



# The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

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## Summer 2008 Newsletter

### THE MASTER'S LETTER

I have been thrilled to be your Master for a second time. I can report to you that the Company continues to thrive and I have been keen to build on the solid foundations laid down by my predecessors.

You will find in this Newsletter an appreciation of the late Harold Crowter, who, all things being equal, should have been the Master this year.

The Apprentice Scheme has attracted great interest. We have a number of mentors who are willing to assist those who want to start their arbitral careers but there is always room for more. So please contact myself or Philip Fidler if you want further details and, even better, if you are willing to help in some way.

Assistant Kay Linnell has pioneered the Yeoman Scheme whereby the Company seeks to encourage students and younger members of the professions to become involved in the Company on a limited basis with a view to becoming Freemen and Liverymen in due course. Kay will welcome support from any member of the Company who feels able to assist in this very worthwhile project.



The membership of the Court has also changed. In April we formally welcomed as Assistants Christopher Gardner Q.C., Philip Fidler (trustee of the Charitable Trust and our new Chairman of the Apprentice Scheme) and Michael Goodridge M.B.E. (also a trustee) and we are looking forward to using their talents to promote the welfare of the Company.

Thank you to the many who responded to our questionnaire (drawn up by Assistant Karl Davies) about Company events. It has been a great help to myself and the Wardens in judging what activities to organise for the Company in the future.

I write this immediately following our Livery weekend in Birmingham. Those of you who did not attend missed a treat! We started off on Friday evening at a local restaurant where two of those present celebrated "significant" birthdays. This was followed by a busy Saturday which involved a bus tour around the city (with the more hardy of us sitting on the open upper deck under umbrellas), a private viewing at the Barber Institute, lunch on the canal and a trip to the "back to backs" to learn something about the social history of the area. On Sunday Catherine and I were pleased to welcome Company members to our home for lunch before we broke up and went our separate ways.

The Company continues to play its part in the life of the City of London. We are active members of the Financial Services Group of the Modern Livery Companies, the purpose of which is to provide information and relevant expertise to the Lord Mayor of the day for the purpose of promoting the City as a place for business – and arbitration and dispute resolution!

I have had the chance to represent the Company to the City and beyond and I am very grateful to you for allowing me to do so. Although we are a modern Livery Company the skill that we represent is more and more relevant to the business life of the City of London and so I am confident that, with your enduring support, the profile of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators will continue to rise.

Catherine joins me in sending all good wishes to you and your families.

MICHAEL STEPHENS

## HAROLD CROWTER 1948-2007

Harold Samuel Crowter was born in Coventry in August 1948, the only child of John and Grace Crowter. His entry into the world was not without difficulty and for a while there were genuine concerns for the health of his mother.

The young Harold excelled in his primary education at the Edgwick School in Foleshill, ultimately passing his 11 plus examinations with flying colours. His marks were so good that he was the only pupil at Edgwick that year to win a scholarship to King Henry VIII, Coventry's leading independent school. His parents couldn't afford the fees so the council stepped in to pay.

For the first few days at his new school, Harold felt like a fish out of water. The majority of his classmates came from wealthy families and it took a while for the new boy from the other side of town to make his mark. Harold was quickly streamed into the top sets across a range of subjects. However, his intelligence was not always used to further his studies. Operating under the nickname Sam, he acquired a reputation as a prankster. His victims were for the most part doddering school masters. Several stunts are worthy of mention, not least the lesson during which he cooked baked beans on a portable stove inside his desk. In later years, he also reminisced fondly about the time he invited a teacher to sit down on a chair he had deliberately sabotaged in a woodwork class.

A nasty dose of mumps disrupted Harold's O-Levels and left him badly behind in his A-Level studies. But his natural gifting in mathematics saw him achieve grades sufficient to start as a trainee quantity surveyor with the Coventry City Corporation. He retained his appetite for fun, taking leading roles as both writer and performer in his department's annual revue.

A few weeks after leaving school, Harold went on a young people's holiday in Switzerland. On the shores of Lake Thun, he met and fell in love with a beautiful young secretary from Suffolk called Ruth Wiffen. The couple married in June 1969 and settled in Hinckley in Leicestershire. Within seven years, they had produced three children - two daughters and a son.

In 1972, Harold left local government and started to rise through the ranks of a local construction company, becoming Contracts Director at the age of 29. His experience of dealing with contractual claims seems to have inspired his eventual change of career.

His growing family and career took up most of his time, but in the evenings and at weekends he worked long hours to help build a new chapel for his local church where he was also a deacon, treasurer and the stand-in organist.

In the late seventies, Harold set up his own company in Hinckley, built three houses and then devoted himself to a gruelling period of study in pursuit of professional arbitration qualifications.

He loved work but was careful to take long holidays as a counter-balance. Every summer, from the early eighties onwards, he packed the family and a few belongings into a large Volvo before decamping for a month to the south of France. Here he really relaxed, acquiring a taste for red wine and many lasting friends.

Watching sport also became a major theme in Harold's life. Every Saturday, in all weathers, he would take Gaynor, Ashleigh and Corinne to compete in cross-country, rugby, cricket and netball. He missed very few matches, becoming such a reliable supporter that he was sometimes asked to umpire games of cricket or run the line for rugby matches. Harold was a member of Coventry Rugby Club and was a regular at Twickenham and the Millennium Stadium for internationals. The Hong Kong Sevens became an annual pilgrimage in later years where, to his great delight, he could both network and spectate at the same time. Cricket was his favourite sport (to play and watch) and during stressful periods of work he would occasionally sneak off to Edgbaston if Warwickshire were playing at home. Holidays in the Caribbean often coincided with test matches in Barbados.

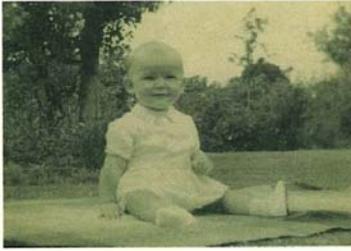
In the nineties, Harold's company continued to grow. Offices were opened in London and Hong Kong. As an arbitrator, he acquired an international reputation, working across the continents. He was particularly proud to be elected Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 1998. He was also made Freeman of the City of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators.

Harold also devoted himself to training the next generation of arbitrators. He became a Course Director at the College of Estate Management at Reading University and helped other aspiring arbitrators as an author, lecturer and pupil-master. He was also a governor of the Coventry School Foundation (which runs King Henry VIII) and a keen supporter of the independent Christian School in South Wales which two of his grandchildren attend.

Faith in Jesus Christ was the bedrock of Harold's life, a fact more apparent than ever in his final days. He was a significant contributor to Christian mission in the UK and abroad, visiting and supporting workers in France, Kenya and India as well as at home. He also sat on the board of a national charity which cares for elderly Christians.

Harold died peacefully at home in Leamington Spa on 2nd November 2007, little more than six months after being diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. Ruth and his three children were at his bedside. His final words were that he was "ready to go home".

## HAROLD CROWTER 1948-2007



A bouncing baby, 1949 (above); In King Henry VIII school uniform (right); Wedding day, June 1969 (below); On holiday with Ruth in Ibiza, 1970 (below right); With baby Gaynor in Hinckley, 1972 (bottom right); Family photo, 1979 (bottom left)



In India, 1989 (top left); Chairman, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 1998-99 (top right); Speech at the Mansion House 2006 (above); Crowters 25th anniversary party at House of Lords, 2004 (above right); Caribbean holiday with Ruth (right); devoted Grandad, 2006 (bottom right); 59th birthday outing on the Warwickshire canal, August 2007 (below)



## ADMISSIONS



**Freeman Christopher Miers** who was admitted to the Freedom on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Christopher is a Chartered Architect and Chartered Arbitrator. On the Panel of Arbitrators and Adjudicators of the Chartered Institute and the Royal Institute of British Architects and an accredited mediator with the Centre for Dispute Resolution. Also on the Panel of Adjudicators of the Centre for Dispute Resolution, the Construction Industry Council and the Chartered Institute of Building.



**Freeman Lindy Ann Patterson** who was admitted to the Freedom on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Lindy is a Solicitor, an honorary member of the RICS, and member of the RICS in Scotland, Building Standards Advisory Committee, Consultative Committee Scottish Building Contract Committee, Adjudicator with the TeCSA Panel of Adjudicators and past Commercial Court, Court of Session, working party member.



**Freeman Peter McNamara**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Peter is a Solicitor, adjudicator and mediator. He is a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Adjudication Society, the Association of Independent Construction Adjudicators, Civil Mediation Council, Society of Construction Law and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute.



**Freeman Peter John English** who was admitted to the Freedom on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Peter is a Quantity Surveyor and Arbitrator. He is also a member of the Association of Project Safety, Society of Construction Law, Adjudication Society and the Chartered Institute.



**Freeman Nicholas Gould** who was admitted to the Freedom on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Nicholas is a Solicitor and Partner at Fenwick Elliott. He is Chairman of the Society of Construction Law and Management, member of the RICS Dispute Resolution Faculty Board and Advocacy working group and of the CIARB ADR Practice Sub-Committee.



**Freeman Eric John Mouzer** who was admitted to the Freedom on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Eric is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, Fellow of the Chartered Institute and RICS, a member of the CIARB Panel of Arbitrators, RICS Panel of Construction Arbitrators, as well as being a CEDR Accredited and Registered Mediator, CIARB, RICS, TeCSA Approved Mediator and RICS Registered Expert.



**Freeman Iain Robert Christie** who was admitted to the Freedom on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Iain is a Barrister, on the Bar Council's top tier of barrister mediators who has taken part in a county court mediation scheme in Dorset and voluntary community mediation in London. Sits on the Bar Council's ADR committee and is a member of the Chartered Institute.



**Freeman James Jude Bridgeman** who was admitted to the Freedom on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007. James is a Barrister, Fellow of the Chartered Institute and member of the CIARB Irish Branch Committee, a founder member of the CIARB IP and ICT interest group.



**Freeman David Martin Wilson** who was admitted to the Freedom on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007. David is a Chartered Engineer, Chartered Arbitrator and an Adjudicator. He is a European Engineer registered in Brussels, and is a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

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**Freeman Helena Frances Brown** who was admitted to the Freedom on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007. Helena is an Associate of the Chartered Institute, current Chairman of CIARB South East Branch and Chairman of the CIARB's Young Members Group. She is also a member of the Adjudication Society and sits on Council of the Society of Construction Law.



**Freeman John Leonard Riches** who was admitted to the Freedom on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007. John is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and Chartered Builder with more than 30 years experience in the construction industry.



**Freeman Robert Juniper** who was admitted to the Freedom on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007. Bob is Senior Partner of Daniel Connal Partnership and a Chartered Quantity Surveyor. He opened the Colchester office in 1971 and is a member of the RICS, the Chartered Institute, CEDR Solve and the Faculty of Building.



**Freeman David Evan Somerset**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008. David is a Quantity Surveyor, Fellow of the Chartered Institute, the RICS, the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators. He is an accredited CEDR Mediator and a member of the Expert Witness Institute and RICS Expert Witness Registration Scheme.



**Freeman Manu Duggal**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Manu is a financial consultant who is a Magistrate in the courts of the City of Westminster, London. He is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute, aiming for full Membership this summer when he completes his LLM with specialisations in EC Competition Law and International Commercial Arbitration. He is a member of the European Users' Council of the LCIA. He is an apprentice, with John Uff as his mentor.



**Freeman David Stephen Simmons**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008. David is a Quantity Surveyor, presently Director of Quantex Consulting based in Halesowen. He is a member of the West Midlands Branch of the Chartered Institute, and a member of the Academy of Experts.



**Liveryman Michael Forbes Smith**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and became a Liveryman on 11th July 2007.



**Liveryman Stephen William Bickford-Smith**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and became a Liveryman on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

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**Liveryman Eric John Mouzer**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and became a Liveryman on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008.



**Liveryman Paul Rose**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2006 and became a Liveryman on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008.



**Liveryman Anthony Christopher Ensom**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004 and became a Liveryman on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008.



**Liveryman Steffi Spitznagel**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2004 and became a Liveryman on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008



**Liveryman Neil Richard Stocks**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006 and became a Liveryman on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008.



**Liveryman Phillip Bliss Alier**, who was admitted to the Freedom on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2004 and became a Liveryman on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

**COURT MEETING, COMMON HALL & INSTALLATION DINNER  
AT TALLOW CHANDLERS ' HALL**



The installation of the new Master and Wardens' team

**LIVERY LUNCH AT WATERMEN'S HALL**



The Master and Wardens with Lord Goldsmith, QC, the speaker at the Spring Livery Lunch together with a Doggetts' man (for more information on the Doggetts Coat & Badge race go to <http://www.watermenshall.org/history/doggett.htm>)

**MASTER'S LECTURE GIVEN BY GRAHAM DUNNING QC**



Graham Dunning, QC giving the Master's Lecture (the text of which is available on our website and appeared in the August edition of 'Arbitration'). As he was generous enough to come to speak to us on a significant birthday we thought the least we could do was present him with a birthday cake

## THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW



The Master, Wardens and Freeman David Ashton walked in the Lord Mayor's Show parade with members of the other Modern Livery Companies.

## APPRENTICE SCHEME FLOURISHING

The Apprentice Scheme has flourished in 2007 with the enrolment of five new Students as follows:

- Martin Dzediku, a freelance Quantity Surveyor, is mentored by the Junior Warden, Chris Dancaster;
- Joseph Bond, also a Quantity Surveyor, is mentored by Liveryman Donald Smith;
- Manu Duggal, a Property Developer, Insurance and Financial Consultant, is mentored by Liveryman Professor John Uff QC;
- Jonathan Wong, an Architect, is mentored by Liveryman Peter Aeberli; and
- Kevin Trash, a Quantity Surveyor, is mentored by Freeman Peter Talbot.

On behalf of the Charitable Trust and the Apprentice Committee, I should like to take this opportunity to thank each of the Mentors most sincerely for taking on their respective Students. Without their willing participation and assistance, the Apprentice Scheme would be quite unable to function.

I should also like to take this opportunity to announce that Liveryman Philip Fidler will be taking over as Chairman of Students in the very near future, and to wish him well in his new position.

**Assistant Derek Ross  
Chairman of Students**

## RECITAL AT ST MARY LE BOW



The Recital featured David Bellinger, tenor, a third year student at the Guildhall School of Music who has been supported by our Trust in his studies, Anna Le Hair who studied music at Edinburgh University and performance at the Royal College of Music in London, and one of our own Liveryman, Michael Gifkins.

## EVENTS

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| 19 September 2008 | Sheep Drive across London Bridge                        |
| 24 September 2008 | CIArb Mediation Symposium                               |
| 29 September 2008 | Election of Lord Mayor at Guildhall                     |
| 7 October 2008    | Noggin & Natter                                         |
| 30 October 2008   | Common Hall & Installation Dinner at Apothecaries' Hall |

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