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'Let the Livery Flourish'

Civic Luncheon & Annual Church Service

In early May the Club held its Annual Service at St. James Garlickhythe followed by the Civic Luncheon at Vintners' Hall.

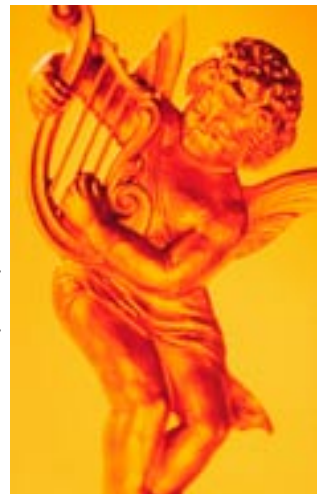
The Lord Mayor, Alderman David Brewer, attended the Luncheon together with the Sheriffs (pictured right).



The Church Service was conducted by the Rector, the Revd. Dr. Alan Griffin and Alderman Dr. Andrew Parmley, Parish Clerk and Organist, provided the wonderful music. St. James Garlickhythe is a unique City church; Wren rebuilt St. James in 1683 to be full of light, since when it has become known as 'Wren's Lantern'. The name of the church is derived from the hythe (jetty) where garlic was imported in the Middle Ages when the church stood right on the bank of the River Thames. Following the Church Service, the group crossed the road for Luncheon at the splendid Vintners' Hall. The Vintners were originally established to regulate the wine trade and the Company is eleventh in order of precedence. The Vintners' Company have produced no less than 26 Lord Mayors. Both City of London Sheriffs, Alderman John Stuttard and Kevin Kearney gave entertaining speeches and the Lord Mayor proposed a toast to the Club.

Cupid at the Carlton Club

The opportunity to dine in the splendour of the Carlton Club proved to be a most popular event on St. Valentine's Day. President Joe Byllam-Barnes played Cupid to a full gathering of members and guests in the Club's elegant surroundings dating to the Regency Period.



The Carlton Club was founded in 1832; it moved to St. James Street from its home on Pall Mall when the building was destroyed in an air-raid during the Second World War. Members of the Cabinet were having dinner at the time and were rudely interrupted! We were relieved that no such calamity befell our event that night.

The President wished it to be a relaxed and informal function and in the theme of St. Valentine's Day it was very much a 'ladies' evening. All ladies were given a small box of chocolates as a splendid portrait of a very young Queen Elizabeth looked down upon the contented diners.

The speaker for the evening was Lady Moorea Black who responded to the President's Toast to the Ladies and she enchanted all present with her wit and charm.

It was a convivial evening and members & guests enjoyed themselves immensely.

Judy Tayler-Smith, Council Member and Archivist

Motoring Section

The luncheon which followed the AGM on the 24th March was well supported; the talk was given by member Douglas Green who had many years experience selling Bentley motor cars at his Barnet dealership. At the AGM George Stones was elected Chairman; Ernie Pilgrim, Vice-Chairman; Graham Redcliffe and Peter Bailey were re-elected as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.



The speaker at the April Luncheon was Andrew Gardner whose talk was entitled "What my great-grandfather did for me". A very apt title because Andrews' great-grandfather, W. G. Gardner was MD of Vauxhall Ironworks at the time it launched its' first motor car in 1903 and went on to become the Chairman of Vauxhall Motors. Andrew's late father designed coins for the Royal Mint, the old three penny piece with the portcullis and the current 20p piece in 1982 to name but two. It was an interesting talk which covered a wide spectrum.

The forthcoming programme of events includes the Annual Concours at Newhouse Farm at Radwinter on Sunday 23rd July; a luncheon with Speaker on 13th September at Guildhall and the customary annual visit to Brighton on Sunday 5th November, the day of the London to Brighton run - luncheon will be served at the Grand Hotel. The Section Annual Trip to Great Malvern is fully subscribed. The group will tour the Morgan Motor Car factory at Marlvern and visit the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon; it is anticipated this trip may include a visit to the Aston Martin factory. The City Livery Club Motoring Section is an interesting and enjoyable organisation and membership is open to all Members of the Club. For more information contact Hon. Secretary, Graham Redcliffe Tel: 020 8508 2318.

Congratulations!

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

DEPUTY GERALD PULMAN (PPW Basketmakers')
- Chief Commoner of the City of London

DEPUTY PAULINE HALLIDAY - Deputy Chairman
of the City Lands and Bridge House Estate Committee

DR. NIGEL BERMAN - Upper Warden Loriners'

MICHAEL HART - Renter Warden Horners'

BARBARA NEWMAN CBE CC - Master of the Guild
of Freeman of the City of London

JOYCE PARSONS - Senior Vice President of the
United Wards Club

Music Section

Chopin Nocturnes on an April evening was the intoxicating cocktail on offer from Chairman, Valerie Boakes, at her inaugural event.

Following a reception and a warm welcome from Father Shaun Richards, Priest-in-Charge at the magnificent Victorian interior of St. Silas, Islington, Helen Reid demonstrated the full Chopin's mastery of swinging cadences and remote modulation.

Section members and guests were further uplifted by Carolyn Pugh, who delivered York Bowen's oboe sonata. The final movement was sufficiently inspiring for all present to demand a reprise by way of encore at the end of the recital. The subsequent supper which rounded off an entertaining evening, fortuitously enabled all present to raise their glass to wish Her Majesty the Queen, a Happy Birthday.

The weekend in Shrewsbury has attracted much interest and will be followed by a visit to Horseguards for Beating Retreat and supper at The Farmers Club on 7th June – now fully booked.

July will see the Section at the Barbican for a performance of 'Oh! What a Lovely War' preceded by a drinks reception and buffet supper at Balcony Bistro and on 20th September the Section visits St. Lawrence Jewry for a Gala Organ Concert and supper at City Pipe.

All are welcome; please contact Valerie Boakes, Chairman, 01494 871123



Golf Section

The Golfing Section has recently returned from a most enjoyable four day golfing holiday to Aldeburgh, Suffolk, staying at the Wentworth Hotel. 12 Members attended and played golf at Brett Vale, Aldeburgh, Thorpeness and Ufford Park golf courses, competing for the Spring Holiday prize, a Stableford competition played over two rounds and for the Leslie McGillivray Salver, a Better Ball Stableford competition.

The Section's first meeting of the year will be held at Ashridge Golf Club on Wednesday, 21st June. For further information contact Hon. Secretary, Michael Duffy, St. Quentin House, Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey GU21 5SH, telephone: 01483 723209 fax: 01483 726890, e-mail: michael.duffy@lawgram.com



Tennis Section

The Section recently played a match against the House of Lords & Commons. David Cameron MP, pictured shaking hands with Immediate Past Captain Mike Revell, looked quite useful and we are sure he will be a major player in years to come!

The Section also played at Phyllis Court and Hanbury Manor and a return match with the City University Team was concluded at the Cumberland Club. The Queens Club hosted the Christmas Luncheon and John Chesholm organised a return trip to the Amida Club in Beckenham.

The new Chairman for the year is Penny Spears; Sue Formosa is Captain and Gillian Loftus Vice Captain. After many years of very helpful service and advice James Harman relinquished his position as Hon. Treasurer and Dilip Kapur has kindly taken over.

More information about the Section can be obtained from Honorary Secretary Gillian Langstaff Tel: 01737 370012

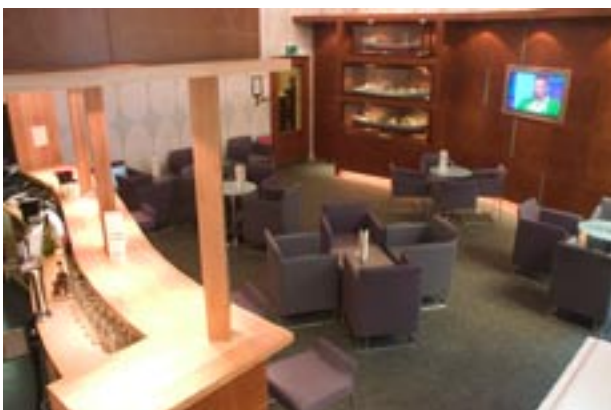
A Peek at the Senior Vice-President's Forthcoming Events Programme...

Plans are underway for the next President's year starting with the AGM and Installation Dinner in October 2006. Of Malaysian Chinese origin, Senior Vice President Mei Sim Lai OBE has lived in the UK since 1970. Mei Sim is very involved in the City and until recently was the Club's Honorary Treasurer.

An interesting programme has been planned alongside the traditional Club events. These will include the President's Reception in the Mansion House by special permission of the Lord Mayor; in February we will celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Pig with a Shanghai Night Dinner Dance; Spring visits to Wellington's Apsley House and Stratfield Saye House; an evening at the Holland Park Opera in the Summer; and a classical guitar evening. In 2007 Malaysia celebrates 50 years of Independence so Kuala Lumpur, the nation's cosmopolitan and vibrant capital, has been chosen as the destination for the Club holiday.



*City Livery Club Senior Vice-President
Mei Sim Lai, OBE FCA FCCA*



Baltic Tightening up on Security

The Baltic Exchange has asked that ALL members of the CLC and guests report to reception on the ground floor and show their membership cards before going into areas such as our second floor meeting room, the members restaurant or members bar on the ground floor (pictured left.)

A swipe card will be required to regain entry on the second floor near the Club Room. Members have been asked to collect visitors from the ground floor reception in person. Thank you for your co-operation.

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The Baltic Exchange



Message from the President

At the time of writing this message we are joyfully celebrating the 80th Birthday of our Beloved Queen. It is said of the Queen that she represents a generation dedicated to lifelong duty and service, a generation where honesty and integrity comprise the very foundation of all life's activities. Above all, the Queen has never wavered from her firm Christian beliefs and principles. Long may she reign.

I would like to think that we members of the City Livery Club share with Her Majesty these same high ideals: a spirit of duty and service, underwritten by honesty and integrity, so well encapsulated the great City Motto "My word is my Bond."

The City Livery Club provides a forum where like-minded people can meet in a warm and convivial atmosphere and enjoy each others company. Your Officers are doing all they can to effect further improvements at the Baltic; a splendid venue where we are most fortunate to have our home.

Our various Sections have exciting programmes but I would invite you to note the 26th of September in your diary: the date of our Annual Banquet at the Plaisterers' Hall. We will ensure that this is a very grand affair conducted in accordance with the highest traditions of the City. Thanks once again to John & Lucy for producing our excellent newsletter and many thanks to our sponsor, Imperial London Hotels.

In sending you all my warmest regards, may I express the hope that you all have a very happy summer holiday. *Joe Byllam-Barnes*



Is there a budding editor out there?

This is the penultimate edition of the newsletter produced by the Memsahib and myself. Our final issue will come out in November to cover the Installation of our next President in October and therefore a new editorial team will be needed for next year. Next copy date is 27th October - no issue will be published in July.

Anyone interested in taking over please contact us on 01992 500 441 or email: jc@cityoflondon.demon.co.uk *John Clarke*

Wine Circle Annual Dinner

The Wine Circle held its Annual Dinner in April in the frescoed setting of the Aldermens' Dining Room in Guildhall.

The Officers and members were delighted that Club President Joe Byllam-Barnes and his wife Maureen were able to join them for this event, which is the highlight of the Wine Circle's calendar.

They were also honoured that Common Councilman, Richard Regan, who is currently standing unopposed as Sherriff, and his wife Ann were able to attend. The Wine Circle was particularly grateful that Richard kindly allowed the use of this superb venue.

The evening began with a Reception in the lavish surroundings of the Private Members Bar. The table was decorated with fine crystal creating a stunning environment for the sumptuous three-course dinner. The food and wines were excellent, providing a feast of flavours for the palette that were much enjoyed in a welcoming and convivial atmosphere.

If anyone is interested in joining the Wine Circle, or would like information on future events, please contact the Honorary Secretary, Judy Tayler-Smith Tel: 020 7608 3473



Wine Circle Event Secretary Michael Gilham, Hon. Secretary Judy Tayler-Smith and Common Councilman Richard Regan