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## HMS Mersey celebrations at Anfield



## Members' News

### NEW LIVERYMEN ADMITTED

At the Court Meeting held at Painter's Hall on 9th July 2013 **Finola O'Farrell QC** and **Margaret Bickford-Smith QC** were admitted as Liverymen.

### THE ACADEMY OF EXPERTS

Congratulations to **Dr Chris McArdle** who was appointed Chairman of The Academy of Experts on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## Dates for your diary

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Installation Dinner at Mercers' Hall

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Lord Mayor's Show

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Symposium – Developing an arbitration practice at Keating Chambers

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service at St Mary-le-Bow Church followed by Supper at Furniture Makers' Hall

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](http://www.arbitratorscompany.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

As this year in office draws to a close I am already being asked what was the high spot: the most memorable event that I have attended. The answer is that there is no one event: the whole year has been an amazing and thoroughly enjoyable experience. It has been an honour to serve the Company and a privilege to represent it on so many occasions.

I am pleased that we have made progress in our twin objects of fostering arbitration and other forms of private dispute resolution and providing support to the Lord Mayor. For the first time arbitration & mediation is included as a separate topic in the two day briefings run by the City Corporation for UK Overseas Trade Representatives, based in our various embassies and other delegations overseas. Actively promoting UK services in PDR is very firmly on the agenda of those Trade Representatives and of the Lord Mayor, thanks in no small measure to the efforts of the Company.

The Pupillage Scheme has been reviewed and refreshed and I am very grateful to the Education Committee for this work and for their work in establishing better links with universities that have arbitration or ADR in their syllabus. It was good that we supported Southampton University when they hosted the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot in the summer.

I wish to record my thanks to Joy Davies for all of her support and encouragement as my Consort during the year. I also wish to thank Derek Ross for his tremendous support as Senior Warden and to wish him well for his year in office.

## Evening Musical tour of Charterhouse



On Tuesday 10th September some 30 members and their guests went on a musical tour of the London Charterhouse. This is a historic complex of buildings in Smithfield dating back to the 14th century. It began as a Carthusian priory, founded in 1371 and dissolved in 1537. The breathtaking singing by the Thomas

Sutton singers in the deep vaults of the cloister area took us back many centuries and made us all feel the spirit of the Carthusian monks. This great historic place came alive. The beautiful Great Chamber and Great Hall with so many treasures were full of interesting surprises. The organist filled the magnificent chapel with atmosphere. Throughout an unforgettable experience.

## IMLAM Competition Final and prize giving – Friday 12 July 2013

The annual International Maritime Law Arbitration Competition for university students was held over from 8-12 July 2013 and took place in Europe for the first time this year. The general rounds and elimination rounds were at the University of Southampton and the Grand Final was held at the Supreme Court in London. Several members of the Company took part at various stages as Arbitrators and Judges in the competition which involved 24 university teams from all over the world. The winners were the University of Queensland – for the second year in a row.

The Company sponsored the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Prize for the Best Performance by a Team attending the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot for the first time. For more details see the website.

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### Don't miss:

## The Lord Mayor's Show

The Arbitrators will again be taking part in the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday 9 November 2013 and, this year, we shall be playing an even larger part in the procession with our own float. For more information regarding the procession and other events on the day, visit [www.lordmayorsshow.org](http://www.lordmayorsshow.org)

## Mediation Skills Competition 2014

The annual competition will be held on 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> January 2014, at the offices of Linklaters LLP. Further details will be announced shortly.

## Annual Service & Summer Lunch – 9 July 2013



The Company's Annual Service took place at St Mary le Bow Parish Church during the morning of 9 July. Readings were given by the Master and by Finola O'Farrell, the Company's newest Liveryman. Our Chaplain, the Rev'd George Bush gave a thoughtful address.

Painters' Hall was the venue for the Summer Lunch. The Company stores its important documents and 'treasures' at the Hall and so the opportunity was

taken to put on display our Letters Patent from the Lord Mayor creating the Company, the Royal Charter, our Grant of a Coat of Arms and the grant of the Company's new heraldic badge for use by members, illustrated here.

## HMS Mersey 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration visit to Liverpool – Friday 26 July – Sunday 28 July 2013

The Commanding Officer, Lt Commander Sarah Oakley RN, and the entire crew of HMS Mersey celebrated the 10th anniversary of the launching of



the ship in 2003 during a visit to Liverpool over the weekend of 26 – 28 July. At their invitation the Master, Senior Warden, Clerk, eight other members of the Company and their guests joined them for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend of events.

Those attending were treated to a list of interesting venues to visit then it was back to the hotel to change for the wonderful party atmosphere at the Ship's Company Ball held at Liverpool FC's Anfield Stadium after a tour of the stadium where group photographs were taken of everyone sitting in The Kop. During the evening the Master, at Lt Commander Oakley's request, presented efficiency prizes to several crew members and announced the winner of the Company's award to the 'Sailor of the Year' for 2013. Most of the Company returned to their hotels before midnight but there were one or two tarried a while to the early hours!

On Saturday morning there was an opportunity to roam around the city and view the Georgian buildings, Liverpool having more of them than Bath. The contrasting sizes and architecture of the two cathedrals were awe-inspiring. An interesting tour of HMS Mersey in the afternoon was followed by an evening reception where the drinks and canapés flowed freely and a silent auction raised a good sum of money for the ship's and local charities. The friendship and camaraderie between the Crew, Company and guests was almost tangible and made for a great evening. Sunday morning came too quickly. Church for some, the Chagall exhibition at Tate Liverpool for others, or simply an opportunity to admire all the Liverpool has to offer, particularly round the rejuvenated Albert Dock area before a very enjoyable lunch.

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