



# The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

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## Winter 2010 Newsletter

### THE NEW MASTER

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for allowing me to be your Master for 2010-2011, the steward at the helm of our Company for the ensuing year. I thoroughly enjoyed the Installation Dinner and would again thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success and for the support of the Company at Vintners Hall. It is a strange feeling suddenly becoming Master of this Worshipful Company and having an opportunity to influence its future and direction.

We were very fortunate in the final quarter of Past Master Dancaster's year to admit so many new Freeman and Liverymen to our number. I hope the drive for membership under the Junior Warden Karl Davies will continue and we will assimilate the newcomers into our ranks and welcome each and every one of them. I have asked Jonathan Tecks to take on a role of liaising more closely with university and post-graduate educational establishments offering higher educational courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Arbitration so that we can foster future generations of upcoming Arbitrators and do what we can to promote the craft and art of Arbitration.

I hope the programme set out on the website and in circulars from the Clerk is going to prove one that gives the Company a lot of time to get to know each other better and to enjoy visits to alternative Courts within the United Kingdom jurisdiction. I also want the Company to focus on its charitable work and get closer to its key functions in support for the Lord Mayor and the City of London.

I am also very eager to support the Lord Mayor and the City of London in all his endeavours. You will be pleased to know that the company has sent £250.00 to the Lord Mayor's Charity "Bear Necessities" for which we have the undoubted privilege of having an Arbitrator teddy bear hanging on the Mansion House Christmas tree within an Arbitrators knitted jumper for the duration. The bear will very shortly thereafter be joining the Lord Mayor in his Venetian parlour to observe all the events of the Lord Mayor's year. The Arbitrator Bear having accompanied the Lord Mayor – Michael Bear – the Arbitrator bear will then come back to the Company and perhaps be auctioned or used in some other way to raise funds for the Lord Mayor's charities RedR and Coram.

The theme of "The Bear" also ran through the Lord Mayor's Show which was supported by 21 Members and Friends of the Company from the stands opposite St Pauls. Past Master Dancaster and Junior Warden, Karl Davis and myself walked in excellent weather conditions and flew the company flag in the accompaniment of the Lord Mayor to his swearing in at the Royal Courts of Justice. The guests and Members of the Company had an excellent lunch at Plaisterers Hall and afterwards adjourned to the Thames for a fireworks display. If anyone has not yet been to the Lord Mayor's Show and taken part it is actually great fun and this year the floats were led by giant statues of Gog and Magog taking the City history back to its routes and the old statues that used to stand at the bottom of Ludgate Hill.

Before the Lord Mayor's Show, the Company supported St John's Ambulance and the Lord Mayor in the City at the start of Remembrance Week by planting a cross in the Garden of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral with other Livery Masters. The ground conditions were reminiscent of The Somme with traffic replacing gunfire but we had rain, mud and a proper respect for the gallant men and women who had served so well.

There was also an opportunity to attend the Silent Ceremony at which the Lord Mayor is admitted which took place on Friday, 12th November 2010 and the briefing of Masters at Mansion House on 23 November 2010.

