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Civic Luncheon

The Club held its Civic Luncheon on 4th May in the atmospheric Cutlers' Hall. We were delighted to welcome His Excellency, the Polish Ambassador as one of our guests as 49 members of the Club will be travelling to Southern Poland on the Annual Club holiday in August. The majority of those travelling to Poland were present and some of the toasts were made with Polish vodka.



We were also delighted to have in attendance, Senior Alderman below the Chair, David Brewer and his wife Tessa. Sheriff Mr. David Cobb responded to the Toast to the Guests and proposed a toast to the Club and its President. PageantMaster Dominic Reid regaled us with fascinating facts and figures about the organisation and running of the Lord Mayor's Show - a real treat for all those present.

The President, John Clarke, handed over a cheque to Alderman David Brewer, for the Lord Mayor's charities on behalf of the Club which was gratefully received. A delicious luncheon was prepared and served by Chelsea Catering. The photo above shows from left to right, the PageantMaster, Vice President, Master Cutler, Sheriff David Cobb, The President's Lady, The Polish Ambassador, The President and the Flag Bearer. The event underlined our Club's Motto of 'Let the Livery Flourish'.

It was Magic! Our Visit to the Magic Circle



To coincide our visit to the Magic Circle on the very day in March that the Post Office issued commemorative stamps celebrating the 100th Anniversary was some trick. Our party was divided up into 6 groups and treated to displays of amazing close-up magic. We then heard an interesting and light-hearted talk about the history of the Magic Circle whose illustrious

members have included David Nixon, Paul Daniels, David Copperfield and, of course, the one and only Tommy Cooper.

After refreshments, we enjoyed a stage-show in the theatre where we watched three 'headline act' magicians. Much to the President's delight, one of these included Larry Parker who used to appear in Variety with the President's late Great Uncle, comedian Joe Church, who compered 'Sunday Night at the London Palladium'. To witness the laughter in the theatre and the smiles on peoples faces when they left the theatre was a treat and like the President promised, all worries disappeared. Unfortunately, the collection to make the President vanish was not nearly enough!

St. George's Day Event

To celebrate St. George's Day, City Livery Club members attended a wonderful Sunday Service at the Chapel Royal in the Tower of London. The Rev Paul Abram, Chaplain to HM Tower of London, conducted a stirring Service with rousing hymns and it was very well attended. He warmly welcomed our group and mentioned our historical links with this chapel; the City Livery Club donated a Silver ceremonial Mace to the Chapel in 1971.



Following the Service, the group boarded a City Cruise boat at Tower Pier where a delicious lunch was served as we cruised up and down the Thames enjoying scenic views in the sunshine. The tables were divided into small groups with nautical names such as: 'Barnacle Bills', 'Sea Gulls', 'Rum Rations', 'Saucy Sailors', etc. The light-hearted quiz was won by 'The Pirates' table.



Congratulations!

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

Alderman Colin Hart was appointed President of the United Wards Club in March.

David Mauleverer was appointed Alderman for Walbrook Ward on 28th April.

If you know of members who have recently achieved office in their Companies, please let us know...

Music Section



Joe Byllam-Barnes relinquished the Chair to John Medlock, who for the first event of his year held a most enjoyable Talk/Dinner at the Athenaeum in April. The well known Operatic Singer, Author and Raconteur Nigel Douglas, gave a fascinating talk with musical illustrations, drawing upon his unparalleled knowledge of Opera and Operatic personalities.

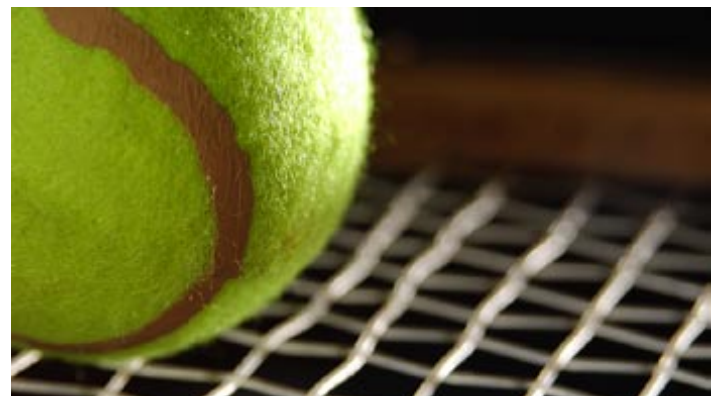
Our Ladies' Lunch to be held in the Guildhall Club is to take place on 2nd June. Our Chairman has invited Clive Gillinson CBE, Managing Director of the LSO to talk to us on this occasion. This will be shortly before Clive leaves to take up his appointment as Artistic Director of Carnegie Hall.

Before this event we shall be travelling to Buxton for a weekend to see 'Cosi fan Tutte' in the Opera House and visit Chatsworth House and Haddon Hall.

All members of the CLC who enjoy music and convivial company, are welcome to apply for membership of the Section.

Geoffrey Stallworthy Hon. Secretary Tel: 01323 811 363

Tennis Section



The Tennis section is now in its 39th year of existence and still flourishing but we would welcome any member to attend our events during the year. All events are followed by dinner so players can bring their non playing partners with them and enjoy good company and a very good meal.

This year we have a full programme with our annual match against the Lords and Commons, where we select our strongest players, as the highlight. We have a match against the City University and events at the Amida Club in Twickenham, our popular match with the City of London Freemans School, events at the RAC Ashted, Phyllis Court in Henley, Hanbury Manor in Ware, and a weekend in Le Touquet in September.

For further details please contact the **Honorary Secretary Gill Langstaff 01737 370 012** (evenings)

Motoring Section 25th Anniversary Celebration

The quarter century celebration of the founding of the City Livery Club Motoring Section was held at the Guildhall Club on the 11th March. A splendid luncheon was enjoyed by 44 Members and Guests, each of whom received a suitably engraved glass tumbler presented by the Founder. Sir Anthony Jolliffe, a Founder Member, in an amusing and sincere speech congratulated the Section on its success and wished it well for the future. Both the Chairman and the Founder responded.



As it was in the beginning... March 1980 Inaugural Dinner. From left to right: Mr. B. L. (Bunny) Morgan, Hon. Secretary CLC. Sir Anthony Jolliffe, President CLC 1980. (Sir) Mark Thatcher, Principal Guest and Speaker. Mr. Graham Redcliffe, Founder and Chairman. Mr. Martin Triggs, Hon. Sec. Mr. John James, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Jack Neary, Hon. Treasurer.



March 2005, 25 years on..... Chairman, Mrs. Kay Curtis pictured centre with Founder Graham Redcliffe above left and Sir Anthony Jolliffe, Principal Guest and Speaker.

Graham Redcliffe, Honorary Secretary 020 8508 2318

The City Livery Club Wine Circle Annual Dinner

The Wine Circle held its Annual Dinner on 19th April at 'Novelli in the City', located in the London Capital Club, in EC4. Officers and members were delighted that Club President John Clarke and his wife Lucy were able to join them for the event, which is the highlight of the Wine Circle's annual calendar.

Multi Michelin Starred celebrity chef Jean-Christophe Novelli, star of the recent series of 'Hell's Kitchen', made his return to London last year with the opening of this stylish brasserie. The restaurant is a chic and modern eating environment located within a traditional listed building and the food served is of the highest quality. During a mercurial career,



Novelli has won every accolade in his field including four Michelin Stars and the AA's coveted Five Rosettes.

The evening began with Champagne and canapés, during which Restaurant Manager Peter Miekus made our group very welcome. The Chairman introduced the event by thanking everyone for attending and also thanked the Honorary Secretary for her organisation of the event.

The menu commenced with a starter of mille feuille of smoked duck with spring onion and orange. This was followed by a main course of roasted leg of lamb with sweet potato mash and a desert of blood orange jelly, Cointreau custard and Crème Chantilly. The accompanying wines for each course comprised Chablis, a red Bordeaux and Sauternes and the evening concluding with coffee and petit fours.

Everyone agreed that the food and wines were excellent, providing a feast of flavours for the palette that were thoroughly enjoyed with convivial company and welcoming surroundings.

If anyone is interested in joining the Wine Circle, or would like information, the Honorary Secretary would be very pleased to hear from you. **Judy Tayler-Smith, Honorary Secretary Tel: 020 7608 3473**

Pictured left - Restaurant Manager Peter Miekus (standing) with Club President's wife Lucy Clarke and Wine Circle Chairman David Rundle.

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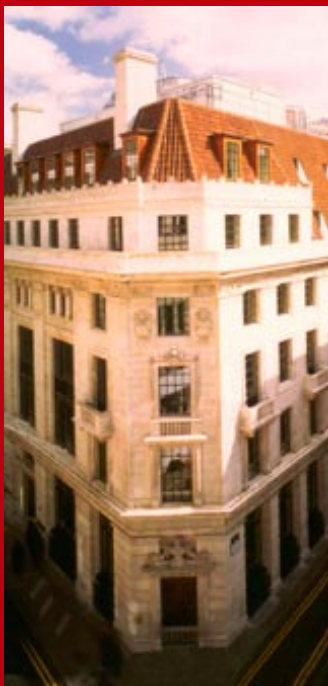
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Message from the President

It is gratifying to have 'sold out' all my events so far in my year as your President. My last two events are the Lords Taverners Celebrity Cricket Day at Lords on 30th July and the Annual Banquet at Pewterers' Hall on 22nd September.

The Lords Taverners is a worthwhile charity which raises money to give children, especially those with disabilities, a sporting chance. The green mini-buses are fitted out to allow wheelchairs to be transported and sometimes it is the only opportunity for these children to have a change from their normal environment. The Founders Day Celebrity Cricket Match is a great day out whether you are a cricket fan or not.

My swan-song will be the Annual Banquet and I am delighted to have friends Barry Norman & Alderman Andrew Parmley as speakers to give our evening a theme of 'Movies and Music'.

I thank you for your wonderful support and encouragement and for the many appreciative letters Lucy and I have received. Without question, our unique Club is 'on the up'.

Warmest regards, *John Clarke*

A Heart-Warming Evening

A special celebration took place at the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers Hall on 6th April, when David Aggett, Liveryman of the Plumbers and Fanmakers Companies and member of the City Livery Club celebrated the 21st birthday of his heart transplant.

In 1984, David was the 97th heart transplant patient of the eminent heart surgeon, Magdi Yacoub (now Sir Magdi). The photograph below shows David Aggett in the centre, friend and fellow CLC member John Carnaby to the left with wife Linda.

David, now aged 75, a retired Detective Superintendent of the Fraud Squad, summoned the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers to add colour and pageantry to this memorable evening. There was a large contingent of senior police officers from the City Police Fraud Squad who had worked with David, 2 Justice of the Peace, Past Masters and Liverymen from the Plumbers, Fanmakers, Wax Chandlers and Basketmakers along with David's City Livery Club and Bridge Ward friends. The evening raised a considerable amount of money that David will donate to Harefield Hospital.



Forthcoming Events

Governor's parade at RHC followed by drinks in the Mess and Lunch at Knightsbridge Barracks (Tuesday 7 th June)	Fully Booked	£39
Lords Taverners Founders Day Celebrity Cricket Match at Lords with Reception, Lunch & Afternoon Tea (Saturday 30 th July)	<i>Taking Bookings</i>	£69
Club Holiday to Poland (20 th - 27 th August)	Fully Booked	
Annual Banquet at Pewterers' Hall (Thursday 22 nd September)	<i>Taking Bookings</i>	£75
AGM & Installation Dinner at Drapers Hall (17 th October)	To be circulated	
Trafalgar Dinner with RSSG at Saddlers' Hall (21 st October)	To be circulated	
President's Reception at Baltic Exchange (3 rd November)	To be circulated	
Club Christmas Luncheon at Stationers' Hall (15 th December)	To be circulated	