



The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

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Summer 2004 Newsletter.

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

Much has happened since Easter, so let me just concentrate on the highlights.

Sir Philip Otton delivered the Master's Lecture on "Sport – Private Grief or Public Prurience". He recounted some notable sports disputes; the America's Cup, allegations of doping against Katrina Krabbe and the jaw that Denis Wise broke, before recommending appropriate arbitration procedures. Do read it on our website. It was truly masterly.

Eighty attended our Recruiting Party at the Royal Green Jackets London Club including 7 QCs and a Judge. A congenial evening led to much interest and not a few top quality recruits. Net cost to the Company £250 – cheap at the price.

Close liaison with arbitral bodies has been one aim of my Mastership. I have addressed 2 Branches of the Chartered Institute. We have entertained 7 Branch Chairmen or Secretaries, and Past Master Victoria Russell sits on a coordinating committee with the Directors of the Chartered Institute and the London Court of International Arbitration. It's not all hard graft. I have dined with the Chartered Institute at Drapers' Hall and with LMAA at Guildhall.

Our Spring Livery Dinner at the charming Innholders' Hall was a sell-out. The Master Innholder told me recently that he thought our dinner was the most congenial he had attended during his Mastership. High praise indeed. Well done the Clerk. See the website for our speeches. John Evans sang to us. He studies opera at the Guildhall School of Music. We sponsor him. He is clearly intelligent. He included "Some Enchanted Evening" in his programme.

Interest is developing rapidly in our schemes; one for Yeomen members of the company and the other for Apprentices. Twenty eight have enquired about Apprenticeships and interviews will start this month. Our thanks to Immediate Past Master Michael Wilkey.

We now have a new Constitution approved by the Court of Aldermen. The important change has been to allow Liverymen to introduce their children (not being arbitrators) to the membership of the Company. Details will soon appear on the website.

As I write this we have just returned from our annual service at St Mary le Bow. It was a full Choral Evensong, psalm, canticles, anthem, the lot, ending with "Immortal Invisible, God only wise" sung lustily. George Bush delivered a Homily on judgement, justice and injustice. It was brilliant. Do read it on the website. Supper afterwards at Saddlers' Hall was enjoyed by 50 of us including some of the 2 Liverymen and 4 Freemen I had had the great pleasure of admitting that afternoon. More support next year please. It was well worth it.

Best wishes to all.



Members and their Guests enjoying the Spring Livery Dinner held at Innholders' Hall on 26 May 2004

THE GREAT SOMERSET WEEKEND

Although fewer than expected members and their partners attended this event on the weekend after Easter, it in no way detracted from its enormous success.

Accommodation was at the Hollies Hotel in Bower Hinton which was conveniently situated for our private visit on Saturday to Forde Abbey. Built in medieval times and run by the Benedictines, it came into the possession of the Roper family about 200 years ago. We were very privileged to see the wonderful set of Mortlake tapestries commissioned by Prideaux and kept in a darkened room for their preservation. We also visited the superb water gardens together with their amazing statuary and admired the blaze of spring colour and the carpets of daffodils.

In the evening we shared a reception and dinner at Montacute House with members of the Master's Prayer Book Society. It is regarded as one of the finest Elizabethan houses in the country, built in Ham stone from a local quarry worked since Roman times and now owned by the National Trust. We were escorted around the Long Gallery where the magnificent collection of portraits on permanent loan from the National Portrait Gallery depicting Tudor and Stuart monarchs, courtiers and poets were all beautifully displayed.

On Sunday the party divided with some members going to Wells Cathedral for a private tour and Evensong whilst the more hardy braved the inclement weather and spent a day at the Wincanton Races. Our betting syndicate proved to be very successful and we all went home with the princely sum of £3.75 in our pockets.

It was all good fun and our thanks go to Andrew and Merida for their faultless organisation of a superb weekend.

Ann Underwood, Senior Warden

1st CHARITABLE TRUST PRIZE WINNER



On the occasion of the Master's Lecture, The Master, accompanied by the Chairman of the First Charitable Trust, Assistant John Rushton (right), presenting Mr Clive Wolman with his First Charitable Trust prize for achieving top marks in EC Competition Law and Civil Litigation for 2002/03 at the Inns of Court School of Law.

MASTER'S LECTURE, 30 MARCH 2004



Sir Philip Otton delivering the Master's Lecture entitled "Sport – ADR and Discipline – Public Grief or Private Prurience?" at King's College London on 30 March 2004. The full text of the Lecture is available on our website: www.arbitratorscompany.org

YEOMAN MEMBERSHIP

As defined in the Ordinances of the Worshipful Company, Yeoman membership is open to those engaged in studies leading to Membership, Fellowship or Associateship of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, or other qualifications which the Court considers useful in connection with arbitration or with alternative forms of dispute resolution.

The Yeoman category is a transitional grade of membership, subject to a tenure limit, which is intended to allow those aspiring to be arbitrators, but temporarily of limited means whilst studying, to become members of the Worshipful Company at a reduced fee. The privileges of Yeoman members are fewer than those of Freemen and Liverymen, but it is hoped that the experience of Yeoman membership will lead in due course to all Yeoman members applying for the Freedom of the Company, and later the Livery, on completion of their studies.

Anyone interested in learning more should contact Assistant Kay Linnell (telephone: 020 7387 5868)

SPRING LIVERY LINE-UP



The Master, Mrs Drysdale and the Senior Warden greeting Past Master Col Bill Armstrong OBE and Mrs Armstrong on the occasion of the Spring Livery Dinner on 26 May

BURGUNDY WEEKEND, 9/12 JUNE 2005

It is still not too late to apply for places on the proposed Company weekend outing to the Burgundy Region of France from Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th June 2005 if you fancy a continental break at that time. But please act quickly if you would like to participate, as at time of going to press a considerable number of the available places have already been filled. Details of how to apply are given at the end of this trailer.

We fly out from London to Lyon during the morning of Thursday 9th June, and fly back during the late afternoon of Sunday 12th June 2005. Travel in France will be by coach. Our base will be in Bûxy, a picturesque wine-making town with interesting old buildings and excellent restaurants and shops, which is situated quite close to Beaune, the capital of Burgundy. We have chosen a very comfortable hotel for our stay, within easy walking distance of the centre of Bûxy, and also some very special restaurants for dinner each evening.

We have a number of very interesting tours planned for each day. These quite naturally focus on the wine growing activities of the region, with ample time to savour the local produce, but there will be some free time as well. Trips include a day in Beaune with a guided tour of the Hospice de Beaune, followed by a wine tasting, lunch in the cellar, and a free afternoon to explore the city at our own pace. Other outings include a visit to a wine grower, with picnic lunch in the vineyard, a visit to a barrel-making factory and a drive to Beaujolais with time for lunch in Fleurie.

The cost of the trip, assuming a party of at least thirty participants, is estimated to be £585.00 per person. This includes bed and breakfast, lunches, dinners, fares, tour of the Hospice, visits to vineyards, wine tastings, barrel making and all transport by coach to and from the various venues in France. This represents exceptionally good value for a four-day break, and is an opportunity not to be missed.

Places on the tour may be reserved by applying directly to the courier administering the event, John R. Owen-Ward, 102 Selborne Road, London N14 7DG. Applicants should express interest in the Company's Burgundy Tour in June 2005, state their name and address and the names of their guests, and enclose a deposit cheque of £85.00 per person made payable to "The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators". Deposits will be refundable in the unlikely event that the tour does not go ahead.

COMPANY BROLLY



Company Brollies have been keeping many of us dry during the current summer, and are highly prized by all who possess them. For functional excellence and robust good looks, they are hard to beat.

There are still a few available at £20.00 each direct from IPM Michael Wilkey (tel: 020 7374 0788) to be collected by arrangement.

PAST MASTER KENNETH SEVERN MC

Kenneth Severn, who has died at the age of 85, will be remembered not only by his many friends in the Worshipful Company and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, but also by others in the many fields in which he excelled. Born a few days before the end of the first world war, Kenneth served through the second world war, in which his service was honoured by the award of the Military Cross.

Soon after the end of the war Kenneth qualified as a structural engineer, working for Scott and Wilson, and later for Leslie Turner & Partners: both well-known firms of consulting structural engineers. In due course he became the senior partner of the latter firm, which appropriately changed its name to Kenneth Severn & Partners. His expertise in that field was recognised by the Institution of Structural Engineers, of which he became President in 1972-73. By that time his interest in arbitration had led to his appointment as arbitrator in many major disputes. As fitting tribute to his success in this area, he was elected Chairman of the Chartered Institute in 1978-78 and Master of the Worshipful Company in 1986-87

My first contact with him came in the early 1970s, when Kenneth invited me to attend as a pupil the hearing of a major arbitration he was conducting in London, arising from a bridge contract in the UK. Later in the 1970s he initiated, within the Chartered Institute, a training course in arbitration which became known as the Introductory Course. It ran for many years: often at 6-monthly intervals, and with a long waiting list of applicants for places. I had the good fortune to serve as one of Kenneth's tutors on the course, and later as course director. Kenneth was always a keen supporter of the charitable objectives of the Worshipful Company and the training activities of the Chartered Institute.

Kenneth will be remembered as an expert in both structural engineering and in arbitration; and as a good friend by those who had the good fortune to know him. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his widow Betty at this very sad time.

Douglas A Stephenson

ADDRESS TO THE COURT

Following the admission of Liverymen and Freemen during the Court Meeting held on Wednesday 7 July 2004, Mr Philip Fidler, the most senior Liveryman just admitted, addressed the Court as follows:

"It is my pleasant privilege to thank the Master on behalf of the candidates here with me and on my own behalf. It is a great honour that has been bestowed on us, both by the Master and those of the Worshipful Company who proposed and admitted us. We pledge to uphold the dignity and traditions of the Worshipful Company and of the City of London."

Fine sentiments elegantly expressed.

COMPANY NEWS



Kim Franklin, a London-based Barrister and Arbitrator specialising in construction law, who became a Liveryman on 28 April 2004



David Goldberg, a solicitor practising in London and member of the Anglo-Russian Law Association, the Swiss Arbitration Association and the Russian Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, who became a Liveryman on 28 April 2004



Phillip Alier, a Barrister and Accredited Mediator, Member of the Securities Institute, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, American Bar Association, LCIA, Royal African Society, Immigration Law Practitioners, who was admitted to the Freedom on 28 April 2004.



Robert Crease, Chartered Civil Engineer, Director of CTRL, Adjudicator, Accredited Mediator, Member of the Institute of Management, and Fellow of CI Arb, ICE and the Permanent Way Institution, who became a Freeman of the Company on 28 April 2004.



Tony Ensom, Chartered Surveyor, Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Independent Expert, former member of RICS Contracts Panel and JCT, Fellow of the RICS and CI Arb, and member of Arbrix and the Society of Construction Arbitrators, who was admitted to the Freedom of the Company on 28 April 2004.



Alan Turner, a Barrister, Engineer, Arbitrator and Adjudicator who specialises in disputes involving government departments, utility companies, major contractors and public bodies, who became a Freeman of the Company on 28 April 2004.

DIARY OF EVENTS

- tba September** Evening Visit to Foreign Office and War Cabinet Rooms followed by Supper in the Farmers' Club
- 29 September** Election of Lord Mayor at Guildhall
- 27 October** Court Meeting, Common Hall and Installation Dinner
- 9 November** Charity Wine Tasting of quality wines, including charity auction of rare Roija vintages not commercially available, all in support of Action Medical Research. Venue tba.
- 13 November** Lord Mayor's Show
- tba November** Recruitment Cocktail Party

EVENTS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Throughout its history, the Company has very successfully provided a broad range of social and other events for the enjoyment of members. These events have in the main been organised by members on a voluntary basis, which gives those who do it a well-deserved sense of achievement, but to maintain this tradition it is important for us all to do what we can to ensure there are sufficient willing hands to make light work of the tasks involved.

The major set-piece Dinners and the like are organised by the Master and the Clerk, and the remaining less formal events are organised by an Events Committee, presently chaired by Hew Dundas. Hew is very keen to expand the membership of the Events Committee, to enable it to provide more, and more varied, events for our enjoyment throughout the year, and to ease the burden on the too few existing members, who are all very busy professionals.

YOU could make a valuable contribution to the Company by joining the Events Committee, and will undoubtedly enjoy the social contacts involved in assisting to organise one, possibly two, events per year. **So if you think you would like to get involved and make a very welcome contribution, please contact Hew on 07778-406457 or by e-mail on dundas.energy@btinternet.com.**

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