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A welcome from the Master Elect

It is with considerable pride and honour that I move towards my installation on 20th October 2014 as Master of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors, a truly great modern example of the Livery tradition going back over 900 years.

I also acknowledge the considerable responsibility which falls on my shoulders given the leading role that the 30 modern livery companies play in the future of the City of London. It is worth remembering that in the early 1970s the Labour Party launched a campaign to dissolve the City of London Corporation, on the grounds that it was an undemocratic governing body, dissolve the livery companies as having no relevance to modern business but perpetuating restrictive practices in supporting an elite and detached business class and disperse control of the City to the three surrounding boroughs of Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Islington.

Most observers from that time agree that had it not been for the quick thinking and action of the then Lord Mayor Sir Robert Bellinger, the City as we know it would have been wound up. In 1976 the City Solicitor, on the Lord Mayor's instructions approached the three chartered professions of surveyors, accountants and secretaries and arranged for them in a very short time and within the year to secure the necessary deposits and go through the process of creating three new modern livery companies. This single action coupled with making the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson an Honorary Freeman put those who sought to remove the City as an institution onto the back foot, scurrying for cover and as they say the rest is history.

I find that little story to be of tremendous importance in guiding our own future. We must be relevant to society and business ensuring that the City of London makes a difference in a positive way and can demonstrate it represents the interests of the various bodies who make the City such a dynamic and important world city in commerce, education, charity and standards of behaviour.

As Surveyors we have a special role to play given the profile of the City of London as a world financial centre. It will be obvious to all that many of the economic cycles are closely related to property asset backed lending. When the property industry in the UK shifts, the world usually feels the shudder for good or bad. The need for Surveyors to influence the business of the City has never been greater. As a Livery Company much of our focus is on education and charitable giving but as the Lord Mayor spends much of his/her time overseas promoting London as a centre of business so we have a duty to support these activities and do our best to make a positive difference and where appropriate act as a conduit for RICS and other professional bodies to connect.

The role of surveyors in the City will be a focus of my year and I have organised two Open Hall lunches in the modern surrounds of Haberdashers Hall to promote the business of our livery and ensure our ongoing relevance to the City. I also hope that these events will encourage some livery members to look at their involvement more positively on the understanding we are not just about club dinners in ancient halls, although the pleasure of those events must never be lost or ignored.

To set the scene I have indeed been fortunate in persuading Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, former Master of the Rolls and President of the Supreme Court and Nigel Wray one of the City's favourite sons and business entrepreneur, cousin of Eric

Idle and Chairman of Saracens to address us at my Installation Dinner. Their success in their respective fields has been the result of their independence of thought and perhaps even a rebellious streak but with a deep understanding of their subject matter. The business of the City and the law of the land have been close bed partners over the centuries but have not always enjoyed a harmonious and a happy relationship. I will look forward to welcoming them and I hope as many of you as possible can join me at Plaisteres Hall for the start of my year in office on 20th October.

I will be giving up my role as Chairman of the Education Committee after a 3 year stint. It has been a challenging time but through sheer hard work and an entrepreneurial approach from your committee member colleagues it is my opinion we are the strongest we have been in this area for many years. We have refocused our bursaries and increased our financial support allowing us to make a real difference to the recipients. We have also supported the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust under a 3 year memorandum of understanding to the tune of £150,000 and now have our own apprenticeship scheme introduced at a time when the market has made a significant shift towards this option for qualification. Our involvement in the four schools we support is growing with mentoring to be rolled out to our second school this year. Our links with the City and commerce are also clearly of significant benefit to the schools as they fight for recognition of the achievements of their students by business. My special thanks to Assistant John Fenner for his tireless effort and for the difference he has made in our work with the schools.

As the property market improves so our Property Marketing Awards are seeing new life being breathed into them. Thanks to the forward thinking of the PMA Committee lead by Assistant Colin Peacock I am anticipating some exciting new initiatives coming forward as the event grows and we have to find a new venue to accommodate these expansion plans.

Most of the committees will have new Chairmen this year. I would like to thank the outgoing Chairmen and Committee members for all their hard work and efforts and feel confident that the new committees will at the very least emulate the previous incumbents' achievements although the bar is a high one.

Special mention must go to Assistant Duncan Moss as Chairman of the Fundraising Committee. If ever there is a tough job, this must be one of them in the top quartile. He leaves after two years in the hot seat having raised the phenomenal sum of nearly £200,000 over that period of time. I suspect that is something of a record although we are not about outdoing ourselves for the sake of it. I wish Tony Joyce as the new Chairman all the best in the role and assure him that the foot will be taken off the accelerator for the time being as liverymen recover their composites and bank balances.

Finally I wish to thank Liz Edwards for undertaking her role as master so expertly and with great statesmanship. As a result of her efforts we have been successful in our fund raising well beyond expectations, yet remaining within our cost budget. She has also made the possibility of an office in the City of London a real prospect with more news on this to follow. I am indeed fortunate to be following in her footsteps and supported in my year by Lady Davis as Senior Warden and William Hill as Junior Warden. I am looking forward to representing this great and industrious modern livery company.

Graham Chase, Senior Warden

The Property Marketing Awards

The Property Marketing Awards was a very well attended event this year. Organised each year by the Worshipful Company of Surveyors in partnership with Estates Gazette, the awards celebrate and encourage the very best in property marketing from across the UK. The shortlist includes some of the most talked about and successful marketing campaigns of 2013. The PMA raise funds for the company's Charitable Trust with proceeds used to support the Chartered Surveyors' Training Trust (www.cstt.org.uk).

New this year, The PMA had an independent judging panel, chaired by top-selling author and marketing expert Kevin Duncan. Sitting alongside him on the panel were Paul Davies, Director of Marketing Communications at Microsoft UK; Paula Carter, Director of Planning, Channel 4; Anne Godfrey, CEO, Chartered Institute of Marketing; Nick Hughes, Director of Marketing and Communications, SEGRO; Zoë Mulholland, Programme Manager, Imperial College; Jane Rosier, Head of Marketing, V&A; Rory Sutherland, Vice-Chairman Ogilvy & Mather UK and Leigh Thomas, CEO of Dare.

The Property Marketing Awards ceremony was held once again at BAFTA on 26 June and hosted by TV presenter Katie Derham.

The overall winner was Citu for the Little Kelham bakery who won Best Marketing Campaign for Residential New Build, as well as the PMA 2014 Grand Prix.



Overall winners, Citu staff pose with their trophy.

The Berkshire town of Slough was a surprise feature of the night, with J2 agency winning Best Marketing Campaign: Industrial and Logistics for its unique concept - SEGRO's Virtual Agents' Breakfast; and Siren Design for IQ Slough Animated Books in the Best Marketing Campaign: Regional Offices category.

Chairman of the judging panel, Kevin Duncan said: "The judging process was great fun. There was a robust exchange of views about the quality of the thinking, the work and the results. Future entrants can learn by looking at the winning entries and understanding how they did it."

"I was very lucky to be chairing a jury with such a wealth of marketing talent and experience. Too often people wish to offer an opinion on marketing when in truth they are not qualified to do so!"

"Every category can learn from every other one. Indeed 'category

stealing' is one of the most fertile ways to invigorate staid approaches in any market. Property marketing can be too formulaic, so looking elsewhere will always provide fresh inspiration. Of course, the use of mobile, social media and other advanced technologies has opened up a whole world of possibility for the marketer."

Assistant Rachel Puzey



All the various PMA winners pictured with their awards.

Installation Dinner

The Installation Dinner is always one of the most nerve racking events for any new Master. It is here that they are on full display to their predecessors and the Court. This years Master, Elizabeth Edwards, chose to hold her Installation in the magnificent surroundings of the Drapers Hall. This years attendance was quite staggering in its size and the Masters top table was graced with the presence of this years RICS President, Michael Newey, who is also a Liveryman of this Company.

The Drapers Hall on Throgmorton Street was bought from King Henry VIII in 1543 for about £1,200 and had previously been the house of Thomas Cromwell but had been forfeited on Cromwell's execution in July 1540. The original Hall was destroyed by the Great Fire in 1666 and rebuilt between 1667 and 1671 and again in 1772. Furthermore Victorian alterations were carried out in 1860s. The backdrop of this magnificent building was a splendid setting for this years Masters inaugural event.

We were serenaded by the RICS singers conducted by Liveryman Bill Gloyne. This included an excellent sung grace.

Past Master Professor Alan Gillett was also up to his usual tricks where words to one of the popular Gilbert & Sullivan melodies were re-written to form a new Livery song. It must also be said that the piano playing of Michael Chalfont particularly "You Raise Me Up" was a particular tear jerker.

Liveryman and RICS President Michael Newey gave an excellent address about the importance of the City as a driver within the world of property although he particularly majored on infrastructure and our role in development around the world. There is no doubt that this years Master has been a popular choice because she was greeted most enthusiastically when she rose to speak. Her grateful thanks to Roger Southam and his new wife (as she now is) Roberta for all their hard working during his year in office including the substantial charitable funds raised was warmly rewarded by the applause of those in attendance.

Assistant Roger Watts



The Property Football Challenge generates a lively atmosphere

The winners, BLP, parade their trophy.

Pictured Right. Quiz Masters Ray Stubbs and Mark Lawrenson return to host another successful evening with organiser, Liveryman Ralph Charlwood.

A game of two halves

Liverpool's legendary manager, Bill Shankly, was once asked "To you, football is a matter of life and death" to which he famously retorted "Listen, it's more important than that". Two hundred footballing brains would surely agree, having fought out the now-annual Livery Property Football Challenge on March 6th 2014.

A tactical substitution of self-catering for the City's Minster Exchange created more of a Theatre of Dreams than a School of Science. This change of venue, together with more targeted auction items, resulted in more than £15,000 being raised on the night, compared with £12,500 for the inaugural event.

Provisional dates for PFC 15 have been set.

Sticking with a tried and tested pairing, Mark Lawrenson and Ray Stubbs were invited back and orchestrated a quizzing masterclass. It was, of course, a game of two halves, comprising ten rounds, in which 28 teams rose to the occasion, pitting footballing brains against each other in a fiercely-contested battle.

With 120 questions covering Panini stickers, World Cups, geography, players and managers and much more it was end-to-end stuff combining tap-ins with the occasional banana skin. One question in particular "where would you find Prince Rupert's Tower?" (Ans.1) caused some handbags between the leading teams but, ultimately, the decisions evened out over the course of the evening. A few other, more general, questions included:

2. Adidas have provided the World Cup match ball since 1970. With a history dating back to 1881 which English sporting goods manufacturer provided the 1966 "lucky" World Cup final ball?
3. In which Italian city do Sampdoria play?
4. Name Somerset's only football league team?
5. Which Lancashire side's ground has the Post Code FY1 6JJ?

As you can imagine, some contestants were gutted, seeing potential six-pointers kicked into Row Z. There was to be no giant killing, however, as the stronger teams prevailed. They gave it 110% but it wasn't just the winning team that were singing as the final round ended with a chorus of 500 Miles by the Proclaimers. At the final whistle, however, the crowd went wild and, with some clinical finishing the right team won and were over the moon. Donny Orient, defending champions put in a good shift but were sick as parrots. Joint sponsors BLP won, notably the only team with two (highly knowledgeable) women.

It may be a funny old game but at the end of the day, as Carlo Ancelotti said "Football is the most important of the less important things in the world."

Liveryman Ralph Charlwood

Answers: 1. Everton/Everton's club badge 2. Slazenger 3. Genoa 4. Yeovil 5. Blackpool

Guildhall School of Music Classical Voice Competition

The Company sponsors annually an Award within the Guildhall School of Music. This years Award was for classical voice being held at the Guildhall School in the Barbican on the 15th May.

We could not have been treated to a more magnificent evening. Three superb young lady vocalists were in competition for this years prize. Under the careful scrutiny of two professional adjudicators the competitors Eliza Safjan (Soprano), Grace Durham (Mezzo-Soprano) and Emily Kyte (Mezzo-Soprano) sang their hearts out and even bought an odd tear to the eye.

The range of music was spectacular from Schuman, Rachmaninoff, Handel, Rossini, Saint-Saens, Brahms and Bernstein. Some catchy tunes and some challenging range testing epics.

The passion and presentation of these young ladies is such that they will all undoubtedly be stars of the future. In trying to pick a winner the audience and the adjudicators had a very hard task but in the end Grace Durham won both the judges and popular vote.

Those who missed this event missed one of the highlights of the Livery year.

Assistant Roger Watts



The Master with the 3 competitors at the GSMD Music Competition, with the eventual winner, Grace Durham, on the far right.



Court and Livery Dinner

Apothecaries' Hall, rebuilt after the Great Fire in 1668 and completed in 1672, when Samuel Pepys, Sir Christopher Wren and Thomas Newton walked London's streets, is where this winters Court and Livery Dinner was celebrated. The Great Hall was packed to capacity, its ancient black oak panelling echoed to great speeches and opera arias sung by music students from The Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Our Livery and their guests walked up the sturdy staircase for The Masters Champagne Reception and into The Parlour with James I portrait looking with curiosity across the throng.

The Dinner was excellent, accompanied by lovely wines, music and songs. As the tables were cleared, the Loving Cups passed down the lines and soon George Gillon, The Chief Commoner, rose to tell us he is responsible for the integrity and discipline of The Court of The City and almost as importantly all City hospitality!!! Ending with tales of Olympic Medalists, Desmond Tutu and Bob Geldolf.

Our Master praised George Gillon as a splendid Sherrif of London in 2008 and Chairman of London RICS, she also welcomed her great friend and riding companion, Karen Coumbe, Cambridge Veterinary Graduate and Olympic Vet, also beekeeper. Liz celebrated The City's independence and the part played in holding the politicians at bay when The Great Modern Livery Companies of Solicitors, Accountants and others were formed and The Worshipful Company, of Chartered Surveyors became the 85th Livery Company, she also praised the unsung role of "Lionheart" in caring for surveyors who fall sick or on hard times. In all this we congratulated Amanda Jackson, The Clerk on being the longest serving City Clerk and The Master presented Amanda with a splendid bouquet, to loud applause.

Karen Coumbe told some great recollections of 2012 Olympic equestrians, of stables on stilts and that 64% of equine vets under the age of forty five are female, with Karen we were toasted by our guests and welcomed the opportunity of "living in a changing world."

Simon Camomile

The Elections Committee

The Elections Committee continues to work hard behind the scenes interviewing potential candidates for admission to the Livery. This year we have met with 13 candidates, made 11 recommendations to the Court for acceptance and advised

The TowerAthlon

The Company's London TowerAthlon fundraising event, staged jointly with LandAid, took place in the City on Friday 19th September.

More than 200 competitors completed their adrenalin pumping assault on the Broadgate Tower. One group abseiled down the 539ft tower, another ran up the 877 stairs (35 floors) whilst the third, sprint-cycled the furthest they could against a 10 minute clock, in the Plaza grounds.

Competitors were drawn from across the property world and included many of our own Liverymen.

Sincere thanks to everyone involved including the Master, who was there to speak on our behalf and present the prizes alongside Joanna Averley, LandAid CEO and Tim Maynard COO of Savills our principal sponsor.

To date, more than £30,000 and rising has been raised from this event which

the 2 remaining candidates on further matters which need to be satisfied before a recommendation can be made. But it is not just about meeting potential Liverymen. The Committee has revisited the guidelines for the election of Liverymen and has strongly advised the Court that;

1. Candidates for the Livery should be known by their proposer for a minimum of 2 years and,
2. Candidates should ideally attend at least one Livery function as a guest so they have first hand experience of the organisation they are hoping to join.

The Committee has also recommended that, for the first year after joining, Liverymen are mentored by their proposer. It is highly beneficial for the Livery that "newcomers" are shown the ropes rather than having to find them for themselves. Who better to do that than the individual who proposed them in the first place.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm the acceptance by your Court of a new classification of member - a Friend of the Company. Believe it or not but there are some who would dearly like to join the Livery but do not know sufficient people to propose them. In future we will be able to offer them the opportunity of becoming a Friend of the Company for a period of 12 months. During that period they will be able to meet Liverymen and find out more about the Company. A donation of £250 will be payable (£125 for those under 40 years of age) and the key benefits will be;

- to enjoy the wide variety of events organised by the Company;
- to understand our charitable purposes and links with the City;
- to make new friends
- to attend their first function at NO charge;
- to learn more about the aims and purposes of the Company

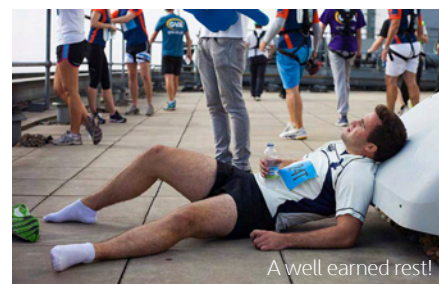
At the end of 12 months they will be eligible to apply to join the Livery; subject to the normal selection and election processes. In the event they choose not to join, their donation would not be refunded. It is not envisaged that many will use this route to the Livery, but it does mean that our admission routes now cover all possible scenarios.

It has been an enjoyable and busy year on the Elections Committee and I take this opportunity to thank my fellow members for their hard work and support. We have worked well together and have been rewarded by meeting some excellent candidates for the Livery. The Company is in good hands for the future.

Past Master Simon Kolesar

will be divided equally between our own and LandAid's causes.

Past Master Laurence Johnstone



Ripping Yarns

The first event of Liz's year as Master was a chilling Jack the Ripper tour of Whitechapel.

Appropriately we met our guide, one of The Tower of London Beefeaters (on his evening off) at Tower Hill station and walked back in time through the old City walls to the dark, Victorian, East End. On the way we learnt about the squalor of the slums, its inhabitants and the "parades" of prostitutes around St Botolph's Without Aldgate church! It is estimated that there were 1,200 female prostitutes working in Whitechapel in 1888. Then it was onwards, backwards and downwards, to August 1888 and the site of the first murder in Gunthorpe Street. The other deaths then followed rapidly.

Our party sleuthed via Brick Lane to Hanbury Street, another murder, and on to nearby Wilkes Street, yet another. It seems that after this point in history "The Press" started to become creative and the facts and fiction become somewhat blurred. Did The Ripper start sending messages to the police or was it the paparazzi trying to generate newspaper sales?

The killing didn't stop there. Like Jack we carried on.

Mitre Square, a murder, Goulston Street, a second murder on the same night in September.

The trail then led us to Millers Court and the death of Mary Kelly in November 1888.

Who was Jack? Was he one person or several? Like all good thrillers there were a dozen suspects at the time and even more since. Like all good mysteries there are dozens of theories, and conspiracy theories, to choose from. When you start to investigate there is a common theme, most of the suspects were foreigners! In hindsight this is not surprising when you think of the East End and docks as the first stopping off point for many immigrants. There were at least three Polish, a

couple of Russians and an American, several of these men were Jewish. Xenophobia?

Then we move on to the real conspiracy theories. Was it all a plot just to kill one person, the final victim, Mary Kelly? Were the other women killed simply to mask her death? Who was Mary? Why was she killed? The theory surrounding Mary pivots around the fact that she was a prostitute, who in earlier days, had worked at a brothel in the "affluent West End". The theory is that she had a liaison with the Prince of Wales and either was, or claimed to be, pregnant. This theory then accounts for her murder and mutilation.

The murderer? Some theorists point to Montague Druitt, a barrister from a family with mental health problems, whose body was conveniently pulled from the Thames shortly after the final murder. Alternatively, was he framed to make him look like The Ripper once Mary's murder had been carried out?

So, having been fully chilled, we retired to the "Hung, Drawn and Quartered" pub at Tower Hill to thaw out and it is there that we solved the riddle for once and all. If only I could remember what the conclusion was!

Liveryman Ian Milne



Behind the scenes

As far as I am aware the marketing and communication team do not often blow their own trumpet.

This is one of the Committees which assist the Master in delivering his or her goals for the year. It is also one of the Committees which perhaps has most of the fun.

The principle work of the Committee is to help to ensure the smooth delivery and running of the many varied events which most Masters try to put on during the course of their year for the benefit of Liverymen. Obviously, there are the more formal dinners which are, almost single handedly, dealt with by the Clerk herself, but, during the course of the year there are a number of other events where the Committee gets involved. This year, for example, this included the Jack the Ripper Tour, the Carol Service, various presentations, a visit to Jerwood Gallery and, of course, the Ball to mention but a few.

As part of the work of the communications part it is this Committee that deals with the preparation of our Annual Court Circular and the Masters Half Year Newsletter.

This year in addition we have also reviewed, redesigned and re-issued the Company brochure. For the first time this is available in both hard copy and electronic forms.

The continued updating of the website also falls under the auspices of this Committee as does the supply and distribution of the various merchandise produced for Liverymens benefit.

This year, of course, we have also dealt with the production of the lapel pins recently issued to you which we hope you are wearing with pride.

This Committee is often asked to assist the Master in other ways. For example,

over a number of years it is Members of this Committee that have represented the Master on the City of London Sustainable City Awards. Here, in conjunction with the CIOB we both assess and judge applications within the Sustainable Building category giving our recommendations as to winners and runners up. Over the years there have been many exciting entries to this competition. This year the winner was a new development in London where all of the heating and cooling was supplied by the River Thames.

This year the Committee has also played its part in preparing and distributing the questionnaire which forms part of the Committee's strategy to try and better understand what Liveryman would like to see the Company doing on their behalf. The Committee is, however, always open to suggestions and advice and if you would like to get involved please do contact the Chairman of this Committee.

Assistant Roger Watts

The Livery Masked Ball

After a full year of planning, the sale of nearly 300 tickets, numerous sponsorship pledges including our main sponsor Green Property, the raising of 7 auction lots and the myriad of entertainment bookings, the aspirations of the Master were happily met and the inaugural Livery Masked Ball took place on Thursday 12th June 2014.

This auspicious and, dare one say, ambitious event took place in the wonderful and hugely atmospheric Honourable Artillery Company HQ in City Road in the delightful Prince Consort Rooms. The evening commenced at 7.00 pm with a glass of fizz and an informal reception in the gardens adjoining the prince Consort Rooms where we were entertained by the very talented Will Scott who, at 18 years old, won the Company's Young Musician of the Year at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and who played classical guitar : he was superb!

It was a most spectacular sight to behold the arrival of 300 people sporting their Ball masks, many of which were outstandingly good and set the tone for the entire evening. We were also extremely fortunate in that we had perfect weather and a beautiful summers

evening with the atmosphere further enhanced by guardsmen in full dress uniform, no doubt attracted by the most attractive dancers who were mingling with our guests, together with an ongoing game of cricket on the HAC lawns.

MC, Mr Ken Tappenden, called us in to dinner at 7.30pm where we were treated to an amazing dance display by eight girls from The Ultimate Event Dancers, two of whom were on stilts. Feathers abounding and to the music of Robbie Williams they danced to "Let me Entertain You".

The Master then gave a short address in which she thanked all those who had worked so hard to ensure that the Ball took place and for the generosity of those who had taken tickets, provided auction lots or sponsorship and welcomed her guests including the Headteachers of Robert Clack and Archbishop Tenison schools.

There then followed a three course dinner during which we played "Heads and Tails" and were entertained by the excellent David Ingamells jazz band who kept us "foot tapping" throughout: again, they were first class.



Assitant Duncan Moss is rewarded for all his hard work!



Following dinner, the indomitable and engaging Richard Auterac held the auction of 7 auction lots and, despite being somewhat challenged by a less than perfect PA system and some very bright stage lights, rose to the occasion and exceeded our auction target by over 70% raising £12,500 from this alone! What a star!

With the foregoing aided by copious quantities of wine throughout, it was very evident that those present were in the mood to "party" and let their proverbial hair down! This they were able to do as the truly excellent show band, The Glitter Ball Band took to the stage and then played for nearly two hours non stop, playing a medley of 1970's 80's and 90's pop and rock music. This 9 piece band ensured that the dance floor was full for the entire duration and it was a complete joy to see so many people enjoying themselves.

At midnight we took our seats to be treated to bacon butties at which point the double doors to the dance floor area were flung open and in marched the 20 strong British Imperial Military Band who played a medley of brass band music including the theme from The Dambusters, Land of Hope and Glory and Jerusalem – the latter inspiring the whole hall to stand up and sing at the tops of their voices; quite a sight!

By 1.00 am the last stragglers departed and the evening ended and, judging by the aftermath, many, many comments of a good time had by all.

The event, pleasingly, raised a net sum of £25,000 to our charities and provided a great evenings entertainment for those present.

Assistant Duncan Moss



Our Army Affiliates, 135 Geo Sqn RE, on their Adventurous Training Expedition to walk the John Muir Trail

Exercise Cockney Muir

The Livery was treated to a fascinating presentation by Members of our Army Affiliates, 135 Geo Sqn RE, on their Adventurous Training Expedition to walk the John Muir Trail during August 2013.

The Officer Commanding, Major Stuart Batey RE and Lieutenant Jim Larcombe RE recounted their exploits and experiences from this 23 day expedition, in which 12 Members of the Squadron set out from Yosemite National Park, and walked the 215 miles through the Ansel Adams Wilderness, the Sequoia National Park, King's Canyon National Park through to Mount Whitney at 14,496, the highest peak in Continental United States.

However, the best-made plans did not always work on the day, as Jim's recounts:

"At the halfway point the team stopped at the Vermilion Valley Resort to resupply their food and, more importantly, take a well-earned rest. Unfortunately two of the guys had picked up nasty blisters – whilst they were both keen to carry on it was clear that their feet would only get worse. After some hasty planning the call was made to send the pair back to Los Angeles to recover and meet the rest at the end of the trail.

Over the second half of the journey the passes got higher and the descents smaller. The landscape changed dramatically from lush green valleys to barren rock. Streams to gather water from became few and far between and we had to pay much closer attention to how much we were drinking. However, with this

the views became even more spectacular and we began to see Mount Whitney looming in the distance.

After a few days though the expedition leader, Major Stuart Batey, began to feel unwell. Hoping it was something minor we pressed on, but he quickly became worse and the team doctor was uncomfortable with him continuing on. As it became clear that something was seriously wrong we called for emergency support. In a testament the US emergency services, despite the limited Sat Phone signal and not being able to get through to the same organisation twice, a park ranger was soon with us and calling for a rescue helicopter. With the loss of one of our two high-altitude instructors and not knowing how serious Stuart's condition was, we decided to leave the trail – which was still a two-day trek. Two bear encounters and a run in with a snake later, we successfully made it back to civilisation."

The event concluded with an enthusiastic Q&A session, together with words of thanks from their Honorary Colonel, Dr Vanessa Lawrence CB, Generous hospitality followed kindly provided by the sponsors, Property and Construction Consultancy Tuffin Ferraby Taylor LLP, which gave opportunity to meet old acquaintances and make new friends.

This event provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with The Company's Affiliated Royal Engineer unit, understand what they do, and how they train; everyone went away enlightened and inspired!

Assistant David A. G. Reynolds

Livery Golf Events

Last Autumn we played the 23rd match between the Surveyors, Solicitors and Accountants at Walton Heath. The Company has won thirteen of these annual matches, and was victorious again led by the then Master, Roger Southam. For the record in addition to the Master our team comprised Past Master Knight, and Liverymen Bagnell, Cockerell, Hawkes, Peach, Thompson and Thwaites. We play the match again on 30th September.

In the Spring we returned to Walton Heath to compete in the Prince Arthur Cup, an inter-livery event in which 54 Companies in teams of 4 play two 18 hole rounds – a real logistics exercise for the organisers and caterers. The Company has entered a team every year since 1988 and was this year represented by Assistant Waugh and Liverymen Bagnell, McDougall and Thwaites. We were not last, but have been more competitive in previous years and winners in 1998. We will be applying to play again in 2015.

In the Summer we held the Company's golf day at Woking Golf Club, and by popular demand will be returning there again in Summer 2015. 14 of us played for The Master's Cup which was won by Ian Flanagan with a score of 35, second was Peter Hawkes and third was Chris Thwaites losing on a count-back with 34 points.

The Company has also played its 20th annual match against the Hermes Golfing Society. For a while Hermes were the victors, but over the previous three years the Company had fought back and the overall for the series was even. We had great hopes of being one ahead at the end of the day, but no matter how hard we tried Hermes provided a very strong team this year.

If you are interested in joining our informal society please let Assistant Preston know of your interest.

Assistant Duncan Preston

All at Sea - a day with the Sea Cadets

As part of the Company's link with the Sea Cadets, on Sunday 30th March a group of 7 Liverymen enjoyed a fascinating day in Solent waters, hosted by Liveryman Martin Coles, CEO of the Sea Cadets' governing body, the Marine Society & Sea Cadets.

Arriving at Gosport and after coffee and bacon rolls, our day started with a tour of TS Royalist, the Sea Cadets flagship, a 97-foot two-masted square-rigger launched by Princess Anne in 1971. Royalist sails each year between March and November and has delivered training to more than 25,000 Sea Cadets typically joining the ship for 6 night offshore trips.

Our tour of Royalist included the engine room, the all-important galley (vital, we were assured, to the morale of the ship's company), the living and sleeping quarters, the cockpit and chartroom and of course the deck areas. We were impressed to see the cadets braving the heights of the ratlines and practising their sailing and rope drills.

The second part of our day was spent aboard TS Petchey, a 75 foot, motor powered training vessel. After a safety briefing we slipped moorings and put out to sea. Anchoring off the Isle of Wight at Osborne Bay for lunch, we had an intensive discussion on how the Livery's Skills Panel can help the Sea Cadets with shore-based property issues. Afternoon manoeuvres included circling Royalist, which by now was under sail. On the return voyage to Gosport, there was a trick at the helm for each of us - judging by the ship's wake, this proved more difficult for some than others!

Our day with the Sea Cadets was inspiring as well as enjoyable. All of us stepped ashore with a sense of admiration and respect for the way in which the Sea Cadets as an organisation instils life-skills, self-confidence and a team ethos in the youngsters who are lucky enough to take part in the training activities.

Past Master Laurence Johnstone

Livery members aboard TS Jack Petchey.



TS Royalist at dock on a perfect Spring morning.

Endeavour Awards 2013

135 Independent Geographic Squadron

The Command team of 135 Independent Geographic Squadron Royal Engineers has unanimously decided that the soldier contributing the most outstanding commitment to the Sqn over the course of the last year, has been Lance Corporal Anna Walmsley.



LCpl Walmsley joined 135 Geographic Squadron in 2007 and has displayed huge enthusiasm and commitment to every aspect of Sqn life right from the start. The Endeavour Award is about striving for the team as well as stretching yourself and LCpl Walmsley demonstrates this attitude in everything she does. Over the last year she has been involved in almost every activity the Sqn has undertaken; contributing to the technical tasking on last years Annual Camp in Jersey, as well as being particularly successful on recruiting events, where her knowledge and passion for the Military shine through. She was one of only two personnel who took up the significant challenge to represent the Sqn on Exercise Pashtun Lion in Germany. Here she used her technical Geographic skills to great effect acting as a subject matter expert in support of Combined Training for Units about to deploy to Afghanistan. During her time with the Sqn LCpl Walmsley has deployed to Afghanistan where, in 2011, she spent 6 months at Camp Leatherneck as 2IC of the Forward Map Depot. Whilst there she was seconded to Bde HQ at Lashkar Gar to teach map

reading to Afghan Interpreters, for which she received much praise. Shortly after her return she paraded for Uniform at Work day which resulted in her featuring with other 'action girls' in the Sun Newspaper, providing very positive publicity for the Sqn and wider Reserves. She is a very positive influence on the Sqn, displaying an eagerness and enthusiasm which rubs off on others – exactly what we need to promote in times of change and growth for the Reserves as a whole and 135 Geo Sqn in particular.

All in all, her dedication to training, recruiting and Sqn life in general is recognised by the award she is about to receive for making the outstanding contribution to the Sqn in 2013. She thoroughly deserves the Endeavour Award, presented by the Master, Elizabeth Edwards, The Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors.

Assistant David A. G. Reynolds

Squadron 7010 Surveyors Plate

In Training Year 12/13, the Surveyors Plate for Professional Excellence was awarded to an individual who saw and exploited a significant opportunity for 7010. The individual had the foresight to see that there was a way in which Reservists could become involved with a new state of the art reconnaissance capability that was at the time only being operated by Regulars.

He used his personal contacts within the Regulars to convince them that his ideas were viable, and obtained approval from OC Tactical Imagery-Intelligence Wing (TIW). He subsequently became the first non-mobilised Reservist to operate the system, and the first to become qualified as a Mission Commander.

In recognition of his proactive work, which has opened up a significant new era for 7010, the Surveyors Plate is awarded to Flt Lt Simon Funnell.

Assistant David A. G. Reynolds



HMS Echo

The winner of this year's Endeavour Award is Chief Survey Recorder Jules Ryder aboard HMS Echo.

During June and July 2013 HMS Echo operated in Libya to conduct survey operations, capacity building and capacity demonstration. Six Libyan naval surveyors were invited on board to observe and assist. Very limited time was available to expand shipping operations within Al Khums and Tripoli harbours and their approaches.

The success of the venture depended on creating an accurate and usable survey to assist in regenerating the

Libyan economy and the generation of goodwill through the successful training and integration of the Libyan naval surveyors. The success of the operation was largely down to the efforts of CSR Ryder.

She worked tirelessly and efficiently to deal with the large quantity of data collected. This included 5no. new wrecks, 60no. new features and an area of 82 NMsq surveyed.

The professionalism of CSR Ryder makes her a worthy winner of this years Endeavour Award.

Assistant David A. G. Reynolds

Right. Chief Survey Recorder Jules Ryder



Finance & General Purposes Committee

The committee is responsible for the management of the Company's finances. It recommends the budget for the year to the Court including the level of Quarterage and monitors the income and expenses during the year as the programme of events undertaken by the Company take place. In this it is assisted by the Clerk and our accountant James Harman who prepares regular cash flows and management accounts. One of its key responsibilities is ensuring proper management of the Company's reserves and the assets of the Charitable portfolio. In this regard the day to day management is undertaken by Cazenove Capital Management, the wealth management arm of Schroders.

Cazenove is required to hold a diversified spread of assets, investing in a combination of equities, bonds, absolute return, property, commodities and cash. The effect is to reduce the effect of volatility in any one market. We also have some specific income requirements for the charity fund that we ask the manager to meet which is a further investment constraint. I am pleased to report the performance of the manager has been good with the Company portfolio producing a total return of +9.8% compared with the composite benchmark return of +8.3% for the year to 30th June, our last reporting date at the time of going to press. The Charity portfolio generated a total return of +8.8% over the same period. Over three years to 30th June 2014 the Company portfolio generated a total return of +22.4% compared with the composite benchmark return of +20.1% while the Charity portfolio generated a total return of +20.5% over the same period.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee, the Clerk, James Harman and our investment managers for all the work undertaken during the year.

Assistant William Hill

The Charitable Board

Since I last reported in the Court Circular, the Charitable Board has once again been able to approve donations of over £100,000 this year, thanks of course to the sterling efforts of the Fund Raising Committee and the continued generosity of our members in their regular giving and legacies. Our charitable funds have also benefited from the continued fortunes of the stock market and as at June stood at a little over £1.68m which has helped to generate a bigger income return to support the giving.

By far our biggest commitment remains to education and the help of those most deserving to move forward in their careers and lives. We will shortly have completed two years out of the originally agreed three year support for the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust. Our donation of £50,000 per annum is making significant help and we are pleased to see how this has made a difference to the number of young people they are able to assist in their apprenticeship scheme and the success rate of those going on to become qualified RICS members. Some of you may have been at the dinner at the beginning of July when two students who have benefitted from our bursary scheme spoke briefly about how our support had helped them. They spoke not only of the financial assistance we were able to give but also the opportunity the Company had been able to offer for work experience and the mentoring this

had then resulted in. A great example of how our giving is not always restricted to money. The bursary fund has continued to grow with specific fund raising events bringing it, at the time of writing, to over £310,000 and allowing us to continue supporting 12 students.

Our support of our four London schools continues through the work of the Education Committee and we have renewed our commitment to support the music initiative at Archbishop Tenison School for a further three years with an annual grant of £10,000.

Continuing on the education theme we also gave three further bursaries, one of £3,000 to a student at the Guildhall School of Music and the other two of £1,500 each to third year students studying at the Central Ballet School.

Elsewhere, we continued our support of Ironbridge Gorge Museum with a £2,500 grant specifically towards maintenance and improvement of the Estate Office at this world heritage site, the second payment in a three year commitment by the Trust.

We have also made a number of one off donations in these past twelve months with £3,000 to an education initiative at the Imperial War Museum, £5,000 towards the extension and refurbishment of the Guildhall School of Music, £2,500 towards the Spitalfields Music programme and £500 to the City of London Festival.

Lastly of course we should not forget our annual donation to the Lord Mayor's Appeal of £2,500 which in turn will, this year, help to support a cancer charity, a women offenders programme, the Princess Alice Appeal and Rayleigh International.

So, once again my thanks to all Liverymen in their support of our Charitable Trust. As hard as it continues to be to raise money the additional opportunities we have to give and support and the tangible difference and effect we can see this has had must surely make it worthwhile.

Assistant Ken Morgan



The Master pictured with Chelcie Amborrosio, one of our Bursaries from St. Saviour's & St. Olave's in Southwark, who is to study Finance & Accounting at LSE.



Fundraising Committee

I write this as the fundraising for this Livery year draws to a close and thus reflect on what has been achieved and the wonderful people who have given of their time or their wallets! Firstly though: what have we been up to?

This year has seen the hugely successful repeat of Liveryman Ralph Charlwood's football quiz which raised a very creditable £15,000 after costs. Ralph came up with the idea and organized the entire event singlehandedly, star! Not only was the event a huge success and very much enjoyed by all those who attended but it was comprised mainly of people outside the Livery. This has the great benefit of raising monies from those within or associated with the property industry but who are not Liverymen thus also raising the profile of the Company and its charitable aims.

Also this year, we held the inaugural Livery Masked Ball on 12th June 2014 at the Honorable Artillery Company in London, attended by 300 people and which raised over £25,000 after costs. This was a hugely enjoyable event with great entertainment, dancers, musicians, magicians, several bands and a splendid auction. The event is reported on elsewhere in the Circular so, suffice to say, it was a lot of fun and raised a goodly sum for our charitable funds.

Many people during the year made most generous contributions to our charitable funds and so thanks are due to them for their generosity; thank you.

Many Liverymen also give of their time and encouragement and I would like to thank a few of them who have extended both to the great benefit of our cause: Rob Bould, David Mann, Laurence Johnstone, Simon Camomile, Ralph Charlwood and, of course, our Clerk, Amanda Jackson deserves a special mention! Thank you most sincerely.

Over the past two years we have organized individual fundraising initiatives, skydiving, football quizzes, auctions, a ball, dining parties and a host of other smaller events. With so many calls on our time and money, it is difficult to always be on the quest to ask for such assistance. However, when one meets the recipients of our charitable help, one cannot be but impressed and humbled by them: they are amazing young people and truly deserve our help. They start out with not a lot!

Thank you most sincerely for your help and, after two years as Chair of the Fundraising Committee, I am delighted to pass the mantle over to Court Assistant Tony Joyce and wish him great success in his role as the new Chair.

Onwards and upwards with all sorts of events planned including the Tower Run in conjunction with Land Aid.

May the sun keep shining!
Assistant Duncan Moss

Education Committee

Through the enthusiasm and commitment of its Members the Education Committee has achieved a great deal over the past 12 months.

The relationship with the CSST has strengthened as the Livery approaches its second year of Sponsorship at the rate of £50,000 per annum subject to hurdle benchmarks being achieved. Of particular note is the surge in applications to over 1200 by candidates wishing to enter the surveying profession by way of an Apprenticeship rather than a University degree. As a result CSTT were able to take on 62 successful candidates with allocated work placements an increase of almost 300% over the previous year. The disappointing fact is that 400 applicants satisfied the criteria but lack of work placements limited the intake.

At the time of writing CSTT has already secured placements in excess of last year and could well hit the 100 mark before long. All this has been possible through the Livery's funding and securing the position with CSTT at the right time in the market as University education becomes an unviable option for many. CSTT has moved into positive cash flow for the first time this year despite increased costs of new students and back end funding by Government, again thanks to Livery support, a position which looked to be a difficult one to secure just 24 months ago. In essence CSTT and WCCS are on target, on programme and on budget.

As we move to the last year of funding, under the current memorandum of understanding between CSTT and WCCS, we will be looking to maintain and grow the Livery's apprenticeship scheme through assistance with increasing the number of Work Placements and promoting apprenticeships as a realistic and affordable opportunity for entry into the surveying profession.

Our work with apprenticeships has not meant the abandonment of our University bursary students. On the contrary, for the first time in over 6 years bursaries have been increased to £2,100 per student per annum. At the same time selection criteria have been amended and focussed on property based courses with greater flexibility on the amount students can receive depending on their circumstances. Further increases in bursary levels will be necessary as we catch up with the current cost regime of a University education and balance what we gift to CSTT on apprenticeships, once the current level of financial support comes to an end next year.

Our mentoring programme with the 4 schools supported by the Livery has been hugely successful thanks in no short measure by the work of John Fenner. We are now rolling it out into a second school from this year and hope to have at least one of the remaining schools in the Mentoring programme during the course of next year. However at a cost of £5,000 per mentoring scheme that will mean a commitment of £15,000 per annum by the end of 2015.

The work the Education Committee does in maintaining close links with the 4 adopted schools, CSTT, the bursary students and others is only possible because of the hard work of the Committee, other members of the Livery who give up their time and the Clerk who has always been a strong supporter and the glue with which our Education programme works so well despite the stresses and strains that arise. My thanks and indebtedness go to all who have made such a difference to so many recipients of our efforts who otherwise would have been overlooked and even abandoned. Well done to you all.

Senior Warden Graham Chase

The Court and Committees 2014-2015

THE COURT

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Lady Davies (Senior Warden)
William Hill (Junior Warden)
Laurence Johnstone (Past Master)
Rob Bould (Past Master)
Mickola Wilson (Past Master)
Roger Southam (Past Master)
David Barratt
James Bryer
Simon Camamile
Daniel Carter
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William Hill (Junior Warden & Chairman)
Graham Chase (Master)
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Elizabeth Edwards (Immediate Past Master)
Mark Larard (Chairman, Charitable Board)
Daniel Carter
John Woodman
Digby Flower

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Ken Morgan
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Sebastian Deckker
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Lorraine Baldry
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Property Marketing Awards

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Liz Peace
Trevor Goodman
Barry Gilbertson
Nick Hughes (co-opted)

Royal Charter WP

Simon Camamile (Chairman)
David Barratt
David Larkin
Laurence Johnstone
Duncan Moss

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If you are interested in becoming involved with the organisation of the Company and the work of the Committees, please contact the Clerk, Amanda Jackson.



A wonderful experience...

I am writing this note with mixed feelings. On the one hand, I have journeyed along a path which has been huge fun, an enormous privilege to have served the Company; on the other, an element of sadness because the year has gone quickly and by the time you read the Circular, I will be handing over the Badge of Honour to Graham.

To be elected Master of a Company is nothing like being Chairman of a normal committee. Our Company is linked to our profession, but it has deep roots in the City and all that goes with it. To be a part of history that has shaped international business, how we work and furthermore, how the world sees us, is a wonderful privilege to be a part of and I have undertaken my role and attended each function with pride. My family has been incredibly supportive and have also enjoyed their role, from my 6 year old step granddaughter, who attended the Lord Mayor's children's party, to Mike and my own two children, who accompanied me to the Royal Garden Party and other events. So many events are in my mind, from the most moving Musician's service last November at Westminster Cathedral, celebrating Britten's Centenary, with a stirring choral piece that he wrote whilst still a teenager, to visiting 135 Geographic Squadron and the Livery Companies' schools day which was to introduce our professions to many of the London schools that the Livery Company movement supports. One of the most precarious events of my year was the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake race: I was frankly too slow, as I realised that age and short legs went against me! I will stick to swimming ...



An additional thing I had not realised that I would enjoy so much was the Fellowship. We all talk about fellowship as part of our Oath when we become liverymen. I have made a number of friends throughout the year, both Masters and their partners as well as a number of organisations with whom I never would have made contact, if I had not become Master. I spent a memorable Friday afternoon on a tiny chair in a Primary School with a number of other City people, singing about tigers, as part of a Spitalfields Music initiative: huge fun. The visit to Treloars is well documented by past Masters and the annual visit was no less moving than I expected it to be; these young people have so much energy and tenacity: despite their disabilities, they want to be part of Society and it was a salutary experience. The Masked Ball must be singled out for mention: Duncan Moss volunteered to arrange a Ball for me. I hope that I haven't deterred him, but he did a fantastic job and I am so grateful to him. It was an evening that will be remembered for some time and we also raised a lot of money for our charitable giving, which was wonderful!

The other side of having fun has been Court Meetings, which are necessary and I hope that I have managed to bring the Court along with me, even when there were times of serious discussion. I would add that my Wardens and Clerk have been enormously supportive. Thank you to you all. I know I have cajoled you all at times, but I wanted to achieve certain things and I am delighted to say that we have: we will have accommodation with the Apothecaries' as from Autumn 2014, something I know we have been trying to achieve for some time now, which will provide us with a good City headquarters for the next few years.

I have enjoyed meeting many liverymen, both new as well as some who may not have been so involved in recent years. The key to enjoyment is participation. We all have demands on our time, but if you only invest a bit of time in our Company, the benefits that you can reap are many times more. Even if you attended a social function or a dinner, or you read this article: get involved. It is a privilege and so worthwhile.

Elizabeth Edwards. Master 2013-14

Livery Events 2014-15

20 October 2014

Installation Dinner - Guildhall Livery Hall

8 November 2013/4

Lord Mayor's Show

10 November 2014

Open Hall (carvery) Lunch -
Haberdashers' Hall

15 December 2014

Carol Service - St Lawrence Jewry

22 January 2015

GSMD Music Competition. Silk Street.

26 January 2015

Court & Livery Dinner - Goldsmiths' Hall

16 March 2015

Spring Livery Dinner - Carpenters' Hall

20 March 2015

United Guilds' Service - St Paul's

17 April 2015

Lunch for Allied Livery Companies -
Apothecaries' Hall

18 May 2015

Open Hall (carvery) lunch -
Haberdashers' Hall

June 2015

RICS/WCCS Conference

June 2015

Livery Golf Day - Woking

24 June 2015

Election of Sheriffs - Guildhall

25 June 2015

PMA Awards - Royal College of General
Practitioners

8 July 2015

Court & Master's Little Curry Evening

29 September 2015

Election of Lord Mayor - Guildhall

19 October Installation Dinner -

Drapers' Hall

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