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HMS Mersey



14th June 2013 marks the tenth anniversary of the launch of our affiliated Royal Naval vessel – HMS Mersey. The ship's crew are planning a number of events to mark this significant 'birthday' and we hope to be involved in helping the celebrations. More details will be available shortly.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5 March 2013

Master's Lecture at the offices of DLA Piper, Noble Street, London EC2V 7EE from 5.30 pm

Friday 15 March 2013

United Guild's Service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by lunch at Stationers' Hall

Thursday 11 April 2013

Common Hall (the Company's AGM) early evening at Tallow Chandlers' Hall

Monday 13 May 2013

Charter Commemoration Banquet at the Mansion House in the presence of the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

One of the many enjoyable facets of membership of a Livery Company is the opportunity to meet people with different backgrounds and interests. The challenge for those who organise the annual programme is to appeal to as many of those interests as possible. This year so far it has been a pleasure to see capacity attendance for the post Carol Service supper, the micro-brewery tour and the visit to the 'Old Bailey'. These activities do have a purpose beyond having a pleasant evening out. They provide a chance for members to get to know each other in less formal surroundings and hopefully to gain the confidence to volunteer for other activities. The work done by Livery Company members in schools in some of the most disadvantaged parts of London is essential in helping pupils at those schools improve their prospects for adult life.

Some of the programmes require only a couple of hours a month over a three month period – a small investment of your time to give a young person a decent start. There is a regular and growing need for volunteers: if you want to help send an email to the Clerk who will put you in touch with David Steward who coordinates our support in this area.

Another of our other aims as a Company is to foster arbitration and dispute resolution and to provide a forum for professional contact. One of the means by which we fulfil this role is the Master's Lecture and I am delighted that at the time of writing we are fully subscribed and about to open a reserve list. Many of those who have booked are non-members and it is good to see us engaging with the wider dispute resolution community.

Army Cadet Force Prize Winners



The picture shows Cadet Colour Sergeant Gibbins of 138 Detachment The Rifles winner of the *Cadet Peacemaker of the Year* award given by the Company and Sergeant Instructor Frank Gibbins who commands 138 Detachment. The detachment was selected to receive the *Detachment of the Year* award given for service to the community. The awards were made by the Master during an open air parade at the cadets' Winter Camp in December.

Members' News

NEW FREEMAN AND LIVERYMAN ADMITTED

At the Court meeting held at Brewer's Hall on 25th January 2013 **Renate Herrmann** was admitted as a Freeman. **John Papworth** was admitted as a Liveryman.

WATCH OUT FOR

The Company's new website

This should be launched within the next few weeks. It will include an improved Members' area with a streamlined booking facility for events.

The Consorts' Lunch

At the meeting in January the Court gave agreement to a new experimental event: a lunch for the Consorts of members. It is planned that this will take place early in the summer and more details will be available shortly.

UPDATE YOUR LIVERY MEDAL

Liverymen can obtain a replacement ribbon for their livery medal in the new pattern and colours (shown on the left of the photograph with the previous ribbon shown on the right) for £10. Liverymen are encouraged to wear the medal at all formal events and anyone who does not have a Livery Medal should apply to the Clerk. The cost of a Livery Medal, complete with the new ribbon, is £60.



2013 Mediation Competition Results



After a very close final the 2013 Mediation Skills Competition was won by the team from University College London, Chinelo Awa and Adele Cameron (left of photo with their coach Francisco Bórquez Electorat). The runners up were Christina Hyatali and Suzanne Loding (coach Edward Iredale) from City Law School, City University. The winning team travelled to Paris to take part in the 8th ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in February. They gave an excellent performance against 64 other teams to reach the quarter finals.

In memoriam: Past Masters Armstrong and Hinton

During December the Company learned with great sadness of the deaths of two Past Masters: Michael Hinton who died on 5th December 2012 and William (Bill) Armstrong who died on 13th December 2012.

Past Master Armstrong, the 'Father of the Company', attended school in Birkenhead and then read Engineering at Liverpool University. He graduated during World War II and was commissioned into the Army Ordnance Corps. After the war he pursued a career in engineering and joined the Territorial Army to serve in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. On retirement from the TA in 1973 he became an Honorary Colonel of Western Command. He was awarded the Territorial Decoration, made an OBE and appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside. He became involved with arbitration and claims advising in the 1970s and was a founder member of the Company being admitted to the Freedom on 12th March 1981. In 1989 he became the ninth Master.

Past Master Hinton was born in Wimbledon in 1934 and educated in Sussex. He enjoyed a career as a Chartered Accountant that lasted over 50 years. Elected to the Court of Common Council in 1968 he became Alderman for Billingsgate Ward in 1970. He was a Liveryman of several Companies. Michael was elected as Aldermanic Sheriff in 1977. In 1983 he joined the Arbitrators' Company and he became Master in October 1998. As Master, Michael took a particular interest in the future growth of the Company and he was instrumental in widening the qualifications for membership to include practitioners and supporters of all forms of dispute resolution.

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