



# City Livery Club NEWSLETTER

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## Dickensian Luncheon

Stationers' Hall was the venue for the Christmas Luncheon which lent itself beautifully to the Dickensian theme which the President had chosen.

Dressed in Dickensian outfits, the President, John Clarke and his lady greeted their guests into the Hall which looked stunning decked in boughs of holly & gifts. Chelsea Catering Company provided the fayre and the decoration of the hall and did us proud.



The Club and President provided gifts for every member of a Dickens book and bath products which added to the Christmas spirit. Sir Gavyn Arthur gave a hilarious speech with a Christmas theme and Augustus Snodgrass a.k.a. Christopher Giles, Hon. Sec. of the City Pickwick Club, regaled members with a speech on a Dickens Christmas.

Sir Gavyn wrote afterwards..... "What a fantastic lunch that was! It was such a fun, inspired and very festive occasion and it bodes extremely well for the future of the City Livery Club..."

A collection was made for the Salvation Army who work so hard all year but particularly at Christmas time and we raised a magnificent £923.50p in the President's top hat - thank you to all who attended for making it so special and so enjoyable!

## Reciprocal Clubs

One of the benefits of being a City Livery Club member is the opportunity to use reciprocal Clubs in the UK and overseas. For instance, we have three reciprocal clubs in London two of which offer overnight accommodation. If you stay at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair, you can use their wonderful swimming pool (see right).



The Lansdowne started a major refurbishment programme in 1998 and has renovated many

of the rooms and public areas. It offers dining facilities for breakfast, lunch and dinner (below left).



The Oxford and Cambridge Club is available to our members at weekends from Friday evening 5.00pm until 9am Monday. They offer overnight accommodation at the weekends.

Please remember to take your current CLC Membership Card with you. These Clubs offer CLC members a very warm welcome and most are in very central locations. See sheet for more details.

## Introducing our Honorary Archivist



Judy Tayler-Smith has a degree in History and Archaeology and a Diploma in Egyptology. Judy established her involvement with the Civic City 20 years ago when she began working for the Corporation of London. She worked in a variety of capacities in the Libraries and Archives Department and was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1996. She is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Upholders'. She currently holds several positions of office within the City Livery Club, where she is an elected Council Member, Honorary Secretary of the City Livery Wine Circle and serves on the Membership and Development Committee.

Since leaving the Corporation of London, Judy has pursued her deep interest in Egyptology. She works for antiquity dealers as a translator of Egyptian Hieroglyphs and studies part-time at Birkbeck College.

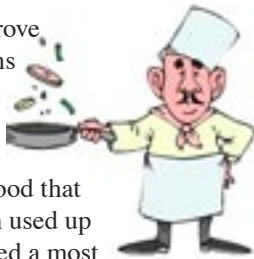
Judy will be sorting out the archives in the office with Pauline Luckhurst, our Assistant Clerk, cataloguing the book stock and producing a list of titles which can be perused in the Club Room; and compiling lists of relevant dates, events and people in preparation for a Club history being published for our 100th Birthday (in nine years time) although she hopes it won't take that long to do it!

If anyone can help with the Club history please contact Judy on: 020 7608 3473 or email [judy@tayler-smith.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:judy@tayler-smith.fsnet.co.uk) or via the Club's office.

## Shrove Tuesday

The Club held its traditional Shrove Tuesday Luncheon preceded by Buns and Spiced Ale on February 8th.

Shrove Tuesday commemorates the eve of Lent; eggs and butter were among food that were forbidden during Lent and were often used up in pancakes. Our chef at the Baltic provided a most delicious meal of a salmon starter followed by a large steak pudding with a herb pastry and ending with pancakes, enough to keep us full-up for 40 days - well, some of us!



## Man on the Run

CLC member Rod Thomas, Corporate Partner at Harrison Clark Solicitors, is competing in this years London Marathon on Sunday, 17th of April. He is running in aid of Leukaemia Care. If you would like to support his effort please contact him on 01905 744 888 or via email: [rthomas@harrison-clark.co.uk](mailto:rthomas@harrison-clark.co.uk)

## Burns Night Whisky Tasting



*Pictured on Burns Night - President John Clarke, his wife Lucy Clarke and Rodger Hannah Restaurant Manager*

Our Burns Night at the Baltic Exchange Brasserie was unconventional as we toasted Robert Burns with no less than 5 malt whiskies! It was a hugely enjoyable event.

Whisky Ambassador, Roger Mallindine, provided us with some superb malts to enjoy and he explained the idiosyncrasies of each whisky between each course with soft celtic music playing in the background. The chef provided a four course menu with each dish, including haggis, neeps and tatties complementing each malt beautifully - a wonderful evening.

## Congratulations!

The City Livery Club offer congratulations to the following members on reaching their new position of office or title:

Last year's Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Robert Finch, was knighted in the New Years Honours and has been made a Knight Bachelor in recognition of his services to the City.

**John Shreeves PRIME WARDEN Blacksmiths'**

**Peter G. Knight MASTER Constructors'**

**Alderman David Brewer COURT ASSISTANT Insurers'**

**Dr. Nigel M. Berman UNDERWARDEN Loriners'**

There are no doubt more of our members who have achieved office in their Companies, if so please let us know...

## *Sponsor's Link with the Club*

**W**e are pleased to announce that CURRENCIES DIRECT is sponsoring publication of this year's four Newsletters.

**G**roup Managing Director, Neil Redcliffe, is the grandson of the late Bernard ('Bunny') Morgan, Honorary Secretary of the City Livery Club 1966 to 1996 and President 1975-6, and the son of Graham Redcliffe, President 1990-1. Neil is a Basketmaker and has been a member of the City Livery Club since 1976.

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## *Golf Section News*

**T**he Golfing Section held its AGM on 10 February at Guildhall when Roger Barnes was elected as Captain for 2005 (see photo right). Following the AGM, lunch was held in the Guildhall Members Luncheon Club.

**T**his year the Golfing Section's Annual Holiday will be held at Aldeburgh, Suffolk from 10 to 13 May when the Section will play golf at four different courses.

**A**part from an Annual Holiday, the Section has three meetings and four matches each year, all of which are played at high quality venues in terms of both course and the lunch. The late Spring Meeting takes place in June at Ashridge. This is followed by the Summer Meeting in July at Hankley Common; this is a meeting specifically designated for members and their guests. The final meeting is the Autumn Meeting at New Zealand Golf Club.

**T**he Section plays matches against Sussex Enterprise at Worplesdon in May and against the Chartered Accountants at Woking in August. The final two matches are in October against the Corporation of London at St George's Hill and the Guild of Freemen at North Hants Golf Club.

**F**ull membership of the Golfing Section is open to members of the City Livery Club. Associate membership may be granted to any Liveryman or Freeman of any City Livery Company. For further information please contact the Secretary of the Golfing Section: Michael Duffy on 01483 723209 (telephone), 01483 726890 (fax) or [michael.duffy@lawgram.com](mailto:michael.duffy@lawgram.com).

## *'Nearly a Celebrity' Strictly Come Dancing!*



**T**he Club held a Valentines Dinner & Dance in the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square on the 14th February. The venue looked very romantic with twinkling fairy lights around the dance floor and candlelight and hearts on the tables. It was a very enjoyable event. A four-course meal followed a reception party. Bravura, a four piece band, provided the music for dancing; the band leader used to teach at the City of London Freemen's School.

**T**he Raffle raised £955 with the top prize of A Champagne Day at The Sanctuary Spa worth £120 going to Anne Holden.

**A**s the revelry continued until midnight a good proportion decided to stay at the hotel thanks to the generosity of its owner, Alderman Richard Walduck who, like our President, is on the Court of the Basketmakers'.

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The Baltic Exchange



## Message from the President

Thank you to those of you who filled in the questionnaire. We have noted member's comments and are working on the suggestions. There was praise about our reciprocal arrangements and we have enclosed a sheet to better inform all our members on these.

Other points members mentioned they enjoy are the varied events, good location and Section activities. Repeatedly people mentioned how friendly the Club members are and the camaraderie within the Club. Members enjoy meeting a cross-section of members from other Livery Companies and attending social events with like-minded people.

If you have not yet filled in your questionnaire please do so - if you need another copy please ask. It is *your* Club and *your* views are important to us. We have had a large number of members rejoining the Club who did not like or use the Insurance Hall and our events have been well attended - many with a waiting list. The rule is if you wish to attend an event, return your application early; do not wait until the last minute or it will probably be sold out.

With all my events I have tried to deliver good-value-for-money and a place to bring guests and potential new members; judging by your much appreciated comments, I am succeeding. Thank you for your continuing support.

Warmest regards, *John Clarke*

## Forthcoming Events

Evening at the Magic Circle (15 <sup>th</sup> March 2005)	£30 <i>Fully Booked</i>
St. George's Day Service at the Tower of London (24/4) Followed by a Cruise and Lunch on the River Thames	£49 <i>Fully Booked</i>
Civic Luncheon at Cutlers' Hall (4 <sup>th</sup> May 2005)	£59 <i>Taking Bookings</i>
Governor's Parade at Royal Hospital Chelsea followed by Drinks in Mess and Lunch at Knightsbridge Barracks (7/6)	£39 <i>Taking Bookings</i>
Lord's Taverners' Founders' Day Celebrity Cricket Match at Lords with Reception, Lunch and Afternoon Tea (30/7)	<i>To be circulated</i>
Club Holiday to Poland (August 2005)	<i>Fully Booked</i>
Banquet	<i>(September date &amp; venue TBC)</i>
AGM & Installation Dinner at Drapers' Hall	<i>(October date TBC)</i>

## CLC Location

The City Livery Club is located in the Baltic Exchange near a number of train & tube stations. It is immediately next door to the Swiss Re Building affectionately know as 'The Gherkin'.

The Baltic Bar and Brasserie are open from 12.00pm to 3.30pm on weekdays and the bar is open on Thursday evenings.

It is an ideal venue to meet clients or friends. There is a Coffee Lounge on the ground floor or the Brasserie on the first floor for Lunch. Telephone 020 7369 1636 for Reservations.

