



# City Livery Club NEWSLETTER

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'Let the Livery Flourish'

## Christmas Festivities at Stationers' Hall

The President, Joe Byllam-Barnes, hosted a Classic Christmas Luncheon at Stationers' Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> December where City Livery Club members and their guests celebrated the joy of Christmas - the "City Village", the President called it. Stationers' Hall has occupied its location in Ave Maria Lane for nearly 400 years and is a very atmospheric Livery Hall; a perfect setting for a traditional Christmas Luncheon. Senior Vice



Photo above:- Ann Rundle; David Rundle, Junior VP; Maureen Byllam-Barnes; Joe Byllam-Barnes, President; Mei Sim Lai, Senior VP; David Peters and Peter Rooke, Flag Bearer - before the jolly festivities commenced.

President, Mei Sim Lai gave the toast to the Guests and the response was by the Revd. Dr. Peter Mullen, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill and Chaplain to the Stock Exchange. The very same evening, for those with enough stamina, members were invited to a traditional Carol Service followed by drinks and mince pies at the Baltic Exchange.

## Great Scot!

In the magnificent surroundings of the Drapers' Hall members of the City Livery Club joined with members of the Guild of Freemen and Liverymen of the Horners' Company to commemorate, in traditional style, the 247<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns.

The Supper, which took place on 25<sup>th</sup> January, was a most colourful evening with many ladies and gentlemen wearing Scottish dress. The menu was very traditional with the haggis taking pride of place, not to mention a 'wee dram' or two kindly donated by Guild of Freemen Court Assistant Roger Mallindine. Bagpipes announced the arrival of the haggis and Dr. John Smail had the honour of addressing the haggis to a very appreciative audience. The speeches were very amusing and our own President Joe Byllam-Barnes gave the final address to a very happy crowd.



The evening ended with an enthusiastic and colourful rendition of Auld Lang Syne. Along with the bagpipes, the combination of the traditions of Scottish folklore and City splendour, the evening was a pure delight.

Judy Tayler-Smith, Council Member and Archivist

## Music Section

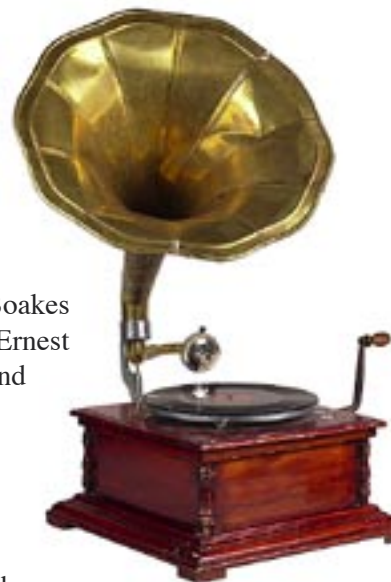
John Medlock's final event of his year as Chairman of the Music Section was a Jazz Night on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the City Golf Restaurant in Bride Lane. This event attracted a large number of members and proved to be great fun. His penultimate event was a song recital given by his Godson, Geoffrey Heddle, of operatic fame, at the Athenaeum in January. John introduced a number of original ideas in his year having the advantage of many useful connections in the world of musical entertainment, which attracted a substantial core of regular attendees.



At the AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> March, Valerie Boakes is due to take the Chair with Ernest Pilgrim as Senior Vice-Chairman and Kay Curtis Junior Vice-Chairman.

Valerie has an interesting and varied programme prepared commencing with a Dinner at the Athenaeum on 28<sup>th</sup> March with Nigel Douglas, who was so well received last year, giving another of his inimitable musically accompanied talks.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> April there will be a concert in St. George's, Hanover Square to be given by the London Handel Society, which will be followed by a dinner.



A musical weekend will take place in Shrewsbury from 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May, where members will enjoy the luxurious facilities of Albrighton Hall with a musical soiree on the Friday evening. On the Saturday there is a private guided tour to Attingham Park followed in the evening with a concert at the Maidment Hall by the talented Belcea Quartet. On the Sunday, members will enjoy a guided coach tour of historic Shrewsbury, with a visit to Drapers' Hall to round off the weekend.

Happily the Music Section continues to attract new members and offers a range of musical events enjoyed in convivial company. Any City Livery Club members interested in attending the functions mentioned, please contact **Honorary Secretary, Geoffrey Stallworthy Tel: 01323 811 363**



## 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 MICHAEL SAVORY**, knighted in the New Years Honours has been made a Knight Bachelor in recognition of his services to the City of London.

Deputy **JOHN BARKER (Basketmaker)** awarded an OBE for services to the Corporation and the City of London.

**ANDREW ADAMS - Senior Warden, Builders' Merchants**

**ROBERT D. CRAIG - Master, Constructors'**

**ROY L. JENNINGS - Second Under Warden, Saddlers'**

**BRIAN JONES - First Warden, Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers'**

## Is there a budding editor out there?



We have enjoyed producing & writing the CLC quarterly newsletter which keeps our members in touch with events. We are looking for someone to take over after the next two issues from November 2006.

Anyone who is interested in taking over the newsletter please contact us on: 01992 500 441 or email: [jc@cityoflondon.demon.co.uk](mailto:jc@cityoflondon.demon.co.uk)

**John & Lucy Clarke**

## Motoring Section

The motoring section has enjoyed a most successful year under the leadership of Kay Curtis. Following her election at the AGM last March, 44 members and guests assembled for a Luncheon at Guildhall to celebrate the Section's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Sir Tony Jolliffe, a Founder Member, who was President of the City Livery Club the year of the Motoring Section's Founding, was the guest speaker. Mark Thatcher, (later Sir Mark) had been principal guest in 1980 and an attempt was made to invite him to make a return, but he was regrettably indisposed. Graham Redcliffe, the Section's Founder, presented each attendee at the celebration luncheon with an engraved glass tumbler.



The Motoring Section's forthcoming programme includes:-

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** - Section AGM followed by Luncheon with a speaker at Guildhall.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - Luncheon with a speaker at Guildhall.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Section Annual Concours at Newhouse Farm, Radwinter (nr. Saffron Walden, Essex).

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - Section Annual Trip. Staying at the Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern. The trip will include a tour and viewing of the Morgan Motor Company works at Malvern and a visit to the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - Lunch at the Grand Hotel Brighton (London to Brighton Rally)

All City Livery Club members are welcome to join the Motoring Section, anyone interested should contact:-  
**Hon. Secretary, Graham Redcliffe Tel: 020 8508 2318**



The final luncheon of Kay's year was held in January at Guildhall. Guest speaker was Sir Gavyn Arthur who was, as always, engaging and interesting and full of wonderful stories. He began the lunch discussing horsepower of a completely different kind when he was presented with his family's racing silks by South African racehorse trainer and long-standing family friend, Mrs. Anne Upton (pictured below). Prior to lunch, Past Chairman Derrick Carter-Clout, presented a beautiful set of 18 model cars to Brooklands Museum director, Allan Winn (pictured left: Kay Curtis, Allan Winn & Derrick Carter-Clout).



## Aero Section



The first Aero Section Lunch of the year was held in the panelled boardroom in the Baltic Exchange. The Chairman, Graham Redcliffe, invited as guest speaker Captain Stratton Richey, a BA Captain flying Boeing 737/400's worldwide. He is also an instructor and examiner and fly's the world's oldest Tiger Moth.

Capt. Richey commentates at the Farnborough Air Show and other international displays and in addition to being a Liveryman of GAPAN, is Chairman of the Charity 'High Flight'. A most enjoyable time was had by all and we look forward to our next Lunch on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

New members are always welcome, please contact:  
**Hon. Secretary, Richard Bundock Tel: 01702 476 946**

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The Baltic Exchange



## Message from the President

May I wish every Member a very Happy and healthy New Year, and every blessing for the year ensuing.

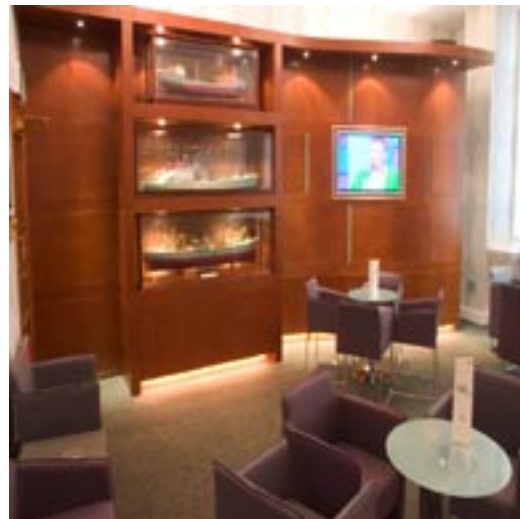
I have been well supported by Members starting with our Installation Dinner at Drapers' Hall and my Reception at Pewterers' Hall. We enjoyed a very good Christmas Lunch at the Stationers' Hall; it was a warm, family occasion, a truly Christmas celebration. Burns' Night, when we all like to become Scotsmen for the evening, was celebrated at the Drapers' Hall jointly with the Horners' Company and the Guild of Freemen.

We shall be hosting Dinners on St. Valentine's Day at the Carlton Club and the Honourable Artillery Company on 17th March. Looking further ahead, we have our Annual Church Service (1662 Matins) at Saint James Garlickhythe and the Civic Lunch at the Vintners' Hall on 3rd May, and the Annual Banquet at the Plaisterers' Hall on 27th September. Maureen and I greatly look forward to greeting as many members as possible at all these events. I would mention that there are still places available on the Club's Summer holiday - a Baltic Cruise aboard the luxury liner M S Deutschland. Do come and join us.

My thanks to John and Lucy for producing this superb newsletter and also my thanks to our sponsors, past and present, - Neil Redcliffe and Currencies Direct who sponsored last years issues and Alderman Richard Walduck and Imperial Hotels for sponsoring us this time; we are extremely grateful for your generosity and support.

Meanwhile, back at the Club, a warm welcome awaits Members making use of the excellent facilities available at the Baltic Exchange. It is good to know that these splendid facilities: dining room; bar (see photograph); library and office await us whenever we have occasion to utilise these privileges in the heart of the City.

We are fortunate to be members of this most prestigious Club.



Joe Byllam-Barnes

## The CLC Golfing Society

The AGM and Luncheon of the Club's Golfing Section will be held at Guildhall on 22nd February when John Slater will be installed as Captain for 2006 with Bruce Cope as Vice-Captain.

This year the Section's holiday planned for the beginning of May will be held at Aldeburgh when those attending will play at four different courses over four days.

The Section will hold three meetings throughout 2006, namely, the late Spring meeting at Ashridge on 21st June, the Summer and Guest meeting at Hankley Common on the 26th July and the Autumn meeting at the New Zealand Golf Club on 31st August.

The Section will enter a team for the Bath Club Cup taking place at Woking Golf Club in early October and will play matches against Sussex Enterprise at Worplesdon in May, against the Chartered Accountants at Woking in August and against the Guild of Freemen at North Hants Golf Club at the end of October.

The Golfing Section welcomes new members, enquiries should be made to:-  
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Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey, GU21 5SH e-mail michael.duffy@lawgram.com

