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THE MASTER'S REPORT

Traditionally the outgoing Master accepts responsibility for submitting a Court Circular to Liverymen giving information on the events during his year of office. It is a pleasure for me to follow this tradition.



Ted Hartill OBE
Master 2003/4

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I first want to say that I shall be very sad to step down on 11 October after such an interesting, rewarding and enjoyable year. I do hope that Liverymen perceive that during the year the status and influence of our Company has been enhanced, our charitable funds expanded, our charitable giving more focussed, our events more varied and our financial affairs well-organised.

Your opinion - as Liverymen - is crucial and if you have any thoughts and ideas on how our activities can be further improved then I urge you to make these known to the Court either by direct contact with Court members or through our Clerk.

Thanks to Liverymen

My year of office has been largely free of care because of the continual, warm-hearted support provided by so many liverymen. The Court of Assistants supported by the Clerk and other professional advisers is responsible for the management of our affairs. It is filled with people of ability and commitment all of whom get on, are enthusiastic and give a great deal of their time. My sincere thanks go to all those who have contributed - not only the Court but also the committee chairmen and their numerous members who have worked so hard to make the livery year vibrant and successful.

I would especially like to thank Terry Knight and Brian Lamden, our Senior and Junior Wardens for their contribution during the year. And of course, the tremendous and tireless support that I have had throughout the year from our Clerk, Amanda Jackson, must be acknowledged with my heartfelt thanks.

The Future of the Company

In 2004 we turned our attention to the future. In the Spring, a special meeting of the Court and other Past Masters was convened at the In & Out Club in St. James's. Our aim was to review the Company's achievements during the last 27 years and to formulate a strategy for the future. Many issues were discussed, some decisions taken and certain investigations instigated.

Subsequently Richard Cotton, the Junior Warden-Elect, accepted my request to set up a working party which, for the first time, would prepare a business plan to be considered by the Court before the start of the new livery year. The plan will seek to reconcile the Company's need to generate sufficient income to cover its running costs with the objective of providing a vibrant and interesting environment for liverymen.

Currently, our Ordinances permit a maximum membership of 400 Liverymen, all of whom must be members of the RICS. As a result of the special meeting, the Clerk was asked to write to the Comptroller & City Solicitor to investigate the possibility of introducing a small proportion of non-chartered surveyor Liverymen. This would permit the involvement of able and influential (but non-RICS) people from our industry and perhaps others involved in the civic life of the City, such as members of the Court of Aldermen. The change would also avoid embarrassment when retired members relinquish their membership of the Institution but not their membership of the Livery.

The special meeting acknowledged that the Company must modernise to engage the interest of potential Liverymen as well as to enthuse those already in the livery by offering them a wide and increasingly interesting range of activities. It was felt that the best way to achieve successful recruitment was by direct approach from existing Liverymen - this was borne out by the fact that when the Company was first formed, 150 or so Liverymen had been recruited through personal approach.

Past Masters Baker and Hibberdine have prepared a detailed paper regarding the possibility of creating a category of Freemen awaiting full admission to the Livery. This will be considered at a future meeting of the Court.

Finally, it was suggested that liverymen who retired from the Company, hence reverting to the status of Freemen (which is a life long category), should be entitled to receive copies of the newsletters and Court Circulars and attend one dinner per annum provided they made a donation at an agreed level to the charitable trust. This received guarded support subject to further review.

The Link with the Mayoral team

This year has been unusual because the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Robert Finch, is a liveryman of our Company. I have known Robert and his wife, Patricia, for many years and, under these circumstances, relationships have been exceptionally warm and friendly. They have had a most successful year during which they have done everything possible to involve and support me and the Company.

Change of Emphasis

During my year I have made it known that I strongly believe that a greater effort should be made to involve wives, partners, other family members and personal friends in the life of the Company. Many of the events and functions held in the last year have encouraged such participation and in this regard I have received many unsolicited compliments.

Activities beyond the City boundary as well as within

We have of course had a busy programme within the City including a number of "regular" formal functions such as dinners, lunches and other events, not to mention our participation in the Lord Mayor's Show. Halls and venues which we have visited include Haberdashers', Wax Chandlers', Innholders', Clothworkers', Armourers & Brasiers' and the Old Bailey.

For many years there was an assumption that major events and functions should always be held in the City of London. There has however been a significant emphasis this year on activities arranged beyond the City boundary. The decision last year by Past Master, George Gillon, to hold a dinner at the Caledonian Club and mine to hold the annual carol service at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, received much support and I hope that similar such initiatives will continue from time to time.

Aside from some of our established programme of activities such as the annual visit to Ironbridge, the Inter-Livery Swimathon, the highly successful PAMADA awards and the golf, shooting and fishing days, several new and exciting initiatives have taken place during the year.

An article appears elsewhere in this Circular regarding our imaginative and highly successful Livery Ski Challenge held in the French Alps last December which has raised more than £20,000 for our charities. The outcome of initiatives such as this is illustrated by the heartfelt letter of thanks that I received from a parent of one of the disabled children who, as a result of our charitable support, was able to participate in a trip on the "Lord Nelson" tall ship under the auspices of the Jubilee Sailing Trust, one of our adopted charities.

In June, a Livery expedition to visit the Le Mans 24-hour race was organised. The decision to go ahead with this was not taken lightly, given the length of the journey, the four day commitment and the cost. It was very pleasing to find that the event attracted 34 participants in 17 cars including a splendid 1933 Lagonda, owned by liveryman Jeremy Bayliss. The event was highly successful and, again, an article on this appears elsewhere in this Circular.

It seems that future Masters may be able to organise further successful overseas trips involving overnight stays, particularly if they are linked to a specific event which appeals to a proportion of the Livery.

Another event outside the City boundary was a most enjoyable visit attended by some 50 liverymen and their friends and families to the Wetlands Trust at Barnes, southwest London on 21 May. This was a fascinating occasion at which, after a guided tour round the wetlands, lakes and bird sanctuaries, we enjoyed a convivial supper in the main building opened by HRH Prince Charles in 2000.

Links with Schools

Robert Bould hopes that you found our first, special Court Circular on the work of the Education Committee interesting and informative.

I cannot begin to tell you how much the teachers, pupils and parents at our adopted schools appreciate our involvement. The recent visit by three of the schools (funded to a substantial degree by the WCCS) to Ironbridge was a resounding success and thanks are due to past Master Alan Gillett, Pipyn Trustram Eve and the Clerk for their personal contributions.

Such is the increasing importance of Education as one of the Company's interests, that further information on the work of the Committee and also of the Chartered Surveyors' Training Trust appears later in this Circular.

The Master Elect is encouraged to continue the practice of issuing special Court Circulars as well as Masters' newsletters so that you are more fully informed.

A Tribute

As you know, Past Masters serve on the Court for five years before taking their place on the sofa. Past Master Stuart Hibberdine steps down this year and warmest thanks are offered to him for his enormous contribution to the life of the Company over many years. We wish him and his wife, Christine, well.

We also thank Roger Fidgen and Jonathan Strong for all their efforts and hard work whilst they served on the Court. And we welcome James Bryer, Jon Turner and Roger Southam who have recently been elected to join the Court to support the Company's interests accordingly.



The Livery visit to The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, in Barnes.



Conclusion

Our ever changing programme of activities combined with our successful educational and charitable initiatives enables us to continue to adopt a strong profile and to be highly regarded in the City and amongst our fellow livery companies.

In last year's Circular, my predecessor George Gillon sought to encourage less active liverymen to become more involved in our activities and said they would find it rewarding to do so. I am aware many have taken George's advice - which I of course endorse - and have found considerable delight in doing so.

My successor, Terry Knight, will I know provide you with another interesting and worthwhile programme for the year ahead. I urge you to join in and take part. I wish Terry and the Senior and Junior Wardens elect, Brian Lamden and Richard Cotton, and of course their ladies, a tremendously enjoyable year.

To the Livery, I send my best wishes, and say good luck and thank you for allowing me the privilege of holding office as Master.

Ted Hartill, Master 2003/4

THE COMPANY'S FINANCES

The Company

Over the years, it has been the Court's intention to slowly grow the Company's reserves to provide a buffer for unexpected expenditure and funds for special events and capital commitments. The policy is also to achieve break-even on income and expenditure and to limit the amount of corporation tax. The reserves are fully invested in equities and fixed income instruments.

As at 30 September 2003 (the last financial year for which audited accounts are available), the accumulated reserves of the Company amounted to £274,150. Income for the year from quarterage, investments, functions and seminars was £137,208. Expenses totalled £152,575 covering the cost of functions and dinners, rent of storage facilities, administrative costs and the salaries of the Clerk, bookkeeper and Beadle and audit fees. There was hence a loss on these parts of the Company's activities. However, the Company realised a surplus of £72,723 on the sale of investments and other income was received from the sale of books, fines and other items. We therefore booked a surplus of £72,200.

The Court monitors the administrative costs of running the Company closely and aims to keep increases in quarterage in line with inflation. Last year, the Court reviewed the Company's external advisers and as a result appointed James Harman as auditor from which we will see a considerable saving in audit fees going forward.



The Master presenting the PAMADA Victor Ludorum to Charlie Burt of Sectorlight Sutton Young and Mike Austin of Fulmar Colour Printing.

The audit of the 2004 accounts will be put in hand shortly.

The Charitable Trusts

The Company has two charitable funds, the 1977 and 1992 Trusts. Last year the Charity Commission approved the pooling of both Trusts to be known as the Company of Chartered Surveyors' Charitable Investment Fund. This will improve the administration of the charitable funds considerably.

For the year to 30 September 2003, the combined net funds of the two Trusts were £766,222, an increase over the previous year of £95,091. Income from donations and investments was £76,553. The administrative costs for investment management, bookkeeping and audit amounted to £11,289. Grants and charitable donations totalled £17,731 during the year.

The Trustees' policy is to maintain and grow the free reserves in the form of investments to enable sufficient income to be produced to make grants and charitable donations in the future to deserving causes. The investments are in equities and fixed income bonds by way of unit trusts. After the effects of the stock market falls of recent years, the funds are beginning to recover and will show a further improvement in value this year.

Terry Knight, Senior Warden

PAMADA AWARDS

This year's PAMADA awards, held at the Mayfair Intercontinental Hotel in February, were the 14th since the creation of this competition - now a major event in the property marketing calendar.

Duncan Moir of Allsop & Co was Master of Ceremonies for an enjoyable and successful evening. Awards were presented to winners in the 22 prize categories and the competition raised more than £10,000 for the Company's Charitable Trust. Joint winners of the Victor Ludorum were Sectorlight Sutton Young and Fulmar Colour Printing for their Belgrave House, London SW1 project.

Arrangements are well in hand for the 2004/5 PAMADA and details can be found at www.pamada.org.uk For this next competition, the ceremony will be held at Cadogan Hall, near Sloane Square, SW1; an impressive and interesting venue which has recently been described thus: *"Cadogan Hall is 100 years old this year, having originally started life as a Christian Scientist Church. However anything less 'churchy' or more opulent could scarcely be imagined, not that one expects anything hair-shirt at the lower end of Sloane Street!"*

Court Assistant David Larkin

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

A message from Past Master Delva Patman

Livery companies share a common ethos to promote and support education. The Chartered Surveyors' Company is no exception. Successive Courts have initiated a variety of educational activities but with a common objective – to provide opportunity, improve and maintain standards and raise the profile and status of the profession.

With no central focus for this diverse range of initiatives, it occurred to me that if we had a dedicated Education Committee, with a remit to coordinate and provide a forum for such work, this would enable us to explore other initiatives and involve more liverymen.

With the Court's approval, the Committee was set up in May 2000, under the Chairmanship of Rob Bould, enabling me to suggest a new initiative, involving schools; an area of education that I felt had been overlooked. My idea was to capture the imagination of 14-15 year olds by showing how interesting and rewarding a career in surveying could be, at the time when they would be making choices about examination subjects and careers. This idea has now been developed into the **Schools Initiative Project**.

A number of liverymen have expressed interest in becoming involved in education and the nature of the Project should provide just this. To maintain success, we need liverymen who are not only willing to visit schools to build on existing relationships, but also prepared over a period to give time to individual pupils many of whom will not have had the privileges that many of us take for granted.

It is early days, but from the enthusiasm shown by the schools and a number of liverymen, there is every sign that this venture will be highly rewarding to both the Company and the individuals involved.

Please read on to see some of the successes we have already achieved and how you can become involved.



Past Master, David Pepper helping pupils at the Robert Clack School.

THE WORK OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rising to the challenge set by Lord Mayor Sir Anthony Joliffe GBE in 1983, encouraging Livery Companies to help inner city schools, our Education Committee has met regularly over the last three years with the aim of coordinating several initiatives and implementing the Company's Education Policy, which is:

"Within the resources of the Company and its individual members to promote the pursuit of excellence within the profession; to increase awareness within the City of the role of Chartered Surveyors and to help individuals with entry into the profession".

The Committee thus stewards and coordinates the Livery's City Seminar, the Schools Initiative Project, the Toby Sutton Award (an annual research legacy), the competitive annual awards to students of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the educational aspects of the Company's highly successful Property Marketing & Design Awards (PAMADA).

Through the Committee, the Company has formed close links with four inner London schools where, through presentations and mentoring, the property professions are promoted as a practical option for young people and also an understanding of the City. These initiatives are acknowledged by the schools to open eyes to the outside world and to foster understanding of routes to qualification which are more practically based than traditional education. The Committee also intends to work in future in close cooperation with the Chartered Surveyors' Training Trust about which an article appears elsewhere in this Circular.

The Schools Initiative Project provides an insight into our profession through presentations, work experience and other opportunities to widen the students' experience generally, for example through arranged visits to the Guildhall and St Paul's Cathedral, to the Ironbridge Museum and a day's rugby training with the Harlequins (thanks to a very generous Liveryman). Such events have proven great successes with the schools concerned, which have neither the resources nor contacts to arrange such events themselves.

Currently the Committee's work is supported by a number of liverymen actively interested in education and thirteen firms have offered work experience for one-week periods.

If you would like to contribute to the work of the Education Committee, either as a school visitor or as a work-experience host, then please contact the Committee's Programme Director, Pipyn Trustram Eve at pipynte@jreve.com

Court Assistant Daniel Carter



The Companys Ski Team at work!
Left to right : John Hickman, Nick Smith, Laurence Johnstone, Tony Gordon-James, Daniel Carter.
Kneeling : Alex Hickman.



Some of our 'adopted schools' pupils enjoying their day out at Ironbridge.



THE COMPANY'S SKI CHALLENGE (HELD IN THE FRENCH ALPS IN DECEMBER 2003)

Fulfilling the brainchild of liveryman Alex Hickman, on 12 December 2003, a volunteer ski team led by Court Assistant Laurence Johnstone set off for Val d'Isere in the French Alps to tackle a sponsored ski challenge in aid of the Company's Charitable Trust. In addition to Messrs. Hickman and Johnstone, the team comprised Past Master Tony Gordon-James, Court Assistant Daniel Carter, Liverymen John Hickman and a co-opted team member, chartered surveyor Nick Smith.

The challenge was to ski the vertical equivalent of Mount Everest (8,848m) within two days. This would necessitate the team skiing a combined distance of some 200 km over-the-ground. In planning the exercise, the ski terrain was researched and routes offering the best mix of height and distance were selected using area maps and height data obtained from local ski authorities.

Although early in the season, on arrival at Val d'Isere we found favourable snow conditions and felt a sense of keen anticipation at the challenge ahead.

Challenge Day One

By 09.30 on the Saturday morning the team were kitted out and on the ascent, reaching the summit of the St Jacques glacier (height 2,902m) at 10.08 hrs. The area was bathed in wintry sunshine but with plentiful snow and comparatively few other skiers. The team commenced skiing at a testing pace; skipper Johnstone being determined to exploit the conditions. By lunchtime, we had achieved some 2200m of vertical drop.



After a short break, we started the second of the four limbs of the challenge. Although stretched by the pace, the team were well matched in skill and able to keep together despite the distraction of John Hickman's interest in mountain wild life and Tony Gordon-James' determination to ignore a longstanding ankle injury. During the afternoon, Daniel Carter sustained a fall resulting in impact between chin and rock requiring minor on-the-spot first aid.

In the afternoon the team reached the Le Fornet glacier at a height of nearly 3000m and without further incident achieved a final day-one tally of 5598 m of vertical height before retreating from the slopes as darkness fell.

Challenge Day Two

On Sunday morning the team awoke to falling snow, wintry conditions and intermittent blizzards.

After breakfast, our skipper led the team up to the Bellevarde area and thence to the World Cup down hill course which finishes about 1km down the valley from Val d'Isere. Skiing at the height of more than 2,800m, wind and weather conditions were extreme and visibility poor. One gust nearly knocked the entire team off their feet and our skiers grudgingly admitted that skipper Johnstone had been right to demand so much of them on the previous day!

After picking our way down the course in white-out conditions, visibility improved towards the bottom where, memorably, we learnt of the capture of Saddam Hussein from an overheard mobile phone call.

Achieving a pre-lunch drop of 1816m, the team battled on in adverse conditions. With the target in our sights by mid-afternoon the team agreed to round off the challenge by attempting the Olympic downhill course, the notorious "Fâce de Bellevarde", which we skied twice before at last withdrawing to one of Val d'Isere's bars for celebratory beers.

Following hot baths to relieve aching muscles, we assembled to hear the skipper announce the final result - a total height-distance achieved of 10,039m thus exceeding the Mount Everest challenge by nearly 1200m. The event was concluded by a presentation of a Company Ski Team certificate and a Val d'Isere medal to each team member followed by a well earned gastronomic evening.

Conclusion

The challenge to ski the height of Mount Everest was demanding but achieved in good humour and thankfully without any major accident. The event was enormous fun and the skiing took place amidst awe-inspiring scenery. Aside from achieving the required vertical drop, equating to more than 50km of downhill skiing each, the team greatly enjoyed each other's company and forged a tremendous bond during the expedition.



Our Skiers looking quite pleased!

Importantly, thanks to the generosity of a large number of our Company's liverymen not to mention the team's friends, families and colleagues, the event has raised more than £20,000 towards the team's nominated charities and the Company's Charitable Trust. The ski team wish to sincerely thank their many sponsors for their generosity. Further, they hope that the success of the event will inspire other liverymen to initiate new and exciting activities in support of the Company's charitable and educational aims.

Court Assistant Daniel Carter



The Master, Gill Hartill & Squadron Leader Bill Farrant at RAF Waddington.

THE COMPANY'S ARMED FORCES SQUADRONS

Despite being a more peaceful year for the Company's Armed Forces affiliates following the cessation of hostilities in the Gulf, all three have been busy, a state of affairs likely to continue for some time to come.

135 Independent Geographic Squadron

The Master, Gill Hartill and I joined in FTX Operation Frosty Owl in February at Minley Army Training Estate. The objective was to revise and practise Standing Operation Procedures in a tactical environment whilst conducting a primary role. It proved a wet weekend but good food and beers on the Saturday helped promote happy faces when the weekend came to an end.

During the exercise, WO2 Thompson was presented with the Afghanistan Medal and the Master made the kind offer to reimburse the Squadron with the costs of WO2 Thompson's medals to be re-mounted, which was graciously accepted.

7010 (VR) Squadron

The Master and his wife were entertained by 7010 at their 50th anniversary in November 2003, when the Company presented a Silver Plate assayed in 1953! This will be presented to the individual demonstrating professional excellence during the year. This year it was presented to Flt. Lt. Norman Gray for his work during OP TELIC at JARIC, for which he was commended in the New Year's Honours. The plate will be engraved with the winner's names each year and each person will receive a silver goblet engraved with the Company's and Squadron's crests to keep.

The Master, his wife Gill and a party also attended the RAF Waddington Air Show in June. One of the party, liveryman Brian Shepherd, was able to sit in the cockpit of a Canberra, in which he flew during his National Service!

In recognition of the Company's donation to the Royal Auxiliary Air Force National Memorial Trust, the Master, Gill and I were invited in September to attend a Dedication Service for the newly created memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffs

The Squadron continues to deploy personnel to the Gulf, Kosovo and Cyprus to provide interpretation intelligence demonstrating how highly regarded their specialist skills are.

HMS ECHO

An intimate dinner with 6 of the Ship's company was held at the Caledonian Club in January 2004, and attended by the Master, the Clerk, Past Master George Gillon, Senior Warden Terry Knight and me. During this, we presented silver napkin rings commissioned to commemorate the Ship's deployment.

Commander Martin Jones was succeeded in March 2004 by Commander Andy Waddington. Since deployment, ECHO has been kept very busy and has surveyed 185 sq. miles of the Arabian Gulf, found 4 wrecks, 2 oil pipelines, 2 obstructions and numerous shoal patches, as well as conducting detailed underwater searches including one for a sunken Dhow. The Ship has also visited Bahrain, Doha in Qatar, Dubai and Phuket. ECHO is currently involved in a multinational exercise in Singapore involving 31 ships from 5 different nations.

Past Master Delva Patman

THE LIVERY CAROL SERVICE

The intimate and decorative atmosphere of the 16th Century Queen's Chapel of the Savoy was a perfect setting for a successful Carol Service held on 18 December 2003. The event was well attended by many liverymen and their families, filling the pews to capacity and making it an uplifting and enjoyable occasion.

A selection of traditional carols, were led by the RICS singers directed by liveryman Clifford Dann, with readings by the Master, Senior Warden and others. After the Service, the Master and his wife Gill very kindly treated us to a festive fare of mince pies, food and wine.

The Master also presented to our Company a brass hand bell - a replica of the bell which we presented earlier in the year to the Lord Mayor, Robert Finch, a liveryman of our Company. Manufactured at the Whitechapel Foundry (which our liverymen visited last year) the bell is now used at Company functions. It has already proved its ability to bring us to order!

Liverymen Janie Strange and Ian Loncaster

THE CHARITABLE BOARD

In the last 12 months we have concentrated on good housekeeping and supporting educational and charitable activities that were in place at the beginning of the year. This excludes, of course, the wonderful efforts of the Ski Team which the Committee were very pleased to support, as reported in full detail elsewhere.

At the start of the year, we appointed Christopher Bush as bookkeeper to enhance the management of the growing funds under the responsibility of the Committee. Christopher has done a very good job in his first year and the Committee can report that the accounts are in good order. Our fund managers, Sarasin, presented a report on the Charitable Fund at a committee meeting in September. As at 31 July 2004, the Fund totals: £810,269.

The major financial grants this year have been awarded to the following causes:

- The Schools Initiative Project



Breakfast time at Le Mans!



The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy where our Carol Service was held.



The Arnage straight at 5 am, part of 'The Le Mans Experience'.



- The Chartered Surveyors' Training Trust
- Christchurch Gardens Youth & Community Centre
- Spitalfields Labyrinth Project
- Treloar College
- Jubilee Sailing Trust
- Guildhall School of Music & Drama
- Lord Mayor's Regatta
- British Paralympics Association

An issue raised during the year is the relationship which might be effected with Lionheart. The Committee is pursuing this matter, to see whether the various Trusts would permit supporting this excellent cause and for the forthcoming year, the Committee is currently preparing draft budgets. The various committees who are promoting the ongoing educational and charitable activities are encouraged to make their cases known.

Court Assistant Richard Cotton

THE "LE MANS EXPERIENCE"



For several years, a group of "blokes" led by Ted Hartill have made a four day pilgrimage to the famed "24 hour race". Doubtless the tradition would have continued had your Master not had the following idea: *"Let's take our wives this year; we could spend a couple of nights in that excellent hotel 'Pavillon de Gouffern. The food and drink would be good; the drive interesting and the experience unique, including a night sleeping by the track for those who want to. Even better, let's get the livery company to come too?"*

That is how it all started and this is how the trip was for me:

The Outward Voyage

Friday 11 June 07.30: the party's first rendezvous was at Dover. There was a variety of vehicles, including a 1930s Lagonda, modern performance machinery from Britain, Germany and Italy, a 25 year old "E-type" in pale blue and a Sebring Austin Healey replica.



After a smooth voyage over the channel to Calais, the party moved down the motorway towards our first night's destination near Argentan.

In the evening in a sunlit chateau garden, we enjoyed pre dinner drinks before a superb meal and socialising amongst the party. The evening was memorable. To our delight, Gill Hartill announced that Edward had been awarded the OBE. It couldn't have happened to a nicer bloke – appropriately more drinks followed……

Saturday 12 June 09.30

Departing for Le Mans, our first stop was at Sees, to visit the Cathedral and street market. By early afternoon the party had arrived at our pre designated parking at the Le Mans circuit. We prepared to see the start of the race from the Dunlop Stand at the first corner from the pit straight. Each racing car has its own sound. The racing is intense; cars down-changing, turbos spitting flame and brake discs glowing from orange to white-hot as the race moves into the darkness of night. Everywhere the sound of the engines provide a backdrop. Lights-out at around 01.00 hrs, sleeping in the car aided by ear plugs.

Sunday 13 June 06.30

Tea and croissants start the day and Le Mans radio gives the race positions. The racing has been keen, places being swapped between the Audis (favourites) and the Ferraris (British prepared). Modified Porsche 911s lap efficiently and reliably (the same every year).

The day passes, with refreshments at the Club Ouest (courtesy of Edward's membership), a tour of the stalls in the village - and a visit to the Motoring Museum to escape the throng. More than 60,000 Brits visit, joining a crowd of 250,000 plus. Back to the Dunlop Stand for an exciting finish: Audis win the day, one having had a partial rebuild, something possible in a 24 hour race.

Eager to return to hotel and a bath, we leave Le Mans. The evening is warm and bright and the drive enjoyable. Sparkling wine and a chat precede another excellent dinner. All move around the tables swapping tales and impressions of the race. Later, bed beckons although some wield snooker cues into the small hours.

Monday 14 June 09.30

Another beautiful day and after breakfast we move off independently. Chris (my wife) and I rendezvous with Edward and family at Montreuil, a walled town with links to the Knights Templar, for lunch in the town square, leaving a short drive to Calais.

Dover bound we re-connect with various party members. All have greatly enjoyed the experience and praise the organisation and courtesy of Edward and his team as well as the conviviality and fellowship amongst the liverymen, their friends and families.

We arrive home in the early evening, our memories overflowing with the sights, sounds and smells of the past four days. Over a drink of wine we agree this was not just a motor race, but a truly memorable "Le Mans Experience".

Haydon Williams, a guest on the livery 2004 Le Mans expedition



The view from the Dunlop stand.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

The Company is proud to have as one of its liverymen Robert Finch. As an honorary member of the RICS, Robert was elected to our Company in 2000 during his year as Aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London. His contribution to the City as a property lawyer at Linklaters is well documented and in recognition of that he was elected an honorary Chartered Surveyor.

Naturally the Company resolved to play its full part in supporting Robert during his year as the 676th Lord Mayor. A decision to take part in his Show was taken and past Master Hugh Stebbing volunteered to make the arrangements.

Much happens just prior to the Show. On 21 October, our Company along with Robert's mother Company, the Solicitors and his other two companies, the Innholders and the Environmental Cleaners, held a dinner at Innholders' Hall to mark the presentation of the Lord Mayor Elect to the Lord Chancellor representing the Queen. Our Master, Wardens and Clerk attended the Dinner alongside their counterparts from the other three companies. Also present were other high officers of the Corporation as well as the Lord Chancellor and the Lady Falconer. This was a wonderful occasion with fine speeches by Sir Alexander Graham and the Lord Mayor Elect.

The timing of the Lord Mayor's admission to office is governed by City of London statute and on 7 November, the Master and other representatives of our Company and their Ladies attended Guildhall to witness Robert make his Declaration and receive the symbols of office. With the exception of the Town Clerk and the Lord Mayor Elect who both read the Declaration aloud, the proceedings are conducted in silence. Hence it is called 'The Silent Ceremony', being most impressive, full of pageantry and solemnity. In the evening, we attended a special service in the historic and intimate Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula within the Tower of London. The singing of the Choir was exceptional.



The Masters, Clerks and Wardens of The Chartered Surveyors' Company and The Innholders' Company.

An early start was necessary for the following day of the Show. The Master, Wardens, Clerk and Assistants Robert Bould and Simon Kolesar and their Ladies attended the Guildhall for the Presentation of Addresses and Momentos to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. Although a formal ceremony, it was conducted by the Remembrancer in a congenial manner. The Company presented the Lord Mayor with a hand cast bell from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the Master inviting him to ring it. Robert obliged robustly, lightening the proceedings! A splendid breakfast followed in the Crypts.

Whilst we enjoyed the Lord Mayor's hospitality, Hugh Stebbing was marshalling the children of St Saviour's & St Olave's school and of the Robert Clack school for their part in the Show representing our Company and the RICS. Whilst they walked, waving colourful banners and ribbons, the Master, Wardens and Clerk travelled in an open horse-drawn Ascot Landau, robed with their Tudor Caps and waving traditional glove puppets. Our thanks and congratulations go to Hugh Stebbing for all his work in making everything happen so successfully.

This year was the largest Show ever, with over 6,000 people taking part in a procession more than three miles long. It was a wonderful sight depicting the Lord Mayor's theme of 'The City in Tune'. There was lots of noise, fun and laughter with a wide variety of music. Particularly memorable were the 700 Guildsmen from Zurich who paraded in their brightly coloured costumes.

By tradition, the Lord Mayor stops at the Law Courts in the Strand to swear the Oath of Allegiance to the Crown in front of the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls and other senior Judges. The Master, Wardens and Clerk were privileged to be present in the Lord Chancellor's Court to hear speeches by the Recorder of the City of London, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Phillips. After some welcome refreshment we rejoined the carriage for the journey to the Mansion House where we disembarked to lunch with the Lord Mayor and other guests in the Egyptian room.

We were blessed with dry and sunny weather for the Show and whilst it was a long day, it was tremendous fun mixed with the ceremonial and splendid trappings of the City. This is what makes London such a great place. The day was rounded off by a spectacular firework display over the Thames.

The Company is proud to have taken part and privileged to have had one of its liverymen as Lord Mayor. His support of the property industry can only help us to enhance the standing of our profession and to strengthen our Company's position in the City Livery.

Terry Knight, Senior Warden



Presenting the bell (forged at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry) to The Lord Mayor.





Our golfers at The Company Golf Day at Worplesdon.





One of our boys hits the target!



THE COMPANY'S FISHING DAY

A day's fly-fishing for trout in May, when the countryside is at its best, is one to look forward to with eager anticipation. On 7 May twenty-six liverymen and their guests assembled at the 1200 acre Chew Valley Lake with its world-wide reputation for superb fly-fishing. Many arrived early for a hearty breakfast before the time honoured ritual of setting up rods and assessing the prospects with other fishermen.

Buoyed with confidence and enthusiasm from experts who had taken many fish the day before, our 13 two-man boats set off onto a flat calm lake with clear skies and a warm sun – conditions that are traditionally unpopular with fly-fishers. Indeed, that early optimism was pricked by lunchtime when few fish had been found and even fewer caught. The afternoon session, as the temperature rose into the early 20s, was little better. Even our distinguished guests, Mike Heckler FRICS past president of the English Fly Fishers Association and Simon Hodges FRICS of the current England team found conditions difficult.

It is said that the joy of fly-fishing is in the pursuit of fish, but perhaps for some the excitement wore a little thin as the day progressed. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable occasion, not least for the camaraderie amongst all present. As one lady guest wrote to me: "It was so nice to sit in a boat all day with X and talk to him without interruption!" I have not sought her husband's reaction. The event was marred by one minor act of vandalism when Roger Fidgen threw an anchor overboard without attaching rope to boat; perhaps he was trying to kill a fish with a thump on the head.

With the encouragement of those who enjoyed the event - and the promise that May is usually the best month for fly-fishing - a provisional date has been made for a return visit on 16 May 2005. More details will be circulated in January, but if you are a fly-fisher and haven't previously expressed interest, please do let the Clerk know.

Liveryman David Marsh

THE COMPANY'S GOLFING EVENTS

The year has been active for The Company's golfers.

In the Prince Arthur Cup at Walton Heath in May, attended by 54 livery companies, we were represented by Keith Way, Bill Peach, Chris Honeywell and Terry Knight. The Company won the cup a few years ago but, on this occasion, we finished somewhat down the list.

The annual match against the Hermes Club was held at Worplesdon in June. This was a splendid day of singles and foursome competition. Honours are even over the years but on this occasion the Company lost its hold on the trophy by quite a margin.

The Company Golf day was revived by the Senior Warden, also at Worplesdon, in July. Twenty of our liverymen took part on a fine day. The Master's Cup was won by Terry Knight with 35 points, Simon Waugh was second and Peter Golder and Robin Elliot joint third. In the afternoon a limited foursome competition was won by Terry Knight and Harold Couch closely followed by Peter Davidson and Keith Thompson. This was a thoroughly enjoyable day and it is hoped that next year more members will be able to take part.

The tri-partite match against the Accountants and Solicitors took place at Walton Heath on 20 September. The Chartered Surveyors were victorious!

Liverymen interested in playing in future matches should contact Keith Way on keway60@hotmail.com

Court Assistant Laurence Johnstone

INTER-LIVERY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Company was once again invited this summer to take part in the Inter-Livery Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament held at Queen's Club on 15 July and sponsored by the Feltmakers Company which this year is celebrating its 400th anniversary.

This year we were represented by liverymen Gordon Edington and Jonathan Strong and their respective partners Sally Boycott and Mary Strong. Although no medals were won, both our pairs made it to the second round of the Plate Competition.

If any Liverymen would like to play in next year's tournament in September, please make contact with Jonathan Strong. County level players and better are excluded but the competition is still quite fierce!

Liveryman Jonathan Strong

THE INTER-LIVERY AND LIONHEART SHOOTING EVENTS

A convivial Inter-Livery Shoot was held on 19 May on a fine and enjoyable day at the Holland & Holland Shooting Ground, West London. Organised by Brian Lamden, our teams comprised A) liverymen Flower, Fidgen, Gordon-James and Woodham and B) liverymen Lamden, Bould, Edington and Roxburgh. After 10 stands, we finished 17th and 68th out of 96 teams. Digby Flower was placed in 8th overall position – well done!

23 teams took part in this year's Lionheart Shoot at West Wycombe, raising over £5,000 for the Charity. The Company was represented by three teams, Hickman's Hitters, Bin Lamden's Bandits and Loncaster's Layabouts who finished 11th, 14th and 15th respectively. The event attracted both practising and retired members of the livery and was thoroughly enjoyed by our representatives.

Liverymen interested in participating in next year's events should contact Brian Lamden on blam@reidlamden.demon.co.uk

Court Assistant Robert Bould & Liveryman Peter Dove



The Lord Mayor's Regatta - our lads rowing to the start.

A VICTORY FOR THE SURVEYORS IN THE LORD MAYOR'S REGATTA

On 22 July, the Company took part in the Lord Mayor's sailing and rowing Regatta organised by past Master Keith Knowles at the Docklands Watersports Centre.

The Chartered Surveyors' was the only livery company to participate, a point well noted by the Lord Mayor. 9 crews entered the rowing event but there were only 4 entries in the sailing regatta, the Company being represented here by Digby Flower, James Bryer and Duncan Lyster. Perhaps others knew something that the entrants didn't, because the wind died completely and the sailing event had to be abandoned, with the dinghies having to paddle back to the pontoon. This was very disappointing and frustrating for the sailors and the champagne prizes had to be determined by a draw.

All eyes thus turned to the rowing regatta in which the racing was highly competitive. Each crew had to race twice and then the three fastest crews competed in the final. The rules required six oarsmen, a cox and a passenger in a Thames waterman cutter. The Senior Warden, being the lightest, was the passenger but other crews did not always play the game, deciding against having extra weight in their boats. In the first heat the Surveyors had an impressive win in a fast time of 1 minute 12 seconds. Having assessed the opposition, our crew took the second heat marginally more gently, finishing in 1 minute 13 seconds but still in front. And so to the final where the Surveyors crew felt confident as long as they could avoid a sinking or a clash of oars!

As favourites, our team did not disappoint, romping home to win the competition outright - in 1 minute 9 seconds and with a full compliment on board! Perhaps having two Cambridge Blues and someone who had rowed the Atlantic had something to do with it but there was no doubt that the Surveyors were an accomplished crew. Our opponents remarked "oarsome!"

Our thanks and congratulations to the crew, Matt Parish, Peter Lowe, Dave Gillard, Lukas Hirst, Luke Nolan and Nick Dagg and Richard Hughes-Jones.

Court Assistant James Bryer and Senior Warden Terry Knight

THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' TRAINING TRUST

The Chartered Surveyors' Training Trust was established by the Company in 1984 becoming a separate, self maintained Trust in 1987. Its current Chairman is liveryman Peter Sanders, the Trust's aim being to provide work-based learning for school leavers who aspire to join one of the professions of the built environment - Chartered Surveyors, Engineers and Architects. Currently the greater demand is from surveying trainees.

The Trust has full time staff and is mainly funded by the Learning & Skills Council. It supports trainees by arranging training through placements with employers, supported by theory learning at colleges and universities. It is the only learning provider in England offering Advanced Modern Apprenticeships in surveying.

Currently, demand for trainees from employers exceeds supply, a healthy base from which to grow the Trust's operations and an encouraging sign for both the economy and the profession.

The Government's educational framework has recently been modified, promoting NVQs and Modern Apprenticeships leading, for those with the necessary aptitude, to university education. Thus the new system offers an alternative route based on work related learning, close in many ways to the traditional concept of apprenticeships, a bedrock of the original livery companies. Our Company is playing an important role in this process. The route also offers young people the option to earn their way through the process and avoid the millstone which the student loan system can be.

The Company's Education Committee, a separate entity from the Training Trust, seeks to augment the Trust's activities through the Schools Initiative Project described elsewhere in this Circular. In this way, the Committee aims to identify potential recruits for the Training Trust's programme with our Charitable Trust providing an element of funding for this initiative.

There are currently 55 trainees at various stages in the Training Trust programme. The success already achieved is illustrated by some examples. One girl who joined the Trust at age 16 with 3 GCSE's, left the Trust to read architecture at South Bank University where she obtained a 1st Class Honours Degree. Another, with only one GCSE, stayed with the Trust for seven years, and secured an Upper Second Class Honours at the University of Greenwich and a highly successful career as a Chartered Building Surveyor since.

Of equal interest are the less dramatic successes, but just as impressive considering the odds against which individuals have battled. This is the key to what the Trust does, helping young people achieve more than they could alone by providing not only opportunity, but also self-belief through a continually available support. The Trust recognises that there are those who develop more slowly than others and that there are often external factors such as family disunity, which can cause disappointing school results - poor academic results early in life do not always mean there is no real ability.

Kevin Drugan, CSTT Chief Executive Officer

THE COURT AND COMMITTEES 2004-2005

THE COURT

Terry Knight, Master
Brian Lamden, Senior Warden
Richard Cotton, Junior Warden
Delva Patman, Past Master
Hugh Stebbing, Past Master
Michael Baker, Past Master
George Gillon, Past Master
Ted Hartill, Past Master
Robert Bould
James Bryer
Daniel Carter
Graham Chase
Elizabeth Edwards
Digby Flower
James Gillett
William Hill
Laurence Johnstone
Simon Kolesar
David Larkin
Mickola Wilson
Jon Turner
Roger Southam

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Richard Cotton, Chairman and Junior Warden
David Larkin, Vice Chairman
Terry Knight, Master
Brian Lamden, Senior Warden
Ted Hartill, Immediate Past Master
Laurence Johnstone
Mickola Wilson

Elections Committee

Brian Lamden, Chairman & Senior Warden
Terry Knight, Master
Richard Cotton, Junior Warden
Ted Hartill, Immediate Past Master
David Larkin
Ken Morgan
Jon Turner

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Terry Knight, Master
Brian Lamden, Senior Warden
Rob Bould
Peter Dove
James Gillett
Evadne Horne
Richard Lanyon
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Frederick Hargreaves
William Hill
Roger Southam
David Thompson
John Woodman

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Jon Turner, Vice Chairman
Terry Knight, Master
Brian Lamden, Senior Warden
Lady (Jenna) Davies
Richard Kent
Simon Kolesar
David Larkin
Louise McElarney
Janie Strange
Simon Waugh

Education Committee

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Roger Southam, Vice-Chairman
Terry Knight, Master
Delva Patman, Past Master
Robert Bould
Carole Gannon
Peter Goodacre
Nicholas Howe
Rebecca Mason
Charles McKerracher
Duncan Preston
Jonathan Rogers
Janie Strange

PAMADA Awards

Graham Chase, Chairman
Digby Flower, Vice-Chairman
Michael Baker, Past Master
James Bowdidge
Philip Brown
Chris Dymond
Bob Dyson
Andrew Fielder
Chris Goldthorpe
Richard Kent
Ken Morgan
Colin Peacock
John Williams

Business Review Committee

Richard Cotton, Chairman and Junior Warden
Robin Broadhurst, Past Master
Robert Bould
James Bryer
Rebecca Mason
Ken Morgan

From the Master Elect

I am honoured to be asked to be your Master for the forthcoming year.



Terry Knight

Apprehensive but excited about the next 12 months, I look forward to the task of endeavouring to maintain the high standards set by my predecessors to increase the standing of the Company in the City.

Our Company is still only 28 years old and we must be patient and prepared to earn our spurs. That said, we 'punch above our weight' and are already held in high esteem by other livery companies, especially those who have no trade links left.

A special thanks goes this year to the Lord Mayor, Robert Finch, a liveryman of this Company, for all he has done to raise awareness of the importance of property in the Country's economy. We must build on this and ensure that the Company continues to promote the profession in the business community at large.

The Year Ahead

Without making changes for change's sake, like every other Master, I will do some things differently. In the coming year, I would like us to reflect on our reasons for joining the Livery, on whether we are reaping the benefits of belonging and also if we could do more to play our part. We might not use the same language today but it is worth reminding ourselves of the objects of the Company devised nearly 30 years ago:

"To foster means of professional and social intercourse and mutual information between members of the RICS and in furtherance of the said object and intention but not in any way in limitation thereof to 'inter alia' accumulate funds for the benefit of Members of the Company, to advance the interests of the Company, to relieve hardship of Members, for education in surveying matters, scholarships, prizes and research and for any charitable objects, and to assist the RICS and other bodies connected with the profession of surveyors whether professional, benevolent, social or otherwise.'

'Networking' is a word little used 30 years ago. Some might think it has unsavoury connotations today. I believe, however, it is an important part of wanting to join our Company. Surveyors are a gregarious bunch, who like doing business together and have a commonalty of purpose.

For my own part, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in our profession, in spite of some mountains to climb on the way! Having started with Weatherall Green & Smith in 1962, I look back and thank the former Partners for encouraging me to become involved with the Junior Organisation of the Chartered Auctioneers', then the RICS, the Central London Branch (now sadly gone) and latterly the Livery Company. I have had immense fun and made long lasting friendships in these organisations. This has been an important part of my professional life and I believe useful in my career.

I regret, in today's hectic world, that younger surveyors are not encouraged or supported by their firms to 'take part' as they used to be. The comradeship that this engenders and the ability to put something back into the profession and society as a whole is highly rewarding. If you can encourage any of your colleagues to apply to join our Livery Company then please do so.

Making friendships and having fun with other surveyors is not the only reason for joining the Livery of course. We have a continuing programme of highly worthwhile activities focussed on educational, charitable and fund-raising aims some of which are described elsewhere in this Circular.

The Company must remain relevant and demonstrate a real purpose. In his end of term report (earlier in this Circular) Ted Hartill refers to the working party set up under the chairmanship of Richard Cotton to review the aims of the Company, the classes of membership, its administration and to formulate a business plan for the coming years. The Court will debate their findings during the year and I will advise you of changes proposed.

To provide 'value for money' and be seen as a club people want to join, the Company must also be attractive to new members. If we can achieve this, then our aspirations on the educational and charitable front will flourish and be readily achievable.

Whilst the format of the programme for the year generally follows that of former years, I want to highlight in particular the visit next month to Two Temple Place, a truly remarkable building. This is a rare opportunity to see inside and you will not be disappointed. This will be a social evening when you can bring wives, husbands, partners and friends, listen to the huge talent of students from the Guildhall School of Music, and enjoy a relaxed supper in wonderful surroundings. The Carol Service on 20 December will also be slightly different, with readings from John Betjeman, Wendy Cope and Laurie Lee amongst others. The Spring Dinner will be on 15 March at Vintners' Hall when Sir Lawrence Verney, the former Recorder of London has agreed to speak. Gilly and I hope to see many of you at the various functions and we trust that something will appeal, perhaps the visits to the College of Arms or even a game of golf! The Master's Cup will be competed for at Worplesdon on July 20.

Finally, I pay tribute to Ted Hartill and his wife Gill for their stewardship of our Company over the last year. Ted has enjoyed a magnificent year. As City Surveyor, he knows his way round the City and how to get things done. All the events have been well supported, the charitable fund has grown substantially, our educational initiatives are growing apace and the Company has played a full part in supporting the Mayoralty. Ted has raised the profile of the Chartered Surveyors' Company in the City and his dedication here and service to the profession as a whole was deservedly recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours when she conferred the OBE upon him. Hearty congratulations!

Terry Knight, Master Elect

Events

Note these key events for your diary and apply quickly.

13 November 2004
Lord Mayor's Show

24 November 2004
String Quartet Competition - Two Temple Place

20 December 2004
Carol Service - St. Lawrence Jewry

24 January 2005
Livery Luncheon - Apothecaries' Hall

7 February 2005
Seminar. 'Focus on the Changing City' - Various venues

23 February 2005
PAMADA Awards - Cadogan Hall

8/9 March 2005
College of Arms (two visits)

15 March 2005
Spring Livery Dinner - Vintners' Hall

9 May 2005
Inter-Livery Swimathon - RAC Club, Epsom

16 May 2005
Company Fishing Day

19 May 2005
Inter-Livery shoot

6 July 2005
Livery Luncheon - Tallow Chandlers' Hall

20 July 2005
The Company's Golf Day - Worplesdon Golf Club

19 September 2005
Michaelmas Ladies Dinner - Innholders' Hall

17 October 2005
Installation Dinner