

# NEWSLETTER

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## New Members Welcome!

Although we have been pleased to welcome many new members over the last year, we could always welcome more.

Let's not be selfish; let's share the benefits of membership with our friends and colleagues involved in Dispute Resolution, or who have a keen interest in it. Encourage them to complete an application form, available from our website:

[www.arbitratorscompany.org/becomingAMember.php](http://www.arbitratorscompany.org/becomingAMember.php)

## Dates for your Diary

- **25<sup>th</sup> October 2016**  
Installation Dinner at Ironmongers' Hall
- **12<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
Lord Mayors Show
- **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**  
Evening at the Theatre (just four places still available)
- **6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
Symposium at Keating

## Gift Aid Declarations

If you have not yet completed a Gift Aid declaration in respect of any applicable contributions to the Company, please use this link to complete it today: <http://www.arbitratorscompany.org/members/giftAid02.php>. Please do this even if you believe that you have made a declaration on a previous occasion. Thank you.

## A Message from the Master



I am now in the swing of events again, after a quiet August when the City goes into hibernation.

Before the lull we had a busy Court meeting, when three Freemen and two Liverymen were admitted, and it was a great pleasure to admit our Honorary Archivist, Gill Rushton, as an Honorary Freeman. I was also able to formally welcome David Millington to the Court, and I hope to welcome Jodi Berg in October. After the Court meeting we enjoyed our Annual Service at St Mary le Bow, followed by supper in a local restaurant

I am pleased to announce that over the summer two of our Court members have had professional promotions. Finola O'Farrell QC has been appointed to the High Court bench, while Sir Gary Hickinbottom is to move to the Court of Appeal in a few months' time, when a vacancy will occur. Congratulations to them both.

As soon as September arrived, events took place in the City to commemorate the Great Fire of London 350 years ago. These culminated in the burning of a large model of London on two barges on the Thames, which was spectacular.



Later in September I enjoyed the Master's Weekend in Bristol, and elsewhere in this Newsletter is a report on that event. There was also the Election of the new Lord Mayor, Dr Andrew Parmley, on 29<sup>th</sup> September at Guildhall, followed by lunch at Stationers' Hall. I intend to keep busy to the end of my term of office. For the future we are looking into a possible affiliation with an RAF squadron.

Having discussed with my wife the Mistresses Badge, we agreed that some improvements were needed. After consultation with Past Masters and others the improvements have been carried out at my expense as part of my gifts to the Company.

It has been a tremendous privilege to serve as Master of this great Company, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I have had good use of my senior rail card! There have been some scares when trains have been cancelled or delayed, but many functions have been attended as I have worked on the principle that if physically possible I would accept all invitations.

I am very grateful to our new clerk Biagio Fraulo for his assistance. We have both been learning from each other. Thanks also go to others, including John White, the Chaplain, the Beadle, all members of the Court and the membership generally. On 25<sup>th</sup> October we will enjoy the Installation Dinner at Ironmongers' Hall, and I wish my successor Matt Bastone and Sue the very best for their year ahead.

**Michael Goodridge Master**

## New Admissions on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016



Master Michael Goodridge with Freeman Thomas Feeney, Damian Hickman and Alan Midgley



Master Michael Goodridge with Honorary Freeman Gill Rushton, the Company Archivist



Master Michael Goodridge with Liverymen Gary Peters and James Bridgeman

## Master's Weekend to Bristol – September 2016

Our Master, Michael Goodridge, and his Mistress, Hilary, hosted an excellent weekend for members of the Company in the ancient city port of Bristol. Twenty four of us joined them for the weekend, and we were also joined at various times by friends and other members which made for a very convivial and successful weekend to round off Mike's Master's Year.

We could not have been better situated at the Royal Marriott, and started the weekend with a short walk to Avery's Wine Merchants. Excellent food was accompanied by superb wines with each course, all of which were described to us in depth by our host.

Saturday dawned cloudy but dry and we boarded our coach for a Blue Badge tour of the City Our guide was interesting and informative, and we stopped more than once to explore.



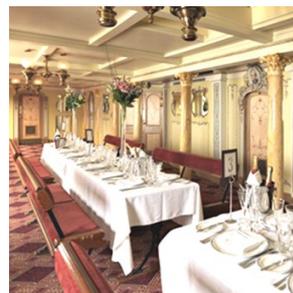
A highlight for everyone was the St. Nicholas Markets, full of food from all corners of the globe and quirky stalls.

Our tour then continued, out of the City and up to the Clifton suspension bridge, designed by the great Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. However, the highlight of our weekend was, without doubt, our black tie dinner aboard Brunel's S.S. Great Britain.

In 1843, by combining size, power and innovative technology, Brunel created a ship that changed history. His vision for the S.S. Great Britain made her the great-great-grandmother for all modern ships.



We were treated to an excellent tour and talk from the Chief Steward, followed by a three course dinner in the beautiful first class dining saloon.



Sunday morning saw us aboard a covered (luckily given the rain squalls!) boat to tour the city from the water. This meant we had seen all aspects of this great city and learnt so much about its history but also its modern day life. For those of us who did not know it, Bristol was a real treat and our thanks must go to the Master and his Mistress for an enjoyable and informative weekend.

**Matt & Sue Bastone**

# The Master's Year 2016-17

## Matthew Bastone



My installation as Master takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, and I am looking forward to sharing this momentous (for me) event with many friends, family and members of the

Company. We have chosen for the occasion the beautiful Ironmongers' Hall, which is a short walk from the Barbican underground station.

One of our principle objects as a Company is to foster the profession of arbitration and other forms of private dispute resolution. We will continue to support the dispute resolution community and to disseminate our message amongst the wider public.

Another of our strengths as a Company is our links with training, schools and young people. I am looking forward to becoming more involved with the good work we are doing in this area.

Each Master, in turn, raises funds for the Charitable Trust and I hope you will support me in my efforts. Sue and I are walking the 87 mile Ridgeway to do this, and are inviting members to sponsor us and, if you wish, to join us for a section of the walk! You can follow our progress and donate at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MATTBASTONE>. Please give generously!

We have had many years of excellent Masters and programmes of events, and I shall do my best to continue this success. My programme will be published shortly but, meanwhile, here's a flavour of what's in store with some dates for you to put in your diary:

- A theatre trip and Supper on Tuesday 22nd November (just four tickets still available)
- Our annual Symposium at Keating Chambers on 6th December
- Our Annual Carol Service on 15<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary le Bow, followed by drinks and canapés
- Our arbitration skills competition weekend on 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> January

- A Burns Night Supper on 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- Our Spring Lunch on HQS Wellington on 9<sup>th</sup> February
- A tour of Sir John Soane's Museum in February followed by supper
- The United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by lunch at Stationers' Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> March
- A musical evening at the Charterhouse in April
- The Charter Commemoration Banquet at the Mansion House on 15<sup>th</sup> May
- The Ladies' Lunch at Innholders' Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Our Annual Service and supper on 12<sup>th</sup> July

Sue and I are also organising two weekends away in 2017, although I emphasise that the September weekend will be the main Master's event:

- The Hay Festival Weekend, 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May. We have pre-booked ten rooms at The Castle House Hotel in Hereford. Hereford is a lovely town with lots to see, not least the Mappa Mundi and one of the world's oldest chained libraries, but our main purpose is to visit the Hay Literary Festival on Friday (optional) and Saturday – further details to follow.
- The Master's Weekend, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September, will be held at Dartmouth, one of our favourite spots. This lovely seaside town offers a wealth of attractions. As well as a tour of the Naval College we will be transported back in time, via ferry, steam train and charabanc to visit Greenway, the Devon home of the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie. The Dart Marina Hotel, overlooking the River Dart, is in itself a special treat for the weekend but there will also be a Fish, Chip & Champagne supper!

I do hope you will support me in my Master's Year. I am looking forward to talking to members at events over the coming year but please do contact me if you have any ideas, queries or just to get in touch – [matt@matthewbastone.org.uk](mailto:matt@matthewbastone.org.uk)

**Matthew Bastone**

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