

NEWSLETTER



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Hew Dundas - Master

Member's News

Liveryman Tony Baldry MP has been knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Liveryman David Millington was married at the beginning of June and we wish him and his new wife well in their future life together.

Don't Miss:

COURT MEETING, ANNUAL SERVICE AND INFORMAL SUPPER AT A VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT

Wednesday 11th July 2012

City Briefings

An introduction to the City of London and its relationship with the Livery Companies these include a short introduction to the work of the City Corporation. They are of interest to new members and to Liverymen and Freemen of longer standing. Partners are also welcome to attend. If you have not previously been to a Briefing, you are encouraged to attend. The Briefings are held at Guildhall in Basinghall Street EC2V 5DH. For more details go to <http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org.uk/city-briefings.php>.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE LUNCHEON AT WESTMINSTER HALL



As the penultimate event in the Jubilee Programme, Her Majesty The Queen was entertained at a Luncheon for more than 700 at Westminster Hall given by the City Livery Companies of which 88 were represented. Her Majesty was, sadly, not accompanied by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh who was in hospital but TRH The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry were in support. The Company shared a table with the Engineers, each being represented by the Master and four guests. See the photograph above with thanks to Jane Atkinson, a guest of the Master Engineer.

The purpose of the Luncheon was to honour Her Majesty while recognising charitable and philanthropic endeavour. To achieve this, the Company was advised beforehand that emphasis was being placed on securing a cross section of society from the wide variety of organisations and good causes with which the Livery is involved. With these guidelines firmly in mind, the Company's guests were: Susan Ward, Head Teacher at Clara Grant Primary School; Afoma Ojukwu, a Lower VIth form student at King Edward's School, Witley who is in receipt of a bursary from the Company; Cadet Sgt Moises Mendoza, representing 13 Company, SW London Army Cadet Force; and Jay Tarrant, a fine example of those who have benefited from the St Mary-le-Bow Homeless Project (which the Company supports) in association with Pret a Manger.

It was a great privilege to find that HRH Prince William joined the table. Since our Company is senior in precedence to the Engineers (just - 93 beats 94 !), the Master was given the great honour of welcoming the Prince in a side hall and escorting him to the table, part of which was shown live on the BBC (and also seen in the Kuala Lumpur equivalent of the Nine O'Clock News).

One of the features of the Luncheon was an outstanding Speech of Welcome by the Master of the Mercers Company who are first in the precedence. The BBC had been given the full guest list in advance and Afoma Ojukwu was seen being interviewed twice, once at her school and once after the Luncheon had concluded.

This was a truly memorable occasion, one to live long in the memories of those that had the great honour and privilege of being present.

The text of the Master Mercer's Speech is available from the website.

Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant

As the picture below shows the Junior Warden, Derek Ross and his boat "Quackers Tod" took part in the Thames Pageant on 3 June.



Photo courtesy of Capture the Event

Common Hall

On Thursday 5 September the Company will hold the first of our new style Common Halls which is effectively an annual general meeting. More details will follow soon but do put the date in your diaries. Liverymen will have the opportunity to elect the new Master and Wardens for the coming year along with new Court Assistants. Additionally the Company's annual accounts will be presented. Freemen of the Company are very welcome to attend although they do not have a vote. After the formalities we plan to have a drinks reception when members will have an opportunity to talk with the officers and members of the Court.

Dates for your diary:

MASTER'S WEEKEND IN
EDINBURGH
**Friday 21-Sunday 23 September
2012**

COMMON HALL
Thursday 5 September 2012

ELECTION OF THE LORD
MAYOR
Monday 1 October 2012

COURT MEETING,
INSTALLATION AND
INSTALLATION DINNER
Thursday 25 October 2012

Further details of all events, with details of how to book your place can be found on the company website,
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THE CLARA GRANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Master together with Past Master Rushton and Assistant Underwood (and other volunteers) attended the Bank of England Museum in support of Clara Grant Primary School, each taking charge (?) of four hyper-enthusiastic nine-year-olds keen to learn everything there was about money.

The visit started with a short lecture by a Bank employee, a natural comedian, who combined wit with information and kept the children busy, including showing four short films about money.

The 2nd phase was the children touring the museum itself armed with a quiz whose answers were all somewhere in the museum; the most popular feature was the [real] bar of gold which was too heavy to lift.

The day got off to a great start when the Master arrived first, 10 minutes before the museum opened, to be followed by a gaggle of nine-year-olds; to keep them entertained, he got a Vietnamese 200,000 Đồng banknote out of his wallet (see photo below) and got them to guess its worth in sterling (£6), where Việt Nam was etc. This was all going well and keeping the children constructively engaged BUT these were not the Clara Grant children but a different school.



NEW COMMANDING OFFICER FOR HMS MERSEY

On 26 May Lt Commander Sarah Oakley RN took over as Commanding Officer of the Company's affiliated ship HMS MERSEY. She succeeds Lt Commander Mark Anderson who will be joining HMS Clyde in the South Atlantic for a tour of duty. Lt Cdr Oakley is a holder of the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service (QCVS) awarded for her service in the Gulf. Lt Cdr Oakley was a guest at the Spring Lunch and members who take part in the visit to the ship on 22 July will have an opportunity to meet her as well as other members of the Ship's Company.



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