

# NEWSLETTER



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## Member's News

### COMMON HALL

The first Common Hall under the Company's Royal Charter took place on 5<sup>th</sup> September. **Murray Armes, Michael Cover, Daniel Djanogly** and **Paul Rose** were elected to the Court of Assistants. **Karl Davies** was elected as Master for 2012/13 and **Derek Ross** and **John Uff** were elected as Senior and Junior Warden respectively. Common Hall also agreed the election of **Lt Commander Sarah Oakley RN**, Commanding Officer HMS Mersey and **Major Paul Harrison ACF**, Commanding Officer, 13 Company, Greater London ACF, SW Sector as Honorary Freemen for the duration of their service in their respective appointments.

### Don't Miss:

ELECTION OF THE LORD  
MAYOR  
**Monday 1 October 2012**

Liverymen are summoned to meet at Guildhall on Monday, 1 October by 11.30 a.m

### THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

This will be the last Newsletter issued in my year in Office so I could use it an occasion to look back over that year but I seek to look forward instead.

Elsewhere you will read about the first post-Charter Election of Officers and I am highly confident that I am passing on the baton to a team of the highest quality; I say "team" because (in contrast to some other Livery Companies) the Master, Wardens and Clerk work as a team to deliver the best possible performance, assisted by our excellent Beadle and Assistant to the Clerk. I have been fortunate in having arguably the best team in the Livery and I thank them all for that. I also wish to thank the Past Masters, particularly Chris Dancaster and John Rushton, for valuable support.

In assuming office in October 2011, I set myself some tough targets, all of which (I thought) should have been achievable but, if I was being honest with myself, I did not achieve everything I sought to do. I am greatly reassured that my successor has built into his programme those aspirations where I fell short of target. One such is featured on the next page, i.e. the Company's involvement in various schools-related projects where I hope to see real expansion in the Company's activities. You yourself can participate, sometimes for as little as 1-2 hours, and make a genuine contribution to changing the lives of underprivileged children.

A great regret of my year in office has been the poor support given by Members to Company functions: while 45 members (19%) attended my Installation (which was better than in recent years), only 29 members (12%) attended the Annual Banquet and 38 members (16%) the Charter Banquet (all the figures exclude the Court). The Annual Recital has already been postponed once because of the poor subscription by members and the rescheduled Recital has (at present) only three (3) non-Court subscribers, and one donor in lieu, from >250 members i.e. less than 2% in support. I appreciate that not every member might find the content of the Recital appealing but this is the only major fundraising event of the year for the Company's Charity (which all members have undertaken to support) and only ONE member has made a donation in lieu of attendance.. What makes the membership's lack of support so striking is that thirty-seven (37) Livery Companies have accepted to attend and I will be acutely embarrassed if the Livery attendance dwarfs (as it presently does) our own members' attendance. May I most earnestly implore you to do whatever you can to rectify this profoundly disappointing situation.

Let me close on a positive note (first) by thanking, most warmly, all those members who have supported the Company in the past year - I wish you every good fortune in the years to come and (second) by thanking the Wardens, Past Masters, Court, Clerk, Assistant to the Clerk, Beadle, Toastmaster and the Rev. George Bush for truly wonderful support, memories of which I shall treasure for at least the next 41 years.

## MEDIATION SKILLS COMPETITION 2013

The Company's third Mediation Skills Competition for students at UK universities will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Members of the Company willing to offer their time to assist as officials are asked to email [medcomp@arbitratorscompany.org](mailto:medcomp@arbitratorscompany.org).

We want to encourage a wide entry and any member of the Company who has links with a college or university that teaches law is invited to send the name of the university to [medcomp@arbitratorscompany.org](mailto:medcomp@arbitratorscompany.org).

You will be sent a copy of the entry form to forward to your contact.

### Dates for your diary:

INSTALLATION COURT AND  
DINNER

**Thursday 25 October 2012**

This will take place at the  
Saddler's Hall

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

**Saturday 10 November  
2012**

SYMPOSIUM

**Tuesday 4 December 2012**

To be held at Keating Chambers

CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY  
LE BOW FOLLOWED BY  
SUPPER

**Monday 10 December 2012**

MEDIATION SKILLS  
COMPETITION

**Friday 11-Sunday 13  
January 2013**

Further details of all events, with details of how to book your place can be found on the company website, [www.arbitratorscompany.org](http://www.arbitratorscompany.org)

## Army Cadet Force Affiliation

During August the Senior Warden represented the Company at Visitors' Day during our Affiliated Cadet unit's annual camp at Swynnerton in Staffordshire. After a briefing on the year's activities and a summary of current successes and areas of concern the visitors went out into the field to witness the cadets during their training. The pictures show the Senior Warden and other visitors with cadets who had just completed an overnight exercise and the Senior Warden being briefed by Major Paul Harrison, Officer Commanding 13 Company, Greater London ACF, South West Sector.



## Livery Schools Link

The Livery Schools Link plays a key role in co-ordinating the support given by Livery Companies to schools in the inner London Boroughs. Many of these schools are in areas of deprivation where the opportunities for young people are very limited. Members of the Company are strongly encouraged to try and help out. Some projects need only a couple of hours of your time working with other volunteers to assist young people to be better equipped to find work when they leave school. Other projects are available for those willing to give a little more time. In all cases teaching staff or professional trainers lead the sessions. Details of the help which is needed in the new school year are available from the website.

If you are willing to help, or would like more information, in the first instance contact Liveryman David Steward ([david@davidsteward.eu](mailto:david@davidsteward.eu)).

Full details are available on the Company's website at <http://www.arbitratorscompany.org/events-members>

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