

NEWSLETTER



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Kay Linnell - Master

Announcements

New Arrivals!

Mark Hoyle's wife Lucy has delivered a delightful daughter, Genevieve. 6 lbs 9 oz at birth and now getting on for 8 lbs!

Thomas O'Maileoin also has a new arrival. Baby Ophelia was born on 30th January 2011.

Helena and John Riches have had a baby boy on 26th June 2011. He is yet to be named!

News

PM Victoria Russell was successfully elected to the Livery Committee on 24th June 2011.

Also PM Michael Stephens has been made a bencher.

PM James Mackie has had a successful operation on 23rd June 2011 and is on the road to recovery.

Mansion House Banquet 2012

will take place on Monday, 20 February

Congratulations to Alma Kelly. The Master presented her with her certificate and cheque by the Black Swan in Vintners' Hall on 18th May 2011.



MASTER'S MESSAGE

It has been a fairly busy few months this Summer for our Company. I am pleased to report that the increase in company membership continues. The company has held a successful recruitment evening as an "Introduction" in the City Marketing suite of the Guildhall next to the historic monument of part of its Roman Amphitheatre.

I am pleased to welcome to the Court of Assistants four new Court Members on the 13th July 2011. Christopher Miers, Neil Stocks, Simon Underwood and David Wilson. The Company is working towards the transition from the protocols that have governed it for the last 30 years to a new system which will be brought in when the Royal Charter is handed to the Company by a member of the Royal Family in 2012. 2012 is not only the Olympic year but also the Queen's Jubilee Year and there are many exciting events in which the Company will be participating. Our own Company Church of St Mary Le Bow will be involved in the festivities.

Since the last Newsletter we have successfully visited the Beth din and had supper at Reubens, Jewish Restaurant. Links to the pictures of this are on the company website. We have also had a visit to the Supreme Court, organised by Past Master Rushton. These events are essential to help us know each other and to enjoy the experience of belonging to the Livery within such a special City.

The Charitable Trust of the Company had a very successful concert on the 14th June 2011 and thanks must be expressed to Assistant Michael Giffkins who devoted many hours in preparing to give such an excellent and no holds barred performance. The new Arbitrator's Theme was played with great gusto and it is going to be played at the Company's Service on the 13th July 2011 at St Mary Le Bow. On 13th July we will enjoy our summer outing including a visit on the London "Ducks" and a visit to the Miró Exhibition at the Tate Modern with dinner at Zayna's Restaurant in New Quebec Street.

There are still two further major events in the Company's calendar to look forward to, the Master's weekend in Cornwall from the 16th - 19th September and the Shari'a Law event at the Regents Park Mosque on the 3rd October 2011 on the same day as the election of Lord Mayor on the 3rd October 2011 and the forthcoming installation banquet on the 25th October 2011. We are shortly to going to appoint a Company Archivist and Members with any memorabilia will be notified shortly with more details. It is also appropriate at this 30th anniversary for us to look back and celebrate the success of the Company. Please continue to support the Company by attending events and raising funds in as many ways as you can for the Company's Charitable Trust. Your support and participation makes this Company's Livery live.

VISIT TO THE LONDON BETH DIN, COURT OF THE CHIEF RABBI OF THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE

Daniel Djanogly kindly organised the event. About ten of us gathered in an anonymous building on Ballards Lane near the Tally Ho in North Finchley. David Frei, registrar of the court and a solicitor of long experience in English law, talked about the variety of cases which arise and how they fit in with English law.

The court's judges are rabbis of considerable education and experience. David stated that they all train for fifteen years or more before sitting on the court. A rabbi becomes accepted as a judge through social processes - gaining wide respect for quality of thought and capacity for objective judgement.

It turned out that judgements of the court, which follow Jewish law, are technically speaking arbitration awards, within English arbitration law. They state this on their face and are written in English. It follows that they are in principle enforceable in the English courts. It can happen that an award which follows some aspect of Jewish custom would not be enforceable. Parties often accept an award despite this, but obviously a recalcitrant party can avoid such an award.

Unusual features are that no papers are shown to the court of three rabbis before they hear a case. This follows logically from the Jewish principle that the court will only hear a party in the presence of the other party or parties (there is no possibility of an ex parte procedure here).

Don't miss:

COURT MEETING, ANNUAL SERVICE AND SUMMER OUTING

Wednesday 13th July

MASTER'S WEEKEND

Friday 16th – Monday 19th September

A fantastic opportunity to stay at the Falmouth Hotel overlooking Falmouth Bay near Pendennis Castle.

The weekend will begin at 17.30 on Friday when we leave for Minack Theatre to see "Our Town" by Thornton Wilson preceded by a welcome drink and Cornish Pasty.

On Saturday morning we leave for Helston Guildhall for a talk on Stannary law accompanied by a Cornish Blue Badge Guide.

After a Cornish pub lunch we visit a gallery and have some leisure time in St Ives. In the evening we sail up Carrick Roads to dinner at Mylor Harbour. On Sunday we travel to the Lost Gardens of Heligan for a picnic lunch and tour. The final part of the official weekend will be a traditional Cornish Cream tea.

The overall cost is £300 per head to include "Select" twin sharing rooms with sea views or single rooms without sea views. An upgrade is available to "Premier" rooms with a sea view at £5 per person per night. To secure a room please send a deposit of £50 per head to the Master. The balance of £250 per person will be due 30 days before the weekend by 15th August 2011. All cheques should be made payable to "The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators" and sent to The Master at Brick Kiln Cottage, The Avenue, Herriard, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG25 2PR with the completed form that can be found on the website. Any queries should be sent by email to kay@klca.co.uk

VISIT TO SHARIA COURT

Monday 3rd October

ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR

Monday 3rd October

ABA FALL MEETING, DUBLIN

Tuesday 11th – Saturday 15th October

The Worshipful Company is a co-operating entity in this meeting. More details can be found on the company's website.

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The largest body of work before the court concerns the regulation of kosher food although the Beth Din also deals with religious matters and procedure. We heard in the main about other areas – conversion to Judaism, divorce, family disputes about property, business disputes.

In general the court provides a place for disputes between (orthodox) Jewish people to be resolved without airing them in public, for the proceedings are private (as is usually so for any reference to arbitration). There are certain matters the court does not deal with and these include criminal matters and children's rights.

There are other Jewish courts in the UK. Some are within the orthodox community but suited to smaller disputes. Other branches of Judaism also have their courts.

After the talk we had an opportunity to ask questions, which David Frei handled with good humour and wit.

Taxis took us to Reubens Restaurant (79 Baker Street, London W1U 6RG, 020 7486 0035). For me this was a very nostalgic ride through parts of North London where I grew up and which I have hardly seen since. They've built a shopping complex beside Finchley High Road where I used to fly model planes and swim in an open air pool. The Bishops Avenue looks as remote from mortals as ever. It was so over the top that Hampstead looked quite dowdy after it.

It's safe to say we were all happy and comfortable in the restaurant:



For me this was a significant eating experience. I want to go again. The barley soup was full of taste and exploded barley. The chicken Schnitzel was plate-coveringly large and also tasty. The red wine was smooth and full of flavour. The desserts were also excellent:



Assistant Michael's strudel



Master Kay's Raspberry Fool

So, it was an evening full of interest, good food and good fellowship. Thank you Daniel for organising it so well!

Assistant Michael Giffkins

THE BRITISH RED CROSS

The Lord Mayor sent Livery Masters out to collect for the Red Cross in Chain and Gown on London Bridge on 6th May 2011 in fair London town.

The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are. They are part of a global network of volunteers and staff, responding to conflicts, natural disasters and individual emergencies. They help vulnerable people in the UK and abroad prepare for and withstand emergencies in their own communities. And when a crisis is over, they help people to recover and move on with their lives. Across the world, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has national societies in 186 countries with over 20 million volunteers specialising in meeting local needs and ready to come together to support each other in an emergency.

In local communities throughout the UK the Red Cross is there. They provide life saving first aid training, care for people returning home from hospital when there is no one else to turn to, support refugees fleeing conflict and are ready to respond to emergencies 365 days a year. In London alone, 1,914 skilled volunteers deliver services to the community.

There was a fantastic amount of money raised and a few members of the public commented to collectors in the City what a great sight it was to see everyone collecting on the bridge.

