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Members' News

NEW FREEMEN

On 13th February 2015
HH Nicholas Chambers QC,
and **Mr Sam Barakat** were
admitted to the company

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

A Service of Thanksgiving for
Liveryman Bryan Kellett will be
held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-
Guildhall, EC2V 5AA on
Wednesday 15th April 2015 at
11.30am and afterwards at
Insurance Hall,
20 Aldermanbury, London
EC2V 7HY. If you wish to
attend, please email
assistant@wci.org.uk by 9th April

Arbitration Weekend at BLP



The Master presents the prize
for Best Individual Advocate
voted by the delegates at the
Arbitration Weekend to
**Katherine del Mar of
4 New Square Chambers**,
the first prize being shared
jointly with **Harry Smith of
Keating Chambers**.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

Time flies and we are about to encounter Common Hall which, according to our new Charter, is the occasion on which the new Master and wardens are elected to take office in October. The new Master and Senior Warden, respectively Mike Goodridge and Matt Bastone, have been no secret. But the junior warden in waiting, so called, who will be up for election as Junior Warden from October, emerged only at the last meeting in February, and following the deliberations of the Nominations Committee earlier in the month. David has been a stalwart of the company for a number of years, having served most recently as chairman of the Membership Committee and this year as the Events Supremo with the job of co-ordinating (or otherwise undertaking) the planning of events dreamed up by the Master. David has thus taken on himself the onerous task of making sure a full complement of members is delivered to and from Ypres in May and likewise for Buxton in July. David is deserving of our gratitude for sterling service to the Company to date and I urge you to attend Common Hall and to vote for him along with the new Master and Senior Warden.

The Nominations committee also identified two new members of the court who also need your support---Chris McArdle and Ken McLean. Chris has of course been very active with the Arbitration weekend in January and is Chairman of the Academy of Experts—a very useful connection for the Company. Ken is a Maritime arbitrator and, appropriately our rep with HMS Mersey which is due for a visit by Ken and the Master on 2 April. So again I urge your attendance at Common Hall on 28 April, which is be followed by a court dinner at Cutlers' Hall.

First Arbitration Weekend 16-18 January 2015

The inaugural Arbitration Weekend of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators was held over the weekend of 16-18 January 2015 generously hosted by the global law firm, Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, at Adelaide House, London Bridge in the City of London. The event was also supported by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, by ArbDB, the Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Board Chambers, and many individual Members of the Company who gave freely of their time as arbitrators, witnesses and members of the Organising Committee. A very strong entry this inaugural year was provided by participants from 10 teams from UK Universities and Law Schools and trainees and pupils from leading law firms and barristers' chambers.

The participants spent the week-end arguing a fully presented commercial arbitration case including witnesses and experts as well as many points of law and construction. The case was devised by the Master with colleagues from King's College London, with expert reports written by Dr Chris McArdle who was also a key member of the Organising Committee. To get the participants in the mood, an application for Emergency Relief was arranged for Friday evening, followed by the full formal hearing on Saturday, final submissions on Sunday morning and delivery of the Award Sunday afternoon with the award of prizes to follow. The general reaction of the participants was "Great experience.....and hope the WCA will consider making this a regular event".

Arbitration Weekend--Results

Best Individual Advocate
voted by the Arbitrators--
**Ayaz Ibrahimov (Norton
Rose Fulbright)**

Best Team voted by all
participants: (delegates,
teams, organizing committee
and officials – **4 New
Square Chambers**

The Berwin Leighton Paisner
Prize for the Best University
of Law School - **City
University London**

The Berwin Leighton Paisner
Individual prize of a BLP
Internship was awarded to
Matthius Cheung

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th April 2015
International Arbitration
Conference at Kings College,
London

Tuesday 28th April 2015
Court, Common Hall and
Dinner, Cutlers' Hall

Tuesday 12th May 2015
WCA Charter Banquet at
Fishmongers' Hall

Monday 18th May 2015
Master's Lecture at Herbert
Smith Freehills

**Thursday 21st – Sunday
24 May 2015** Tour of
Flanders Battlefields at Ypres
and Poperinge, Belgium

**Friday 17th—Sunday 19th
July**
Visit to Buxton Opera and
Arts Festival

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

Charitable Contributions By Members

One of the principal objects of the Company is to foster arbitration and other forms of private dispute resolution. The Company aims to do this is by giving financial support to a variety of charitable projects aimed at developing both new and existing professional and social ventures for dispute resolution.

The Fundraising Committee is extremely grateful for all the support members have given to date. But we are not a rich Company; and the Committee has concluded that we will continue to fall short of our charitable aspirations unless additional fundraising can be raised. We continue to raise funds through sponsorship activities promoted by the Master and Wardens. However, we will only achieve our goals if all the membership supports the Company's Charity through annual contributions. With this objective in mind the Fundraising Committee put forward the following proposal, which was approved by the court at its last meeting:

"Each year a charitable sum of £100 per member shall be added to the July Quarterage as a voluntary contribution to the Charitable Trust".

It is emphasised that this will be a voluntary contribution and this is how it will work. Each member will be contacted by 15th May each year advising of the charitable contribution to be added to the Quarterage. Members can simply opt out of the voluntary contribution by advising the Clerk by 7th June. Where the charitable payment has been made, members will then be requested to complete a Gift Aid Declaration to maximise the benefit to the Charitable Trust. The Court trusts that this scheme will result in more general support for our charity and will enable the company to contribute financially to more worthy causes in Private Dispute Resolution.

Livery Schools Link (LSL) Showcase Careers Fair

LSL hosted its third careers fair at Barber-Surgeons' Hall on 4th March. LSL was formerly chaired by Liveryman Simon Underwood and now by Liveryman David Steward. The event was opened by the Lord Mayor with an inspiring speech on the opportunities for young people and the importance of STEM subjects. He and his sheriffs then met students and stallholders.

Twenty-nine livery companies ran stalls, at which some 450 students from schools across London were able to try their hand at the activities of various trades, industries and professions, and discuss these with members of the companies. The aim of the event was to give students an introduction of potential career paths and job opportunities of which they might not have been aware. Students had a chance to talk to apprentices, undergraduates and post-graduates, as well as more senior practitioners.



There was also an exhibition of work from the pilot of LSL's World War I project. Artist Jane Churchill led a collaboration between Mulberry School and the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. In the afternoon, there was a private view, which drew in a large and enthusiastic audience of masters and clerks. There are more photos of the event on LSL's Twitter account: @LiveryLSL

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