Grubbenalp and Gotschna areas were explored, crisscrossed by deft and defiant skiers. Few if any slopes were left unscored, whether elegantly or not! To finish a wonderful day we concluded with a glorious run down to Klosters from the Gotschnagrät with stunning views in the late afternoon sunshine.

Darkness fell and happiness reigned with a hearty cocktail party in our homely salon with many brave stories! A fleet of cars drew up to take us to a celebration dinner high above the starry lights of Klosters. Much older stars looked down on a white moonlit landscape and the old farmhouse where we were treated to a feast and timeless hospitality!

Thank you Master - and of course to Clare - for organising an unforgettable 2010 Livery Ski Trip.

**Liveryman Simon Camamile**

## COMPANY SAILING 2010

**Liverymen James Way and John Townsend describe the Company's Sailing Day as well as success in the Inter-Livery Sailing Competition.**

### The Sailing Day

Not a cloud in the sky and Port Hamble Marina looked like a mill pond. But this was not a day to be messing about, there was some serious racing to be had. All 28 liverymen and guests wanted to be winners in the four 35ft J109 racing yachts, not least the Master who gave orders over a bacon roll and coffee that his crew were to do "whatever was necessary" to win. His crew shared his desire to win but only hoped their boat did not need any such persuasion!

With the wind increasing, it was soon apparent that there were some very skilled yachtsmen present. Unfortunately, these were not on the Master's boat! However, his crew determined to make up for this. Past Master Brian Lamden even managed to take a phone call mid-tack, mid-race to add to the excitement!

Having lost the first race despite an excellent start and an incredibly skilled and close piece of manoeuvring by the Master around the first mark (perhaps taking the "whatever was necessary" a little too seriously!) morale increased with a good lunch in Cowes and some "fluids" taken on board. All four crews were looking forward to the afternoon's racing.

Regrettably, the Master's luck did not improve in the afternoon. Despite some nimble movement around the boat and quick work on the winches from the crew, when the spinnaker was raised without the



The Livery Ski Trip - Simon Camamile (right) and son George



Action on the high seas

The Master and his team prepare their challenge





halyard being attached, it was evident that this was never going to be the Master's day!

With all four boats back at Hamble after a thoroughly enjoyable day, the results were announced.

In fourth place was ..... (well we don't need to publish that). In third place was Junior Warden Mickola Wilson's boat. With the two remaining boats tied on points, John Woodman's boat beat Mark Paynter's on a technical count back.

John - congratulations to you and your crew and thanks for organising a wonderful day.

### **Inter-Livery Sailing Competition – The Company bring home The Henderson Trophy for the third time in a row**

The Inter-Livery Sailing Day, organized by the Framework Knitters at Rutland Water, was held on 29th May. This was the third occasion on which our Company had participated. It was an enjoyable day despite intermittent rain. The contestants were the Loriners, the Saddlers and ourselves, fielding 7 boats in all. Assistant Daniel Carter joined Liveryman John Townsend for the competition, trailing his own Laser up from Tunbridge Wells whilst John took along son-in-law, Rik Lewis, as crew in his own Laser 2000.

The morning consisted of training and familiarisation run by the resident Sailing School which is also a Laser Training Centre. This was essential given the wide range of experience amongst the sailors.

After lunch, it was time for the competition proper. A long course was laid for the first race and we were given a practice lap. Two further races followed around a much shorter triangular course. The boats raced under a handicapping system with sequential starts and a pursuit format.

Daniel won all three races and was awarded the Trophy. John and Rik were third in the first race and second in the last two races, putting them in second place overall – a clean sweep for the Surveyors!

There were some 30 at the excellent evening reception and buffet supper including the Master of the Framework Knitters, George Turner, the Immediate Past Master, Jeremy Beachell and a number of other Past Masters, members of the Court and Liverymen, most of whom live locally.

### **LIVERY QUIZ EVENING**

The first Company Quiz Evening took place on 4th November at the East India Club, St James's, proving to be highly popular having sold out well beforehand. It was the first Company event since the Installation Dinner and everyone was in the mood to enjoy themselves.

The Master gave a welcome and we were informed that the 30 Liverymen present had rounded up 50



Above: The High Sheriff of Rutland, Mrs Sarah Forsyth presents The Henderson Trophy to Assistant Daniel Carter

guests between them. The Master thanked Jackie Larkin for suggesting the idea of a quiz evening and hoped it would be the first of many such events.

The Quiz Master, Chris Mills (a surveyor himself and introduced as a man who loves sailing but hates golf!) got off to an amusing start by announcing the rules the main ones being that there was to be no heckling of the Quiz Master and no cheating. Transgressions would result in lost points and a fine which would go to the Company's Charitable Trust.

The competition was fierce from the beginning. At the end of round one my own team "the Young Ones" had achieved the princely score of 1 point whilst "8 Blokes and a Bird" were in the lead with 18 points!

The supper of carrot soup and a steak and kidney pie was perfect for an autumnal evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all. More rounds ensued which proved informative and educational. I was enlightened to discover that a group of giraffes is called a tower, a group of hippos, a float and a group of leopards, a leap.

After several further bouts, the winners were eventually announced. In first place with 57 points was "Team Camamile Teas" closely followed by "8 Blokes and a Bird" with 53. In last position were "Kitcheners Kids" with 38 points. The first prize was a VIP evening at the O2 Arena kindly donated by Montagu Evans. The second prize of 2 bottles of Champagne was donated by Jones Lang LaSalle and the third prize of 2 bottles of Vintage Claret by Liveryman Roger Watts.

Our warm thanks go to Chris Mills who did an excellent job as Quiz Master and to Simon Waugh and his energetic organizing committee for making the evening such a success. If this excellent event is repeated next year I, for one, will be there!

**Liveryman Rachel Puzey**



## HMS ECHO

HMS Echo has been in her home port at Devonport, Plymouth for much of 2010 undergoing repairs after a demanding deployment in the Far East. As a result, we have been able to visit her twice this year.

**Visit 1 - January.** A group of Liverymen led by the Master were made most welcome by Cdr. Gary Brooks and the Ship's Company who had devised a fascinating programme for the day. With 660,000 litres of marine diesel and a range of 6000 miles, Echo is steered by "Azipod" thrusters in place of the traditional rudder thus allowing a high degree of manoeuvrability in awkward situations. Some of us even inspected an Azipod for the first time!

Fire being one of the sailor's worst nightmares, we were treated to an impressive fire-fighting demonstration in a forward compartment below decks. After that, we visited the central control room with its computers and electronic aids so vital for the smooth running of the ship. A talk by the Navigating officer on the Bridge highlighted how to avoid "putting the ship on the putty" (running aground). Interestingly, Devonport is one of the most difficult harbours in the World to enter and the CO confirmed it was always a stressful manoeuvre!

After lunch and an opportunity to meet others visiting the ship for the day, we were taken to the ship's galley for a practical exercise - "Jeff the Chef" ran an omelette-making competition which the Junior Warden and Liveryman Simon Camamille gamely entered! Jeff explained that the quality of his food is judged by "it being as good coming up in a Force 10 as it was going down"! We then descended to the bowels of the ship to the engine room and finally visited the Survey Chartroom to see examples of the surveys undertaken all which are archived at the highest level.

Our day drew to a close with a speech from the Master on behalf of all those present thanking the CO, Officers and Ratings for their excellent hospitality. The Master concluded by presenting a Good Conduct badge to a senior Petty Officer known as "The Buffer" - a fitting touch to a most enjoyable day.

**Visit 2 - May.** On this occasion we were warmly welcomed by the new CO, Cdr. Mike O'Sullivan. By contrast with the previous visit, we were treated to a day out at sea, happily in conditions that were calm and with brilliant sunshine.

The Echo team had devised an extremely interesting programme of sea trials which included the recovery of a "man overboard", a review of the ship's impressive armoury of canons and machine guns, a "wet" fire drill on deck, a near collision with another Royal Navy ship and - most dramatically - a simulated "attack" from an RAF fighter jet which appeared from nowhere and screamed overhead a few feet above the ship's superstructure!

Our journey back into Devonport gave us a chance to see the true professionalism and expertise of the Ship's Company combined with Echo's impressive manoeuvrability.

After a memorable day which reinforced our admiration for the men and women of the Royal Navy, the Master addressed the Ship's Company on the bridge and then delivered a citation, presenting for the very first time our new Endeavour Award to CPO Ray Burdon in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the efficiency and team spirit of the Ship.

**Liverymen Mark Annett & Richard Moxon**

## THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' COMPANY CHARITY ABSEIL

On 9 September 2010 the day dawned bright and clear in the City of London and for many of us heralded the beginning of an epic adventure preceded by damp palms, a tingle of excitement and quite some apprehension. However, as it turned out, there were no strikes or signal failures on the Central line and most of us arrived at the London International Press Centre in Shoe Lane in good time ready to do heroic deeds in aid of various worthwhile causes, including the Company's own Charitable Trust.

Sir Edmund Hillary, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Chris Bonnington and Dougal Haston were all conspicuous by their absence, but the occasion was nevertheless graced by no less a figure than the Senior Alderman Below the Chair, Michael Bear; our Master, Laurence Johnstone; Senior Warden and Master Elect, Rob Bould; and Principal of the College of Estate Management, Dr Ann Heywood; and even a Past President of the RICS!

Some interesting costumes were in evidence including Batman and Spiderman battling for superhero supremacy, but they were surely outshone by the dazzling bravery of Jenna Davies who decided that hanging around, literally, with some friends constituted the perfect birthday treat!

The 45 participants are too many to mention individually here, but they know who they are and how proud they can be to have overcome their natural instincts. The act of standing on the roof of a skyscraper and then "going over the edge" suspended on a very slender 11mm rope could be termed as "scary" but that would be an understatement! This said, the "jumpers" were truly heartened by the cheers, applause and encouragement from the crowd below.

As for yours truly, I can personally attest to the Master's enjoyment of the event and the subsequent liquid celebration of our safe return to terra firma, by the hour that I eventually arrived home. A great day.....I can't wait until we do something even more exciting next year!

Thanks for the superb organisation deservedly go to Assistant David Mann.

**Liveryman David Tuffin**



Above: The Master presents The Endeavour Award to Chief Petty Officer Ray Burdon

Below : Liverymen on the forward deck of HMS Echo



Assistant Daniel Carter on the precipice!





Alderman Michael Bear and son Marc



Assistant David Mann approaches terra firma

## LIVERY LADIES' VISIT TO CLARENCE HOUSE

Livery Ladies' visits have become a regular feature in the calendar. Clare Johnstone has organised two visits this year, the most recent of which was a private tour of Clarence House on a sunny August afternoon.

Now the official London residence of the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of Cornwall and the Princes William and Harry, Clarence House is perhaps best known as the Queen Mother's home. She lived there for 50 years and the rooms are a comfortable mixture of her legacy and a recent sympathetic refurbishment.

We were surprised to find that the House is relatively small. Designed by John Nash, it was built from 1825 to 1827 as the London home of the Duke of Clarence and his wife, Adelaide after which Queen Victoria's mother was the next occupant. In the early 1870s the house was remodelled and then occupied by successive Dukes and Duchesses until 1942 when it was used by various war organisations. After the war the building was refurbished as the home of Princess Elizabeth and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh until the accession in 1952.

From 1953 until 2002 Clarence House was the home of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. We all recognised the gateway to Stable Yard Road where she appeared each birthday. Less well known is her passion for art which is much evident from her collection of art books, pictures, sculptures, porcelain and ornaments that are on display. There are works by Monet, Lowry, Augustus John, John Piper and Graham Sutherland amongst others.

The house was redecorated in 2002/03. Some rooms have a new look but others are much as they were in the Queen Mother's day, particularly the morning room which is light and airy and in which a table is covered with a wonderful mix of family photographs and sculptures.

Our tour ended with a glass of champagne and a visit to the small but beautifully laid out shop, which is actually in St James's Palace, next door. Many thanks to Clare for her faultless organisation and for giving us the opportunity to enjoy such a special visit.

**Janet Collins**



## INSTALLATION DINNER

The Dinner to mark the Installation of the Company's 33rd Master, Laurence Johnstone, took place on 19th October 2009 at Ironmongers' Hall preceded by the Installation itself. In front of a record attendance, the ceremony also marked the elevation of Robert Bould and Mickola Wilson as the new Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

The new Master and Wardens received the 175 Liverymen and their guests for drinks in the Drawing Room before moving to the Banqueting Hall for a magnificent dinner marked as much by the excellent fare as by the splendid architecture and quality of the speeches.

Our first guest speaker was Dr Vince Cable, Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor at the time. Dr Cable started by affirming the values of the Company as integrity, professionalism and charity; attributes which he said were sometimes felt to be lacking in politicians! He went on to say that key elements of the current economic crises were rooted in the property sector with, in particular, a devastating effect on the construction industry and unemployment amongst the young. He went on to list the challenges for the next Government, namely the timing for recovery, getting the Banks working again and the funding of public works. He concluded with an admission that he did not offer answers to these questions!

The new Master then addressed the Company. He started by voicing concerns he had held prior to the dinner that this event might have been disrupted by either a General Election or swine flue but fortunately neither had materialised! In thanking Dr Cable, he said how fortunate we were to have had him as our guest speaker but added that our industry had not been entirely responsible for the recession!

He went on to tell us that the Ironmongers' Hall was destroyed by enemy bombs in the First World War and rebuilt in the 1920s. Remarking upon the splendour of the Hall, the Master reminded us that by not having our own premises we were able to visit and enjoy other Livery Halls.

Our Master told us that the Company was in excellent health, in no small part due to the efforts of the Immediate Past Master, Simon Kolesar, with now 350 Liverymen and having raised some £150,000 for the charitable fund in the last year. Personal notes in the Master's speech included a tribute to Past Master George Gillon for his term as Sheriff in the City and to his escort, Past Master Delva Patman. He also congratulated RICS Past President Peter Goodacre and the current President Max Crofts both of whom are Liverymen of our Company.

The Master concluded his speech by confirming the key objectives for his tenure as being charity, education, support for the Lord Mayor, fellowship and, above all, "having fun".

The Master then introduced The Rt. Revd. Graeme Knowles, The Dean of St. Paul's, to reply on behalf of the guests. Revd. Knowles explained that the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's were the oldest owners of freehold property in the country but his theme was to remind the Company that we have immense power and influence which he hoped we would use to good effect. The Dean concluded by inviting the guests to rise and to join in a toast to the Master and the Company.

The evening, clearly much enjoyed by all, drew to a close with a highly convivial "stirrup cup".

**Liveryman Rupert Dodson**

## LIVERY & LADIES DINNER

Filled to its maximum capacity of 130, Apothecaries' Hall in Black Friars Lane provided a magnificent setting for this most enjoyable evening. Following the destruction of its predecessor, Cobham House, in the Great Fire of 1666, the current building, including the Great Hall, Court Room, Parlour and main staircase, is the oldest extant Livery Hall in the city and dates from its completion in 1672.

On Burns Night, 25 January 2010, Liverymen and their guests were treated to some lively choral entertainment by 'Tenorissimi', comprising 3 very talented tenors from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, who received deservedly warm applause from a very warm audience made even warmer by a combination of good wine, malt whisky and abundant heat from a generous array of candles. Indeed it was so warm during the speech by Colonel Geoffrey Godbold, The Common Cryer & Serjeant at Arms, who was replying on behalf of the guests to the Master's toast, that one of the assembled throng fainted and had to be carried out and revived!

I am very pleased to report that despite his worryingly convincing performance, Simon Camamile fully recovered later in the proceedings thanks, no doubt, to the swift attentions of Mrs Gill Camamile and others of a compassionate nature.

Aside from that given by Colonel Godbold, we were treated to highly accomplished and entertaining speeches from Professor Trevor Beedham, the Master Apothecary and of course our own Master.

**Liveryman David Tuffin**

## LIVERY CAROL SERVICE

In the bleak mid-winter when the frosty wind was certainly making one or two moan, members of the Livery, their families and guests gathered together to worship, make music and listen to the traditional words of Christmas time. St. Lawrence Jewry, next Guildhall was the venue for the largest congregation of our Liverymen for some years and what a splendid sound we created in those highly polished white and gilded surroundings. But it was the RICS singers directed by Clifford Dann who earned the musical accolades with



Installation Dinner : The Master, the Wardens, The Dean of St Paul's, Dr. Vincent Cable and The Honorary Chaplain



The Royal Hospital visit - Clare Johnstone and our two guides

Installation Dinner photograph (top) and The Master's portrait (page 1) courtesy of Michael O'Sullivan Photography. [www.michaelosullivanphotography.co.uk](http://www.michaelosullivanphotography.co.uk)





some very fine ensemble and solo singing as well as anthems and descants to die for.

The words from familiar lessons were read eloquently by the great and the good including the Clerk, the Junior and Senior Wardens, the President of the RICS and the Master. However it was the two students from our adopted school St. Saviour's & St. Olave's who stole the show each reading beautifully part of one lesson. Our recently appointed Honorary Chaplain, John Kronenberg, gave the address with a strong sense of irony which was appreciated by all except one uninvited - and, it was evident, somewhat intoxicated - non-liveryman!

This most enjoyable pre-Christmas occasion was rounded off with splendid and convivial drinks and eats which, because of the size of the congregation, had to be taken at the specific invitation of the new Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, the Reverend Canon David Parrot, within the body of the Church, making a splendid backdrop to these festive celebrations.

And to crown it all, as a new Liveryman hailing from Yorkshire, how appropriate it was for us all to sing "While Shepherds Watched" to the tune of "on Ilkley Moor ba't'at"! Our thanks for such a splendid and enjoyable opener to Christmas must go to our clerk Amanda Jackson and her assistant Cindy Vines for their tremendous efforts.

**Liveryman Peter Bennett**

## ROYAL HOSPITAL VISIT

The champagne flowed, the eats were delicious, the company convivial but all of this was overshadowed by the surroundings of Christopher Wren's wonderful Royal Hospital, the home of the Chelsea Pensioners.

Founded in 1682 by King Charles II "intended for the succour and relief of veterans broken by age and war", it is built on a site of sixty-six acres by the river in the heart of Chelsea. The valuers amongst us were lost. Where in the Red Book is there guidance on how to value such a property? I think everyone felt it was probably priceless.

We started the evening in the State Apartments with a short talk given by two Chelsea Pensioners magnificently dressed in their red uniforms. We then divided into two groups and were given a most informative and amusing tour including the wonderful Chapel with its half dome painted ceiling, onto the oak panelled Great Hall still used today as the dining room, through the beautifully kept grounds to the museum which houses, amongst other things, an enormous collection of medals won by Pensioners through the ages or donated by others.

The evening finished with a champagne reception back in the State Apartments. We all felt very privileged to have been able to enjoy something quite so special.



I do recommend you look at the origins and history on their website ([www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk/origins-and-history](http://www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk/origins-and-history)) - it makes fascinating reading.

**Liveryman Janie Strange**

## SWIMATHON

This year was the nineteenth Inter-Livery Swimathon, an event first conceived in 1992 by Sir Brian Hill to raise funds for The Lord Mayor's Appeal. Over the years, as many as 16 Livery Companies have participated in a single year, each presenting at least one team to swim a total distance of five kilometres.

The location for the event is Woodcote Park in Epsom, which far exceeded my expectations. Set amid the club house in the most wonderful landscaped gardens, the purpose built sports complex accommodates an attractive pool.

This year, twelve Livery Companies participated, with a total of fifty-five swimmers taking part in teams of between one and ten members. Imagining teams of intimidating broad-shouldered athletes, I was heartened to see this was not the case! There were a wide variety of participants, ranging from the schoolchildren of Bancroft School to the more 'experienced' swimmers.

It was clear that the Swimathon was indeed a good leveller, where stamina and fitness reigned supreme. The only visible competition existed between rival members of the same team! Everyone was clearly enjoying themselves, with spectators and those waiting to swim creating a lively atmosphere poolside.

In less than two hours, all twelve teams had completed the swim, and everyone was able to enjoy a well-earned meal in the lavish club house. Our own Master presented the Master Loriner with the trophy for raising the most amount of money in the previous year's event.

I was struck that the ethos of this event demonstrates Livery companies functioning at their very best, and that significant organisation must have been required to successfully bring so many different Liverymen together for such an event.

I would like to congratulate all those who took part in raising money for this worthy cause, particularly given the difficult economic climate. I can only hope that fundraising of this high calibre will continue to be supported.

**Cindy Vines, The Clerk's Assistant**

## LIVERY GOLF 2010

The Company again took part in the Prince Arthur Cup at Walton Heath on 20th May. The team comprised Past Master Terry Knight, Assistant Duncan Preston and Liverymen Barry Cockerell and Campbell MacDougal.

After a promising morning round we were unable to keep up the scoring in the afternoon and finished the day on -15 against par. This was amongst the pack but the clear winners were the Spectacle Makers who returned plus 10.

Our own Livery Golf day was held at Worplesdon on 9th June when the annual match against the Hermes Club was also played. A total of 24 players battled out the match and the Hermes were victorious grabbing back the trophy from the Company.

The Master's Cup for the best individual score in the morning was won by Past Master Simon Kolesar with a magnificent score of 41 points. The runner up was Richard Kent with 39 points. Next year's Golf Day will be on Wednesday 8th June 2011 so put the date in your diaries.

**Past Master Terry Knight**

## COMPANY FISHING DAY

In unseasonably cool weather for mid May (8°C) 18 liverymen and their guests enjoyed a day's boat fishing for trout at Chew Lake in the Mendip Hills. As it turned out, the pleasure was more in the pursuit for trout than in catching them, matched by the fact that this annual event is always a most sociable occasion.

The tradition of the weigh-in at the day's end was in fact rather a brief affair. Only one fish had been caught and even after several recounts this was established as a fact. With deserved applause, but much to the chagrin of many, the coveted Baker Trophy was awarded to Past Master Mike Baker. His gillie Paul Crook was rightly rewarded for his devotion to the cause.

On the basis that the weather and fishing prospects can only improve next year, notwithstanding superstition, we are looking forward to better luck on Friday 13th May 2011.

**Liveryman David Marsh**

## THE CITY LIVERY ROSE

Liverymen are reminded of the "City Livery Rose" which makes an excellent birthday or Christmas present and also generates funds for the Company's Charitable Trust.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the launch of the rose by Delva Patman, Past Master, at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2000 with a presentation to the then Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and their Escorts.



Participants in The Livery Golf Day gather at the 19th after a fun filled day at Worplesdon.

Subsequently, a gift of 50 "City Livery" bushes was presented to Her Majesty the Queen in celebration of her Golden Jubilee. Both the Corporation of London and Birmingham City Council have also planted the roses in a number of public gardens.

"City Livery" is produced by Harkness Roses, leading rose breeders and growers. It is clear sparkling lemon yellow in colour. With an attractive apple perfume and mid green foliage, it offers a combination of soft and pastel shades that is also bright and sparkling. In sunlight it shines without dazzling, in dappled shade the colour is bright and lively. The clusters have up to nine flowers which open in succession giving a really long period of flower in both garden and vase. Disease resistant, the petals withstand both rain and heat without notable damage.

Liverymen wishing to obtain supplies of "City Livery" should apply (mentioning the Livery connection) to: Harkness Roses, The Rose Garden, Hitchin, Herts. SG4 0JT. Tel. 01462 420402. [www.roses.co.uk](http://www.roses.co.uk)



The 'City Livery Rose' celebrates 10 years since its introduction at The Chelsea Flower Show in 2000.



## THE COURT AND COMMITTEES 2010-2011

### THE COURT

Rob Bould ( Master )  
Mickola Wilson (Senior Warden)  
Roger Southam (Junior Warden )  
Laurence Johnstone (Immediate Past Master)  
David Barratt  
Alderman Michael Bear  
James Bryer  
Daniel Carter  
Richard Carter  
Richard Cotton (Past Master)  
Graham Chase  
Lady Jenna Davies  
Miss Elizabeth Edwards  
Digby Flower  
William Hill  
Simon Kolesar (Past Master)  
Brian Lamden (Past Master)  
Mark Larard  
David Larkin (Past Master)  
David Mann  
Ken Morgan  
Duncan Preston  
Janie Strange  
David Tuffin  
Roger Watts  
Simon Waugh  
John Woodman

### Finance and General Purposes Committee

Liz Edwards (Chairman)  
Mickola Wilson (Senior Warden/Vice Chair)  
Rob Bould (Master)  
Roger Southam (Junior Warden)  
Laurence Johnstone (Immediate Past Master)  
David Barratt  
Ken Morgan  
Simon Waugh

### Elections Committee

Roger Southam (Chairman and Junior Warden)  
Rob Bould (Master)  
Laurence Johnstone (Immediate Past Master)  
Digby Flower  
Elizabeth Edwards  
Ken Morgan  
Richard Carter  
Roger Watts

### New Members :

Robert Peto Rachel Sanders Robert Wolstenholme Robert Highmore Richard Hall Steven Norris Peter Cunliffe David Kydd  
Thomas Dunn Robert Allan Clwyd Roberts Lorraine Baldry Johnny Dunford Ray Palmer Ian Marcus Charles Maudsley  
Douglas Lawson Martin Jepson The Rev'd John Kronenberg

**Deaths:** John Scrutton James Ager

### Charitable Board

Daniel Carter (Chairman)  
Duncan Preston (Vice Chairman)  
Rob Bould (Master)  
Mickola Wilson (Senior Warden)  
Roger Southam (Junior Warden)  
James Bryer  
John Fenner  
Andrew Martin  
Simon Camamile  
David Mann  
David Tuffin

### Seminar Committee

John Woodman (Chairman)  
William Hill (Vice Chairman)  
Roger Southam (Junior Warden)  
Ken Morgan  
Michael Morris  
Nicholas Swabey  
Gerardine Davies

### Membership and Communications Committee

Lady Davies (Chairman)  
Graham Chase (Vice Chairman )  
Rob Bould (Master)  
Mickola Wilson (Senior Warden)  
Laurence Johnstone (Immediate Past Master)  
James Bryer  
Rachel Puzey  
Mark Larard  
David Mann  
Janie Strange  
Roger Watts  
Julian Smith  
James Way  
Simon Camamile

### Freeman Group

Tony Joyce (Chairman)  
Brian Lamden (Past Master)  
Ken Morgan  
Mark Larard

### Royal Charter

David Barratt (Chairman)  
Laurence Johnstone (Immediate Past Master)  
David Larkin (Past Master)



### Education Committee

Mickola Wilson (Chairman and Senior Warden)  
Richard Carter (Vice Chairman)  
Christina Banbury  
Richard Blake  
Simon Jacklin  
David Reynolds  
Mark Williams  
John Fenner  
Faraz Baber  
Jane Ballantyne  
Elizabeth de Burgh Sidley

### Property Marketing Awards

Rachel Puzey (Chairman)  
Mickola Wilson (Senior Warden)  
Michael Baker  
James Bowdidge  
Philip Brown  
Chris Dymond  
Bob Dyson  
Chris Goldthorpe  
Richard Kent  
Richard Lanyon  
Mark Larard  
Colin Peacock  
Sven Topel  
John Williams

### Fund Raising Committee

Laurence Johnstone (Chairman and Immediate Past Master)  
Duncan Moss (Vice Chairman)  
Robert Hannington  
David Mann  
Helen Smith  
Simon Kolesar  
Simon Camamile  
David King  
Martin Coles

# From the Master Elect

'I am honoured to be asked to be your Master for the coming year'



Rob Bould, Master Elect

## Events

Some notes for your diary

**Tuesday 5th October 2010**  
Installation Dinner at Drapers' Hall

**Thursday 4th November 2010**  
Livery Quiz Night

**Saturday 13th November 2010**  
Lord Mayors Show and Lunch

**Saturday 27th November 2010**  
Winter Warmers at Althorp

**Thursday 16th December 2010**  
Carol Service. St. Lawrence Jewry

**Monday 24th January 2011**  
Liverymen & Ladies Dinner, Innholders' Hall

**Thursday 10th February 2011**  
Go Kart Evening

**Thursday 15th March 2011**  
Aston Martin Talk at The Lansdowne Club

**Thursday 24th March 2011**  
Christ Church Concert. Lord Mayors Event

**Wednesday 6th April 2011**  
Foundling Hospital Tour and Drinks

**Tuesday 12th April 2011**  
Spring Livery Dinner at Apothecaries' Hall

**Tuesday 3rd May 2011**  
Ladies Lunch and Mansion House Tour

**Wednesday 18th May 2011**  
Inter-Livery Shoot

**Wednesday 25th May 2011**  
Guildhall School of Music Competition

**Wednesday 8th June 2011**  
Livery Golf Day

**Monday 13th June 2011**  
Mansion House Friends and Family Dinner

**Tuesday 28th June 2011**  
Paviors' Charterhouse Evening

**Sunday 10th July 2011**  
Polo Lunch

**September 2011**  
Paviors' City Walk led by The Lord Mayor

**Tuesday 18th October 2011**  
Common Hall and Installation Dinner

It is a privilege to have been chosen to serve as the 34<sup>th</sup> Master of the Company.

My career started at around the same time as the Surveyors Livery Company, in the mid 1970s. It was an interesting time for the City institutions: the Labour Party believed they were elitist and a Labour MP, Sir Robert Bellinger, promoted a Private Members Bill to abolish the City Corporation. In response, the Court of Aldermen decided that there was an urgent need to establish more Livery Companies, and in 1977 our own Company was granted its Letters Patent, becoming number 85 out of the current total of 108. We are generally known as one of the Modern Livery Companies.

My involvement with the Company started in the early '80s when I was encouraged by my former Senior Partner and Past Master Max Taylor who sponsored my attendance on the City Seminar and persuaded one of our founding fathers, Past Master Alan Gillett, to sponsor my application. In those early days my involvement was also encouraged by Past Master John Trustram-Eve and his wife Pipyn, who contributed so much to CSTT and the schools initiative. In 1986 I moved from Birmingham to London and have been actively, and very happily, involved with the Company ever since.

The Company's motto is "Modus Ab Initio" - translated - "Method from the very beginning" or a variation "Getting it right from the start". It is my aim to do just that. Which brings me to my forthcoming year and the themes we will be adopting: Profile and Charity.

## Profile

The Senior Alderman Below the Chair is Michael Bear, which is extremely fortunate for us as he is a member of our Livery and our Court. Michael and his wife Barbara will unquestionably help to lift the profile of the property industry within the City and the programme of events we have planned takes full advantage of our very special relationship.

We are one of Michael's supporting Companies, the others being the Paviors, the Engineers and the Security Professionals. We have agreed to support each other's events in the forthcoming year during which our Company has pledged to raise £50,000 in support of the Lord Mayor's adopted charities.

The Mayoral themed events include a Lord Mayor's Show lunch on 13 November 2010, a concert at Christ Church, Spitalfields on 24 March 2011, a Mansion House Tour followed by a Ladies Lunch with the Lady Mayoress on 3rd May 2011 and a Friends and Family Banquet at Mansion House on 13 June 2011. We have aimed to provide a varied selection of events which, along with our sporting calendar, should provide something for everyone.

There have been some very positive developments recently, including the election to the Livery of our new RICS President, Robert Peto, at the April Court Meeting. His appointment will allow us to grow

the relationship that was refreshed as part of the business planning objectives initiated by Past Master Simon Kolesar.

At the July meeting we agreed to establish a Freeman Group, which will create opportunities for a much wider group of people to learn about the workings of the City and our Company in particular. A Steering Committee has already been set up and I hope that the inaugural Freeman Group event will take place in the Spring. Despite the challenging economic times I also hope that we can revive the City Seminar in the Spring as this is a valuable way of helping a whole new group of people gain a better understanding of the City and the Livery.

## Charity

It is the Company's work with charities, as well as the strong social bonds it fosters among members, that has truly engaged me over the many years I have been a member. The work it does with its adopted schools and the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust is simply inspiring.

But there is always more we can do to get involved and make a difference to our chosen charities, and we will be reconstituting our Fundraising Group to make the most of our activities in this area. With that in mind, I am delighted that the Court has decided that the Company will become the first Patron of LandAid, the property industry's charity. This will lift the Company's profile within the industry while enabling us to join forces to leverage our fundraising activities.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank my Directors at GVA Grimley, particularly as I go into my Master's Year. My involvement in the Livery is only possible with their support, which is very gratefully received. And, last but not least, my thanks must of course go to Laurence Johnstone and his wife Clare for everything they have done for the Company over the last twelve months. It has been a great pleasure working with LJ, and his dedication and commitment will be a very hard act to follow. We are truly indebted to them for a very successful year.

All that remains for me to say is how much my wife Jenna and I, together with the Wardens Mickola Wilson and Roger Southam, are looking forward to the year ahead. It promises to be a very busy, but extremely rewarding, twelve months. Above all, we look forward to meeting you, our Liverymen, at the many enjoyable events we have planned.

**Rob Bould, Master Elect**