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Rodger Hannah (above)
Catering Manager
of The Baltic Brasserie

Installation of new President, John Clarke

Ironmongers' Livery Hall was the venue for an enjoyable Installation Dinner in October when John Clarke, a Court member of the Basketmakers' Livery, was installed as President at the AGM.

Senior Alderman Below the Chair, David Brewer, was the principal guest and gave a very amusing toast to the Club. David, also a CLC member, knows our President well as he and John, together with Hon. Treasurer Mei Sim Lai, serve on the IOD City Branch Committee.



David & Tessa Brewer, John & Lucy Clarke

The President thanked all the people who had supported him on this happy occasion made all the more delightful as that very evening his second grandson (Thomas Clarke, brother to Ben) had been born; timing, as they say, is everything!

Congratulations to our new Lord Mayor



Warmest congratulations to the City's 677th Lord Mayor, Alderman Michael Savory who is a member of the City Livery Club. Pictured left is President, John Clarke, with the Lord Mayor in the Crypts at Guildhall on the day of the Lord Mayor's Show.

We are fortunate to have the Lord Mayor as our Patron and we are proud to support him and his Charity Appeal which will raise funds for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) - Forces Help and the Fishermen's Mission.

The City Livery Club presented the Lord Mayor with a silver picture frame at the Presentation of Addresses and Mementos Ceremony. The Lord Mayor was also presented with a silver gilt model of a Tracked Rapier Tank by one of his Livery companies, the Poulters - very apt given the Lord Mayor owns a working military museum in Norfolk.

The sun shone on this years Lord Mayor's Show; there were 151 entries with a parade 3½ miles long for a route of just under 2½ miles taking 1 hour 15 minutes to pass - what a show this 800 year old institution is.

Pageantmaster Dominic Reid pictured right said "Canaletto painted it, Hogarth drew it, Shakespeare, Samuel Pepys and Ian Fleming wrote about it - it is a very special strand of English History."

The President rode in a carriage in the Show drawn by two greys called Lambert & Butler. Marching proudly by the side of the carriage was Peter Rooke bearing the City Livery Club flag.



Did you know there is an address called City Livery Club Close?

In 1971 City Livery Club Close was established as a development of six residences behind the Seven Springs Leonard Cheshire Care Home in Tunbridge Wells. 'Seven Springs' gets its name from its location near the convergence of the seven therapeutic springs which caused Tunbridge Wells to become a Spa. The bungalows in City Livery Club Close provide facilities for independent living for six families, all of whom have one member who is disabled. This specially designed accommodation is of much benefit to families of disabled people as it means they can all live together.



The first four houses of the City Livery Club Close were built thanks to a large donation from members of the City Livery Club to the Farrell Trust. Later, two more bungalows were added which were funded by the Peacock Trust and the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust. Cordial relations are still maintained with the City Livery Club who continue to visit the Home and the Close once a year. In September, Maurice & Mary Pickering and John Clarke visited the centre and were very impressed by the facilities on offer and the skill and dedication of the staff. Mary described it as 'a haven' and said the staff, quite rightly, are very proud of the work they do.

The home is currently

registered for 32 residents with a wide range of physical disabilities with Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis and Muscular Dystrophy predominating. The Day Centre caters to visitors who engage in woodwork, painting (above), music, relaxation, computer skills, drama, keep-fit and cooking. The main Home is financed partly by the residents' DSS allowances, local authorities fees, fees raised by the use of the Home's Hydrotherapy Pool and Day Centre and partly by donations and legacies.

The rents paid by the occupants of the six residences of the City Livery Club Close make the Close self-financing. A stone from London Bridge (above right) was unveiled by the Lord Mayor Sir Peter Studd in May 1971 denoting the address City Livery Club Close. On the front page you can see the stone in front of the bungalows.



Congratulations!

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

Alderman Michael Savory *LORD MAYOR*
Alderman John Hughesdon *ALDERMANIC SHERIFF*
David Cobb, CBE *SHERIFF*
Mrs. Ann Underwood *MASTER Arbitrators'*
Prof. J. Christopher Buckland-Wright *WARDEN Barbers'*
Richard Bundock *PRIME WARDEN Basketmakers'*
Ronald Bartle *UPPER WARDEN Basketmakers'*
J. A. Adams *JUNIOR WARDEN Builder Merchants'*
Alderman Sir Clive Martin *MASTER Chartered Secretaries & Administrators'*
T. R. Sermon *JUNIOR WARDEN Chartered Secretaries & Administrators'*
Brigadier Paul Jepson *MASTER Farriers'*
Mrs. Pauline Halliday *MIDDLE WARDEN Farriers'*
Colin A. Reid *MIDDLE WARDEN Tax Advisers'*

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

The City Livery Yacht Club

In celebration of the Battle of Trafalgar, the City Livery Yacht Club (CLYC), in association with the RNLI, have launched the exclusive Trafalgar Egg, designed by Theo Faberge and his daughter Sarah Faberge.

Funds raised will be for the benefit of the RNLI. The Trafalgar Egg celebrates the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar as well as the life and times of Nelson.

The City Livery Yacht Club and the RNLI have arranged a series of Receptions and Dinners at which a limited number of these amazing eggs will be auctioned. Each event will feature a short talk about the Faberge family and information about the Trafalgar Egg. Two dates for next year are: 27th January 2005, Reception/Dinner at

Apothecaries' Hall, EC4 and 10th March 2005 Reception/ Dinner at the Naval & Military Club, London SW1.

Further details can be obtained from Rear Commodore Clifford Champion (CLYC) 01737 843986 or John Crocker (RNLI) 0207 839 3369.



A Limited Edition of 50 Worldwide

Music Section



Our musical experiences under the Chairmanship of Joe Byllam-Barnes have been wide ranging and varied. We have enjoyed military bands, musical comedy, an evening of Bach and Handel and the highlight so far, a recital by the world famous Harpist, Marisa Robles, specially commissioned for us at the Carlton Club.

In August we lunched at the Carlton Club and afterwards toured Clarence House, the London home of Prince Charles and formerly of the Queen Mother. On St. Cecilia's Day we shall attend a concert at Stationers' Hall and dine afterwards in the Court Room and in December hold our annual Carol Service at St. Lawrence Jewry.

The Chairman has ensured that on all occasions we have satisfied our gastronomic as well as our musical cravings, and we have enjoyed some memorable meals. Whilst the emphasis has been mainly on classical music during his year, the Chairman decided that some of our members would appreciate some lighter entertainment and he and the Hon. Secretary got together for a session of New Orleans Jazz. They are pictured above at the recent 'gig'. Who said Variety is dead?!

Geoffrey Stallworthy Hon. Secretary Music Section

Council - Who are they and what exactly do they do?

The chief purpose of the Club's Council is to decide policy and monitor progress of the Club to promote fellowship and provide good facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of its members.

Apart from the President and the Officers who form the Executive, there are sixteen elected members on the Council, they serve for three years and can stand for re-election. Within Council there are also Committees with special responsibilities such as Membership & Development, Finance, and PR & Marketing. All Council Members are expected to serve on at least one Committee - the job is certainly no sinecure; on the other hand it is an interesting and enjoyable experience and one makes friends with people from a wide variety of Livery Companies and learns a great deal about the workings of the City.

Debate is often intense. What should we be doing? How can we do it better? How do we compare to other Clubs? Can we find new benefits for our Members?

The Club Council is looking for new recruits particularly from our younger members. Meetings take place in the Boardroom of the Baltic Exchange. All it takes is to have been a member for three years, to have someone propose you and be willing to serve. So if you feel you can contribute, why not think seriously about having a go? Let us know if you are interested. *Ivan Nellist*

Motoring Section

This year marks the centenary of Rolls-Royce and in celebration of this prestigious anniversary, an example of every Rolls-Royce model ever made took part in the Lord Mayor's Show. The Lord Mayor's Show theme was 'Celebrating Excellence' and I was proud to drive my vintage yellow Rolls-Royce in this historic display (pictured below).

Many years ago, the City Livery Club had arranged for an evening boat trip on the Thames, ending up with a firework display. Having parked my car on the Embankment, walking towards the boat's mooring I spotted a splendid silver Rolls-Royce. I stopped to admire and developed a strong determination to one day own a similar car. I spoke to the chauffeur and enquired, perhaps rather indelicately, how much a car like that cost. He said, "About one thousand five hundred pounds." He went on to say the car was owned by Mr. Robert Jolliffe. Well I finally did achieve my Rolls Royce dream somewhat later in fact in 1976, and incidentally, due to inflation, it cost a good deal more than the quoted figure.

Bob Jolliffe, whom I subsequently met, was a member of the City Livery Club, he was also father of Anthony Jolliffe, (later Sir Anthony), who was President of the Club in 1979/80 and went on to be elected Lord Mayor in 1982.

Graham Redcliffe Motoring Section Chairman



'Speeches'



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The Baltic Exchange

Message from the President

Thank you to all of you who filled in the Questionnaire. If you have not yet done so, please take a few moments to reply, it is important that we have the most up-to-date information. I am delighted we have had such a good take up on the events so far this year; remember we have got the Dickensian Christmas Luncheon at Stationers Hall on 16th December, Burns Night Scotch Whisky Tasting 25/1/05, and our traditional Spiced Ale & Buns Lunch on Shrove Tuesday 8/02/05. Make a diary date for the St. Valentines Dinner & Dance on 14/02/05 and Magic Circle Evening on Tuesday 15/03/05. Pro-formas will be sent to you in good time. Finally, Lucy and I wish all our members and friends Seasons Greetings and we wish all of you and our great Club a Happy and Prosperous New Year. *John Clarke*

Wine Circle

The Wine Circle will be using the Baltic Exchange as a regular venue for the 2004/05 programme. Our first event at this new venue was a wine tasting led by Richard Yates of Bibendum on Thursday 18th November. The wines presented comprised four white and four red, each of which is available from the bar of the Baltic Exchange. Members and guests then enjoyed a light buffet. We have an enticing diary of events for the coming year, which are detailed below (final details to be confirmed):

Thursday 17 February 2005: An Evening of South African Wines
Thursday 17 March 2005: An Evening of Italian Wines
Thursday 14 April 2005: Wine Circle Annual Dinner
Thursday 19 May 2005: Annual General Meeting and Wine Tasting



All meetings commence at 6:30 pm in the bar area of the Baltic Exchange followed by a light buffet. Events are attractively priced at £22.00 for members and £27.00 for guests (excluding the Annual Dinner). The current membership fee is only £10.00 per annum and enables members to apply for an unlimited number of guest tickets, subject to the limitations of the venue. The Wine Circle is an informal and friendly gathering that takes pleasure in the sharing and appreciation of wine, irrespective of knowledge or expertise. If you are interested in joining, I would be delighted to hear from you. *Judy Tayler-Smith, Hon. Secretary. Tel: 020 7608 3473*

The Baltic Brasserie - Lunch in Style



City Livery Club members have access to the excellent Baltic Brasserie where the experienced catering manager, Rodger Hannah, provides a wide and varied selection of delicious meals. The quality of the food is of an exceptionally high standard, well presented and offers good value for money.

The menu changes regularly to reflect fresh produce available with imaginative and modern tasty creations. There is also a bar area with bar snacks, tapas, sandwiches and a wide range of wines, beers and spirits. The restaurant and bar is exclusively for the use of members of the City Livery Club and the Baltic

Exchange and not open to the general public. It is open from 12.00 to 3.30pm with last orders at 2.30pm. The bar is also open on Thursday evenings. It's an ideal venue to meet clients or friends.

Rodger is always pleased to welcome City Livery Club members and their guests. Reserving a table is recommended as it is a very popular venue. Function rooms such as the splendid Board Room are also available to CLC members for private hire.

For reservations call 020 7369 1636 and mention you are a City Livery Club member.