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Two weeks into my term as Master, it was pointed out that I would need to produce a report at the end of my year. I admit I did not take too much notice of this reminder, thinking it somewhat premature. How could I contemplate 12 months on, with barely a fortnight's experience under my belt, or rather chain! I did however start to make a few notes, often on the back of a menu or invitation card, not trusting my memory to recall all the many events and duties that the year had in store. When I eventually sat down to put pen to paper, literally speaking, it became increasingly apparent how fortunate I have been to have the privilege of being the Master during the Millennium year.

Although the affairs of the Company are managed by the Clerk, Amanda Jackson, the Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants, much of the day-to-day work rests with the chairmen and members of the various committees. As we do not have the benefit of a large establishment, the Livery very much relies on their time and commitment, all of which is given voluntarily. This is an opportunity for me to thank, in particular, the chairmen of all committees – Michael Baker (Finance & General Purposes), George Gillon (Charitable Board), Brian Lamden (Livery Involvement), Ted Hartill (UK Property Marketing Awards) and Richard Cotton (City Seminar) for all their hard work. With the exception of Richard Cotton, all will be handing over to new chairmen in October. The Wardens and I have also been reviewing committee membership generally and I am pleased that a number of liverymen have agreed to join committees for the first time. This is in line with the commitment I made last year to involve as many liverymen as practical in the management affairs of the Company.

As one of the Company's main aims is the support and promotion of education, earlier in the year I proposed to the Court of Assistants the setting up of a new committee to focus separately on these activities. I am pleased to say that this was unanimously supported and in the summer, the committee, under the chairmanship of Robert Bould, held its first meeting. This resulted in a review and updating of the Company's education policy and the committee are currently considering a number of new education initiatives as well as exploring ways of improving the current activities.

The decision to be more active in the introduction of new liverymen continues. In a Company that does not depend on patrimony, I believe that this is essential to the future success and strength of the Company for the next millennium. We need a balance of liverymen, not only to represent the various branches of the profession but also to encompass a wide age range.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, I will have admitted the following new liverymen into the Company:

Jeremy Bayliss, Nicholas Peel, Alan Cook, Stuart Richmond-Watson, Alderman Robert Finch, David Saville, Louise McConnachie, John Townsend, Louise McElamey, Alex Wilson, Lyndsay Neilson & John Woodman

We welcome them all, in particular Alderman Robert Finch, who was made an Honorary Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors last year and is, of course, one of this year's Sheriffs.

I am conscious that following admission and during the early years of membership, liverymen may not always feel that they are part of the Company or in a position to support the aims of the Livery. Therefore, on April 10, I hosted a luncheon at Innholder's Hall. All Liverymen admitted over the last 18 months, together with their sponsors and members of the Court attended – and from the feedback it was a welcome and enjoyable event. It gave new liverymen the opportunity to meet each other in a fairly informal way and acted as a reminder to their sponsors of the responsibilities that they have to nurture and encourage new liverymen. All being well, this will now feature as an annual event in the Livery calendar. Before leaving the subject, I would remind you about the information pack which has been prepared by the Elections Committee and which is readily available from the Clerk. The Senior Warden, as chairman of the Elections Committee, is always very happy to hear from anyone who has a potential candidate.

As is the custom, Sir Brian Hill will be retiring from the Court from October, having completed five years as a member, since he was Master in 1994/95. He has been a tireless member of the Court and was the force behind the highly successful annual Inter-Livery Swimathon. He will join other illustrious Past Masters on what I affectionately call "the Sofa Group".

I am sorry to report that Mr Assistant Roger Carey, past chairman of the Property Marketing Awards Committee and Mr Assistant John Leaning, past chairman of the Charitable Board, have reluctantly tendered their resignations as members of the Court. Roger, due to business commitments, and John, who has now retired from practice. They have both worked enthusiastically and given unstintingly of their time over the years, and I am pleased to say that both have said they will continue to support and participate in Livery activities and affairs whenever possible.

I would also report the death of John Bishop who had been a Liveryman since 1985. Our condolences go to his family.

In recognition of the Clerk's increasing workload, the Court are seeking to appoint an assistant who will work with Amanda to ensure the continuation of the smooth running of the Company. For greater efficiency Amanda can now be contacted by e-mail on wccsurveyors@talk21.com. The Wardens, Committee Chairmen and I have already tested the system and it works well!

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Charities

It is perhaps not appreciated that when the Company was set up in 1977, the charitable funds stood at £25. Today, they are in excess of £850,000 – no mean achievement.

The Company is committed to increasing this fund and is always keen to explore new ways of doing so. One of the well-established fundraising activities is the Inter-Livery Swimathon which took place at the RAC Club in Woodcote Park, Epsom on Monday May 15. By tradition, half the proceeds raised by the Company are given to the Lord Mayor's appeal, which this year is Barnardos. I was therefore able to present the Lord Mayor with a cheque for £3,500, raised by members of our Company's teams, during our visit to the Chelsea Flower Show in June. A further £500 was donated from charitable funds, and thanks to the generosity of Liverymen, a further £1,430 has been donated by way of my sponsored Sheep Herding over London Bridge. The Lord Mayor and his team had a number of events planned throughout the year in support of Barnardos. Past Master Keith Knowles, Past Master Robin Broadhurst and I were invited to be members of a special Property Industry Fundraising Committee as part of the fundraising activities.

Part of the art of successful fundraising is to organise events which are novel, enjoyable and ideally with long term rewards. On June 21, a charity Millennium Ball was held at Greenwich Naval College as a joint venture function with the London and Junior Branches of the RICS. The Ball was completely sold out and Lionheart, the Richard House Hospice for Children and our own Charitable Trusts will be beneficiaries.

Those who went to the Chelsea Flower Show June 25 will also shortly be receiving their new Rose "City Livery" which was launched there. Harkness, one of the country's premier rose breeders and growers, generously agreed to name the new rose and the Company's Charitable Funds will receive a percentage of all future sales. Information on how to purchase the rose, which I would urge you to do as it will help to boost the charitable funds, will be distributed in the Autumn.

Another way that all Liverymen can help is to take out a covenant to the Charitable Trust for a period of three or four years. The amount is not important, as every amount will help to achieve the target of £1 million by 2002.

Education

The success of the Training Trust continues. During the year, the Trust underwent a vigorous external scrutiny, the equivalent of an OFSTED inspection and, I am pleased to report, came through with high commendation.

Regrettably, the Business Management Training Scheme has not been as successful as the Trust had hoped and the Governors have decided to re-direct the focus to a limited range of programmes for the foreseeable future.

The City Seminar and the UK Property Marketing Awards in February were both a great success. New for this year was the opportunity for seminar delegates to go out of the City on a trip to Canary Wharf which was organised under Richard Cotton's chairmanship. An increased number of sponsors participated in the Property Awards, attracting even more entrants for these prestigious accolades.

Another first for the year was the lecture held in conjunction with the RJCS Property Valuation Forum at Great George Street in July, when Professor Neil Crosby and Professor Anthony Lavers presented their paper on the "Expert Valuation Witness", which had been supported by a Toby Sutton Research Award. This year, I have presented the Company's briefcase prize to second-year students at Aberdeen, Cirencester, Reading and Cambridge Universities and in October I will be hosting a luncheon at Guildhall for prizewinners attending the Universities in London with which we have links.

The new Education Committee is also exploring ways in which we can broaden our education support and involvement, perhaps through individual sponsorship, to encourage more able young people into the profession.

The Guildhall School of Music and Drama was the venue for the annual String Quartet Competition on November 17. As has come to be expected, the standard was extremely high and it was with some relief that my only role was to present the first prize of a cheque to the Spengler Quartet who went on to entertain us at the Court Ladies Dinner at Tallow Chandlers Hall in January.

In the Spring I was a guest of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama at their Gold Medal Competition at the Barbican: in the programme I was pleased to note that the continuing support of the Company through a student bursarship and the String Quartet Competition was credited, obviously very much appreciated by the School.

The City and Social

The framework for the Master's year is drawn up around a number of set pieces, which include the Installation Dinner, Court Meetings, the elections of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, the United Guilds Service in St Paul's Cathedral and the Remembrance Day Salute in Ewell with 135 Topographic Squadron. Guided by the Clerk and with encouragement and advice from the Livery Involvement Committee, the Master has a certain amount of freedom with the programme for the rest of the year; so being the Millennium, I decided to make the most of it! Numerous invitations have been extended, and by the time I step down I will have represented the Company at some 90 functions and events, making it a very busy but immensely enjoyable year.

While planning the social activities for the Livery, I was on the lookout for things that were out of the ordinary. I also wanted to incorporate music and young musicians in as many ways as possible. To that end, I started with a jazz band and will be finishing my year with the Wren Consort at St Paul's Cathedral.

In between, 64 intrepid Liverymen and their partners

Livery Company Sport

Inter-Livery Golf

The first two evens of the year have taken place and already some 17 members of the Livery have participated. The final match is taking place on 25th September at Walton Heath against the Solicitors' and Accountants' Companies and some twenty one members will then have taken part in these annual events.

The first event was the Prince Arthur Cup, played at Walton Heath in May, when the company team of Chris Honeywill, Bill Peach, Keith Way and new liveryman Campbell MacDougall, came 11th out of 56 companies who had entered a team. This is perhaps the largest golfing event played in any one day at any club. In all, some 224 players completed two rounds of 18 holes.

The popularity of the match against the Hermes Golfing Society at Worplesdon in June enabled each team to be increased to 10 a side. Although the company lost the match, it is still leading overall with three wins to two with two halved.

Anyone who would like to play in any event should contact Keith Way by phone or fax on 01306 640133.

Keith Way

Inter-Livery Swimathon

The eighth Interlivery Swimathon was held on May 15, once again at the RAC Country Club at Epsom, which has generously hosted the event every year since it's inception.

A total of 18 Livery Companies entered teams including regular stalwarts such as the Drapers, Carmen, Tilers & Builders and the Framework Knitters, while the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators made a first appearance.

The Chartered Surveyors entered two teams as usual led by Pastmaster Sir Brian Hill, who originally created the event, and the Clerk, Amanda Jackson. Other members of the teams were Brian Lamden, Roger Southam, James Ager, James Bryer, Tony Collins, John Benfield, Robert Gunn, Fred Jones, Campbell MacDougall and Digby Flower.

The shore team responsible for timing and lap counting was again led by James Gillett. A wonderful warm sunny evening provided perfect conditions for drinks on the terrace prior to a well-earned dinner in the Club House. This event is now estimated to have produced over £200,000 for various charities to date.

Digby Flower



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braved the elements and the steps to witness the Great Westminster Clock and it's bell, Big Ben, strike the hour. Hidden acting talent was discovered in the Crypt of Guildhall, which provided an atmospheric setting for "Brother Heinrich's Christmas" performed by the RICS Singers, Liverymen and musicians from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, under the direction of Clifford Dann. The Liverymen who took the various parts did not need the props of monk's costumes to get into the spirit of Christmas. Clifford Dann had mischievously written a special introit to greet the Master and Wardens and after supper, washed down with healthy quantities of wine, we wassailed across Guildhall Courtyard, led by lantern holders, to St Lawrence Jewry for carols and prayers.

The Theatre Studies Group of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama provided the entertainment at the Spring Concert and Dinner. It was nice that so many Masters of other Companies and their partners could attend. I must thank Amanda Jackson, George Leeson our Beadle and Dan Tynan, the Assistant Beadle, for their forbearance and hard work. I am sure that there have been moments during the year when they privately questioned my sanity, let alone the viability of what I was proposing, but with resolute confidence, backed up by their detailed knowledge of the City and its traditions, everything "was all right on the night".

You will be aware that at the July Court, Hugh Stebbing was elected as our next Master, Michael Baker as Senior Warden and George Gillon as Junior Warden. I would like to wish them every success and thank them for the support that they have given me.

My final words are to thank Mr Assistant Brian Lamden and Liverymen John Clayton for producing the Newsletter. Particular persuasive skills are required for this task as well as a thick skin and the ability not to take no for an answer.

It would be wrong for me to finish without giving a small vote of thanks to my daughter Lauren who took on the role of Master's Lady. Over the year, she has used every means of transport between London and Edinburgh, where she is at University, to get to functions and has proved to be a charming companion on every occasion. I have a sneaking feeling that she actually enjoyed herself too!

I have been very fortunate to have had such a memorable year and as it draws to a close I am confident that you will give the same support to the new team.

Delva Patman

Chelsea Flower Show & Chelsea Physic Garden Visit May 25 2000



Some two years ago, the Master commissioned the rose growers, Harkness Roses, to produce a new strain of rose to be named 'City Livery' in order that a proportion of the sale price should contribute to the Livery's charities. On May 25, at the Chelsea Flower Show, amid the bustling crowds, the new rose, a brilliant yellow, was presented to the Lady Mayoress, while a cheque for £2500, the result of the Swimathon, was presented to The Right Hon The Lord Mayor.

After the presentations, members of the Livery and their guests walked to the adjacent 'Secret Garden', the Chelsea Physic Garden, to tour the grounds and to listen to a talk by the present Curator, Miss Sue Minter.

The garden was founded in 1673 to enable apothecaries' apprentices to identify the many plants then used in medicine. Indeed, the survival of the garden owes much to the original benefactor, Sir Hans Sloane, a member of the Apothecaries Company, whose deed of covenant not only protected it from urban development, but also made it very difficult for the Apothecaries Company to abandon it. The garden has also played a leading role in plant introductions and a seed-exchange system inaugurated in the 1660's by one of the earliest gardeners, James Watts, a service which is still existing.

The present Curator gave a clear account of the activities of the garden past and present and indicated that of the top 30 drugs produced today, 12 are directly from plants that are growing in the garden. Afterwards an informal supper was served in the tented conservatory.

Brian Shepherd



Si meliora dies, ut vina, poemata reddit, scire velim, chartis pretium quotus arroget annus. scriptor abhinc annos.

About "City Livery"

City Livery has been produced by Harkness Roses, one of the country's leading rose breeders and growers. It is clear sparkling yellow in colour with pleasing apple perfume and mid-green foliage. City Livery is a rose which has the rare combination of soft and pastel shade that is also bright and sparkling. In bright sunlight it sparkles without dazzling, in dappled shade the colour is enlivening and bright, a joy to see. The clusters have up to nine flowers, which open in succession, giving a really long period of flower in both the garden and the vase. In trials over the last seven years there has been good disease resistance and, importantly for pale shade, the petals are able to withstand both rain and heat without notable damage.

A Partnership that Spans the Centuries

The City Guilds and Livery Companies have been closely associated with the Ironbridge Gorge for over two centuries. During the 18th century Britain became the first industrial nation: in the 19th century it was the "Workshop of the World". A true Industrial Revolution took place in Britain because here there existed stable social and political conditions, raw materials, mercantile power and available capital. To this should be added a genius for invention and an abundance of the skills nurtured over the centuries by the Guilds and Livery Companies.



The Master pays the ground rent to Lord Craven's Bailiff (past Master, Alan Gillett) at the Estates Office, Blists Hill

The focal point of national enterprise was the City of London, but the technological breakthrough occurred at Coalbrookdale in the Ironbridge Gorge in Shropshire. Working together, the foundations for a breakthrough in the evolution of modern trade and industry had been laid.

Today important monuments to the built heritage and machines of the Industrial Revolution – as well as the skills and crafts associated with the Guilds – are preserved for everyone to experience at the Ironbridge Gorge Museums.

In this Millennium Year the Museum hopes to reinforce its links with the City in two ways. Following the success of previous years, the Museum extended its annual invitation to all Masters, Prime Wardens, Upper Bailiffs and Clerks to visit the Museum for a special Livery Weekend in June. At the nine museum sites stretched along the picturesque banks of the River Severn, guests were able to see the traditional crafts of many Guilds recreated in the working Victorian Town at Blists Hill; see where the first iron rails, iron wheels, iron bridge and railway locomotive were made at Coalbrookdale; and view the dazzling collections of porcelain at Coalport and decorative Victorian tiles at Jackfield.

In October, by kind permission of the Corporation of London, the Museum is staging an exhibition at The Guildhall, which aims to bring the story of Ironbridge to the City through images and objects which demonstrate the historic and contemporary links between Ironbridge and the Livery Companies. The exhibition will run from October 2–27 and is free to all visitors.

Alan Gillett

For further information on the Ironbridge Gorge, call Ruth Denison – Development Manager on 01952 433522.

The City Seminar

Having worked in the City of London investment market for the past nine years, I thought I had a fair idea of the workings of what makes London one of the finest financial centres in the World. However, having attended the seminar on the commercial activities of the City of London run by the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors, entitled "Focus on the Changing City", it is only now that I realise how much more there is behind the scenes.

The seminar was described as a roller coaster ride through the City of London, providing an insight into some of the City's leading financial and institutional organisations. It is fair to say that by the end of the course, the delegates did not want to get off the ride and perhaps this, together with the camaraderie experienced, explains the continuing success of the City Seminar, now in its 20th year, having produced almost 600 "City Owls".

Reading the list of past delegates reads like a Who's Who of the property world – indeed this year was no exception, with the opportunity to meet new friends and contacts from different walks of life. There are so many people who need to be thanked that I find it impossible to name any individual for fear of offending the work of everyone who made it the success it is. For anybody who has not been on the course, whether they work in the City or not, I would wholeheartedly recommend doing so.

The first morning was spent hearing from the Corporation of London and British Invisibles on the historical background and growth of the City as a world financial centre and its continuing economic development promotion. In the afternoon, we moved on to the Baltic Exchange and the insurance market, and finished off with a tour of the Lloyds Building.

Day 2 was hosted by Warburg Dillon Read with talks on the role of the Bank of England, foreign exchange, money markets, derivatives and securities. The afternoon was then hosted by ING Barings, who provided an introduction to the role of the investment bank, with a case study of a corporate acquisition utilising delegate participation, which lead to intense rivalry between the teams, particularly when given the chance of bidding with someone else's money!

Day 3 was spent at Schroders dealing with pension fund business, asset allocation and the construction and management of portfolios. The afternoon was then spent testing the fund management skills we had learnt earlier in the day through the creation and management of portfolios, using computer simulation. This time, the teams were split between disciplines, although I will refrain from disclosing where the investment agents came in the order of merit for fear of shaming my colleagues.

The morning of the final day was spent in Canary Wharf hearing from Merrill Lynch and Kirkland & Ellis about the role and influence of the American banks and lawyers in the City. The course was completed on a topical note with a presentation at the headquarters of Lloyds TSB, learning about myths and realities of the Euro.

The calibre of speakers throughout the seminar was exceptional, providing a unique first hand experience of the various markets that make up the City and what makes it the success it is today. My thanks to everyone who gave so much time, effort and resources to make this come together.

The finale to the course was a dinner at the Innholders Hall, which was thought a very fitting venue. Again, the hospitality was overwhelming; I imagine a few people must have been struggling back in the office the next day. The dinner reinforced the fellowship gained by the delegates during the course and I very much look forward to the reunion dinner later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible and for ensuring the conunuing success of the City Seminar into the next Millennium.

Martin Lay



The City Seminar delegates and speakers

Ewell TA Soldiers Rocky Mountain Adventure

Thirteen Territorial Army soldiers from Ewell-based 135 Independent Topographic Squadron RE(V) have recently returned from an adventurous training expedition of a lifetime in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The Squadron had an eventful year in 1999. It survived the recent Strategic Defence Review, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its formation and was honoured to receive the Freedom of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell in April. So instead of the usual annual adventurous training weekends to Wales or the Lake District it was decided that this year they would be going somewhere really remote, wild and far away. So was born Exercise 'Rocky Cockney', the 1999 adventurous training expedition to the Kananaskis National Park in Alberta, Canada.

After flying civil air to Calgary, the expedition transited through Trails End Camp, a British Army adventurous training facility for British troops exercising on the nearby Canadian Plains. The main part of the exercise was a five-day unsupported trek through the wilderness of the Kananaskis National park. This really was a 'walk on the wild side' – only three other people were seen during the whole of the trek. The group had been briefed on the dangers of bears but, despite having to divert the route of the trek around an area that had been closed by the Park Authorities due to bear activity, no sightings of the real thing took place . . . secretly a relief to most expedition members!

For the 'adrenaline junkies', four days of water-based activities followed; diving in to 'The Widow Maker', a frightening cauldron of freezing cold white water on the Kananaskis River, Canadian canoeing and white water rafting on the Bow River. The final buzz came from a 45ft cliff jump in to the raging waters of the Bow River. A day trip to Banff and the Sulphur Mountain hot springs swimming pool on their day off was the perfect finish to an exhausting but exhilarating expedition.

The Squadron are currently recruiting new members. If you are between the ages of 18 and 32 and are interested in the many opportunities the Territorial Army has to offer, please telephone 020 8393 0981 for further details.

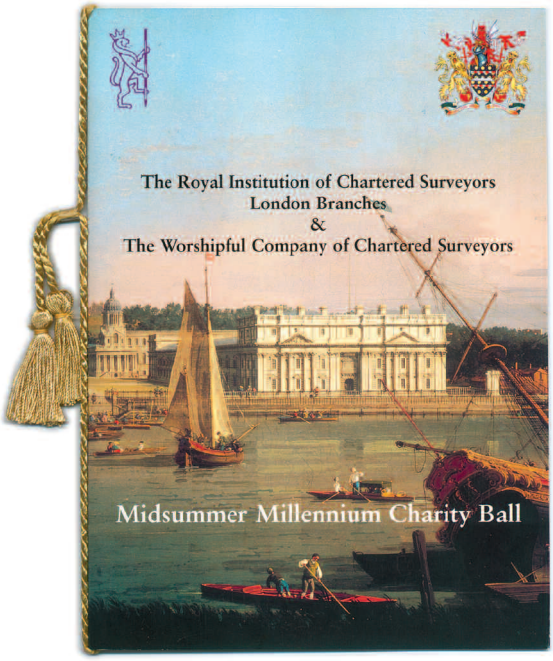
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The group at the summit of Sulphur Mountain, and on the long trek up to Piper Pass



Midsummer Millennium Charity Ball



On a beautiful but windy mid-June evening, on the actual 'Millennium Midsummer Night' the Worshipful Company, together with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors London Branches held a spectacular ball at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Some 670 guests gathered initially outside on the lawn for a champagne reception, many having arrived by boat. An excellent dinner followed in the Painted Hall, during which an auction and raffle were held. After dinner, dancing took place to the Royal Marines Dance Band and Fifth Amendment, with a Blues Brothers cabaret later in the evening. For the more adventurous, there was a casino and skittle alley, together with a Victorian Carousel and dodgems – not for the faint hearted!

The evening was held to raise funds for three charities, The Richard House Trust (which is building London's first hospice for children), Lionheart and the Charitable Trust. In excess of £10,000 was raised, and a heavy vote of thanks is due to Mrs Jill Martin for organising an excellent and memorable evening.

Jeremy Smither

7010 (VR) Photographic Interpretation Squadron

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain and 1999 saw the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, so it seems an appropriate time for the Livery to expand its links with the Armed Services and include 'the boys in blue'.

As often happens, it was a chance conversation at a dinner some two years ago that No. 7010 (VR) Photographic Interpretation Squadron came to my attention. I knew that the RAF did not have a survey unit as such, like 135 Topographic Squadron or HMS Herald, but I was vaguely aware of the reconnaissance work that was undertaken. No. 7010 seemed to fit the bill.

The Flight was formed in April 1953, originally to exploit strategic imagery at the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre in Oxfordshire. From an initial complement of 500, the Squadron has progressively reduced in size and now comprises some 40 – 50 members, most of whom are in full-time employment elsewhere.

No. 7010 is currently based at RAF Marham in Norfolk – known locally, for obvious reasons, as RAF Sandringham. Working directly with the RAF Tornado and Jaguar Squadrons, No 7010 provides a vital photographic interpretation role used not only by the RAF, but by the Army and Navy too.

In keeping with their motto VOCATI VENIEMUS – 'when summoned, we shall be there', the Flight was the first reserve unit to augment RAF Germany in the 1960s. It was also the first operational unit to be posted to Turkey during the Gulf War to provide on-the-spot ground activity analysis, interpreting imagery of northern Iraq in support of Kurdish relief operations essential in the theatre of war. The Flight is still active in this role.

Again by happy coincidence, the Flight is commanded by a woman, Squadron Leader Sue Roberts AE BA RauxAF, who, following a full-time RAF career, joined the RAF Voluntary Reserve in 1982. I was particularly pleased that following approval by the RAF, the Company has been able to adopt the Squadron with effect from October 1999. We look forward to developing our association with the Flight over the forthcoming years.

Delva Patman

Visit to 7010 Squadron on June 18, 2000

On one of the hottest days of the summer, our Master and supporting cast could be found winding their way through the lanes of East Anglia on their way to RAF Marham. For those of you who have never had the pleasure of exploring this part of the world, Marham is located on the border between Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, where the pleasant rolling countryside of West Norfolk has given way to the peat-rich fens. An area where the sky dominates and the horizon is almost out of sight.

Our intention was not to see whether an egg would fry on the scorching runway – although I am almost sure it would have done – but to visit our friends who comprise 7010 (VR) Photographic Interpretation Squadron.

Arriving at the Guard Room we were welcomed by Squadron Leader Sue Roberts, the Officer Commanding. Sue joined the RAF in 1979 as a regular, but after her marriage left and joined the Volunteer Reserve. I understood that the Volunteer Reserve, now renamed the Auxiliary Air Force, was supposed to be a part-time commitment, but hearing about her diary and level of commitment to the service, I reached the conclusion that it was part-time in name only!

You will have seen the work of the Photographic Interpretation Squadron on the Nine O'clock news. During the recent conflict in Kosovo and also during the Gulf War, we were frequently shown amazing 'before and after' photographs, showing a potential target, such as a scud missile launcher and another photo showing a large crater taken a couple of hours later. This is the work of the Squadron – to examine, under pressure, visual intelligence taken from the air and to identify hostile targets, troop movements and other features that can determine and influence the battle ahead.

To demonstrate the enormity of their task we were shown the videotape taken during the Fly Past over Buckingham Palace after the Trooping of The Colour, the day before. The amount of time it took the Harriers to travel from the M25 to the Palace was about 62 seconds. When a plane lands in a hostile arena, the members of the Squadron would have probably 60 minutes of video tape and about the same amount of time to analyse it in finding targets as small as gun emplacements, knowing that lives of their colleagues depends upon their accuracy.

Remarkably, the Squadron is not part of the regular air force: it is comprised of members of the Auxiliary Air Force, each of whom gives at least 28 days of service each year whilst holding down a civilian career.

Their motto is 'Vocati Veniemus', which can be freely translated as 'when summoned we shall be there'. This is certainly the case as the Squadron was called up in 1992 and remains on active duty in Turkey to this day, helping to monitor the northern no-fly zone in Iraq. At any one time, a member of the Squadron can be found living in a tent in Southern Turkey helping to ensure that Operation Warden is a success, while endeavouring to avoid almost certain food poisoning. Sue Roberts, the Squadron Leader, herself spends one month every year over there and 11 of her colleagues do the same thing. They all have very understanding employers

Our visit in mid-June was an education to us all. We were very impressed by all we found, especially the dedication of the members of the Squadron. It is very fitting that The Company should support this Squadron. Perhaps in time we will see chartered surveyors spending some of their weekends serving at RAF Marham: in the meantime it is very appropriate that we should support and encourage Sue and her team.

Michael Newey

The Spring Livery Dinner – A view from the Organ Loft

As page-turner to the organist on this musical evening, my lowly role gave me a bird's eye view of the concert. From the organ gallery in the Merchant Taylor's Hall I could survey (no pun intended) the assembled Liverymen and their guests while they enjoyed the pre-dinner concert.

Merchant Taylor's Hal is one of the few Livery Halls to have its own organ, and the Master did not let this opportunity go to waste. Paul Dean seranaded guests as they found their places before playing the Slow Hand Clap to the tune of "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheeba". (This was not the only musical joke of the night...!) Many Liverymen remarked what a pleasant change it had been to have Sung Grace and the National Anthem accompanied by organ.



The concert staged by students from the Theatre Studies Group of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama was a new idea of the Master, and proved a tremendous success. The programme presented was both varied and executed brilliantly with music from Mozart to Sondheim and many stops inbetween. There were several moments when I noticed Liverymen and guests joining in with the songs such as "Spread a Little Happiness", some more "sotto voce" than others, and there was much appreciative toe-tapping throughout. It was with only a hint of irony that the men from the Guildhall broke into a rousing rendition of "There is nothing like a Dame" but such an obvious opportunity for a tribute to the Company's own "Dame" could not be passed up!

Once the concert was over, I left my position in the gallery to join the rest of the guests. As usual we were not disappointed by the kitchens, who served up a delicious dinner.



The evening also saw the unveiling of the Millenium Bowl. The silver dish was comissioned by the Court to mark the Millenium and was brought to life by gold and silversmith John Donald, who was present with his wife. The bowl is engraved with the names of all Masters and Clerks of the Company with Delva's (and next year Hugh Stebbing's) name falling across the Millenium stamp. To be used as a fruit or flower dish, the bowl has plenty of space to record the names of Masters and Clerks through to the next Millenium!

The Spring Livery Dinner was certainly a treat for all those who attended and as I turned pages and watched the concert from on high I probably had the best seat in the house!

Lauren Patman

To the top of the big Westminster clock (and Big Ben)



On the other side of the famous clock face

Once again, the Master's unbelievable connections enabled six separate parties of Liverymen and guests to volunteer to subject themselves to the 344 steps up to Big Ben itself – the 13½ ton bell with four quarter bells which play the chimes. The Master, obviously on a pre-Christmas fitness kick, joined every tour to the Belfry.

We were also extremely fortunate to have the use of the Jubilee Room, just off the St George's Hall: those who went on the morning trip were able to be fortified after their climb – those on the afternoon trip wished they hadn't eaten so much.

The clock mechanism, known as the Great Clock of Westminster, is unbelievable, with the addition of old pennies onto the pendulum to carry out the fine adjustments; each penny will cause the clock to gain or lose two fifths of a second in every 24 hours.

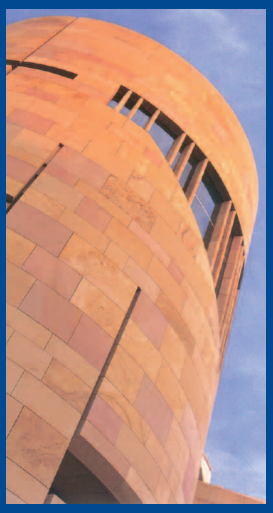
From the Belfry there were wonderful views over London, with an excellent view of the Millennium Wheel and the Dome a little further away. Being adjacent to the bells when they strike is actually not such a deafening experience as one might imagine, although we were warned not to lean against the steel bell support, as some old fashioned disease, probably now known as repetitive strain syndrome, would creep in.

Yet again, one of those unique experiences that we as Liveryman are able to enjoy.

Brian Lamden

ith the Livery . . .

New Museum of Scotland



The last year has seen the Company make two important changes in the dynamic environment in which we live and work. First we elected our first woman Master: second, our new Master decided to hold a major Livery function 'North of Watford' for the men from the shires. The result was a visit to the highly-acclaimed New Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. Members and their guests met on March 2 for a reception, private view of the Early People and Kingdom of Scots galleries, followed by dinner.

First we viewed the Early People gallery which is devoted to the development of the Scottish Nation from 8,000BC to 1,100AD. The display is split into four themes. "This Generous Land" looks at how food was collected, prepared and consumed and included the materials people needed to live, such as bone – the plastic of pre history – skins, wood etc. "Wider Horizons" dealt with the movement of people and the contacts between them. This was well illustrated by one piece we viewed, an iron ring of Germanic origin which was found at Balmashanner in Angus and dates from 750BC. The links with the Vikings and Romans and their trade and supply routes is explained.

"Them and Us" is the core of the gallery and here we examine power, welfare and imperialism among other things. Over the years Scotland was raided by the Romans and the Vikings: both annexed the country and had major effects on it. One example shown to us was the Bridgeness Slab, carved in 142 AD, it marks the completion of the Antonine wall and depicts a Roman cavalryman riding down four natives.

The final section of the gallery looks at religion and includes one of the finest pieces of Irish/Scottish religious metalwork, the Hunterston Broach, dating from 700 AD. The Cramond Lioness, illustrating the social aspects of death in Roman Britain, was also seen.

All to quickly we had to move on to the second gallery, the "Kingdom of the Scots", which expertly reviews Scotland from 1100AD to the union of the crowns in 1707. This gallery lies at the heart of the Museum and here behind the Dupplin Cross, a unique monument to the creation of a Scottish monarchy some 1200 years ago, the reasons for Scotland's emergence as a single nation are set out, such as the influence of the Church, Christianity, St Columba and St Andrew. Critical to this was the influence of the Stewart's, who ruled from the 14th century until the act of union. During this period the country became a significant power and influence in Europe, maintaining its traditions, identity, political structure and religious organisation while also exporting much to the Continent. This is well illustrated by a pair of pistols made in Dundee in 1611 for Louis XIII of France.

The tours ended all to quickly with a quick view of how Scotland's larger towns developed. The whole tour afforded an all-too-brief glimpse at the wonderful exhibits showing how the Scottish nation developed: it enticed one back to spend longer looking at the galleries in depth and at the wonderful building in which they are housed.

As one from north of Watford it was wonderful to see the large numbers of Liverymen who turned up and I certainly hope future Masters will continue this innovation.

Kenneth Aitken

Read the Clerk's instructions carefully

For some reason, I had in mind that the service started at 12 noon and therefore cut it a bit fine to get to the United Guilds' Service at St Pauls.

Wondered why, as I got out of the cab, there wasn't the usual queue of people up the steps to the west door; got inside and couldn't get to the pew without going halfway down the Cathedral and back again as the choir were already standing ready to process.



Nevertheless, made it to the Company pew, stepped on the Master and Warden's feet whilst scrambling to my seat but got there just in the nick of time. Disappointed to see that yet again, we were unable to fill the Company pew for what is a truly magnificent event.

The United Guilds' Service dates back to 1943 when the Masters and prime Wardens of the great 12 Companies held a meeting at Goldsmiths' Hall and decided to hold a service for the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City to help lift the spirits of the City following the blitz during the Second World War. The first service was held on March 25 1943, Ladies Day, which of course is the first day of the year according to the Julian Calendar. This was in fact the first occasion on which all Livery Companies and Guilds had combined to hold a religious service and it's now become an annual event.

It's marvellous to see, not only St Paul's virtually packed to the rafters but the procession, which extends beyond the whole length of the Cathedral.

It is run with the usual military precision of such events which involve the Lord Mayor, who arrives at the Cathedral at 11.40am (I think I scraped in at about 11.38am). The procession, which is lead by the choir, the College of Minor Canons and so on includes the Beadles of the Grocers and Mercers and the Master and prime Wardens of 24 Companies, together with the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs etc, etc.

The preacher is selected by the Livery Companies in turn and in the small number of years that I've attended the service, the preacher always tends to be a touch controversial.

A superb and moving occasion that really ought to attract more, so let's hope we can fill the Company pew next year.

Brian Lamden

"From little acorns . . ."

From the first liveryman's covenant of £5 in 1977 to over £850,000 today!! This is the resource which we are building in our Charitable Trusts in order to fulfil the very raison d'être of our Livery Company. There are currently two Investment Trusts, totally separate from the day-to-day administration of the Company, for whom the Members of the Court are Trustees. The Charitable Board reports to them on the administration of the funds and recommends donations or grants for charitable or educational purposes. The Board, currently under my chairmanship, consists of eleven liverymen including the Master and the Senior Warden.

All liverymen commit themselves when admitted to actively support our charitable and educational objectives so it is important that you understand our endeavours in order to fulfil your obligations. A few salient points, therefore:

The accumulated funds, currently in the 1977 and 1991 Trusts, are managed by professional investment managers, Sarasin Investment Management Ltd, administered by Ely Place Investment Administration Services and audited by MacIntyre & Co. Over the last few years with the help of Past Master Stuart Hibberdine and Carol Rudge, charities partner of MacIntyre & Co we have successfully persuaded the Charity Commission to merge the two Trusts through a Uniting Direction and Pooling Scheme. This will have the dual benefit of widening our discretionary investment powers from an original narrow remit and, importantly, reduce duplicated administration costs.

The Board's constant aim has been to balance the priorities of identifying and supporting worthy causes, ensuring continued growth in our investment fund and maximising the net income available annually for distribution. As a guide, we tend therefore to distribute from income rather than erode our capital at this relatively early stage in the evolution of our Livery Charity.

But we can also be reactive to special situations or initiatives in a given year. In financial year 1999-2000, for example, we will have donated over £35,000. We tend each year to reflect the requirements of the Trusts and bequests therein – perhaps through a property-related requirement, or in support of the Lord Mayor's Charity, or perhaps simply for a City-related objective. A few examples:-

- £3,000 from the Toby Sutton Fund for the Research Award.
- £300 from the Donald Ensom Trust for Chartered Surveyors Training Trust student books.
- £1,500 from the Sydney Smith fund to assist a final year student at Northumbria University.
- £2,000 donation to the Chartered Surveyors Training Trust.
- £500 each to Marie Curie and Barnardo's
- £500 to help with the rebuilding of St Ethelburga's Church.
- £250 for a TA chartered surveyor Operation Raleigh candidate.

Special donations this year included £12,500 in support of the Business Management Training Agency and £3,000 to Lionheart in its 100th year.

So, a blend of charitable and educational initiatives. Our success in building funds so far is admired by many of the other "younger" livery companies but clearly we will have difficulty in taking on large single acts of benevolence until we have built a larger investment fund. How about setting a short-term target to get our investment trusts up to £1m by the end of our 25th year in 2002?

The main sources of income are from your covenants and donations . . . From little acorns . . .

George Gillon Chairman: Charitable Board

'Baa-rmy' Army



Not an ideal headline to commence an article about the activities of our Master who joined a 'Baa-army' Army of fundraisers exercising an ancient right to herd sheep into the Square Mile. On Tuesday June 27 2000, Freemen in medieval garb drove a flock of sheep across London Bridge for the last time (a total of 400 Freemen attended during the course of the morning, led by the Lord Mayor). The centuries-old tradition is to be abolished.

In medieval times, Freemen of the City were granted the right to drive animals across the bridge in order to avoid paying market tax and turnpike tolls. The legal right to carry this out is, in fact, a myth.

As well as myself and our Master, David Thompson and the Clerk, Amanda Jackson, took part, ably supported by the Beadle and Assistant Beadle.

Only the best pedigree Jacob sheep were used, which had been trained to cope with crowds. The fundraising idea came from Jenny Tate , who owns the sheep and whose husband David is Chairman of the Lord Mayor's Appeal. Barnados will be the main beneficiary from the expected £40,000 raised on the day.

City of London Police scrapped a raft of ancient traditions and rights from August. I am sure when recalling the event, with a touch of colour, in years to come, I will find a few eyebrows raised in disbelief.

Campbell MacDougall

Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Competition



Once again this year the Company fielded two teams at the Annual Inter-livery Shoot which took place at the Holland & Holland Shooting Ground on the May 10. Our first team was made up of John Hill, David Tuffin, Roger Fidgen and Brian Lamden, with the second team of Bob Dyson, Tony Collins, Ian Hughes, a non livery member and the author.

With the exception of Roger Fidgen we met at the West London Shooting Ground at 8.30 for some practice stands before travelling on to Holland and Holland for the main competition. This initial practice of 100 birds demonstrated that some of us had little time for improvement and I suspect the three gentlemen sporting hangovers felt immediately at a disadvantage.

We arrived at Holland and Holland in the middle of the morning and once again missed the coffee and biscuits. We wasted no time in getting to the first stand and realised that with some 84 teams competing we were in for a long day. The weather forecast of a misty start clearing to a hot and sunny day demonstrated the effectiveness of weather forecasting in this country as the clouds stayed low with intermittent drizzle.

The competition involves shooting 10 different stands with 6 or 8 clays at each stand simulating various game with differing degrees of difficulty. In addition the teams jointly shoot a 75-bird flurry which definitely tests one's ability to load quickly, and rapidly produces red-hot gun barrels. With 84 teams of 4 guns competing there are inevitable delays, and having to queue for 30 to 40 minutes at some stands did start to test the patience of these normally tolerant teams of guns. This is an annual problem and was to some extent relieved this year as the stands remained open for shooting through the excellent lunch of roast pig and all the necessary trimmings. Some review of the organisation is clearly necessary to avoid the queues and we all look forward to an improved format for next year's competition.

Brian Lamden had obviously anticipated the competence of the guns in selecting the teams but the second team clearly worried the first team by finishing only 2 birds short of the first team's total of 56 out of 75 in the team flurry.

At the end of the competition the first team had put in a very creditable performance to finish 20th in the competition and the second team managed 33rd place, undoubtedly assisted by the fact that Ian Hughes achieved the top score of the day. The team members and their individual scores are set out below and there is no direct comparison to be made between the hangovers and the lowest scores.

Surveyors One		**Surveyors Two**	
John Hill	45	Alex Schatunowski	34
David Tuffin	49	Bob Dyson	39
Roger Fidgen	50	Tony Collins	27
Brian Lamden	48	Ian Hughes	51

Alex Schatunowski

Company Seizes Victory at Lord Mayor's Regatta

The first Lord Mayor's Regatta in aid of Barnados took place on Tuesday evening on the Thames, culminating in a sweeping victory for the Company of Chartered Surveyors. The winning six-man oat was made up with oarsman from Weatherall Green & Smith, Black & White Communications, London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the Financial Times, crossing the line under London Bridge a clear 20 seconds ahead of the next team.

The crew included trans-Atlantic rowing veterans Peter Low (Weatheralls) and Daniel Innes (Black & White), Cambridge Blue Matthew Parish (Weatheralls), Ludo Reed (London Borough of Tower Hamlets), Jimmy Wells (Financial Times) and Philip Low (Black & White).

The event raised over £33,000 for the children's charity Barnados as part of the Lord Mayor's Appeal. The event attracted 15 boats from a range of City firms including Schroders, Lloyds of London, Jones Lang LaSalle, UBS Warburg and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

Hugh Stebbing, Senior Warden at the Company of Chartered Surveyors and allotted passenger on the winning boat commented "the crew pulled their hearts out to dominate the field and we'll certainly be back next year to defend the title".

Name of author





New Skipper for HMS Herald

Duncan Tilly has commanded the Survey Motor Launch *Gleaner*, a hydrographic Naval Party, NP1008 embarked in M/V *Marine Explorer*, and the Coastal Survey Vessel *Bulldog*. In 1992/93 he was Executive Officer of *HMS Herald*. He has served ashore on the Staff of the Captain, Hydrographic Surveying Squadron in Devonport, on two separate occasions, first as Squadron Operations Officer and then as Staff Warfare Officer. He took up his present appointment as Commanding Officer of *HMS Herald* in January 2000.

While the ship's maintenance package is in full swing, the ship's company are catching up with various training courses, outstanding leave and preparing the ship for what promises to be a busy year. The refit ended in May after which sea trials are followed by a period of operational sea training. The longer term programme has her returning to the Mediterranean in September.

LIONHEART Rededication Service

Three hundred surveyors, members of their families and friends attended a service of rededication of LIONHEART at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Monday February 14. The service, which marked the close to LIONHEART's centenary year in which over £1.3 million was raised, was conducted by the Reverend Robert Wright, Canon of Westminster Abbey and Rector of St Margaret's Church.

In his address, the Right Reverend John Taylor KCVO (former Bishop of St Albans) gave thanks for what had been achieved since LIONHEART's early beginnings, for those who founded the charity and for all those who had worked for it and benefited from it over the past century. The Bishop, who had often worked with surveyors in connection with church buildings and the occasional development scheme, described LIONHEART's present-day activities and the work of those who make possible its range of activities. He referred to the financial contributions from firms and individuals, the caring and time-consuming work of the charity's 300 stewards, the LIONHEART staff and all those who so enthusiastically raise funds.

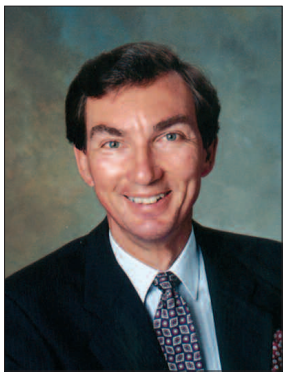
Simon Kolesar (President of the RICS) and David Larkin (Chairman of the LIONHEART board of Trustees) each read a lesson. Music was performed by the RICS Singers, under the direction of Clifford Dann, a past president of the RICS. A retiring collection, to be shared between LIONHEART and St Margaret's Church, raised over £1300.

The Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors and Macintyre and Co, auditors to LIONHEART, sponsored a buffet lunch at Church House, Westminster, which brought the Centenary year to its end.



The Right Reverand John Taylor KCVO (former Bishop of St Albans), Bryan Pickering (Chairman of Lionheart Marketing and Fundraising Committee, Vice Chairman of Board of Trustees) Peter Faulkner (Vice President)

From the Master Elect



I feel truly honoured to have been elected to follow Delva Patman as Master of our young but vibrant Company. A glance at the list of Past Masters shows an illustrious roll of those who have, in the few short years since 1977, led our Company with commitment, determination and sound judgement. I hope that I measure up to the high standards set by my predecessors in general and by Delva in particular.

I look forward to working with the Wardens, Michael Baker and George Gillon, and to the vital contribution that they, the Court and all who serve on Committees bring to the vigour with which we must undertake all that we do – whether related to our charitable work, our educational or our civic responsibilities.

I bring to my year a background in corporate property – a first, I think for a Master Chartered Surveyor. Though I live in Somerset and have my office in Bristol, I will not be the first non-London based incumbent. I do expect the geographical arrangements to bring with them a few extra challenges!!

I propose a varied programme of activities, and I do hope that as many as possible of the Livery will be able to attend and participate in our events. The very essence of the Livery is inherent in each one of us and will only be released to the full if we make the most of what the Company has to offer.

Building on the successes of the past, engaging in the opportunities of the future and being custodians of the Livery heritage summarise our plans for the next twelve months – I hope you all enjoy them.

Here are a few dates for your diaries:

Mon October 16	Installation Dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall
Fri October 27	Visit to Lambeth Palace
Mon November 13	String Quartet Competition at the Guildhall School of Music
Mon December 4	Court Ladies Dinner at Pewterers' Hall

HDC Stebbing