



The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

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April 2002 Newsletter

THE MASTER'S EASTER MESSAGE

It was fantastic that so many people came to the Annual Banquet at the Mansion House on 31 January, which was a most memorable and enjoyable evening. The event was attended by a number of distinguished guests including Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, who gave one of the speeches.

At the Banquet I presented to the Lord Mayor the Company's cheque in support of The Square Smile, The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2002, which supports Mental Health projects and Barts Cancer Centre of Excellence.

As some of you know, I am abseiling down Canary Wharf with The Lady Mayoress in July in support of this project; further details of this great adventure are on page 3 of this Newsletter.

The Banquet also saw the formal launch of the Apprentice Scheme, about which more is written on page 3.

The Annual Lecture this year was also extremely well supported by members of the Company; there was a record turnout of both members and students to listen to John Tackaberry QC speak at King's College on "Flexing the Knotted Oak: English Arbitration's Task and Opportunity in the First Decade of the New Century". We are very grateful to John Tackaberry QC, Liveryman of the Company and an internationally renowned advocate and arbitrator, for giving an extremely stimulating and enjoyable talk and for providing his paper to us so quickly afterwards. It is available to read on the Company's website but if you would like a hard copy, please let me know.

We are grateful to King's College for allowing us to hold the lecture there this year; it proved a very popular venue, both for the talk itself and for supper afterwards.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Company's website has made great progress in its development over recent months. If you have not visited it yet, please do so! My thanks go to Hannah Ainsworth of Harold Crowter Associates and Liveryman Roger Prentis for all the work they have carried out for the Company in relation to our website, which now receives many more "hits" each week.

We have a number of functions planned for 2002; the next takes place on 9 May, when there will be an informal buffet supper at The Medical Society of London, Lettsom House, Cavendish Square, London W1. This will be a relatively inexpensive event and I hope that many of you will bring guests, particularly people who might be interested in joining the Company, in order to help our current recruitment drive.

We welcome ideas for events; if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

May I wish you and your families a very happy Easter break; I will be busy roller-coastering in Disneyland in Florida!

THE MASTER REPORTS

On Saturday 12 January, I attended the Fancy Dress Party hosted by The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at The Mansion House with my sons Tom (aged 10 and dressed as a pirate) and Edward (aged 9 and dressed as Mickey Mouse); over 500 children and quite a few other Masters were at this most memorable party which included Animal Encounters in the Drawing Room, singing along to a live performance of "Bob the Builder" in the Egyptian Hall and dancing the conga, led by The Lord Mayor dressed as the wizard Dumbledore from Harry Potter, throughout the ground floor and basement of The Mansion House, even shimmying past the chefs in the kitchen. A real afternoon to remember!

I gave a talk in Reigate for the South East Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators on 15 January; the chairman of that branch is Liveryman Dr Derek Ross.

On 22 January I attended The Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants' Dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall; I went to the Arkwrights Reception at Ironmongers' Hall the next day and the Annual Banquet of the Arbitrators' Company the following week.

On 6 February there was a Court lunch at Guildhall, following the Court meeting; the lunch was attended by Judith Mayhew, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee in the Corporation of London, who spoke about her role in the City.

On 12 February I attended a lecture by Dr David Owen, organized by The World Traders' Company. This took place at Guildhall, with a reception afterwards. Dr Owen's paper is available on The World Traders' Company website.

On 28 February I attended the Parish Mass and Reception at St. Mary-le-Bow in Cheapside to mark the end of Reverend Victor Stock's ministry at that church. Reverend Stock has been appointed Dean of Guildford.

In March I attended the Insurers' Company lunch at Drapers' Hall, the Arbitrators' Annual Lecture at King's College, the St. Thomas' Hospital and King Edwards' School 450th anniversary service at St. Paul's, with lunch afterwards at Guildhall, The Lord Mayor's Dinner for Masters and Prime Wardens at The Mansion House, the United Guilds' Service at St. Paul's and lunch afterwards with the Farmers and Fletchers. I also was an official guest at the Annual Dinner of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in Inner Temple and attended the Modern Companies' Dinner at Mercers Hall.

WARDENS' COLUMN

Finance

The Company's finances are in better shape than for some years. At the end of last year our Bank balance was 40% greater than two years ago. That is due to sensible economies. That is the good news.

The bad news however is that we had 20 Members who had not paid their Quarterage compared with only 10 the previous year.

Two things could transform our finances. If we each recruited one new Member and we all paid our Quarterage by direct debit then we would have the money to really go places.

Lets do those two things in 2002 and make this year truly memorable.

Senior Warden

The Senior Warden is seeking a willing Newsletter editor. Must be computer literate, able to use e-mail and Microsoft Publisher software. It is not an onerous job, but needs input of text and photos produced by others and some design sense in the layout of the newsletter. *Contact Michael Wilkey on Tel. 020-7374 0788.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Buffet Supper– 9 May.

A buffet Supper has been arranged which would be an ideal opportunity to meet new Freeman and Liverymen and to invite guests who are interested in becoming members of the Company.

An evening's networking at The Medical Society of London, a delightful Regency building in Cavendish Square, London W1.

Application form enclosed with this Newsletter or apply to the Clerk.

Cowes Week-End – 24/25/26 May.

The Senior Warden, Michael Wilkey, is hosting as a member of the City Livery Yacht Club, those Freeman and Liveryman who wish to join in the fun of leisurely cruising sailing in the celebrated centre of British Yachting.

A week-end event from Friday night to Sunday morning with a race on the Saturday for those who want to.

Application form enclosed with this Newsletter or apply to Michael Wilkey Tel. 020-7374 0788.

The Great Abseil Adventure – 15 July

On Monday 15 July, the Master, together with The Lady Mayoress and a few other intrepid individuals, will abseil 622 feet down the tower at Canary Wharf, the tallest building in the UK.

This event is taking place in order to raise money for The Square Smile, The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2002, supporting Mental Health projects and Barts Cancer Centre of Excellence.

The Master is hoping to raise a minimum of £10,000 and very much hopes that she can count on your support. If you would like to sponsor her, please let her know by telephone on 020-7956 9354 or by e-mail vrussell@fenwickelliott.co.uk. Both corporate and personal donations for this very worthwhile cause would be enormously appreciated; personal donations will be treated as Gift Aid.

Arbitrators' Golf Society – 23 May.

The Company has entered a team to play in the Charity Insurance Golf day on Thursday 23rd May 2002 at the Wildernesse Club, Sevenoaks. Anyone wishing to play should contact Assistant Charles Ellis, Tel. 020-8868 5966 or e-mail EllisCG@aol.com

CHARITY

Chairman of the First Charity.

The chairman of the First Charitable Trust, Terry Chalcraft, has indicated that he would like to step down from this role in July. We are therefore seeking a new chairman. If you are interested in taking on this position and/or would like some further information about what is involved, please contact the Master by telephone on (020) 7956-9354 or by e-mail at vrussell@fenwickelliott.co.uk.

Apprentice Scheme

The Charitable Trust are pleased to announce that the Apprentice Scheme was officially launched by the Master at the Annual Banquet on the 31 January 2002 in the presence of the Lord Mayor and his Civic Party.

Chaplain

As you will have read in the Master's Easter Message, the Company Chaplain, Reverend Victor Stock, has been appointed to the Deanery of Guildford and we are therefore temporarily without a Chaplain.

The Company has traditionally been associated with St. Mary-le-Bow in Cheapside; the Court has decided to wait and see who the new incumbent there will be with a view to inviting him/her to take on the position as Company Chaplain. As the interregnum at St. Mary-le-Bow could last for up to a year, it may be that we will be without a Chaplain for some time; the Master has therefore invited her local vicar, Reverend Stephan Welch, vicar of St. Peter's, Hammersmith and area Dean of Hammersmith and Fulham, to take the Company's annual service at St. Mary-le-Bow on Tuesday 9 July.

WEB SITE

Liveryman Roger Prentis has kindly agreed to reorganise the format and layout so that it operates faster and keep it up-to-date on a regular basis. The Master's Lecture will soon be featured as will many other interesting additions. Reports on events, photographs, newsletter, news etc.

Give it a go and see how interesting it is now.
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LIVERY NEWS

CITY LIVERY CLUB NEWS

The City Livery Club (20 Aldermanbury, EC2) has decided to open its Luncheon Room to non-members who are Freeman or Liverymen of Livery Companies and their guests. All that is required is that a booking be made by midday the previous day. The cost of a 3 course meal is £21.50 and a 2 course meal £17.50 inc VAT. If you wish to take advantage of this please telephone the Club direct on Tel. **020-7814 0200**.

THE BRODERERS' COMPANY

Percy Levy Embroidery Competition is open to Liverymen of all Companies, their wives, sons, daughters, grandsons, grand-daughters and widows. Entries need to be submitted by 1 December 2002. *If you would like further details please contact the Clerk.*

CITY OF LONDON BRIEFINGS

City of London Briefings which are particularly aimed at new Freeman and Liverymen provide a short introduction to the work of the Corporation of London, especially its relationship with the Livery Companies. There is the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and a light finger buffet is provided at the conclusion, giving the chance to mix with and meet other Freeman and Liverymen. The next series take place on:

Thursday, 20 June at 4.00 for 4.30 pm in
the Crypt, Guildhall

Thursday, 20 June at 6.00 for 6.30 pm in
the Crypt, Guildhall

*Please contact the Clerk if you would like to attend.
There is no charge.*

16th ICCA CONGRESS

Takes place at the Royal Lancaster Hotel 12 – 15 May.

*Please contact the Clerk if you would like to attend
but have not yet received a brochure*

NEW FREEMEN & LIVERYMEN

At the Court meeting on the 6 February 2002 the Master welcomed two new Liverymen and four new Freeman into the Company.

Liverymen

Pamela Kirby-Johnson, OBE.
Johnny Veeder, QC.

Freemen

John S Ansell, a retired grain broker and member of the Baltic Exchange and GAFTA.

Kevin Darling, a Building Consultant, former recipient of one of the Company's prizes and member of the C I Arb

David C Dietz, an Accountant and member of the C I Arb.

J Don Smith, a Chartered Surveyor and Fellow of the C I Arb.

DIARY OF EVENTS

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| 12 April | Committee Meetings at Guildhall. |
| 25 April | Court Meeting at Guildhall. |
| 14 May | ICCA Dinner at Guildhall, sponsored by the Company. |
| 24 – 26 May | City Livery Yacht Club Cowes Week-end. |
| 24 June | Election of Sheriffs. |
| 9 July | Court Meeting, Annual Service at St. Mary-le-Bow followed by River Trip and Supper on the Thames. |
| 30 September | Election of Lord Mayor of London. |
| 30 October | Court Meeting, Common Hall and Installation Dinner at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. |

CLERK'S NOTES

PLEASE NOTE – Change of date for July Annual Service from 10th to Tuesday 9th July.

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