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Member's News

INSTALLATION COURT AND DINNER

The Installation Court and Dinner took place at Sadler's Hall on 25th October.

Ms **Joy Davies**, Major **Paul Harrison ACF**, Commanding Officer, 13 Company, Greater London ACF, SW Sector, Lt Commander **Sarah Oakley RN QCVS**, Commanding Officer HMS Mersey were admitted as Honorary Freemen.

Richard Samuel and **Clive Duncan Thorne** were admitted as Freemen. **Grant William Sandiford Ashton** and **Christopher McArdle** were admitted as Liverymen.

Murray Armes, **Michael Cover**, **Daniel Djanogly** and **Paul Rose** were admitted as Court Assistants

Dates for your diary

Monday 10 December 2012
Carol Service at St Mary le Bow & supper

Wednesday 16 January 2013
Tour of Sambrook's Brewery followed by a 'fish & chip' supper

Thursday 7 February 2013
Tour of The "Old Bailey" followed by dinner

Further details of all events, with details of how to book your place can be found in the Members' area on the company website,
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THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

An Invitation



From Left: Derek Ross (Senior Warden), Mrs Sylvia Ross, The Master, Ms Joy Davies, John Uff (Junior Warden) Mrs Diana Uff

It is a great honour to be elected to serve the Company as Master and I am looking forward to working with the new Wardens, Derek Ross and John Uff during the coming year. Joy Davies, a friend of mine for over twenty years, has kindly agreed to act as my consort during the year and I am very grateful to her.

Our Royal Charter sets us the challenge of meeting the aspirations it contains. The Charter brings into clear focus how we need to develop our spirit of service to others and the need for us all to offer our time, our talents and, indeed, our money in support of the Company's philanthropic work. Opportunities abound: encouraging children from disadvantaged backgrounds through the Livery Schools Link; supporting university students through the Mediation Skills Competition; developing the talents of those seeking to practise as dispute resolvers through the Pupillage Scheme; increasing the work of the Company's charity through a regular donation.

Our programme for the coming year reflects our objective to be a collegiate forum for practitioners and proponents of private dispute resolution in every field. Here we have some work to do. It is saddening to realise that over the last four years it appears that close on 120 Freemen and Liverymen (over 40%) have taken no part at all in the life of the Company.

I therefore extend an invitation to every member of the Company for 2013: this year please choose one event in the programme that you would like to attend or one of the opportunities to help others and get involved – you may be surprised how much you enjoy it.

Don't miss:

MEDIATION SKILLS COMPETITION 2013

The company's third Mediation Skills Competition for students at UK universities will take place from 11th to 13th January 2013. Members of Company willing to offer their time to assist as officials are asked to email medcomp@arbitratorscompany.org.

Support for Young People:

The Company is committed to promoting education, a commitment that has been encouraged by successive Lord Mayors. Depending on the time that members are willing and able to offer there are various opportunities to help at the schools in the in Tower Hamlets area through the Financial Literacy Programme run through the Livery Schools Link.

This valuable programme requires no preparation and only a small investment of time. It is a rewarding and enjoyable experience for volunteers. The Company has participated actively in recent years; new volunteers are now sought. To lend a hand please get in touch with Liveryman David Steward (david@davidsteward.eu).

Company Ties:



Silk ties in blue and gold are available for members to purchase. The cost is £35 for a single tie (specify which colour when ordering) or £65 for both colours. Contact Gaye (Clerk@arbitratorscompany.org) for more information or to place an order.

Master's Charity: Concordis International

Concordis International, a peace building organisation working impartially alongside those involved in or affected by armed conflict, has been selected as the Master's charity for 2012-2013. Working in support of official peace negotiations, Concordis has pioneered a method of strategic intervention and mediation which centres on unofficial, low profile discussions between individuals from various constituencies involved in violent conflict. This approach moves beyond the lines of confrontation to build on shared purpose, opening up new possibilities for peace outside the media spotlight.

Concordis is currently working in Sudan and South Sudan, facilitating dialogue on both sides of the disputed border region; in Kenya on issues of land and ethnicity; and in the Ivory Coast, supporting the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission. To find out more, please visit www.concordis-international.org

The Lord Mayor's Show



With forecasts of heavy rain for the whole day, we were somewhat apprehensive about how enjoyable an experience this year's Lord Mayor's Show would be. As it turned out, the rain held off just long enough for us all to enjoy a really memorable day. This is an event which has thrilled crowds in London for nearly 800 years, and it is not diminished by time. The parade was colourful and entertaining.

From the relative comfort of our seating area, we watched as the long procession of cleverly painted and adorned lorries and inventive floats passed by, interspersed with participants both marching and on horseback. Warm applause greeted service men, women and cadets from across the armed forces and the police, all clearly enjoying themselves. As the parade progressed, we sang along with the great variety of bands and popular music emanating from the many showpiece displays and cheered the representatives of public services, liveries and many other good causes. Unusually, this year's Show included floats with a somewhat Nordic feel with Abba lookalikes and a huge chunk of 'ice' rolling along in honour of the new Lord Mayor's professional connection with a Swedish bank. Not least, a loud cheer went up when our own distinguished representatives, our Master and Senior Warden, passed by waving happily.

At the end of the parade came the wonderful City of London carriages and finally the golden carriage carrying the 685th Lord Mayor, Roger Gifford, who received warm applause from the waiting crowds. Happily, our small group made our way to the splendid Plaisterers' Hall for lunch. It was a delightful reception, excellent food, wine and company in wonderful surroundings, so we could ask for no more. A great occasion and we are already looking forward to next year.

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