

# COURT CIRCULAR

THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' COMPANY

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## THE MASTER'S REPORT

"A busy, busy year....."



David Larkin, Master

When I embarked last October upon my year as your Master I thought I had a good grasp on what the next twelve months might hold and felt reasonably well prepared having 'cleared my desk' and organised what I hoped would be a varied programme. High on my agenda was to respond to the findings and challenges thrown up by our survey of Liverymen and to meet as many of you as possible.

As my year comes to an end my first question is where have the last 52 weeks gone? Time has roared past so rapidly and I seem to have done an incredible amount and hopefully the Company has moved forward in accordance with my promise of evolution not revolution. It has been a huge honour and pleasure to be Master and I have really enjoyed meeting so many Liverymen of this Company and playing an active part in the City Livery movement.

I have been very privileged to have added to my fund of knowledge in many areas; I have tried to attend as many lectures that the other Livery Companies host (which have covered subjects as diverse as primary school education to biodegradable plastics to charities in medieval times), I have visited all our armed services and learnt about their activities, I have visited our four adopted schools and participated in the Mayoralty with the installation of Alderman and Court Assistant Michael Bear as Sheriff at the beginning of my year and Past Master George Gillon as Sheriff at the end. For the Company to have two successive Sheriffs is a huge honour and one which makes me very proud of the Company and our standing in the City. I was also privileged to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and to be introduced to Her Majesty who was remarkably well informed about the profession.

We have also had an eclectic mix of events, visiting Halls that we have not previously attended for our Dinners and Lunch, our tour of Poundbury, Vinum Exhilarat hosted by John Avery MW, the dinner in Edinburgh, the modern jazz competition at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, our visit to an English vineyard and the Company picnic at the Goodwood Revival meeting were all wonderful experiences for me and I hope others. Hopefully there was something for everyone here and I was continually and pleasantly surprised to meet such a wide ranging number of Liverymen and enjoy such quality time.

The Company's organisation and administration has also been attended to; the Clerk now has a part-time

assistant, we have changed the investment managers for both the Charitable and Company funds, the membership has grown and we have made significant progress with the Bursary Fund. The website has been improved, we now have a Disaster Plan and our relationship with the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust is significantly enhanced. We are also at the final stages of writing our new business plan for the next three years. Sadly, we are shortly due to say farewell to the Honorary Chaplain David Burgess but plans are being implemented to find his successor. We also appointed the Company's first Almoner and I am most grateful to Past Master Terry Knight for taking on this important task. This role will further the fellowship and camaraderie that is such a feature of the Company, by providing a friendly voice and source of help at time of need. Examples might include bereavement or serious illness.

What has become very clear is the strong desire and resulting commitment from Liverymen to 'put something back' and how you relate to my theme of making a difference. We have a most active Charitable Board and respond to a very wide selection of requests for funding. Sadly it is not possible to help everyone but those we do are where we feel we can live up to the theme. This is brilliantly illustrated with the relationships we have with our four adopted schools and the Board works closely with the Education Committee to deliver. For example, at the beginning of my year I called for Livery Liaisons to come forward and work to improve the interface between the Company and the schools; I am so pleased that this has been achieved and an active and most constructive dialogue has resulted with action on many fronts with improved work experience and career opportunities high on the list. With our Bursary scheme we have been able to grow this from one last year to five students being helped this year which is most encouraging, albeit it highlights the need to continue to grow the Fund so that we can respond to the challenge.

Our relationship with the schools has been further deepened by the launch of the LionHeart Achievement Awards where each school nominates a student who has achieved something really special. This is not confined to education but includes sporting or artistic achievement. This Award was made possible by the generosity of one Liveryman and consolidates the strong relationship we enjoy with LionHeart.

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None of this would have been possible without the support and hard work of many. I would like to record my deepest thanks to those that give valuable time to work on our Committees and other special tasks, particularly the Chairmen, and also to the Court of Assistants who have all actively participated in our various debates and discussions. Most of all, the Wardens and Clerk have been hugely supportive and contributed to what I hope has been a successful year for the Company. It has been a great honour and privilege to be Master and I will treasure the memories.

**David Larkin, Master**

## THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

I am pleased to report that at the end of another busy year the finances of the Company remain on a sound footing. Naturally we have suffered as a result of the current state of the economy but no worse than others.

As at 30th June 2008 the Company's portfolio was valued at £340,555. Those of you who like to make comparisons will note this is down on last years like for like valuation by some margin. However it is important to note two particular facts. The Chartered Surveyors Training Trust has gone through turbulent times since the Government decided to radically cut its funding from the Learning Skills Council. However it is currently working on a new business model which addresses this shortfall. To help weather the storm the Company agreed to loan the sum of £25,000; repayable within the next 2/3 years. To date £15,000 has been paid from the Company's funds which accounts, in part, for the depletion of the portfolio valuation. The balance of £10,000 will be advanced before the end of the financial year.

Secondly, the Court agreed to provide match funding, up to a maximum of £50,000, to help in establishing the School's Bursary Fund. Thankfully, as a result of some very generous donations from Liverymen, this amount has been exceeded. The sum of £50,000 has been transferred to and is ring fenced within the Charitable portfolio, the dividends from which will help pay bursaries for students from our four schools to go on to higher education.

The Charitable portfolio was valued at the same date at £1,054,377. Whilst this is up on the same time last year, do not forget that it includes money transferred from the Company's portfolio for the Bursary fund. Sadly and not surprisingly the portfolio has been hit by the current economy and the underlying figures are down on last year. However dividend levels remain at an acceptable level and enable the Company to honour its charitable giving commitments. We are ever hopeful of a recovery over the next 12/18 months.

It is a requirement of all Charitable organisations that they regularly review the appointment of their professional advisors. Sarasin Chiswell had been acting as the Company's investment managers for several years but it was considered appropriate to see

what else the market had to offer. A small working party invited Sarasin plus three others to make presentations on how they would manage our funds. After careful consideration the Court decided to appoint Schroders to manage the investments of both the Company and Charitable funds. So far their performance has been extremely good.

Finally, the Company's Business Plan. The current plan comes to an end this year. As this report goes to print the Court will be debating the Committees recommendations for the 2008/2011 plan. All will be revealed in the Master's next communication, but I am ever hopeful that the plan will contain some positive recommendations as to how we can increase the membership of the Company and accelerate the rate of our Charitable giving.

All of this would not be possible without the support I have received from the committee and our auditor/accountant James Harman. I know you are all busy people and I thank you very much for the time you have given to safeguarding the Company's financial affairs over the last twelve months.

**Simon Kolesar, Chairman F&GP**

## CHARITABLE GIVING

In my report last year I confirmed that a major objective for the Company would be to grow the Bursary Fund which we established in January 2007.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Bursary Fund now stands in excess of £106,000 and special thanks is due to Past Master Baker and his partners at BH2, who generously donated £30,000 of this amount.

Overall our funds currently stand at £1,054,000 and it is pleasing to be able to report that there is a greater engagement within the Livery for our charitable causes.

It is my opinion that this renewed interest has partly evolved through the clearer focus on our charitable giving, namely:

- Support of the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust.
- Support for our adopted schools.
- Support for the Christchurch Gardens Youth Centre in Spitalfields.

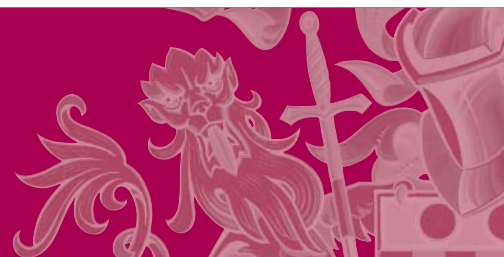
If any Liveryman wishes to find further information on these causes please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Charitable Board.

Also this year we sponsored a research paper by Mark Boleat entitled "Housing Development and Housing Finance in Britain" using funds from the Toby Sutton Award. The paper was presented at the City's marketing suite and a copy of the paper can be obtained from Mark's web site [www.boleat.com](http://www.boleat.com)

Our focus for the next twelve months will be to continue to grow the Bursary Fund currently standing at



The Master receives a cheque for £30,000 from Past Master Mike Baker for the Bursary Fund.





£106,000 to meet the self imposed target of £250,000. We are being supported in this objective by the RICS Education Trust who have agreed to provide interim funding for a three year period of £4,500 per annum.

The new Master is keen that we raise the Company's profile with the other principal property bodies, one of which is Land Aid, where Past Master Robin Broadhurst, has recently become Chairman.

**Rob Boulton, Chairman Charitable Trust**

## THE WORK OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It is timely that I am able to report on the progress of the Education Committee this year as we have introduced a number of new initiatives to the schools we support along with the other areas. There is now, we feel, a stronger connection between the schools and the Livery, something we continue to build on. The Clerk and I have visited all four schools several times this year who are all interested in the help and assistance we can give them, not just the money.

Below is a summary of the key highlights from our activities with the schools this year:

### Livery Liaisons

We now have liaisons from the Livery for each of the schools, Robert Clack, Archbishop Tenison, Central Foundation for Girls and St Saviours. They are desperate for professionals who can provide the students with workshops as well as mentoring and other professional assistance. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered.

### Bursaries

In addition to the first bursary we provided last year we have now received a number of requests from the schools for other suitable candidates and these are currently under consideration by the Charitable Board.

### Lionheart Award

This is a new initiative, mentioned by the Master in his report. We are currently working on this with the schools to identify suitable recipients.

### Work Placements

We have had a phenomenal response from various practices to provide opportunities for students from the schools. The schools place huge emphasis on work experience and the Clerk together with the Committee have managed to increase the number of placements to 21, although more are always useful.

### Activities

We continue to offer a comprehensive programme of activities for the schools, including a trip to the Weald and Downland Museum, a proposed visit to Canary Wharf, a trip to Bluewater (to assess socio-economic patterns, not for shopping!) and the annual visits to the Old Bailey and to Middle Temple. Once again we will also be running a days seminar on the City for them

and any assistance in arranging visits to sporting fixtures would be greatly welcomed.

In concluding it has been a very productive year but the schools continue to cry out for people to give up their time and for doors to be opened, whether a visit which will engage the children's minds, or to meet someone who might help in igniting some inspiration for their future. Please do contact me if you are interested in helping.

**Assistant Liz Edwards**

## PROPERTY MARKETING AWARDS

The 2008 Property Marketing Awards were once again a highlight in the Company's calendar. In its fourth year of running the Awards jointly with Estates Gazette entries were still healthy despite an active market that meant many campaigns often lasted no more than a few days or even hours, a stark contrast to the market now!

The quality of the entries and campaigns in the 16 categories impressed the panel of judges which was chaired this year by Liz Peace, Chief Executive of the British Property Federation.

At the Awards ceremony, once again held at the Marriott Hotel on Grosvenor Square the 500 plus guests were greeted by Geoff Hadwick from Estates Gazette and myself, introducing a short film profiling the work of the Company's Charitable Trust with our inner London schools, the CSTT and Christchurch Gardens.

Host of BBC 4's The Late Edition and stand up comedian, Marcus Brigstocke provided some light hearted entertainment before the serious business of the evening began with Liz Peace hosting and presenting the individual Awards. Nextbigthing and Land Securities this year secured the Victor Ludorum award, the best of the best, for their entry 'Corblimey! the ultimate Corby miscellany'.

As 2008 was also the 150th anniversary of Estates Gazette, the winner of the competition to find the front cover that would accompany the birthday edition was announced, Colliers CRE being the winners.

An excellent evening was drawn to a close by Peter Bill, editor of Estates Gazette, presenting the Master with a cheque for the Charitable Trust of £17,000 and a confirmation that the bar remained open and free!

The Awards will continue to be supported by EG next year and the ceremony will be on 21st April at the Marriott.

**Assistant Ken Morgan**

The Master presents the Victor Ludorum to Nextbigthing



## THE LIVERY COMES TO SCOTLAND

As promised by the Master, reflecting the wishes of our Scottish Liverymen, a formal dinner was held in Edinburgh on Friday 13th June. This was a great success and also offered the opportunity for Liverymen and their partners to spend the weekend in this wonderful part of the country.

The dinner was held at The New Club on Princes Street which has magnificent unbroken views of Princes Street Gardens and Edinburgh Castle. The Club was founded in 1787 at Bayle's Tavern Shakespeare Square, acquiring its own premises in St Andrew Square before moving to its present location in 1837.

The Club is a paradox; it possesses the usual rules on standards of dress; it has a grandfather clock and other antique time pieces with their reassuring tick, a library, historic paintings, a panelled dining room as well as a swimming pool, gymnasium and 22 bedrooms - all that would be expected from this type of institution and very civilised it is too! The architecture however is decidedly 1960s and in the modernistic style that was in vogue at that time. It transpires that the Club was re-built as part of a deal with a developer giving him the ground floor on Princes Street for retail with the Club securing the five upper floors for its own occupation as well the basement for car parking.

The dinner was held on the third floor in the Long Room which has a balcony overlooking Princes Street. It is from here that the wonderful views of Edinburgh Castle and its grounds can be fully appreciated.

With the sun shining, our party, some 30 in all, gathered on the balcony. We much enjoyed meeting our Scottish fellow Liverymen and other guests including John Duff, Chairman of RICS in Scotland. Drinks were served in a highly convivial atmosphere as we admired the views of the Castle, a pleasurable prelude to an excellent dinner.

Our guest speaker was Mark Peel a former teacher at Fettes College which is an independent school in Edinburgh and of course now famous as Tony Blair's alma mater and also of the fictional James Bond! Mark taught history and politics but has also written biographies on Colin Cowdray, Colin Milburn and Anthony Chenevix-Trench sometime headmaster of Fettes and Eton, amongst other subjects. Mark spoke of the problems of writing biographies reminding us that even our heroes have their failings which must be dealt with sensibly and sensitively in any serious biography.

From the enthusiastic conversations taking place and the reluctance of Liverymen and guests to leave the party, it was clear the evening was a tremendous success and much enjoyed by all present. Let's hope the Livery can return again to Scotland to an even bigger event.

**Liveryman Mike Whitson**

## SHERIFF GEORGE GILLON FRICS CC

On Midsummer's Day, June 24, Past Master George Gillon was elected to the High Office of Sheriff of London and addressed well over 1,000 members of the Livery Companies of the City of London assembled in Guildhall - as they have on the same day for centuries. Over 50 Liverymen from the Chartered Surveyors' Company were there and joined the Master for drinks afterwards with George and Past Master Delva Patman, his escort.

Tracing back to the 7th century, the office of Sheriff of London, the "Queen's Sheriff", is the oldest secular office in the country and will involve George in an exceptionally demanding year of office.

There are two key elements to his role, the first being the shared responsibility with fellow Sheriff, Alderman Roger Gifford, for Her Majesty's Judges on a daily basis in the Central Criminal Court at the Old Bailey. George has accommodation there and will bring many guests in to lunch with the Judges.

The other key responsibility is to support the Lord Mayor throughout his year- in the City, throughout the UK and abroad in his ambassadorial role on behalf of the City and UK business - particularly, but not exclusively, financial services.

Key dates for George Gillon were 15th September when he was presented with the traditional Chain & Badge of Office by his friends and supporters, then 26th September when he was admitted as Sheriff at Guildhall. Five gowned Livery supporters and our Clerk formed his official Escort at this ancient ceremony prior to moving on to Merchant Taylors' Hall for the Sheriff's Breakfast.

On 14th October, after travelling by launch up the River from the City, George processes through Temple to the Royal Courts of Justice where the Queen's Remembrancer grants his Shrieval Warrant and carries out the ancient Quit Rents Ceremonial.

Throughout his Shrieval year George will be promoting the Livery wherever he goes and, with Delva, will attend a great many Livery functions. None more important, he says, than our own Banquet in the Mansion House in the presence of the Lord Mayor on Monday June 15th next year.

## WCCS AFFILIATED MILITARY UNITS

The Companies' relationship with its affiliated military units has continued to go from strength to strength over the last year. The units, one from each of the three services, two Reservist, one Regular, remain extremely busy, with servicemen from all three units serving on deployment in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

## HMS Echo

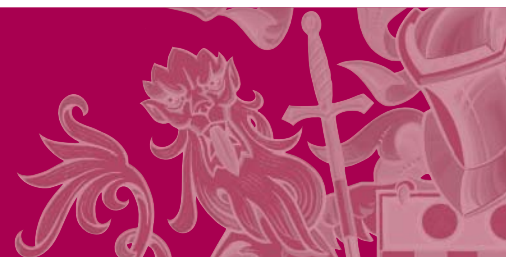
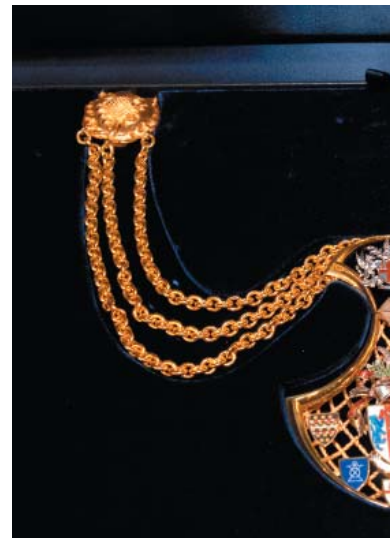
The new Captain, Commander Gary Brooks, emailed me in early August to report that HMS Echo is currently in Hong Kong, having recently taken over command



Livery Dinner in Edinburgh



Sheriff George Gillon and Past Master, Delva Patman





from Cdr. Jeremy Churcher, who moves to attend Joint Senior Staff College. In March, Echo kindly hosted 10 members of the Company on an open day, whilst it was in dock at Plymouth. It was fascinating to meet the ships company, and to see them demonstrate their huge knowledge and skill at using very sensitive equipment. We were able to see evidence of their past surveys, including locating the wreck of HMS Prince of Wales off Malaysia, and to hear about their planned two and a half year deployment to the Middle and Far East. Since departing in April, Echo has undertaken some fascinating survey work off Bangladesh and had some really positive interaction with the Bangladeshi Navy. They have also completed some collaborative work with the Malaysians which was a real success and they were actually able to get their hands dirty and did some training and surveying alongside each other.

### 135 Independent Geographical Squadron, Royal Engineers (V)

The Company were represented by the Master and Mrs Larkin at the Remembrance Sunday parade at Ewell. After the Parade and Church Service the Master presented SSgt Windebank with the Endeavour Award, for outstanding service to the unit, including volunteering for operational duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In October The Company was invited to attend a Regimental Dinner Night at 135's Drill Hall, and we had a delightful evening trying to guess what was happening to England in the Rugby World Cup which was taking place at the same time. During the last 12 months 6 members of the Squadron have deployed on Operational Tours, predominantly to Iraq. At this stage, with the pace of these deployments not anticipated to slacken in the forthcoming year, further deployments will take place.

### 7010 (VR) Squadron RAuxAF

7010 gave the members of the Company a most fascinating insight into their role in Tactical Aerial Interpretation, during their presentation evening in October at the RAF Club.

Liveryman Elizabeth De Burgh Sidley was there to report when Squadron Leader Bill Farrant, Officer Commanding, brought his colleagues to explain the intricacies of their work where they are but volunteers.

The mission statement is "to provide trained Imagery Analysts to support the RAF" and there are 59 in the Squadron but with a shortage of some 38 people the Squadron desperately needs recruits. Bill Farrant clarified what an eclectic mix there were of people, i.e. a research chemist, a sales manager, an engineer, a micro-biologist and even a sculptor! Chartered surveyors would easily fit in.

The activities undertaken by the Squadron cover attending air shows with the RAF, adventure training, museum visits and such like. Members also learn how to survive and how to fight. They have been deployed

in many places, Kuwait as part of the Second Gulf War and are now out in Qatar.

Flt Lt Norman Gray brought a laugh to the evening when he advised it was difficult to tell us anything as virtually everything was classified. Through the use of numerous types of satellites and planes the Squadron is able to support counter narcotic operations in Afghanistan, provide knowledge on nuclear power plants and their proliferation in the world, monitor activities in the Gulf and Near East as well as what is happening at other military barracks all around the world. Closer to home, the Squadron supports the police in the UK and can analyse for example where houses are growing cannabis from the heat, the lifestyle pattern of suspects, are there toys in the garden, has the washing line got washing on it or even if the WC is being used!

**Assistant Mark Larard**

### VINUM EXHILARAT

Benjamin Franklin once said: "Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy". This could also be a fair summary of the Vinum Exhilarat evening of wine tasting held at Vintners Hall in November.

A less formal evening than some Livery events, we were expertly guided through a selection of twelve red and white wines by John Avery, Master of Wine, Past Master Vintner and renowned wine shipper and retailer. All whilst also enjoying a sumptuous 3 course meal.

We were gainfully equipped with a crib sheet so that we did not even have to rely on our total recall whilst the grey matter was gently dulled as the evening progressed. Each wine was grouped in pairs; one French, the other "New World" and all were very drinkable, some more than others including; Champagne versus sparkling wine, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon. In age, they ranged from 2002-2006 but all very reasonably priced as Mr Avery revealed (to those who wanted to know) at the end of the evening.

Here is a wine related competition so that those that did not attend can enjoy a bottle of Avey's Special Cuvee Champagne, one of the wines we tasted and the prize for one person drawn from all correct answers received.

1. What does "Vinum Exhilarat" mean?
2. Who was the Roman God of wine?
3. Which country is the largest supplier of wine to the UK?
4. Name the three grape varieties used in Champagne?
5. Who said, "Age is just a number. It's totally irreverent unless, of course, you happen to be a bottle of wine"?
  - a. David Larkin
  - b. Joan Collins
  - c. Keith Floyd

Email your answers to the Clerk, at - [wccsurveyors@btinternet.com](mailto:wccsurveyors@btinternet.com)



The Sheriff's chain of office



## A LEAP OF FAITH

On 2nd September, the Company's Wardens, Simon Kolesar and Laurence Johnstone, leapt out of an aeroplane at a height of 13,000 ft to raise money for our Bursary Fund and two other chosen charities. Their long suffering wives write about the events of the day:

For some time September 2nd had become more than simply a date on the calendar. It became known as 'Jump Day'. Simon and Laurence's madcap idea to raise money for charity was rapidly becoming a scary reality.

The day dawned brightly in Leicestershire as the chaps made their cautious way to Langar Airfield, home of British Skydiving, to meet with the world renowned Red Devils, the display team of the Parachute Regiment.

Suddenly the casual banter of recent weeks was reaching a nervous crescendo as the Paras talked through the Tandem Skydive on which the two 'students' were about to embark. From donning the famous red jumpsuit and harness to learning the various positions required for the skydive itself, the instructions were to the point and essential. We were impressed by their consummate professional attitude with safety, obviously, being their byword.

Having digested the briefing information, our lads were assigned a L.Cpl each who would be their tandem partner for the skydive. They were driven out to the airstrip on the back of an open truck to board what looked like a very small plane which was to take them up to a height of 13,000 ft.

I'm told that at 2,000 ft both felt as though they had flown quite high enough. However, they climbed up and up until at the appropriate moment they adopted their rehearsed positions for the descent. One by one they edged forward towards the, by now, open door, smiled at the camera and were gently but firmly pushed out. The immediate and unexpected somersault was disorientating but was quickly followed by an exciting free fall of 45 seconds which seemed to pass all too quickly as, thank heavens, their 'canopies' safely opened at a height of 6,000 feet.

On the ground, Clare and I, with crooked necks, watched eagerly trying to spot our lads. Sure enough, gradually, the tiny specks at an unbelievable height amongst the clouds grew larger and we were able to pick out the colourful canopies of the parachutes and bodies dangling from them. They all looked very similar as they came within easy eyesight but we were so thrilled that they had got thus far, it didn't really matter who was who. The next hurdle was to make a dignified safe landing. I can report that it was safe but as to dignified – well!

Both Simon and Laurence had the experience of a lifetime and live to tell the tale. Clare and I hope that neither will rush back for a repeat performance - we



Simon takes the leap of faith



Simon seems to be enjoying it!



It's a long way down!

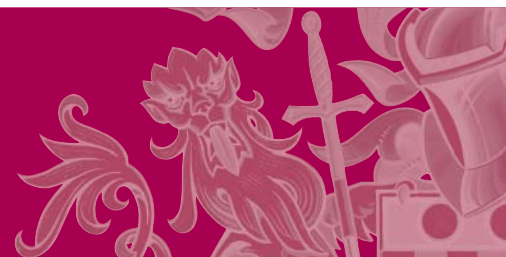


Relieved to be back on terra firma

are not sure that our nerves could stand it! It was undoubtedly a day in a million and we are very proud that they were able to overcome their fears. Thanks to the generosity of their many sponsors, to whom Simon and Laurence are immensely grateful, they have been able to hugely benefit several worthwhile charities. Well done both of them.

**Yvonne Kolesar and Clare Johnstone**

Laurence fixes a grin/grimace for the camera





Readers of the Court Circular interested in donating to the Warden's 'Leap of Faith' appeal may do so via a dedicated website at - [www.justgiving.com/simonandlaurence](http://www.justgiving.com/simonandlaurence) which remains open for donations until 2nd November



## THE COMPANY'S SAILING DAY

Early on 30th June, fourteen Liverymen arrived at Portsmouth Harbour Yacht Club eager to participate in an action packed day of adventure. This was the Company's third year of sailing. The keen but friendly rivalry of the two teams- one led by the Senior Warden (Red crew) and the other by the Junior Warden (Green crew) - became apparent from the first moments of leaving Port Solent in Portsmouth Harbour.

Winds at force 4-5 and a temperature in the 70's ensured excellent sailing conditions. After the morning's practice with every crew member participating in the handling of the Sunfast 37ft boats, lunch was taken with the two boats tied up together after dropping anchor near to Osborne House, Isle of Wight.

The afternoon led to two disciplined teams having a friendly race around various buoys in the Solent passing - happily without mishap - within a few yards of the exact position where the Mary Rose sank on 19th July 1545. The competition was fierce at many points and the boats were neck and neck. The skippers egged the teams on (there is obviously great status achieved by hosting the winning crew) and we finally reached the finishing line where the Red crew were victorious. Liveryman Tim Matthews, who had helmed the winning boat for much of the race, was duly presented with an appropriate bottle.

The day was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The skippers provided by Sunsail were highly professional and very helpful in making the day most enjoyable. Roll on next year when it is hoped to sail three boats rather than two! Liverymen interested in sailing in this event in 2009 should contact Laurence Johnstone on [laurence.johnstone@eu.jll.com](mailto:laurence.johnstone@eu.jll.com)

**Liveryman Alex Wilson**

## COMPANY FISHING DAY

On Friday 6th June, 18 Liverymen and their guests gathered at the world-renowned Chew Valley Lake in the Mendip Hills and enjoyed a days fly-fishing. Last year's success in providing local expert fishing guides, all having represented England, was repeated to good effect with all six of their boats catching fish.

An improving Charles McKerracher won the Baker Trophy. The guest with the biggest bag was Patrick A'Hearn. The prize for the captor of the heaviest fish went to the ever consistent guest Richard Bright with a 5 lb 2 oz rainbow trout. For the second year the best guide was Paul Crook.

If you are a fly-fisherman and would like to come boat fishing for trout at Chew next year do let me know at [david.marsh@btinternet.com](mailto:david.marsh@btinternet.com). It's a very sociable occasion and guests are most welcome.

**Liveryman David Marsh**

Left: The Master steers the green crew to the runners-up position

## CITY SEMINAR - FOCUS ON THE CHANGING CITY 5th - 7th FEBRUARY 2008 - A DELEGATE'S VIEW

I have been asked to highlight my best moments although this seems unfair given that every element of the course - the venues and the calibre of the speakers - was first class.

Day one started with a fascinating talk from Peter Bennett, the City Surveyor, on the growth of the City as a world financial centre. During a visit to the Stock Exchange we saw how shares are traded and the calculation of the closing price. Day two began with looking at the superb models in the marketing suite on the 30th floor of Canary Wharf Tower and hearing about the development of the Wharf.

The third morning spent at Schroders, organised by William Hill, was enlightening, followed by an excellent lunch. The final day concluded with a memorable dinner at Innholders' Hall where the food and conversation were excellent. The quality of the evening was rounded off by a highly thought-provoking after dinner speech from Ian Marcus of Credit Suisse.

During the week there was one moment which was exhilarating, if economics can ever be described as such! On one afternoon, we were the guests of Morgan Stanley. Philippa Malmgren was incredible - she has worked in the White House as an economic adviser to George W Bush and is much respected in the economic world. She spoke to us about the world economic view and global influences on the US economy. She managed to put complicated issues into a simple context and convey this to her audience succinctly. Discussions on the effects of China, the Russia-China alliance, global espionage and the price of onions in India made us feel small cogs in a large global wheel on which we have little influence. The debate that ensued between Philippa, Simon Samuels of Morgan Stanley and Roger Southam was absorbing and we were very-under qualified to join in.

I have also been asked to mention a "worst" moment. For me, this was derivatives which is certainly not a humorous subject. As a building surveyor where things are generally black and white, the world of derivatives is difficult to understand. Derivatives to me seem akin to an afternoon spent at Paddy Power but for larger sums of money and with higher risks. However, clearly they are more sophisticated than this and only for those who know what they are doing. Trying to understand them nearly brought tears to my eyes.

I extend the thanks of all the delegates to the hosts and speakers who gave up their time from their busy schedules to talk to us. The seminar gave us access to a level of speakers we would not usually be exposed to.

It is a superb seminar and I would recommend it to anyone.

**Jane Ballantyne, Delegate 2008**

## COMMON HALL AND INSTALLATION DINNER

A new chapter in the Livery Company was marked by the Installation Dinner on 16th October. Some 170 or so Liverymen and their Guests attended the dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall in the city. Like many of the older Halls, the rather bland exterior of the building hid yet another architectural gem. We were told that the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' had been resident on the site since the early 1300's. It was here in the 15th century that the hallmarking of silver began. Such longevity of tenure therefore gave a reassuring air of permanence to one of the newer Livery Companies, as we installed our new Master and Wardens.

Like many of the dinners that I have attended, this event gave yet another excellent opportunity to catch up with fellow Liverymen and an ideal occasion to entertain clients, colleagues and spouses.

Among the honoured guests were Dr. Mary Archer and Christopher Martin Jenkins, the cricket commentator.

Dr. Archer is currently President of the National Energy Foundation, which was rather appropriate since we dined in a Hall that was lit by chandeliers holding nothing but candles. Possibly the lowest carbon footprint of any Livery dinner held to date? Dr. Archer's speech not unsurprisingly focused on global warming and stressed the vital role that Chartered Surveyors will have in the delivery of sustainable buildings.

This sentiment was echoed by the new Master who then thanked immediate Past Master Richard Cotton for his strong leadership and then went on to outline his plans for the forthcoming year.

Finally, Christopher Martin Jenkins amused us with his jokes and cricket anecdotes. His celebrity cricket side had beaten the Master's village side in the summer. He closed proceedings by quoting his old Master from Cambridge, who the last time they dined together said "It's time you went to bed... your face is going fuzzy!".

**Liveryman Stuart Earl**

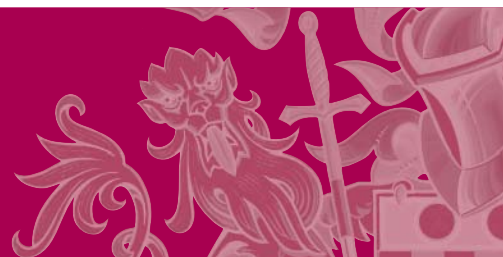
## COURT LADIES DINNER

It was surprisingly easy to be ushered in through the tradesman's entrance of The Old Bailey. I was even more concerned with security when we were allowed to wander the corridors alone - the tour party having already departed. We were quickly reunited into the main fray and were rather abruptly bought back down to earth with a briefing on the real purposes of these Courts.

Those attending the Court Ladies Dinner at The Old Bailey in January were treated to a marvellous tour of the Courts including the somewhat notorious Court One, the scene of many historic judgements. We were also treated to an explanation of the inner workings and history of the



The Master, the Wardens with Mary Archer and Christopher Jenkins at The Installation Dinner





Courts delightfully interspersed with anecdotes by Mr Charles Henty the Secondary and Under Sheriff.

A visit to the holding cells was a stark reminder of the real work of the Court. Some might say that our potential young offenders should be brought here before they offend. The conditions are such that they might think twice.

Our guide happily reminded us that he holds no keys for the building and that many of the doors have no locks. We were wise to move on quickly.

The history of The Old Bailey is fascinating having been bomb damaged and rebuilt in the same magnificent style. More recently the Court suffered at the hands of the IRA, a piece of glass imbedded in the wall saved as a reminder of that fateful day.

Dinner was a splendid affair in the Judge's Dining Room. As well as the Master and his good lady we also had the pleasure of the company of Alderman and Sheriff Michael Bear who kindly allowed us to view his own private apartment in the heart of The Old Bailey.

The Master was also pleased to welcome two new lady Liverymen to the event.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Paul Double whose official title is "The City Remembrancer". Mr Double provided a delightful and some might say risqué resume of his role and the history of The Old Bailey and the City.

The event was one that will be remembered well by all.

**Liveryman Roger Watts**

## THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' COMPANY JAZZ COMPETITION

At the Guildhall School of Music and Drama on 14 May the Master, David Larkin, presided over the Company's Jazz Competition in place of the previous competition for Strings.

The judges were Nigel Tully, past Master Musician and a member of the Dark Blues, Peter Hurt, a jazz musician for over 30 years and Martin Hathaway, Head of Jazz at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

As the late Derek Bailey said in his book, *Improvisation*, "Jazz is about the sound of surprise and not creating yesteryear." That was very much the essence of the five ensembles who played so well.

Jazz groups command a rather different range of adjectives to String Quartets. For example a pensive, meandering double-bass solo by Tom Farmer in the first group and a saxophone solo by Alan Matthoo would have done a snake-charmer proud in his own composition, "Surprise". For whilst the first group, which included Hanneys Riepler on guitar, were expressing soulful melodies, the second group with Gianni Boscarino on piano produced a much more upbeat and joyful session with his compositions, "Folk Tower" and "Panic"

with an excellent alto sax performance by Chris Williams with Gianni on piano. Gianni's fingers flew over the piano like a high speed typist and the percussionist Vasilis Sarikis maintained a lively rhythm.

The third group began their first piece with an unusual sound from the double bass played by Jerrelle Jacob and interesting percussion by John Desbrulais. The alto saxophonist Tommy Andrews produced a soothing plaintive sound. The double bass player showed innovative ways of playing the bass with his bow, and the pianist Luke Freeman had a light-hearted "conversation" with the percussionist

The fourth group performed the original version of "Milestones" by Miles Davis, "Moondreams" by McGregor and Mercer and "Move" by Denzil Best. Tim Fairhill on double-bass gave a first-rate performance while dancing around. The audience resisted the temptation to do the same, although many feet were tapping enthusiastically! The other members of the group, Josh Jaswan on alto-saxophone and Daoud Merchant on drums. Will Rixon on trumpet made playing the instrument effortless but in particular the players complemented each other well and the music flowed on.

The fifth group played "Jack of Clubs" by Paul Motion without a drum player but with Rick Simpson on the piano, Tom Farmer on base and Mike Chillingworth on alto-sax. The pianist had a few lines of music on the manuscript but after that only the words "Free Play". If only Chartered Surveyors could write that after the first few lines of a long document! Perhaps it is that ability to improvise in such a seamless way makes it so breathtaking to the listener.

Barry Gilbertson organised The People's Vote and 65 votes were cast by members of the Livery and their guests and the audience. The fourth group won although the results were close.

With the return of the official judges the fourth group were also chosen as winners to commendation by Nigel Tully, who thanked the Chartered Surveyors' Company and Jazz Publication magazine for their support. The audience agreed with the judges that all the students had performed to such a high standard and their compositions were innovated and inspiring. It was clear from the evening that British jazz is in great form at present.

**Liveryman Julian Briant**



Above: The winning jazz ensemble receive their award from The Master



## LIVERY GOLF DAY

The Livery Golf Day was held at Worplesdon Golf Club on Wednesday 11th June and again incorporated the annual match against the Hermes Golfing Society. We were blessed with fine weather and 25 surveyors took part.

The Master's Cup was won by Peter Hawkes with a score of 38 stableford points and the runner-up was Terry Knight, one point behind.

In spite of trying many different combinations of scoring, the match against the Hermes Golfing Society was lost for the second year in succession. We must do better next year!

Everyone agreed that it was a very convivial day played on a splendid golf course which was in tip-top condition in its centenary year. We would love to see more golfers from the Livery next year - 10th June 2009.

### Past Master Terry Knight

## CHARTERED SURVEYORS 'BRING HOME' THE HENDERSON TROPHY

The Inter-Livery Sailing Day, organized by the Framework Knitters at Rutland water, was held on 24th May.

This was the fourth time the event had been held and my first involvement. It was an interesting and enjoyable day.

The morning consisted of training and familiarization with a range of Laser boats, run by the resident sailing school, which is also a Laser Training Centre – this was an essential element of the day, as there was a wide diversity of experience amongst the 15 sailors. In very windy conditions we were transported in rescue boats to a quieter part of the Water, in the lee of the Hambleton peninsular. Here, we were assigned to different boats and left to try our hands in various roles. Our group of three took on a 16 foot catamaran – and in the gusty conditions, we were the only boat not to capsize!

At lunchtime, we returned to the clubhouse for snacks – before the promised afternoon's competitive element of the day. However, at 2pm, the sailing school instructors made the decision not to sail in the afternoon, because of the worsening weather conditions.

So, in order to maintain an element of competition, they devised a land-based exercise - involving a boat rigging and initiative test. This required the team of 3 to transport themselves and a standard Laser rig and attachments from one side of a, theoretically, 30-foot wide shark infested waterway to the other, using moveable car tyres as stepping stones, and completing the rigging of the boat.



Members of The Livery gather for the Golf Day presentations

There were 5 teams - representing the Framework Knitters, of course, the Lorriners, the Saddlers and the Skinners, as well as ourselves. The Bakers, previous winners, did not take part this year. We had to do three 'runs' and we won all three of them!! Perhaps not the best way to win a trophy, but perhaps we can also take comfort from the fact that we were the only crew not to capsize in the morning!

There were 40+ at the evening Reception and Buffet Supper (which was excellent), including the Master of the Framework Knitters, Anthony Turner, the IPM, Hugh Stevenson, and a number of other past masters.

The prizes were presented by the High Sheriff of Rutland, Thomas Cooper - who, as it happens, is a Rural Practice Chartered Surveyor from Stamford!

Anyone who would be interested in taking part next year, hopefully with some real sailing on that occasion, should let the Clerk know.

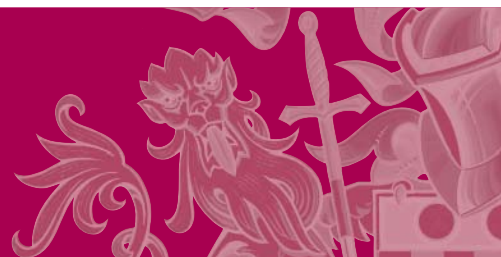
### Liveryman John Townsend



Our Inter-Livery Tennis Team :  
Gordon Edington, Paula Edmunds, Aerial Grey  
and Laurence Johnstone



The High Sheriff of Rutland, Thomas Cooper  
presents John Townsend with the Henderson Trophy





## THE COURT AND COMMITTEES 2008-2009

### THE COURT

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

### Finance and General Purposes Committee

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Simon Kolesar (Master)  
Laurence Johnstone (Senior Warden)  
Rob Bould (Junior Warden)  
Alderman Michael Bear  
William Hill

### Elections Committee

Laurence Johnstone (Chairman)  
Simon Kolesar (Master)  
Rob Bould (Junior Warden)  
David Larkin (Past Master)  
James Bryer  
John Woodman

### New Members :

Michael J Morris   Nicholas A Swabey   Paul G Lovelock   Peter A Miller   John R Fenner OBE   Karen L Williams   Dr Ronan H Champion  
William Nicol-Gent   Martyn F Kingsford TD   Pipyn E Trustram Eve   Archibald D Galloway CC   Tom J C Appleton   Mark J Carrington  
Roger Bright   Howard S Richards   Christopher Edwards

**Deaths:** Sir Oliver Chesterton   Ron Spinney   John McWilliam

### Charitable Board

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Simon Kolesar (Master)  
Laurence Johnstone (Senior Warden)  
Bob Dyson  
Gerardine Davies  
John Fenner  
Barry Gilbertson  
Andrew Martin  
Simon Waugh

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Roger Southam  
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David Barratt  
Neil Cleverton  
Rachel Jacques  
Mark Larard  
David Mann  
Ken Morgan  
Janie Strange  
Roger Watts

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Richard Carter (Vice Chairman)  
Simon Kolesar (Master)  
Christina Banbury  
Richard Blake  
Digby Flower  
Simon Jacklin  
Rachel Jacques  
Duncan Preston  
David Reynolds  
Mark Williams

### Property Marketing Awards

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James Bowdidge  
Philip Brown  
Chris Dymond  
Bob Dyson  
Chris Goldthorpe  
Richard Kent  
Richard Lanyon  
Mark Larard  
Colin Peacock  
Sven Topel  
John Williams  
Mickola Wilson

# From the Master Elect

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



Simon Kolesar

## Events

Some notes for your diary

**28th - 30th November 2008**  
Weekend visit to Bruges

**Thursday 11th December 2008**  
Carol Service - St. Lawrence Jury

**Monday 26th January 2009**  
Court Luncheon - Watermans Hall

**Tuesday 10th February 2009**  
Ladies Luncheon & Tour - Royal Opera House

**Thursday 26th February 2009**  
Go-Karting Evening - Streatham

**Tuesday 17th March 2009**  
Spring Livery Dinner - Fishmongers' Hall

**Wednesday 25th March 2009**  
Concert at Christchurch, Spitalfields with LandAid

**Monday 30th March 2009**  
Inter-Livery Swimathon

**Tuesday 21st April 2009**  
Property Marketing Awards - Marriott, Grosvenor Square

**Monday 11th May 2009**  
Guildhall School Music Competition for Percussion

**Wednesday 20th May 2009**  
Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot

**Wednesday 10th June 2009**  
Livery Golf Day

**Monday 15th June 2009**  
Friends & Family Dinner - Mansion House

**Tuesday 30th June 2009**  
Livery Sailing Day

**Monday 3rd August 2009**  
Visit to Sir Edward Heath's House & Salisbury Cathedral

**Monday 7th September 2009**  
London Walk & Curry - Brick Lane area

**Monday 19th October 2009**  
Common Hall & Installation Dinner

How many times over the last few months have I been asked "Are you looking forward to your year as Master?" Of course the answer is "yes", but I must confess to having some trepidation! To be installed as the thirty second Master of this wonderful Company is one of the highest honours that can be bestowed on a Chartered Surveyor. Just to look at the names of those who precede me makes me realise I will be in the company of many great people in our profession. Yes, I am looking forward to my year as your Master, but with a natural concern for the responsibility placed on my shoulders.

By the time you read this we will be well in to what many believe will become the worst recession experienced in the last three decades. Throughout my year I will be adopting a "cup half full" attitude, but we must not turn our backs on reality. Ever mindful of the impact that the recession will have on our pockets, I will be scaling back on the level of social activity for the Company. I hasten to add that will only apply to our own internal functions. Our external activity will continue at the level and to the high standards set by previous Masters. I will maintain our very strong reputation among the other 107 Companies.

This year we are immensely proud that Past Master George Gillon has been elected as one of two Sheriffs of the City of London. Those of you who were at the Guildhall on 24th June 2008, will have heard George deliver what has been referred to as one of the best acceptance speeches in recent times. I am pleased to confirm that George will be attending our Spring Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall in his official capacity. His position as Sheriff extends many privileges to the Company and to me as Master. One of these will be for us to have a carriage at the Lord Mayor's Show. Look out for us and please keep your fingers crossed for good weather! The Company has pledged its total support to George and I will keep you updated on our activities with him throughout the year.

Some say that my year was preceded by an act of stupidity! On 2nd September, the Senior Warden Elect, Laurence Johnstone and I performed (yes it was a performance!) a tandem free fall from 13,000 feet in the company of the Army's elite parachutists, the Red Devils. Why? Well I cannot take credit for the idea, I can only blame Laurence for that! But between us we decided that this would be a wonderful opportunity to raise much needed funds for our Schools Bursary Scheme. Having set the target two years ago of raising a capital sum of £250,000 we are now approaching half way. I am ever hopeful that, due to the immense generosity of our friends and families, Laurence and I will have added in excess of £12,500 to that pot.

That leads me nicely on to my themes for the year which are to increase the number of Liverymen, to add to the Bursary Fund and to improve the Company's links with the RICS. All three will be fully covered by our new business plan which takes us through to 2011. To sit still in today's world means to go backwards. Our business plan will take the

Company forward into the next decade when hopefully we might have, yet again, one of our Liverymen as Lord Mayor.

We are blessed, yet again, with a Liveryman as President of the RICS. Peter Goodacre took over from Liveryman David Tuffin as President in July this year. Through Peter I hope to foster even closer links with the RICS which will start by Peter delivering one of the lessons at this year's Carol Service. We are, after all, the Chartered Surveyors' Company and I am ever hopeful that through closer links we might be able to develop our educational themes and encourage other younger surveyors to join the Livery.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the support of my Partners at EC Harris. It was they who initially encouraged my involvement with the Junior Organisation (as it once used to be called!) and allowed me the time to go on to become President of the RICS and now Master of the Company. I look back with fond memories of this part of my professional career and thank them profusely.

The Company is also about having fun and encouraging fellowship. Throughout the year we will be organising an evening of go-karting, a visit to Sir Edward Heaths house in Salisbury and a summer's evening walk around Brick Lane in the East End of London. Yvonne will be organising another ladies lunch, which will include a visit behind the scenes of the Royal Opera House. We will also be supporting the Guildhall School of Music again by organising a musical competition. This year it will be percussion!! Finally we will be returning to dine at the Mansion House with the Lord Mayor (and George Gillon in attendance!) on Monday 15th June 2009. I will be promoting this as a friends and family, sons and daughters dinner, so please put the date in your diary and plan holidays accordingly. It promises to be a wonderful evening and I would very much like to fill the Egyptian Hall.

My thanks, of course, go to David Larkin and his lovely wife Jackie for all they have done for the Company during the last twelve months. It has been a great pleasure working with David over the past year and he has applied the test of "making a difference" to everything he has done; we are all the better for it. David has been so ably supported by Jackie and as a team they have worked hard for the Company; we are indebted to them for a highly successful year.

Yes, I am looking forward to the next twelve months. I am ever mindful of the honour you have placed on me by electing me as your Master. In return I will serve the Company to the best of my ability and look forward to what I believe will be a very busy year!

**Simon Kolesar, Master Elect**