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## Members' News

**New Honorary Freeman** admitted on 27<sup>th</sup> October:

**Mrs Gaye Duffy** for life in recognition of services as our clerk for 16 years.

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**Spenser Hilliard, Dr Mary Malecka** and **Todor Vassilev**



## Christmas Raffle:

Raffle tickets have been issued for our Christmas Raffle for which the top prize is a New Kindle Paperwhite, with the Master's Malt for second and third prizes. Every entry will help our Charitable Trust as all the prizes are sponsored and the proceeds will therefore go to those involved in education, both for arbitration and ADR, as well as those in need and especially those within the City of London. **Tickets should be returned by 10th December** with the draw after the Carol Service on 17th December at St Mary-le-Bow

## A Message from the Master

It has been a busy start to the year with memorable events and the need to finalise the appointment of our new Clerk, Biagio Fraulo. I am very grateful for all the hard work put in by our outgoing Clerk who has ensured that plans for our new Livery year are in place. She ensured that our Installation dinner on 27th October at Vintners' Hall went smoothly as well as the prior Court meeting and the Installation of the Wardens and myself. We wish Elinor all the best for the future in her busy life. I am delighted that Biagio has now joined us. He was a Liveryman with the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants and more recently had been assisting the Clerk to the Educators' Company.

The guest of honour and principal speaker at our Installation dinner was a good friend of Hilary and myself, Sir Alan Ward, a recently retired Judge of the Court of Appeal. He spoke very amusingly as well as explaining the judicial headaches caused by the difficult case of the conjoining twins. Sir Alan's judgement in that case was cited as one of the 15 most notable cases published by the Council of Law Reports to celebrate their 150 years. A great honour and the judgement is a good read.



Prior to the dinner, our Immediate Past Master John Uff presented to the Company a very handsome silver Loving Cup which we used at the dinner. Thank you John for that and for everything you achieved last year including the travelling scholarship idea and more details of this can be read in this newsletter.

At the dinner I reviewed the principal objectives of this great Company of ours namely 'foster arbitration and other forms of private dispute resolution' as well as exercising the role of a Livery Company in the City of London and supporting the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and Aldermen. We are a living profession and have the great advantage of having members from numerous professions involved in dispute resolution. We cover all types of disputes not only construction, but also maritime, matrimonial and many other areas. I am personally a retired Collaborative solicitor – a type of mediator in matrimonial disputes. I wish to encourage diversity in our membership so that we have good representation in all types of dispute.

The most memorable occasion enjoyed so far was the service at Westminster Abbey to commemorate the 600th Anniversary of Agincourt, when all Livery Companies were represented. So far as our events are concerned, we had a very enjoyable and puzzling visit to the Magic Circle organised by Robert and Jacqui Sliwinski and I am looking forward to the Keating Chambers Symposium on 1st December. Forthcoming events are listed over the page and I would encourage members to support as many of these events as possible, and also to suggest other events that they would enjoy or find helpful.

Finally I wish a warm welcome to all new members of the Company. I hope they will take an active part in our affairs.

All members of the Company are wished a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Peaceful New Year. Michael Goodridge, Master

## Dates for your Diary

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

Arbitration Symposium at Keating Chambers

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Carol Service at St Mary-le-Bow jointly with the City of London Solicitors and the Pavors

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Mediation Competition weekend for UK Universities and others

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Livery lunch after Court meeting at Cutlers' Hall

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Master's Lecture

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Common Hall

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## Appeal for Gift Aid Declarations:

Our charity had a fantastic response from the membership for voluntary contributions alongside their quarterage payments. Donations are over £18,500. A big thank you to everyone who donated.

There are still some 61 members who have not given a Gift Aid Declaration or told the Charity that they cannot make the declaration. This means that the Charity is missing out on a potential £1,525 of Gift Aid from the Government.

If you are one of the 61, please complete the declaration today by using the link <http://www.arbitratorscompany.org/members/giftAid02.php> and submit the form online. Please do this even if you believe that you have made a declaration on a previous occasion. The reason you have received an email from Martyn Bradish, means he has not got a record of it. If you do not wish to make a declaration please email Martyn at [mail@bradish.co.uk](mailto:mail@bradish.co.uk) remembering to give your name in the email.

## Travelling Scholarships:

The Court at its meeting on 27 October approved a new scheme to boost our profile in the training of those wishing to enter the dispute resolution field. In addition to our pupillage scheme, which continues to be in great demand, we will be awarding two travelling scholarships to selected candidates to spend a month abroad studying how dispute resolution operates in other jurisdictions. The first scholarships are being planned for Dubai in March and April 2016. They are valued at £5,000 each and will be funded by the Charitable Trust. This will include travel expenses from UK and accommodation in Dubai.

We will shortly be advertising the scholarships in all the journals. They will be open to all-comers, including our own current or former pupils, and those from all the professions from which our membership is drawn. Applicants must have a keen interest in dispute resolution in all its forms and are seen as typically being post-experience professionals who are aiming to enter the field, particularly those with international ambition. The successful candidates will undertake a pre-arranged programme, to be overseen by our local membership in the UAE, involving placements with local law firms and consultancies undertaking Dispute work, together with visits to the local arbitration centres and institutions including the DIFC Court. Candidates will be required to submit a write-up of their trip for the web-site.

The Dubai scholarships are intended to promote interest in other venues and other projects for future years, which may include study and research into current dispute resolution issues in association with colleges and universities. Other venues may include the Hong Kong and Singapore and perhaps even further afield where we can make use the skills of our overseas members.

## A Service of Thanksgiving for Past Master Andrew Drysdale

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Past Master Andrew Drysdale was held on Thursday 29th October 2015 in the small Somerset town of Bruton. Between 400 and 500 people attended the service and filled the St Mary the Virgin church to capacity. The service was conducted by two clergymen with participation throughout by several members of the immediate family; especially striking was a Tribute by daughter Helena.

The Company was well represented. In attendance were Past Masters James Mackie (with Ann Fitchett), Victoria Russell, Ann Underwood, Hew Dundas, Immediate Past Master John Uff, Junior Warden David Wilson and liverymen John Coleman, Barry Rose and Jonathan Wyatt (with Diana Wyatt). Hew Dundas was also representing Andrew's Past Masters Association, the Temple Bar Masters.

Following the service the congregation visited the nearby Hall of King's School for refreshment and reflection.

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