



The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

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Master's Christmas Message

I was honoured and privileged to be installed as Master of the Company on 30 October 2001, when Michael Wilkey became Senior Warden and Andrew Drysdale Junior Warden.

We thought that we should take this opportunity of telling you a little bit about each of us and our respective backgrounds so below you will find some biographical details as well as a photograph so you can work out who's who ...

I have had a busy few weeks as Master and my diary already seems to be rapidly filling up for 2002 with a variety of invitations to City functions.

I hope very much that as many of you as possible will come to the Annual Banquet at the Mansion House on 31 January; the event will be attended by a number of distinguished guests, including Lord Justice Dyson, Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Forbes as well as Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, who will respond to the toast to the guests. A number of other members of the judiciary and officers of arbitral institutions will also be present at what promises to be a splendid and entertaining occasion.

As well as the formal functions already planned for 2002, we are hoping to hold a number of more informal and inexpensive events, including a wine tasting evening in the Spring. If you have any good ideas for similar occasions, please let us know.

May I wish you and your families an extremely merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Master: Victoria Russell

Victoria qualified as a solicitor in 1981; she has specialised in construction work throughout her career and is a partner at the specialist construction law practice, Fenwick Elliott. She became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 1991 and earlier this year was elected Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building. She practises regularly as arbitrator, adjudicator and mediator, serving on a number of panels, in addition to her dispute resolution work as a solicitor.

Victoria is Chairman of the UK Society of Construction Law and was elected President of the European Society of Construction Law in October 2001. She is a former governor of Benenden School and a member of the Exeter University Alumni Board.

She married Steve Lawrence in 1985; they have two sons, aged 8 and 10, and live in Hammersmith.

The Wardens

Senior Warden: Michael D J Wilkey

Michael is a Chartered Architect and has been in private practice in London since 1978 and is now senior partner of Royce Butterfield & Wilkey. Michael gained his Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in October 1997 and has acted as arbitrator on numerous occasions. Michael also acts as a mediator, expert witness and adjudicator and is Chairman of the RIBA London Region Mediation Panel.

Michael lives in Highgate London and is married to Susan. They have three teenage daughters. Michael puts his interests as sailing, sketching, skiing and walking.

Junior Warden: Andrew Drysdale

Andrew was educated at Eton and Cambridge where he won 100 guineas for skating backwards to Ely. Having passed his Bar exams went to Lloyds where, amongst other things, he insured the Pope, the Queen's jewellery and Marilyn Monro's legs and various other parts of Hollywood stars. He says it was enjoyable paying out some of the claims but they were not all total losses. Andrew has arbitrated reinsurance disputes. He broke all records when Mr Justice Hoffman set aside one of his awards within 24 hours. Andrew is married to Merida. They have three daughters, who are all involved with the arts. Andrew puts as his interests stag hunting, salmon fishing, and listening to cathedral choirs.

Report on functions

On 5 November the Master planted a cross in the Garden of Remembrance at St. Paul's Cathedral, a moving event attended by the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs as well as by the Masters of all the Livery Companies.

In November, the Master and Senior Warden both attended the Annual Lunch of the Faculty of Building at the House of Lords, hosted by Liveryman Ian Wilson, Chairman of London Branch; they also both attended the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' SE Branch Annual Dinner at the Royal Engineers' Headquarters, Chatham, hosted by Liveryman Dr Derek Ross, Chairman of SE Branch. Both were splendid occasions.

The Master had tea with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House at the end of November, when the Lord Mayor addressed the Masters of all the Livery Companies with his plans for the year ahead. She also attended the installation of the Lord Mayor as Chancellor of City University, at the Guildhall, and a reception for the Livery at the Museum of London to celebrate the Museum's 25th anniversary.

On 13 December, the Company held its Carol Service jointly with the Constructors Company at St Lawrence Jewry. The Masters and Senior Wardens of both Companies read the lessons; the choir were absolutely superb and a substantial sum was raised at the service for CRASH, the charity for the homeless. A short talk was given by the Director of CRASH at the reception held after the service at the Guildhall Club. All in all, it was an extremely enjoyable evening.

2002 Diary of Events

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- 31 January Annual Banquet at The Mansion House.
- 6 February Court Meeting at Guildhall, with a talk by Judith Mayhew, Chairman of the City's Policy and Resources Committee.
- 7 March Annual Lecture at Kings College London.
- 15 March United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral.
- 25 April Court Meeting at Guildhall.
- 14 May ICCA Dinner at Guildhall, sponsored by the Company.
- 24 – 26 May City Livery Yacht Club Cowes Weekend.
- 24 June Election of Sheriffs.
- 10 July Court Meeting, Annual Service at St. Mary-le-Bow followed by Supper.
- 30 September Election of Lord Mayor of London.
- 30 October Court Meeting, Common Hall and Installation Dinner at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.

New Liveryman & Freeman

At the Court Meeting on 30 October, the Master welcomed three Freeman and four Liverymen into the Company.

New Freeman

Simon Albert Edwards from London.
Judge William Wiseman Huss from Los Angeles.
Michael John Shone from Singapore.

New Liverymen.

Christopher Stuart Cardwell from London.
Trevor Ronald Gilbert from Essex.
Michael Deneve Joyce from West Yorkshire.
Simon James Archer Tolson from London.

Charity

First Charity

The Apprentice Scheme will be formally launched by the Master at the Annual Banquet on 31 January 2002. A brochure about the aims and structure of this scheme is enclosed with this newsletter.

The Apprentice Committee comprises Michael Wilkey (Chairman of Students), Terry Chalcraft, Michael Ludlow, Graham Perry, Ian Lowther and Hew Dundas.

The Charity has asked the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to help find candidates for the scheme and would welcome proposals as to both suitable potential apprentices and willing mentors.

CLERK'S NOTES

Please remember the closing date for applications for the Banquet is **Monday, 14 January 2002**.

I have received details from the Chartered Surveyor's Company about their annual Inter-Livery Swimathon, which will be held on Monday, 13 May 2002. This raised over £10,000 for the Lord Mayor's Appeal in 2001 and if you would be interested in taking part (we need a team of 5 to participate) please contact me for details.

Also I have had notice from the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards about their annual Inter-Livery Bridge Competition which will take place on Monday 25 February 2002 at Drapers' Hall, again further details are available from me.

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