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Members' News

NEW COURT ASSISTANTS

Hearty Congratulations to Mrs Margaret Bickford-Smith QC, Mr Martyn Bradish and Ms Finola O'Farrell QC who were installed as Court Assistants at the Court Meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2014 in recognition of their services to the Company to date.

NEW HONORARY FREEMEN

We are delighted to welcome Major Sarah Garrett, Commanding Officer of 13 Company Army Cadet Force, and Lt. Cdr. David Gillett RN, Commanding Officer of HMS Mersey, who were admitted as Honorary Freeman of the Company on 15 July 2014. Major Garrett succeeds Major Paul Harrison, who ceases to be an Honorary Freeman upon his promotion within the ACF. Lt. Cdr Gillett succeeds Lt. Cdr. Sarah Oakley who is currently serving in the Falklands.

NEW FREEMEN

We are also delighted to welcome Ms Nicola Amanda Cohen, Mr Charles Edwin Edwards, Mr Robert John Gay, Mr Edwin John Glasgow CBE QC, Mr Howard Allen Jenkins, Mr Jonathan Lux, Mr Edward Akwasi Agyei Oteng and Mr Samir Safar-Aly, all of whom were admitted as Freeman of the Company on 15 July 2014.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

It was of some concern to me at the time of the last issue that our Clerk, Mrs Gaye Duffy, had decided to retire after 17 years of distinguished service and it had fallen to me and the Wardens, and a number of Past Masters, to recruit her successor. Happily I can now report that Ms Elinor Pritchard has agreed to join the Company on 1 August 2014, and assume the office of Clerk on 1 October 2014. Gaye has kindly agree to remain as Clerk until 30 September 2014, thereby giving us the benefit of a two month handover period for which I am very grateful. Elinor will be known to many members as she is currently the Administrator of the CIArb London Branch. She attended the Court Meeting on 15 July and stayed on for the Annual Service in St Mary le Bow church, and the meal at Brassiere Blanc. On members' behalf, I should like to welcome Elinor to the Company and wish her a long and happy career as our Clerk.

I am very pleased to report that the number of candidates reported in the last edition to be in the pipeline for admission in July in fact grew to eight by the time of the July Court (see side panel for details). This brings to seventeen the number of Freeman admitted this calendar year. This is very encouraging for our Company's future development.

On the social side, our visit to the Globe Theatre to see Julius Caesar on 2 July proved a popular event. We also had a splendid night at Beating Retreat in Horseguards Parade on 12 June. Particular thanks are due to Court Assistant David Wilson for organising an early evening supper at the Farmers' Club, courtesy of Past Master James Mackie, and marshalling us to the parade ground on time that day. The next day, Liveryman Ken McLean and I had lunch on HMS Mersey in Portsmouth with the new Commanding Officer, Lt. David Gillett RN, and his Executive Officer, Lt. Paddy Kelly. We discussed plans for members to visit HMS Mersey the next time she comes to London. We have no definite dates on that as yet. Ken is a maritime arbitrator and has kindly agreed to become our Liaison Officer with HMS Mersey. His first piece of advice to me that we travel to the lunch by train rather than drive, proved very wise as the ship's generous hospitality unfolded.

Looking forward, I plan to attend ACF's Summer Camp in Norfolk on 18 August 2014. I am also conscious the Master's Weekend in Dublin is now less than 7 weeks away. We are planning an extra event in London on the afternoon of Sunday 14 September, namely a stroll around the City for members and their families to view places of interest in a leisurely manner. There will be a modest charge to participate, which will be donated to the Charitable Trust. Also on the fundraising front, I have decided to accompany the Lord Mayor in abseiling down Lloyds Building on Friday 19 September 2014. Hopefully this will generate some interest and amusement and some urgently needed Trust income to fund our charitable projects, particularly our developing Young Peacemaker Programme. We are endeavouring to make it extremely easy for members to make donations via the website. So please give generously when full details are formally announced.

Dr Derek Ross, Master

Dates for your Diary

5th to 7th September 2014
Master's Weekend in Dublin

Sunday 14th September 2014
Charitable City Walk for
Members and their families.

Friday 19th September 2014
Lord Mayor's Charitable Abseil
off Lloyd Building

Monday 29th September 2014
Election of Lord Mayor.

Wednesday 8th October 2014
Treloar's Charity Gala Dinner at
The Mansion House. [Note: To
be included on an Arbitrators'
Company table, please contact the
Master on derek@layngross.com]

Friday 17th October
Lord Mayor's Charity Ball at
Guildhall. [Note: The Master has
a vacancy for one couple]

Tuesday 28th October
Installation Dinner, Painters' Hall

Saturday 8th November
The Lord Mayor's Show

Tuesday 16th December
Company's Annual Dispute
Resolution Seminar at Keating
Chambers

Thursday 18th December
Carol Service at St Mary-le-Bow.

16th to 18th January 2015
Arbitration Competition
Weekend for UK Universities

Expressions of Interest Required

Under the subject line 'Events in 2015', the Clerk circulated a paper on behalf of the Master Elect on 16 July 2014 seeking expressions of interest concerning two events he is planning for next year. These are the proposed Commemorative Tour to the WW1 battlefields of Ypres from Thursday 21st May to Sunday 24th May 2015 and the proposed trip to Buxton Festival from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 July 2015. As such events require considerable detailed pre-planning, members are requested to let Court Assistant David Wilson know their level of interest by 8 August 2014 by dropping him a line at email address:

wilson@cec-arb.co.uk

Livery Schools Link

Congratulations and best wishes to Court Assistant David Steward who recently took over as Chairman of the Livery Schools Link from another of our Court Assistants, Simon Underwood. Amongst other things, the Livery Schools Link coordinates the provision of volunteers from the Livery to assist in the literacy and numeracy programmes that are run in many London Borough schools. David gave an outline in the May edition of this Newsletter of the opportunities available to our members to make a real difference to children living in less privileged areas of London. Any member interested in volunteering to assist in these programmes is welcome to contact David at david@davidsteward.eu

Arbitrators' Company sponsors Prize in the 15th Annual International Maritime Arbitration Moot

The Company of has sponsored a prize for 'The Best Newcomer in the IMLAM Moot'; the Moot was held at the University of Hong Kong on 4-8 July 2014, with 22 university teams taking part from UK, Europe, Australia and all over Asia. The overall winner of the Moot was Universitas Indonesia, beating Maastricht University in the Grand Final. The Winner of the Company's prize was National Law University Cuttack of India and the Company's hearty congratulations go to them, as they also won the prizes for Best Speaker from a Newcomer Team and Best Memorandum from a Newcomer Team. Quite an achievement.

Report by Court Assistant Michael Cover

Livery Education Conference 26 June 2014

There was a tremendous buzz at Staple Inn on 26 June for the first Livery Education Conference for Head Teachers, an opportunity for liverymen and heads to discuss how the Livery can grow its support in schools. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE, a Liveryman of our company, opened the conference with an inspiring address on the City's role in providing access to excellent education within and beyond the Square Mile. Our own Court Assistant David Steward spoke as Chairman of Livery Schools Link, describing (among other things) the financial literacy programme in which WCA members are encouraged to participate. David was subsequently invited to 10 Downing Street, along with a representative of the City of London Corporation and the Master Grocer, to discuss with the Secretary of State for Education the recruitment of volunteers for trust boards of academy schools, a role for which our members are ideally suited and are encouraged to take an active interest.

Our Developing Young Peace-Maker Programme

Members of the Company's Education Committee, under the Chairmanship of Court Assistant Michael Cover, are currently in discussions with a number of organisations that are already active in the field of providing dispute resolution and peace-maker training for young people in schools and in the wider community in London. The prevalence of violent youth gangs in London is seen as a particular threat to our future social cohesion and stability, and the Company and its Charitable Trust are seeking to identify the most worthy recipients of our funding to help to break down social, cultural and territorial divisions and mistrust within the more violent sectors of our community, and to develop and encourage the young dispute resolvers and peace-makers of the future. Thus the youth programmes of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace are of particular interest. Also of interest is the track record of another organisation that provides mediator training in sixth form colleges, who would welcome the assistance of our members. So watch this space.

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