



City Livery Club NEWSLETTER

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President, Vice President, their wives and Junior Vice President

President 2007-2008

David Rundle RIBA., FCIQB., PPASI., PPF.B., HonGIS was installed as President of the City Livery Club in Brewers Hall by his predecessor Mai Sim Lai on the 23 October 2007. David is a Court Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Constructors, Member of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London and Member of the Candlewick Ward Club. He has previously served the Club as the first Hon. Secretary of the Gallery Investment Club, Chairman of the Wine Circle and more recently founded the Baltic Investment Club. He was the first person to be installed as Junior Vice President.

A Chartered Architect by profession, David has worked not only in the United Kingdom but also in Zambia as City Architect to Kitwe City Council, in private practice in New Jersey USA and with the Government of Barbados where he was elected first as Secretary and then as President of the Barbados Society of Architects and Quantity Surveyors. On his return to the UK he was elected to the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects, then as President of the Architects and Surveyors Institute followed by President of the Faculty of Building.

The Installation Dinner was very well attended by members and their guests.

The Toast to the guests was given by the newly installed Senior Vice President Michael Gilham and the Toast to the Club was given by the star of the BBC2 programme 'Restoration', Marianne Suhr who also spoke of her experience in making the programme, of the need to attract people into the construction industry and of her own experiences as a director of a Chartered Building Society.

In appreciation of her presentation which, was well received, the President handed Marianne a cheque from the Club Benevolent Fund which she accepted on behalf of SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings). The President thanked all for attending and led the way to the ante-room for a Stirrup Cup to end the evening.

**The Editor welcomes your contributions and photographs which should be sent by email to boakes@onweb.co.uk or Tel: 01494 871123
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Presidents Reception

The President, David Rundle, held his Reception in Watermans Hall which was well attended, with members enjoying wine and canapés making for a delightful evening. The President spoke of his proposals for setting up a Strategic Review Working Party. He told members that he knew they expected value for money and that, together with the addition of other facilities, would be his objective.

His aim is to provide a Club with good facilities where members can meet for business or pleasure; read the newspapers and have coffee, or visit the bar or dining room.



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President and Michael Parrett – ready for the Show!



New Lord Mayor

The Club offers our warmest congratulations to the City's 680th Lord Mayor Alderman David Lewis who is a member of the City Livery Club. We are fortunate that the Lord Mayor of the City of London is our Patron and we are proud to support him during his year of office.

At the Presentation of Addresses and Mementoes Ceremony on the morning of the Lord Mayor's Show, the President, David Rundle accompanied by Senior Vice President Michael Gilham and Junior Vice President Ald. Alison Gowman and Hon Secretary Paul Herbage presented silver picture frames to Sheriff Ian Luder and Sheriff Michael Bear.

Following the presentation ceremony all those present accompanied the Civic party to the Guildhall Old Library for breakfast before going to watch the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen join their coaches.

The President rode in an open coach in the Show drawn by two greys and marching proudly at the side of the coach was Club member Michael Parrett bearing the City Livery Club Standard.



Greeting the crowds with his traditional glove puppet

Strategic Review

At the August 2007 Council Meeting, the incoming President David Rundle promised to carry out a 'Strategic Review of every aspect of the Club'. He declared that 'no part of the Club's affairs would be sacrosanct'. The Working Party, chaired by Past Sheriff Jeremy Gotch, comprised the President, immediate Past President, Senior Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, together with Council Members Valerie Boakes and Judy Tayler-Smith.

Their Report and Recommendations were presented to Council on 22 April and approved, with a vote of thanks for their efforts. Three new Action Groups will refine and implement these recommendation which cover: Membership promotion; support for the Sections; improvement of communications; enhancement of facilities and prompt action to reduce costs, improve cash flow and strengthen capital.

Club Members have already accepted invitations to participate in these Action Groups and progress will be reported to Council in June.



City Livery Club - Aero Section

The Aero Section is one year away from celebrating its 40th birthday, and we approach that anniversary with some satisfaction, for the Section has always enjoyed a distinctive reputation within the CLC. Although membership levels have fluctuated over the years, we currently have around 60 members, many of whom are, or have been, professional flyers in either service or civil aviation. It is not a requisite that members be flyers themselves, and many join the Section out of a general enthusiasm for aircraft and all things aeronautical. Our programme of events varies from year to year, but always includes three luncheons with guest speakers, an AGM dinner, and a gliding day – usually the first Saturday in August – at Haddenham (Bucks), courtesy of the Upward Bound Trust. On top of this, we frequently organise visits to places of aviation interest, air shows, and other social events. Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo KCB is our President, and our Chairman this year is Alderman David Mauleverer, a former British Airways Captain on 747's, and a member of the Guild of Airline Pilots and

Navigators. At our AGM dinner last November, David invited the Chairman of Aer Lingus, John Sharman, as our principal guest and speaker, and over 80 members and guests dined at the Salters Hall. At our April luncheon, Air Marshall Ian Macfadyen CB, OBE spoke on his experiences during the Falklands campaign, in particular the extraordinary logistical and technical exigencies involved of building a runway at Port Stanley capable of sustaining air operations. Our next luncheon is on 15 May, and will be held at the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Our guest speaker will be retired British Airways Captain Eric Moody, who will relate the dramatic circumstances of losing power in all four engines of his 747 aircraft during a routine flight over Indonesia. And on 23rd July, we have a real exclusive, when Captain Eric "Winkle"



Chairman and Immediate Past Chairman and their Ladies

Brown CBE, DSC, AFC, MA, Hon.FRAeS RN will be our principal guest. "Winkle" as he is known, was Former Chief Naval Test Pilot at RAE Farnborough and his talk is entitled "The Post War Search for

Germany's Aviation Technological Secrets" in which he'll describe the search for the German Luftwaffe's top secret jet and rocket aircraft, and what his flight tests revealed. He will also tell of his interrogation of Germany's top aircraft designers and test pilots, as

well as some infamous war criminals, including Himmmler and Goering. "Winkle" Brown is in The Guinness Book of Records for having flown more aircraft (487!) than any other pilot, a record that is unlikely ever to be broken.

The Aero Section welcomes new members. Please contact: Jeremy Cantwell, Hon Secretary, CLC Aero Section Tel: 020 8319 1964. E-mail: jcantwell@bbmax.co.uk

City Livery Club - Golfing Society

The Society started life in the 1920's as a Section of the City Livery Club and In 1966 it became a Society within the Club.

There are four meetings and three matches each year, all of which are played at high quality venues in terms of both the course and the lunch.

The first of the meetings is the Spring Holiday in May, a four day event which in recent years has taken place at various English and French golf centres where it has been possible to play between two to four different excellent courses. The Late Spring Meeting takes place in June at Ashridge, followed by the Summer Meeting in July at Hankley Common. This is a meeting specifically

designated for Members and their guests. The Autumn Meeting is at New Zealand. Should numbers permit, it may also be possible to invite guests to the Spring Holiday and the Late Spring and the Autumn Meetings. Each meeting comprises a number of different competitions with silverware and golfballs as prizes.

A silver trophy is presented to the winning team in the four matches. The first match (normally 12 a side over 36 holes) is against Sussex Enterprise at Worplesdon in May. The second is against a team of Chartered Accountants, which may also include members of the Chartered Secretaries, (normally 10 a side over 36 holes) at Woking in August. The final match is in October against the Guild of Freeman at North Hants (normally 6 a side over 18 holes). There is one other golfing event in which the Society

participates. This is the Bath Club Cup Competition (an inter-London club competition) played at Woking in early October with four players from each club. The format is foursomes over 36 holes.

Each February the traditional venue for the Annual Lunch, following the AGM is the Guildhall. After the Lunch, the prize giving takes place with the winners able to take home the fine trophies which the Society has accumulated over the years. The Society welcomes new Members. Full Members pay an annual fee of £10

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Music Section

Chairman Mrs Kay Curtis

Future Event
Programme 2008 – 2009

9 July

Summer Gala with supper on the Terrace.
The Guildhall School of Music & Drama

22 Sept

Musical & Historical presentation, St Paul's Cathedral (strictly limited numbers)

9 Oct

Musical Narration & Slide-Show with Andrew Davies, Swedenborg Hall, Bloomsbury, followed by dinner.

8 Nov

Bonfire Night Dinner/Dance, at West Lodge Park, Hadley Wood, Herts.

2 Dec

Gala Dinner with Presentation of Awards at Kingsway Hall Hotel, Holborn

Feb 09

Visit to Players Theatre – date to be confirmed

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City Livery Club - Antiques Circle

The Antiques Circle is the youngest of the City Livery Club's special interest Sections and has just completed an exciting first year. Also, we produced our first Newsletter - now out of print! One or two of our members are experts, but more of us are simply enthusiasts with the liking for older and beautiful things and a thirst for more knowledge. We have had mid-day meetings in the Club's Library to discuss our interests and exchange views on



collecting and collectibles but have also made a visit to the well known Battersea Antiques Fair as well as having a guided tour of the superb Wallace Collection followed by a cream tea.

The AGM, to which guests are welcome, is on 7 May followed by a talk on early mechanical musical instruments and a full programme for the coming year is in preparation.

Any member of the City Livery Club interested in joining should contact the Hon. Secretary: Ivan Nellist at the Club or Tel: 01753 886813. Subscription is currently £10 per annum to defray postage. Visits are at cost.



President with Rear Admiral Sir Neville Purvis and other Principal Guests

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch was held on the 18th December 2007 aboard HQS Wellington, a very appropriate venue as the guest speaker was Rear Admiral Sir Neville Purvis KCB. Following a very enjoyable Reception, Grace was said by the Rev. Father Michael Seed SA. Guests were welcomed by the Senior Vice President, Michael Gilham and after Lunch our guest speaker, Rear Admiral Sir Neville Purvis, gave a very interesting and amusing account of his life in the Royal Navy from his time at Dartmouth Naval College and his career as a submariner and life in retirement.



After Lunch there was an open Bar until late afternoon and it was an event which was enjoyed by all those present. The President has since been thanked for an 'excellent party.'

Overnight Accommodation For Club Members

The President has arranged for accommodation for Club members, their guests and members of reciprocal clubs to stay at hotels which offer preferential prices. This arrangement came into force on the 1st April 2008. To date arrangements have been made with two providers, The London Bridge Hotel and with the Grange Group of hotels, the latter having two 5 star hotel, ten 4 and one 3 star hotel in London and another 4 star hotel at Bracknell. Another Grange hotel is being constructed on a site very close to St. Pauls Cathedral and is expected to be open in December 2008. Please do use these facilities, if there is insufficient usage we may lose this valuable addition to the range of facilities that the Club can offer. It is another service which further enables us to compete with other Clubs in London.

Wine Circle

28 Members and guests of the Wine Circle enjoyed a splendid evening dining in the old port cellar of 'The Don' restaurant situated in the Ward of Walbrook. Club President David Rundle and his charming wife Ann were our special guests. Also in attendance was the Club Council member and Alderman of Walbrook Ward David Mauleverer. After enjoying a champagne reception and a gourmet meal accompanied by quality wines, we were entertained with an insight into the cellars history given by Otto the General Manager and a member of his staff. A surprise tasting of a rather special nectar brought a very happy end to the evening.

Michael Gilham. Events Secretary

