



Farewell Message from the Immediate Past Master



It has been a truly tremendous year.

Since our last Newsletter I have taken part in the election of Sheriffs, processing with the Masters of other Companies in all our finery through the Guildhall.

The Mistress Arbitrator has hosted a Ladies' Lunch at Cutler's Hall, which was very well attended and much enjoyed. It was, for the first time, opened up to the Mistresses and Consorts of other Companies.

Our Annual Service at St Mary-le-Bow on 12th July, presided over by our Chaplain, the inimitable Reverend George Bush, was very well attended, as was the excellent supper which followed at the Don Restaurant nearby.

I and the Mistress have continued to attend City Livery events and have enjoyed the hospitality of many other Companies – the dining is always first class. In August we were invited by the Master Management Consultant to venture outside the City for a tour of the Windsor and Eton Brewery, a very enjoyable excursion involving much sampling of the Brewery's ales.

On Friday the 15th of September twenty nine of us assembled in Dartmouth for a tour of the Britannia Naval College, the beginning of my Master's Weekend. A full report of the weekend can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter, so I shall say only that everything went according to plan including, to my great relief, the weather.

On the 25th of September I donned my robes and badge once again to take part in the election of the Lord Mayor. Truly a memorable occasion, and we were much photographed by onlookers as we processed out of the Guildhall in order of precedence.

We were recently greatly shocked and saddened to learn of the untimely death of our revered Past Master Karl Davies. He is a great loss to the Company and will be much missed. We celebrated his life, with his Consort Joy Davies, at a Remembrance Service held at St Mary-le-Bow Church on the 9th of October which, I am pleased to report, was very well attended. The Order of Service, together with a tribute to Karl which was given by our Almoner, Past Master Hew Dundas, is appended to this newsletter.

I shall round up with our Ridgeway Walk which we have just completed. Seven of us walked the last section on Saturday 21st of October, ending with an ascent to the top of Ivinghoe Beacon. Thank you everyone for giving so generously to our walk.

And so I reach the end of a very full and enjoyable year as Master. I have so many people to thank. Our Clerk, Biagio, and Assistant John White, who have ensured it all ran smoothly. Our hardworking Committees and their Chair'men' Margaret Bickford-Smith, Martyn Bradish and Kay Linnell; Philip Fidler and his fellow Trustees for their enthusiasm; Helena for taking on the Newsletter; and my Wardens, David Wilson and Gary Hickinbottom, for their unstinting support and encouragement. And not forgetting their partners of course, nor mine: Sue, my wife and Mistress, who has done so much this year. We both wish David and Kate all the very best for the coming year. We shall be there to support them.

**Matthew Bastone,
Immediate Past Master**



Master's Weekend 15th-17th September - Dartmouth



On Friday 15th September, 27 of us arrived in glorious sunshine at the Dart Marina Hotel before driving the short distance to the Dartmouth Naval College for a private tour. What a treat it was! Our guide Karen, an ex-wren, was passionate, enthusiastic and very knowledgeable, and the two hours seemed much shorter as we saw many aspects and learnt a great deal about the history of the College and its present day organisation.

We were joined by two more guests for the Master's Reception and Dinner at the Hotel, where every bedroom, and the dining room, overlooks the stunning vista of the River Dart across to Kingswear with its beautiful countryside. It was a very convivial evening with excellent food and wine.

On Saturday the day dawned clear once again for our short

ferry crossing before climbing aboard the Dartmouth Steam Train for our journey to Greenway House via Churston. We seemed to step back in time as we enjoyed exploring Agatha Christie's Devon home. A leisurely day was finished in style at The Rockfish Restaurant with Fish, Chips & Fizz.

Some guests had to wend their way home early on Sunday, but 22 of us made our way to Sharpham's vineyard where we were once again blessed with a sunny morning. We had a fascinating tour of the vineyard with tasting along the way, followed by an excellent lunch before setting off on our journeys home.

The Master and Mistress would like to thank our 29 guests for supporting what, we all agreed, was a very enjoyable weekend. Our year is coming to an end very soon and this was a wonderful culmination to what has been a fantastic year.

The Master's Ridgeway Walk

"We've done it!"

On Saturday 21st October, Matthew and Sue, accompanied by friends, completed the 87 mile walk from Overton Hill in Wiltshire to Ivinghoe Beacon in Hertfordshire.

Gale force winds did not stop us from reaching the summit, though it did seem as if we might take off at one point!

We were delighted that good friends Janet & Steve, and Company Members and friends John Uff, Phil Fidler and Mandy Lovell joined us for this last 6 mile stretch of the walk.

It made our last lap even more enjoyable, and we all celebrated with an excellent lunch at The Greyhound Inn at Wigginton.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our efforts. We are delighted that we have exceeded our target and raised £1,500 for the Charitable Trust.

You can still donate by going to our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/MATTBASTONE>, where you can also find a full report of the walk.



New Admissions



New Freeman admitted at the last Court Meeting on 24th October (L-R):
Stephen Harvey Boyd BSc (Hons) FCI Arb Barrister, **Lucy Keane** LLB Dip.L.P MCI Arb Lawyer and Arbitrator, and **Douglas Donald Ward** MA MSc CEng Chartered Engineer

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Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

- **12th December 2017**
Presentation by Lt Cdr George Storton, captain of HMS Mersey The Naval Club, Mayfair
- **14th December 2017**
Annual Carol Service at St Mary le Bow Church, followed by restaurant supper at Café Rouge, St Pauls Churchyard
- **30th January 2018**
Evening at the theatre to see 'Witness for the Prosecution' by Agatha Christie in the old London County Hall Council Chamber, with pre-theatre supper
- **13th March 2018**
Master's Lecture to be given by Lord Dyson, at Simmons & Simmons, One Ropemaker Street, London

WCA Literacy Project Update

"The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators is committed to promoting education in its widest sense and particularly in supporting children from disadvantaged backgrounds who have fewer opportunities than others"



Following my article in the Spring newsletter, I am delighted to update you with progress on this project so far this year.

The first author visit took place on 12th July at Loxford School in East London. I was privileged to attend and see at first hand the impact it had.

It was important that this first visit was a success, and it was brilliantly organised by Authors Aloud who organised Alex Wheatle (not one of their authors) at the request of the school. I attended workshops given by Alex to Year 9 students, the difficult age when students often become disaffected and are far less likely to read or engage in cultural activity.

His books are extremely popular and, keen to make the most of the Company's generosity, the school raised some money to give books to some of the students who could not afford to buy them.

After the visit, Louise Kanolik, the School Librarian, wrote to the Company: "I am writing to thank you so much for funding yesterday's author event with Alex Wheatle. I cannot begin to tell you how inspirational the day was. During the first session Alex managed to captivate over 300 year 9 students plus about 30 adults with stories about his upbringing and how reading and writing became so important to him. He ended with the message that every single person is unique, special and possesses a talent. As you know

he subsequently delivered 3 creative writing sessions which he pitched perfectly for the different groups. The students in each group then went on to develop outstanding pieces of writing, some of which will be read out in the year 9 achievement assembly next week."

And to Alex himself: "Recently we have worked with a group of underachieving boys who were not reading. We gifted them copies of Little Bit and it has transformed them. They all read the book and many have gone on to read others in the series and 'got back into reading'. It was your book that did it as it seems to speak to them opening them up to ideas about life choices, relationships and much more."

The sixth form media students filmed the day and, and the video is well worth watching as it gives a real flavour of what we are achieving:

<http://www.loxford.net/the-author-alex-wheatle-visits-loxford/>

There are to be eight funded author visits in total and, at the time of writing, four have taken place. They will all take place before the end of 2017 and full reports will be posted on the website page under *Supporting Literacy*.

Sue Bastone
Mistress 2016-17



Author Paul Cookson received an enthusiastic reaction from pupils during his visit to Little Ilford School



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A TRIBUTE TO PAST MASTER KARL DAVIES

By Hew R Dundas

Past Master & Almoner to the Company

I am honoured in having been invited to deliver this address in Karl's memory because he had been my very greatly-valued friend and colleague for nearly 15 years and our paths through the Company were almost identical. In what I say, I will focus on Karl's huge contribution to the Company, to the City and to the Livery.

Paraphrasing Sir Winston Churchill, "Karl was a very modest man" BUT, in contrast to the target of Sir Winston's remark, he had a very great deal to be immensely proud of, his service to the Company itself, and to the wider City, being wholly exemplary.

I first met Karl when he was Chief Executive of the City Disputes Panel, then based in the CIArb offices in Bloomsbury Square; his off-the-record observations of life there were hilarious at the time but became of considerable value later. Over an extended lunch in 2004 (one of several over the years), I persuaded him to apply for Admission to our Company to which, unsurprisingly (innate modesty again), his answer was along the lines of "I'm not qualified, not good enough" but I managed to override that.

He was admitted as a Freeman in 2004 (with my seconding his application) and progressed to the Livery on 4th May 2005 and it took little persuasion on my part to persuade him to take over from me as Chairman of the Events Committee which, up to that point, had been somewhat sleepy. Wholly unsurprisingly a mini-explosion of activity subsequently followed Thereafter, Karl became a Trustee of the Company's Charitable Trust and he seemed to volunteer to serve on any committee available. To all such committees, he brought the benefits of substantial business experience, an exceptional degree of insight and perception, a dedication second to none and an eye for detail of legendary precision: whereas the opening "Mr Chairman, on a point of order ..." can, from others, lead to silent groans, in Karl's case you knew that he had something genuinely useful to say even if he was not always met with unanimous agreement.

By the time that I was sounded out about becoming Junior Warden, I had learned that it was essential to create a good working relationship with those a year ahead and a year behind. When, approximately a year later, I was consulted about Karl's possibly succeeding me, I was very pleased to have such a strong back-up to lean on and I often did so, not least concerning City minutiae on which Karl was the undoubted expert in the Company.

Karl's had three major achievements before becoming Master, the first two related to the grant of our Royal Charter in my year as Master, presented by HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO on 12th May 2012. While I had dealt with the Charter itself, Karl, always energetic in anything he did, substantially took over the detailed planning of the Royal Charter Banquet where his knowledge of protocol and his attention to detail made the planning for the State Opening of Parliament look straightforward.

Karl's second very significant achievement, and an enduring one, was to take the bones of the Charter and build onto them the flesh of how the Company would operate in practice, most notably with the creation of both new Company Rules and Terms of Reference for all the committees. These vitally important contributions will form an enduring legacy by which Karl will be remembered for years to come.

Karl's third major achievement was the Mediation Competition which he largely created and ran for its first several years with great success and with enduring value to its student participants.

Karl's very substantial achievements in respect of the Company stand as they do but, you might imagine, what effect did these have on the wider world? Before, during and after his year as Master, Karl made one other major contribution, not just to the City but ultimately to the greater good of UK PLC: 12 Modern Livery Companies form the Financial Services Group and provide advice to the Lord Mayor on all relevant matters, particularly in advance of foreign diplomatic trips. Karl became the Company's FSG representative and, applying his vast experience of the financial sector, injected ferocious energy thereto.

Similarly, Karl served on a charity committee chaired by our Liveryman, Alderman Dame Fiona Woolf DBE, Lord Mayor 2013-14, relating to the Lord Mayor's Appeal; she tells me that "Karl was a warm and wise supporter, generous with his thoughts and ideas for the start-up of the new long term Appeal charity".

Karl was an enthusiastic participant in the Company's involvement in the Lord Mayor's Financial Literacy Project with Clara Grant Primary School in Tower Hamlets. His vast knowledge of the financial world enabled him to explain matters to the children in a way that they understood while his infectious bubbly personality kept them amused while they were still learning from him. I recall many occasions when he was wholly engaged with assisting the children, once even sitting on the floor with his group in one of the exercises.

Perhaps Karl's most prominent characteristic was his integrity which shone through powerfully and he was unquestionably a Man of Principle, sometimes defending his principles with great dedication; in the time-honoured phrase, he did not 'suffer fools gladly'. His personality had many dimensions to it and, while in some ways a very private person, his tremendous force of personality made him the ideal Company representative at major events. He was often very witty, sometimes with an acerbity perhaps derived from his northern origins in Birkenhead of which he was so proud. As we are all well aware, he was an intensely caring person, most notably in looking after Joy when she was suffering from serious medical issues.

Since this Address will be followed by the Arbitrators' Anthem, I will close by highlighting some of its text which was so relevant to Karl and to his life:

- "... the Lord knows the way of the righteous": Karl was more righteous than almost anyone I know;
- "Their delight is in the law of the Lord": Karl adhered to a very strong moral code;
- "everything they do shall prosper"; Karl has left us all a great legacy which will continue to prosper despite his sad and premature passing away;
- "Great peace have they who love your law": all those present here today will agree that Karl has earned, in abundance, that 'great peace'.

Hew R Dundas

Past Master (2011-12) and Almoner to the Company

Note: this Tribute is a lightly amended version of the Address delivered at the Service of Thanksgiving on 9th October 2017.

A
SERVICE OF
THANKSGIVING
for the life of



Karl Davies

15th June 1954 – 8th July 2017

Past Master Arbitrator 2012 – 2013

Monday 9th October 2017 at 11.30am

St Mary-le-Bow Church
Cheapside
London EC2



Large-print orders of service are available at the door

An infrared system is in place to assist those with impaired hearing:
please ask the Verger

Assisted access is available at the west porch from the Churchyard



*Before the service the Organist plays music including
the Chorale Prelude on 'Abide with me' by Sir Charles Parry (1848–1918)
and 'Elegy' by Sir George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)*

All stand to sing the hymn, during which the Priest enters

HYMN

1. IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest – to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Tune 'St Denio' adapted from a Welsh song set to a hymn in John Roberts's Caniadau y Cyssegre (1839)
Words by Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

Remain standing
INTRODUCTION
The Revd George Bush, Rector

All sit
MOTET
Psalm 121
'I will lift up mine eyes to the hills'
by Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

Remain seated
READING
Matthew 5: 1–12
read by Matthew Bastone, Master Arbitrator

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

HYMN

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Tune 'Slane', a traditional Irish melody

*Words translated from the 8th-century Irish by Mary Byrne (1880-1931),
versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

All sit

ADDRESS

*Hew R. Dundas,
Past Master Arbitrator*

Remain seated

ANTHEM

*'The Lord knows the way of the righteous'
A setting of verses from Psalms 1 & 119 by Alan Wilson (b.1947),
commissioned in 2006 to mark the silver anniversary
of the grant of livery to the Company*

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous. Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, everything they do shall prosper. You are righteous, O Lord, and upright are your judgments. The heart of your word is truth. Great peace have they who love your law. Amen.

All kneel or sit

THE PRAYERS

during which all join in saying

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**OUR Father who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name
thy Kingdom come
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

All stand to sing

HYMN

1. GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Tune 'Cwm Rhondda' by John Hughes (1873-1923)

Welsh words by William Williams (1717-91), translated by Peter Williams (1727-96) and others

Remain standing

THE BLESSING

Please remain standing as the Priest departs

ORGAN POSTLUDE

'The Arbitrators' Theme' by Helen Long
(commissioned by the Company in 2010)
improvisation by Alan Wilson

St Mary-le-Bow Church

St Mary-le-Bow was built c.1080 by Lanfranc who accompanied William the Conqueror to become his Archbishop of Canterbury. St Mary-le-Bow was part of a building project which encompassed St Paul's and the Tower as a way of indicating that the Normans were here to stay. St Mary-le-Bow was the Archbishop's London headquarters and the 'le-Bow' designates the distinctive Norman arches which were such a prominent part of the new architectural style and which can still be seen in the undercroft or crypt.

In the middle ages St Mary-le-Bow was famous as the home of the single 'curfew' bell which rung from the site in the middle of London's central street – Cheapside – to indicate the end of the working day. This ringing was picked up at the gates and the City closed for the night. So if you could hear Bow bell – you must be a Londoner or 'cockney'.

The church was destroyed in the Great Fire and rebuilt in restrained baroque by Christopher Wren. The tower (now with twelve bells – the Bow bells) was Wren's most ambitious and expensive project after St Paul's and at the time not wholly appreciated.

The bells came crashing down in 1941 when the church was destroyed by enemy action. The church was rebuilt in 1960-4 by Lawrence King and the bells were restored in 1961, at which time they were inaugurated by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The architecture is still Wren's but the atmosphere and fittings are more modern and liturgical giving a light and open aspect befitting a place of debate, exchange and dialogue.