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The Lord Mayor



Members' News

NEW LIVERYMEN ADMITTED

On 29 October Clive Thorne was admitted as a Liveryman

Dates for your diary

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th January

Mediation Skills Competition

Tuesday 28th January

At Home with the Magic Circle

Friday 31st January

Court Meeting followed by
Members, Masters and Clerks
Lunch at Cutler's Hall

Wednesday 26th February (tbc)

London Fire Brigade Visit at
Dowgate Fire Station

Friday 14th March

Lunch for the dispute resolution
community at Mansion House

Friday 4 April

United Guilds Service at St Paul's
Cathedral followed by lunch

Further details of all events, with
details of how to book your place can
be found in the Members' area on the
company website,
www.arbitratorscompany.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

In this Christmas edition of our Newsletter, I should like to thank everyone who attended the Installation Dinner on 29th October 2013. Mercers' Hall dining room filled to capacity was a truly impressive and memorable sight.

Hearty congratulations to our Liveryman Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE (pictured left) on being only the second lady in a thousand years to be admitted on 8th November 2013 to the high office of Lord Mayor of the City of London.



To celebrate that splendid occasion, my thanks go to the following Company members and friends for making our Float in the Lord Mayor's Show (pictured above) such a success: designer Michael Wilkey, procurement manager John White, other organising committee members; John Uff CBE QC, Karl Davies, Matt Bastone and Neil Stocks, the actors: Michael Stephens, Tony Harris, Tony Ensom, Paul Greenwood, Chris McArdle, Ann McArdle, Philip Fidler and Amanda Lovell, actors' coach Colin Manning, drivers Ken McLean and Jimmy James, HMS Mersey's flag carriers and 13 Company ACF memento flag distributors. My special thanks also go to our sponsors for their generosity; the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, the International Dispute Resolution Centre, the Adjudication Society and the Society of Construction Arbitrators, without whom the venture would not have been possible.

On the educational front, my thanks go to our education committee, and in particular Assistant Robert Gaitskell QC, for organising a highly informative symposium at Keating Chambers on 3rd December 2013 on the topic 'Developing your own Dispute Resolution Practice'.

On the social side, I thank our Clerk Gaye Duffy for organising a packed joint Carol Service with the Furniture Makers' Company at St Mary le Bow church on 11th December, followed by a most congenial joint supper back at Furniture Makers' Hall that evening. I am hopeful this collaboration with the Furniture Makers may become an annual event.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous
New Year.

Derek Ross, Master

Don't miss:

Member's, Master's & Clerk's Livery Lunch

Online bookings to our Members, Masters and Clerks Livery Lunch at Cutlers' Hall on Friday 31 January 2014 are now open, and you are encouraged to attend together with spouses/partners/consorts and guests. Numerous Livery Masters and Clerks will be attending, and the highly entertaining international mediator Jane Gunn will regale us with some light hearted and amusing mediation related stories. It promises to be quite an occasion, not to be missed.

Magic Circle Trip

Online bookings for our trip to the Magic Circle on the evening of 28th January 2014, which promises to be great fun, are now closed. Members still wishing to come may still be lucky if they apply directly to the Magic Circle (<http://www.themagiccircle.co.uk/>) and ask to sit with the Arbitrators' Company.

Arise Sir Tony

Liveryman Tony Baldry MP has been appointed to the Privy Council. Very many congratulations Sir Tony.

Livery News

The Worshipful Company of Educators has become the 109th Livery Company within the City of London.

Mediation Skills Competition

Looking forward to January 2014, arrangements are well advanced for our 4th Annual Mediation Competition at Linklaters on the weekend of 17th/19th January 2014. Sixteen teams from UK Universities have entered the competition this year, which is being organised by our education committee, under Michael Cover's chairmanship, and is being sponsored by Linklaters Solicitors, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Company's Charitable Trust, to all of whom we express our grateful thanks. The winning team will win observer status at the ICC's week long Mediation Competition in Paris in February 2014.

13 Company ACF Christmas Camp

The Master and Junior Warden were the guests of 13 Company ACF at its Christmas Camp at Longmoor, Hampshire, on Sunday 15th December. Prior to taking the March Past Salute, the Master presented Cadet Corporal Darren Mendoza of Royal Signals Detachment 132 with our Cadet Peacemaker of the Year Award, and Royal Tank Squadron Detachment 131 with our Detachment of the Year Award. These awards are in recognition of their selfless services to the ACF and the community at large during the past year. The Cadet of the Year Award was won by Cadet Sergeant Joshua Porter of Grenadier Guards Detachment 137. Our congratulations to all the winners.

Arbitrator's Kneeler for Gray's Inn Chapel



The chapel of Gray's Inn is always seeking to enhance the comfort of its congregation by providing more of its tapestry covered pew-cushions. Members of the Inn and their families are invited to donate suitably emblazoned samples to add to those already there, which have included the Coats of Arms of many City Livery

Companies. Now the Arbitrators' Arms will also be on permanent display in the chapel: the photograph shows the cushion recently presented by our Senior Warden, John Uff CBE QC, in anticipation of his forthcoming year as Master, and upon which he hopes to get many opportunities to sit.

The Company's Christmas Raffle

Hearty congratulations to Liverymen Grant Ashton and Chris Linnett who were the winners of bottles of Past Master Kay Linnell's Master's Malt in our Christmas Raffle, which was organised by Liveryman Martyn Bradish. The raffle raised a whopping £1,247 for our Charitable Trust when confirmed Gift Aid has been taken into account. Very many thanks to all of you who bought tickets.