



THE COURT CIRCULAR 2017

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY
OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS

*One of the great
modern Livery Companies*



The Master Elect



May I thank you in anticipation, for your continued support of our Worshipful Company during my year as Master and for appointing me to take on this important role.

When I think back, and consider the past Masters that I have served under over many years, it is with some trepidation that I approach my installation on 26th October 2017, especially following on from my predecessor William Hill.

What a great year William has had and if I were to put my finger on a couple of achievements, I guess the most memorable would be his compassion for Treloar's (college for disabled students), which culminated in our gift of £100,000 to enable them to order a specially adapted coach for the severely handicapped. This will make an immeasurable difference to these students' lives. (There is still an opportunity for you to donate to this; please do your bit.)

The second achievement of note must be the development, with committee and Court support of a ten-year business plan. In the past we have had very good plans but these only extended to three years. William in this 40th anniversary year felt that it was important to look ahead to our fiftieth anniversary.

Looking forward, I am encouraged by our strong committees, outstanding Liverymen and especially having the support of two of the property professions industry leaders as Senior and Junior Warden, namely Digby Flower and John Woodman respectively. Together, I am convinced that we can continue to strengthen the development and status of our Livery Company. I cannot mention everyone by name, however I must highlight the glue that keeps the elements together in the form of our very able and industrious Clerk, Amanda Jackson, without whom chaos might ensue.

Every Master steers our Company in varied ways, influenced by their background and personality. In my year I would like us to take stock and to have fun! So if you have any fun ideas, please let me know. We have many fixed events such as the Property Marketing Awards and the Pub Quiz and this year we are hoping to have a Comedy lunch together with several other smaller events. Please support them; this is YOUR Company. We are in this together. At our events it is such a joy to get together and share fellowship.

Looking further ahead we also need to think of whom we might invite to join us as new Liverymen in this wonderful Company. Our applicants really need to be high calibre property professionals who are prepared to invest in our Company. As we all know from experience, the more we put in, the more we get out. Thank you all again for your confidence in me as Master, and I promise that I will do my utmost to serve you well.

Master Elect Tony Joyce

The Trial of the Pyx

The City of London's calendar is crammed with little known events which have long historical associations and the Trial of the Pyx is one of the more important ones.

This is a formal trial adjudicated by the Queen's Remembrancer with a jury of "twelve of the more discreet and lawful men of the City of London" and delivery of a verdict...but who or what is on trial here?

The answer is the output of the Royal Mint, the Queen's coinage in a ceremony instigated by Henry II soon after his coronation in 1154 in an attempt to exert some quality control into the currency which had been much debased by the substitution of metals as well as clipping and shaving by the forgers.



Early trials were held in Westminster Hall though it was Queen Elizabeth I who directed the responsibility to "My friends The Wardens of the Mystery of Goldsmiths of The City of London" and in 1870 The Goldsmiths' Hall became the venue for the Trial and remains so today.

So in January each year you may attend Goldsmiths' Hall to witness the opening of the Trial with some historic observations by the Queen's Remembrancer and watch the jury select the coins to be sent for assaying whilst engaging with staff from The Royal Mint (much Welsh lilt) who bring along a superb selection of coinage including special pressings and metal bars of every variety.

Following the checking of the selected coins at The Assay Office the Court is reconvened around May when the verdict is delivered by the jury to the Queen's Remembrancer in the presence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer or his representative.

I recommend this occasion and tickets are free and easily available by e-mailing The Goldsmiths in plenty of time.

And finally why Pyx?.....Simply the name given to the boxes in which the coins are transported which derives from the Pyx chamber in Westminster Abbey where historically the boxes were stored.

Assistant Clwyd Roberts

Treloar Bus Sponsorship

On 8th March Caroline and I joined around 40 other Masters and consorts to support a visit by the Lord Mayor to Treloar's. Treloar's is a school and college for students with profound physical disabilities. It was founded by a previous Lord Mayor in 1907 and has retained its close links with the City. It is truly an amazing place. It provides education, care, therapy, medical support, independence training and aims to prepare its students for adult life, giving them the confidence and skills to achieve their full potential.

It has a Nursery and School (from 2 to 19 years) and a College (from 16 to 25 years). In School it has a target that every student leaves with at least one nationally recognised qualification. In College the aim is to enable all leavers to achieve their long-term goals of a more independent life and make a meaningful contribution to their community, including Higher Education and employment.

The severity and complexity of the disabilities that the students have at Treloar's means that 98% who live and attend the School and College rely heavily on their wheelchairs to go about their day. Leaving campus is a challenge. Whether it's going shopping, heading out on a school trip, going to the local college for their A-Level courses, attending work experience or going to medical appointments, the young children and adults require suitable transport to get them from A to B.

The Master presents the Livery's largest charity donation to Treloar's - a cheque for £100,000.



A decade ago most of the students used manual wheelchairs or were ambulant and therefore did not require such advanced transport but now their vehicles need to carry heavy electric wheelchairs, communication devices, medication kits, oxygen tanks, more support staff such as carers, physiotherapists, and medical staff and other vital pieces of equipment that the children and young people need to function.

During our visit we heard that Treloar's had launched an appeal for a state of the art coach to address the problem. The day after the Charity Committee met to discuss what would be a suitable project to mark our 40th Anniversary. Having explained the need at Treloar's for the coach there was an immediate response that this was something we should support and do so significantly.

A donation of £100,000 would be sufficient for them to put the coach on order and save many months of fund raising during which the children would still be missing out. On 24th April I handed over a cheque for this amount and made the most significant single donation in our Company's history. There is no doubt in my mind that this will change the lives for the better of some very special young people and as a Company we can be very proud of this achievement.

Master William Hill

40th Anniversary Spring Livery Dinner

A truly splendid occasion; there are few more impressive venues than the Livery Hall in Fishmongers' Hall and the Company packed it to capacity on 28 March to celebrate the Company's 40th Anniversary (in May 2017) Spring Livery Dinner.

The Father of the Company, Past Master Alan Gillett, delivered a specially written Grace and Alderman and Sheriff Peter Estlin, the Master and the Rt Hon, Sir Hugh Robertson, KCMG, PC, DL were the speakers.

The Master particularly welcomed representatives from the Company affiliated units of the Armed Forces and referred to Past Masters Alan Gillett and Stuart Hibberdine, who had been present at the Company's inaugural lunch in the Mansion House in May 1977.

In addition to presenting the Sheriff with the Company's annual donation of £2500 to the Lord Mayor's Appeal and referring to a donation of £3000 which the Company would shortly make to 135 Squadron, 42 Regiment, the Master announced that the Trustees had agreed a donation of £100,000 to Treloar Trust to assist in the purchase of a specially adapted coach for transporting their students outside Treloar College. This donation, the largest the Company had ever made, would be taken from existing charitable funds and the Master said it was his intention to invite all Liverymen to contribute £400 each, either as a one-off donation or over three years, to mark the Company's 40th anniversary and replenish the Trust reserves. This announcement received the accolade it deserved from those present.

Altogether it was an excellent evening, filled with good cheer and enthusiasm and showed the Company to be in good heart and of sound mind. It was memorable for me too as it marked the 30th Anniversary of my appointment as Clerk to the Company.

Amanda Jackson Clerk

Installation Dinner of Master William Hill



Common Hall, in one of the finest of the City's Livery Halls, and belonging to The Goldsmiths, on Monday 24th October 2016 saw the installation of our 40th Master William A. Hill, Senior Warden Daniel R.E. Carter and Junior Warden Tony Joyce.

The Goldsmiths were granted their Royal Charter in 1327 and their Hall has been located on the same site since 1339, the longest of any Guild or Livery Company. The current Hall, the third on the site was designed by Philip Hardwick and completed in 1835.

A tour of Common Hall was followed by the installation dinner, attended by over 200 members of the Company and guests in the magnificent Livery Hall, which boasts Corinthian columns and a richly decorated ceiling in gold leaf.

The event was a first for the Company on two counts, the first time in our History when the new Master William Hill followed in the footsteps of his father Sir Brian Hill, who was Master 22 years earlier and secondly, when the Master's wife Caroline Hill took to the stage to accompany Guildhall School musicians in renditions from The Phantom of the Opera.

The toast to The Company was proposed by Amanda Clack President of RICS, who highlighted skills shortages in the profession and encouraged us to continue being role models developing new talent citing our outgoing Master Lady Davies

as an inspiration to female surveyors and our work with CSTT in developing the apprenticeship programme.

In reply the Master praised the ongoing close relationship between WCCS and RICS and also gave fulsome thanks to Lady Davies for all the hard work during her year in office and acknowledged it would be impossible for his size 14 to follow in her size 2 footsteps.

Thanking all who had attended and made the evening possible, he observed that the singing lessons he had bought Caroline many years ago had certainly borne surprising fruit on the evening of his installation.

The speeches were concluded with the hilarious contribution of the Rev Canon Ann Easter, Queen's Chaplain, Newham resident and presenter of 'Pause for Thought' on radio 2. Her discreet reference to her role as Queen's chaplain, recollections of various East End funerals and confirmation that Terry Wogan didn't wear a wig was a true reflection of her broad experience and appeal.

My own evening was enhanced by hosting The Chief Commoner Michael Welbank MBE who told me the insider tale of the Ford Cortina found when recently dredging one of the Hampstead ponds...intriguing!!

Assistant Clwyd Roberts

WCCS Master Chef Cooking Evening

A group of budding Gordon Ramsays and Nigela Lawsons gathered at L'Atelier des Chefs near St Paul's on 11 May for the first ever Livery Master Chef Cooking Evening.

Resplendent in our WCCS branded aprons (available to buy via the Company's website: www.surveyorslivery.org.uk/merchandise), we were separated into two teams, as our Chef Al, would be awarding points for cleanliness, taste and not asking stupid questions which made the occasion even more serious. Not that Surveyors are ever over competitive!!!

Chef skilfully guided us through chopping, dicing, blending and folding our ingredients until each team has produced its own take on our menu of:

- Verrine of garlicky prawns, chunky guacamole and smoked paprika aioli
- Lamb leg steak, crushed white beans, red pepper pesto
- Mediterranean Chocolate cake with Greek yoghurt

Like Keith Floyd we were allowed a few glasses of wine during the cooking phase. Voilà - our culinary skills were rewarded by us sitting down and eating the fruits of our labour.

Chef then announced the winning team; Team 2 of Simon Camamile, Sally Leonard, Chris Horler, David Reynolds, Bill & Erika Gloyn beat Team 1 of the Master & Caroline, Roger Southam, Robert Kendall, Glen Eve and David Mann.

Inter-Livery Pancake Race

The sun once again graced the Guildhall Courtyard on Tuesday, Feb.28 for the 13th annual pancake tossing competition, this year dedicated to the memory of Poulter's Past Master David Jackson (1945-2016); it was David's inspiration to create the event in 2005, with the vision of "Let's crack some Poulter's Eggs and have some fun!!!"

And fun was certainly had by all; proceedings were commenced with the Lord Mayor and Senior Alderman having a pancake height tossing competition (won by the Master Poulter), followed by the highly competitive Masters Race. Our own Master sped to victory in his heat with some nimble footwork, ably supported by his wife Caroline, who competed in the ladies race; yours truly also made it through to the final of the Liveryman's race only to be pipped to victory by a very fast brick maker! Maybe next year?

Proceedings then moved inside to the warmth of the Guildhall and a well deserved lunch, including pancakes (of course!). A flipping great achievement all round!

Court Assistant David AG Reynolds

Focus on the Education Committee

The role of the Education Committee is to promote Surveying as a career specifically to our partner schools but also to a wider audience throughout the Livery community.

Our long association with our partner schools, Archbishop Tenison, St Saviours & St Olaves, Central Foundation and Robert Clack is the focus of our activity and throughout the academic year we regularly attend the schools careers and mock interview events which, as many a Liveryman will testify is a very rewarding experience.

The schools face multiple challenges and the experience of keen, eager and bright pupils meeting Liverymen to explore career options they might not otherwise hear of is highly valued by the pupils and especially the teaching staff all of whom greatly appreciate our efforts.

We also invite the pupils to off site events in the City and beyond to broaden their outlook and introduce an understanding of the workings of modern business and the opportunities especially in Property which are literally on their doorstep.

We offer an annual Graduate bursary to each of the schools and whilst we have had some success attracting Surveying applicants we wish to do better and one area where we can improve is placements/work shadowing.

We have made many careers presentations where inspired pupils have followed up with a perfectly reasonable request for a short spell of work experience. We are indebted to Savills who have accommodated a great number of these requests in the past though hope to spread the load amongst members and will in the Autumn be undertaking a survey in the hope of adding to the placement opportunities available to us.



In the wider Livery community we are one of the Great 12 though we haven't shot up the Livery league, this relates to our being the 12th Livery Company to join the Livery Schools Link volunteering platform.

This is a digital platform along the lines of speed dating where schools requiring careers speakers in any industry can access the site and invite local Liverymen who have volunteered to visit their schools for this purpose...as the platform grows this will bring us a wider audience and hopefully involve our wider membership in our education objectives.

We are working with the RICS to develop an online toolkit to assist school visits and any member who hasn't received details of how to volunteer please contact either Amanda or myself.

Assistant Clwyd Roberts
Chairman Education Committee



Property Marketing Awards 2017

Independent brand consultancy NextBigThing won the top award at a lively event held in June to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Livery Company's Property Marketing Awards.

The Jury were unanimous in their verdict on the ambitious campaign and memorable submission, involving yoga pants and a bilge pump, for the Paddington Central development. On the night the campaign also won Best Creative Element, a new PMA category for 2017, and Best Marketing Campaign for a London Office.

Other big winners at the ceremony, expertly hosted by BBC Breakfast's Naga Munchetty, included SEGRO plc who picked up the coveted trophy for Property Marketing Team of the Year, presented by the Worshipful Master, William Hill.

SEGRO also won the award for Best Marketing Campaign: Retail, Industrial and Logistics for their Slough Trading Estate campaign.

The not-for-profit awards, which this year raised almost £18,000 for good causes, 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 the year.

The categories are judged by an independent panel of marketing professionals at the top of their respective fields, led by Thomas Brown, Founder of ThinkStuff.

Also celebrating at the well-attended evening in 30 Euston Square were TFT Consultants who won the EG Front Cover of the Year Award presented by magazine editor Damian Wild.

The 2017 Jury - Thomas Brown (Jury Chair), Mark Bell, Simon Daggett, Emma Hill, Freddie Hospedale, Markus Kramer, Freddie Ossberg, Julian Robinson and Jane Rosier.



Royal Charter

Throughout the centuries the rights and privileges of the ancient Livery Companies were granted by Royal Charter often at a price depending on the fiscal needs of the Monarch, the earliest record of which being that granted to the Weavers Company in 1155.

Our own Charter was granted in 2016 and presented by the Windsor Herald of

Arms to Lady Davies at the Midsummer Banquet. Clause 3 of which... 'empowers and requires us to exercise the role of a Livery Company within the tradition of the City of London and make provision for lectureships, bursaries, prizes and grants'.

As announced by Amanda Clack President of RICS at the October Installation Dinner agreement was reached between WCCS and RICS, that the Charter be given a permanent

home in the library of RICS HQ in Great George St and it was there we gathered with some pride on 21st November 2016, for the unveiling by Amanda and our Master, William Hill.

The Charter is a very impressive document worthy of inspection and will serve as a permanent reminder of the close links between WCCS and RICS... and dare I say, a rather magnificent recruiting poster for our Livery.
Assistant Clwyd Roberts



PMA 2018 will be open for online entries from January 2018. Follow the awards on Twitter @PropMarAwards. More info at - www.propertymarketingawards.co.uk

Assistant Colin Peacock

Inter Livery Company Clay Pigeon Shoot 2017

17th May 2017 saw the Company put out two teams for 24th Annual Inter Livery Company clay pigeon shoot. Held at the wonderful grounds of Holland & Holland in Middlesex, the day is attended by over 400 guns in four man teams representing over 55 Livery Companies. The guns battle it out over 10 stands including a High tower.

The event has been a huge fund raiser for Charity, all nominated by the participating teams.

The Chartered Surveyors A team recorded their best result ever finishing 4th in the Livery section and 5th overall with a score of 308. The winners, The Gunmakers (well who else ?) scored 351. The team comprised of David Tuffin, Guy Bonser (in absentia), Tom Dunn and Jonathan Wallach. Guy Bonser came an impressive 9th in the Individual stakes with a score of 68, thanks to the other three taking turns for him!

Team B ably led by Brian Lamden together with Ted Muxworthy, Andrew Bishop and Stuart Nightingale, came further down the board. Well alright then, 57th out of a total of 76.

An enjoyable day was had by all despite the torrential rain which fell for the first 3 stands, finishing in sunny weather for the lunch and prize giving which was held in a marquee in the grounds. Please contact Ken Morgan if you are interested in participating next year.

Ken who was unfortunately absent from this year's event, will no doubt wish to take up his A team place again to prove that our best ever result is purely coincidental and can be repeated!
Liveryman Ted Muxworthy

Port Tasting Evening

The WCCS were invited by Jonathan Wallach and Bernard Horning to a Vintage Port tasting, which was hosted by Ligia Marques from SOGRAPE, the current owners of Sandeman, in the Chetwode Room at the Cavalry & Guards Club.

Twenty eight of us enjoyed tasting 6 different Sandeman Vintage Ports, expertly presented by Ligia Marques who had flown over from Oporto that day. In addition to enjoying this delicious wine from Portugal, the Club provided an assortment of Charcuterie and cheese.

It was a memorable evening from the moment we were greeted with a White Port and Tonic aperitif, to enjoying the last sip of Vintage Port.

Liveryman Jonathan Wallach



Our host for the evening, Ligia Marques, provided expert tasting notes.

Gone Fishing

The Avon Springs fishery at Durrington lies deep in the heart of rural Wiltshire. It is an attractive and tranquil location on the River Avon.

The two lakes and nearly 1 mile of chalkstream river fishing were reserved exclusively for us. It was here on Friday 9 June, the day of the General Election results, we eschewed politics and in near perfect conditions enjoyed a day's fly-fishing for trout.

The coveted Baker Trophy was awarded to Senior Warden Digby Flower captor of the largest fish, a 6 lb 3 oz rainbow trout. Next year has been booked for Friday 8 June.

It is primarily a fun day for fellow professionals with a common interest in fly-fishing. With all the features of a corporate day out, it is an ideal event at which to entertain and get to know a client at very moderate cost.

Liveryman David Marsh

Under Starters Orders

On 25th May around 30 Liverymen and friends met in the Eclipse Suite at Sandown Park for a fantastic evening of racing.

The evening was the first event of our new WCCS racing club. David Crosse, a jump jockey, and Charlie Mann, the trainer entertained us with racing stories, marked our card and took us for a trip to see the start of a race alongside the starting stalls. After racing we were taken into the hallowed corridors of the weighing room and jockeys' changing room. We also had a display of jockeys' equipment and one brave lady got a whack on the bottom as part of the whip demonstration!

The WCCS racing club has purchased one share of 25 in a syndicate put together by Charlie Mann to buy 4 jumpers. We have subdivided this into 20 and nearly all have now been taken at £500 each with no further calls unless the syndicate keeps the horses in training next year. Anyone still interested should get in touch with me as soon as possible.

We had our second event on 24th September with a very enjoyable visit to Charlie Mann's stables in Upper Lambourn. Each of the 4 horses bought by the syndicate was paraded in front of us. The Ogle Goggle Man was first up followed by



Zen Master, Lion Dancer and then the mare, Welcome Polly. All were looking fit and healthy and are expected to be on the race course shortly. Following the parade we had a guided tour of the stables and met some of the stable stars. We finished with a fantastic Sunday pub lunch at a racing pub down the road.

Master William Hill



135 Geographic Squadron ROYAL ENGINEERS

135 Sqn have a number of roles: Geospatial Information Dissemination (GID), survey, geospatial analysis and in the future bulk reproduction of mapping. The Sqn continues to provide geo support to the Army, Defence and wider Government

The Sqn has a constant remit to provide geo support when required to the following customers-

- Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), in support of NATO, ARRC is the force that provides the NATO Reaction Force at high readiness for NATO in 2017, and at a lower readiness for 2018.
- VANGUARD – support to a UK Divisional deployment
- Wider Defence

The main focus of Sqn activity for this year has been training, preparation and final capability testing in the form of ARRCAD E GLOBE. ARRCAD E GLOBE was a multinational confirmatory Geospatial exercise to prove that NRF 17 was ready for deployment.

Training

Training year 17/18 was designated NRF17 response year, and so the majority of the training was designed to support that aim. Additional non NRF17 training involved personnel concentrating on attending technical, command and leadership courses as required for career development and promotion.

In addition to the above courses we have delivered an Advanced Geo trade course, a Battlefield Study to Passchendaele, a driver training concentration consisting of vehicle license acquisition, vehicle familiarisation and cross country driving to ensure that personnel are able to deploy in the GID role driving large MAN SV trucks.

The 4 Day Battlefield Study included the study of terrain and its military implications, tactics of the day, and remembrance at cemeteries. The Royal Engineers were heavily involved both in tunnelling and cratering as well as mapping. The study culminated in the presentation of a wreath as part of the nightly Menin Gate ceremony. The look forward encompasses a live task in Cyprus, further surveying and GID technical training, preparation and attendance of ARRC exercises and upon arrival of the new Bulk reproduction capability, training in this new role. We also look forward to newly refurbished Troop lines at Reading in 2019.

The Sqn appreciates the close bond between the WCCS and the Sqn, and was delighted to host the WCCS Master and Military Representative at our Endeavour Award Dinner, where we dined with key Sqn members, but most importantly honoured the achievement of Cpl Hewlett, the current award holder.

We are always looking for pre-trained geospatial professionals and surveyors, and have options for you to join as Geo Vocational Specialists which requires less of your time, but still enables you to be involved in support to Defence and wider partners. So if you are interested please let us know.

Major N Archer | OC 135 Sqn, 42 Regt

7010 Squadron AIR FORCE

Change of Command

Sqn Ldr J M H Aslin VR RAuxAF assumed temporary command of 7010 (VR) Sqn with effect from 1 Mar 17. Sqn Ldr Aslin replaces AVSqn Ldr N M Gray, and will remain in post until the appointment of a new Commanding Officer on Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) terms.

Mobilization and Operational Output

The mobilization of 7010 Sqn personnel into Royal Air Force service continued during the period, with 6 Sqn members mobilized within the UK and 2 personnel mobilized overseas. Manning of these posts remains a top priority for the Squadron. Operational output has also continued from the monthly training weekends at both of the Sqn's Continuous Training Locations.

Imagery Analysis Training

A group of five 7010 Sqn personnel continued their monthly attendance on Reserve Forces Imagery Analysis Course (RFIAC) 2/16 at DISC Chicksands. The RFIAC course provides the fundamental trade training for reserve imagery analysts.

Rowing Success

Congratulations to 7010 Sqn member SAC Lou Elkington who came first in the Head of the Nene race on 4 Feb 17, as a member of the RAF Women's Coxed Fours team.

Maj C T J Wasilewski RE | Officer Commanding
M J Flory Flt Lt 7010 (VR) PI Sqn | RAuxAF

HMS Echo

On 25 August a small group of Liverymen joined the company of our affiliated RN ship HMS Echo for the final leg of her current tour of duty. Our party comprised the Master Elect Tony Joyce, Past Masters Laurence Johnstone and Mickola Wilson plus Liverymen Max Crofts and George Scott (regrettably the Master was unable to join the group on this occasion).

An offshore passage from Devonport (Plymouth) to Falmouth ensured that our group gained at first hand an appreciation of nautical skills as well as an insight into some of the important but challenging work which Echo has recently undertaken in the Mediterranean.

An early high point of the day was our group being invited on to the ship's bridge to witness the skills involved in leaving the dockside mooring, especially as Echo had been tied up alongside a nuclear submarine! Other treats included firefighting and weaponry demonstrations, two dolphin-school sightings and also our own team being invited to present awards to three members of the ship's company. We were made very welcome by the Echo team and had a superb passage to Falmouth in fine weather and on calm seas. The day had many special aspects not least of which was the feeling of fellowship with our affiliated ship's company as well as amongst the Liverymen present. Just before entering Falmouth harbour and with Commanding Officer Andrew Norgate's encouragement, Past Master Johnstone delivered a short speech to the entire ship's company and other guests on the foredeck sincerely thanking our hosts for their hospitality and saying how proud the Livery Company is to be associated with the ship.

It is very clear our support to Echo is hugely valued by the Ship's company and that our bonds are very much alive and thriving.

Cdr P R Newell RN | Commanding Officer | HMS ECHO

Another eventful year





1880 and all that – A close call for The Livery Movement

From their inception in the 10th Century, Guilds or Livery Companies as they became known developed effective monopolies overseeing quality control, education, training and welfare provision to the various trades they represented...a curious mix of current day trade body and trade union.

As the City expanded so did the Livery Companies enabling the City of London to retain a degree of independence from the Crown, and subsequent investment in overseas expansion directly and through the merchant venture companies brought untold wealth to the Livery movement.

However, as London expanded beyond the City walls, Livery Companies began to lose control of their founding trades and crafts and throughout the Tudor and Stuart monarchies many calls were made on their wealth to finance the Royal whim of the day...indeed, many Livery Companies operate under renewed Charters from that period for which large sums were paid.

Though of less relevance and belonging to a movement in decline many Livery Companies retained immense wealth and due to the religious, political and social reforms of the 18th &

19th Centuries calls were made for Livery Company reform culminating in the 1880 Royal Commission of Enquiry.

In all probability a politically inspired enquiry with half an eye on seizing the vast accumulated wealth of the Livery Companies, the 4 year investigation did however vindicate their role in “the stewardship of charitable funds and contribution to education, social science and human progress” though reform was required to survive.

The middle ages were gone and Livery Companies needed to embrace the modern world and its “altered circumstances and necessities”. This actually led to many Livery Companies renewing their links to their founding trades and crafts and with the advent of the modern Livery Companies in the 20th Century the movement not only survived but thrived.

Indeed, in addition to their Governance and Policy roles, it is currently estimated that Livery Companies contribute in the region of £50m per annum in charitable donations.

Assistant Clwyd Roberts

Musical Competition at The Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Over the years I have been lucky enough to attend quite a few of our GSMD musical competitions but this year's, held on 9th May, was to my mind the best ever.

Our Master had chosen vocal performances and had asked the competitors to include an element of “music from theatre” within their repertoires. This request was very well complied with and we were treated to a fantastic and thoroughly entertaining mix of operatic, classical and modern music including a number of “songs from the shows”.

To my somewhat untutored ear, the standard of performance seemed incredibly high. This view was affirmed by the single adjudicator, Scottish soprano Janis Kelly, who herself performs at the Royal Opera and teaches at the Royal College of Music.

There were 5 highly talented singers competing, each with a musical accompanist. We, the Company, provide two prizes. The first is professionally adjudicated which was won by Isabelle Peters. The people's prize voted by the audience went to Claire Lees.

The event was well attended by “regulars” from the Livery as well as by friends and supporters of the competitors but there was plenty room for more.

With free drinks preceding an evening of musical performance this event should be a “must” in the diaries of any of our Liverymen who enjoy listening to live music of exceptional quality. We are so lucky to be linked in this way with the GSMD and long may this last!

Past Master Laurence Johnstone



The Court and Committees 2017-2018

The Court

Tony Joyce - Master
Digby Flower - Senior Warden
John Woodman - Junior Warden
Ken Morgan - Renter Warden

Roger Southam - Past Master
Elizabeth Edwards - Past Master
Professor Graham Chase - Past Master
Lady Davies - Past Master
William Hill - Past Master

Antonia Belcher
James Bryer
Hugh Bullock
Simon Camamile
Ralph Charlwood
Amanda Clack
Elizabeth de Burgh Sidley
John Fenner, OBE
James Gillett
Dr Ann Heywood
David Jinks
Mark Larard
Colin Peacock
Duncan Preston
David Reynolds
Clwyd Roberts
Alistair Subba Row
Roger Watts
Simon Waugh
James Young

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Digby Flower - Senior Warden & Chairman
Tony Joyce - Master
John Woodman - Junior Warden
William Hill - Immediate Past Master
Roger Watts - Chairman, Charity Committee
Ken Morgan - Renter Warden

Elections Committee

Elizabeth Edwards - Chairman
Tony Joyce - Master
Digby Flower - Senior Warden
John Woodman - Junior Warden
William Hill - Immediate Past Master
Antonia Belcher

Charity Committee

Roger Watts - Chairman
Alistair Subba Row - Vice Chairman – with responsibility for fundraising
Tony Joyce - Master
Digby Flower - Senior Warden
John Woodman - Junior Warden
William Hill - CSTT liaison
Clwyd Roberts - Chairman of Education Committee
Gareth Hird
James Bryer
James Gillett
Alison McDonald

Marketing & Communications Committee

David Jinks - Chairman
James Young - Vice-Chairman
Tony Joyce - Master
Digby Flower - Senior Warden
John Woodman - Junior Warden
David A G Reynolds - Armed Forces Liaison
Colin Peacock - PMA liaison
Simon Camamile
Sally Leonard
David Mann
Ted Muxworthy
Jonathan Wallach
Andrew Ellingworth
Stuart Jenkin
Helen Pickstock

Education Committee

Clwyd Roberts - Chairman
John Fenner - Vice-Chairman
Tony Joyce - Master
Digby Flower - Senior Warden
Ann Heywood
Robert Burke
Samantha Rowland
George Copeman
Yvonne Simpson
Ema Saunders
Neil Parlett

Property Marketing Awards

Colin Peacock - Chairman
Rachel Puzey
Antonia Belcher
David Bianco
Alexander Nicoll
Robert Hannington
Mickola Wilson
Tom Foulkes (co-opted)
John Williams (co-opted)

New Members

Jenny Buck
Mike Cuthbert
Richard Davies
Stuart Jenkin
Alison McDonald
Gary McNamara
Stuart Nightingale
Neil Parlett
Dundan Peake
Ema Saunders
Paul Brundage
Martin Sheppard
David Boyne

Resignations

Rebecca Archer
Jane Ballantyne
Harold Crouch
Steven Dix
Sara Ensor
Barry Gilbertson
Tony Goodens
Helen Gough
Peter McCrea
Peter Mitchell
Matthew Molloy
Derek Reddin-Clancy
John Richards
Alex Schatunowski
Leo Walters
Nigel Waring

Deaths

Robin Bishop
Jeff Mathieson
Brian Shepherd

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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 year...



Some 12 months ago I was honoured to be made the Company's 40th Master. The installation dinner at the Goldsmiths' Hall was a very special occasion, as I was surrounded by a large number of family and friends. The evening was made all the more memorable when Caroline sang a surprise duet as part of the musical interlude.

In my speech to Common Hall I explained that I was keen to bring the Livery Company closer to the

profession. I was therefore very pleased that Amanda Clack, an outstanding RICS President, was able to give the principal speech at the installation dinner. Our fantastic illuminated Royal Charter now hangs in the RICS library for all members to see and we are working with the Institution promoting property in the City. My last duty in office will be sitting on an RICS platform to discuss the results of their Q3 commercial property survey.

The Court, through a small working party that I have helped lead, has been looking at a business plan to take us forward from 40 to our 50th anniversary. There is more work to do and I have accepted an invitation from the Master Elect to chair this work next year. However, one thing we will put in place immediately is the establishment of a property committee. This will have a focus on providing more property related activities and increasing the profile of property in the City. To that regard, I am pleased to report that the Company has been admitted to the hugely influential Financial Services Group of Livery Companies where I will become our first representative on that committee.

One of my other themes was helping young people achieve their potential. In saying this I mainly had in mind the work of CSTT in promoting and managing apprenticeships. This has been very successful and following a partnership with UCEM we have seen a significant increase in uptake. I also had in mind our donation to the Land Aid project for helping homeless people. What I did not anticipate was what would happen when I attended, with the Lord Mayor, an open day at Treloar's School and College.

I am very grateful for the 100 plus members of the Company who have responded so generously to our 40th anniversary fund raising appeal in response to our donation to Treloar's for their new coach. I would also like to thank Colin Peacock for another successful fund-raising PMA and to Mayfair Capital for dedicating their annual quiz night to fund raising for the Charitable Trust.

The traditional Spring Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall in March was a great occasion shared with our military affiliates and a packed hall of liverymen. We had a carpet guard from our Sea Cadets and Sheriff Peter Estlin and Sir Hugh Robertson entertain together with the Royal Yeomanry Band.

We have tried to ring a few changes in the events this year. I think all who attended the card playing supper in January and the lecture given by Ken Shuttleworth ahead of supper at the Barber-Surgeons' Hall enjoyed the reduced formality. We have dipped our toes into other things as well including port and chocolate tasting, a Master Chef cooking evening, a trip to Phantom, our music competition at Guildhall School of Music and a production of Crazy for You, the ballet, a Bloomsbury Walk and an evening at the races.

Away from our own activities I have had a full programme of events representing the Company in the City and as far away as Liverpool. I have been hugely privileged to attend some very special occasions which are all detailed on my blog. The highlight though was being the only Master presented to Her Majesty the Queen at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

I cannot sign off my year without thanking Caroline, the Wardens, the Committee chairs and the members of the Court and of course the wider Livery for all their encouragement and support. Amanda, our Clerk, has been immense as ever and celebrated her 30th year of service during the year. It has been a pleasure working with her and the Beadles - Jimmy and Mark. Cindy, the Assistant Clerk, and Michael who has taken some fantastic photographs also deserve a mention!

Master William Hill

Livery Events 2017-18

26 October 2017

Common Hall & Installation Dinner
Drapers' Hall

11 November 2017

Lord Mayor's Show

12 November 2017

Remembrance Parade, Ewell

18 December 2017

Carol Service - St Lawrence Jewry

30 January 2018

Informal Court & Livery Dinner
(lounge suits) Armourers' Hall

22 February 2018

Inter Livery Swimathon
RAC Epsom

16 March 2018

United Guilds' Service -
St Paul's Cathedral

19 March 2018

Spring Livery Dinner
Merchant Taylors' Hall

30 April 2018

GSMD Vocal Competition
GSMD Silk St.

8 June 2018

Livery Fishing Day

18 June 2018

Livery Golf Day - Woking Golf Club

28 June 2018

PMA Awards - Royal College of
General Practitioners

25 June 2018

Election of Sheriffs - Guildhall

4 July 2018

Informal Court & Partners Dinner -
Innholders' Hall

28 September 2018

Election of Lord Mayor - Guildhall

23 October 2018

Quarterly Court Meeting and
Installation Dinner - Fishmongers' Hall

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