

# NEWSLETTER



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Kay Linnell - Master

## Don't miss:

### INSTALLATION DINNER – FISHMONGERS' HALL

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October the new Master & Wardens will be installed at Common Hall followed by dinner at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Dress is black tie. Our principal guest is The Rt Hon Sir Anthony Evans. More details and a booking form are on the website (<http://www.arbitratorscompany.org/events>).

### LORD MAYOR'S SHOW Saturday 12th November

The Arbitrators will again be taking part in the Modern Companies entry in the Lord Mayor's Show this year. The Master will be in the procession, accompanied by the Wardens, so do come with your families to support them and to witness one of the most spectacular open air events in the country. Stay for lunch afterwards and finish off the day with the magnificent fireworks display on the River Thames. Again booking details are on the Company's website.

## MASTER'S MESSAGE

This is my last Newsletter contribution as Master of our very special Livery Company. It has been a privilege to be the person representing the Company, and you, the members, and wearing its regalia to so many functions in the City of London supporting the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs in their endeavours for this great City. The Company is made up of all its members and our composite existence is far more important than the person wearing the Regalia for one short year.

As a Company we are entering an exciting year or two in our development as we look forward to having a Royal Charter handed down, changing our corporate existence irrevocably whilst keeping some old traditions as well as developing new ones. Some decision making will pass from the Court of Assistants to Common Hall. Changes and challenges make us stronger. I am sure we are all also looking forward to the Queen's Jubilee in 2012 and the London 2012 Olympics, where, no doubt, there will be opportunities for each of us to play a part. No organisation can stand still.

Our work with our Company Church of St Mary-le-Bow and within the Financial Services Group are essential links in our developing role within the active professions in the City itself and expanding our membership. Certain initiatives have started to bind us more closely with educational opportunities through the Livery Schools Link and training through the Mediation competition. The Corpus Christie 2014 Mystery Plays are a challenge to come.

The Livery gives us strength through its trust and friendship with each other. The recent Master's weekend in Cornwall was a fun action packed adventure that enabled us to get to know each other better that will sustain this Company in the future. May I take this moment to thank every one of you who has supported the events in my year at the helm or have taken such trouble to organise them for the Company, without these gallant efforts we would not have had such a good programme and an insight into the parallel laws extant in the United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland and Scotland).

I wish each and every one of you every success in the beating, throbbing heart that is the financial centre of the City of London and in all your endeavours.

## Royal Charter Celebration Banquet

One of the most significant events in the Company's history will be marked on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012** when a member of the Royal Family will formally present the new Charter on behalf of HM The Queen during a banquet at Plaisterers' Hall. This promises to be a very special and most memorable evening. Full details will follow but mark the date in your diary now.

## Prize-winner

Congratulations to Alma Kelly winner of the Kings' College, London prize for the best 2nd year course work in the 2009/10 MSc Course provided by the Centre of Construction Law. The Master presented her with her certificate and cheque by the Black Swan in Vintners' Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011.



## News about Members

### COURT ASSISTANTS

Liverymen Christopher Miers, Neil Stocks, Simon Underwood and David Wilson joined the Court in July and Liverymen Matthew Bastone and Sir Gary Hickinbottom were elected as Court Assistants to join the Court in October.

### LIVERYMEN & FREEMEN

At the July Court meeting Grant Ashton, Reynaldo Catapang, Mary Howard Challis, Dr Christopher McArdle, David Parratt and Nicholas Pryor were admitted as Freemen.

David Aikman, Peter Barnes, Leslie Chapman, Dr Michael Isaac, Anthony Kay, David Millington and David Stredwick were clothed in the Livery.

In addition Alderman and Sheriff Fiona Woolf CBE was admitted to the Freedom and the Livery, in an exceptional arrangement acknowledging that she is already a Liverymen of other Companies and an Alderman of the City.

### PAST MASTERS

Victoria Russell was successfully elected to the Livery Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Michael Stephens has been called as a bencher of the Middle Temple.

## Recent Events

### THE MASTERS' WEEKEND IN CORNWALL

Members of the Company enjoyed a fun packed and varied programme during the recent Master's Weekend. The activities included visits to Porthcurno and the Minack Theatre to see "our Town" by Thornton Wilder, sustained by a buffet picnic; a very knowledgeable commentary on the history and tin mining of Cornwall; an introduction to Stannery Law at Helston Guildhall; clotted cream ice cream at St Ives; "the music of Cornwall" from harpist Rachel Williams during dinner at Castaways Restaurant at Mylor Harbour reached by sailing up the Carrick Roads; the magical world of "The Lost Gardens of Heligan"; a slap-up Cornish tea and, for the hardy few, a tour of Geevor Tin Mine near Lands End. Lots more information can be found on the website.

### HMS Mersey

It has become a tradition for the Master to go to sea with HMS Mersey to meet the crew and better understand the role of our affiliated ship. This year the Master went on board from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Her visit included tours of the engineering and weapons areas, and a spell helping out in the galley! The Master also spent an extended time on the bridge and was given the opportunity to 'drive' the ship. On the last day of her visit the Master helped host a visit to the ship by BAE (who lease



the ship to the Royal Navy and retain the responsibility for any major maintenance and upkeep) and the Home Security Agency with a view to considering future shared duties. A full report of the visit will appear on the website. In addition we hope that Lieutenant Commander

Mark Anderson RN will become on Honorary Freemen of the Company on October 25<sup>th</sup> and that he will join us at the Installation Dinner along with his nominee for the 'Sailor of the Year'.

### Mediation Skills Competition for UK Students

The Company is pleased to announce that its second UK Mediation Skills Competition for UK Students will be held in London from Friday 13 January to Sunday 15 January 2012. We are very grateful for the generous support of the international law firm Bird & Bird LLP who have made their offices in Fetter Lane available for the running of the competition. We are also grateful to HM Courts & Tribunals Service which has agreed that the heats will take place in the newly open Rolls Building. Members of the Company will be invited to act as officials for the competition and details will appear on the website later this year.

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