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New President Installed at Drapers' Hall



The new President, Joseph Byllam-Barnes FCIB FFA FRSA, was installed in Drapers' Hall by his predecessor John Clarke on the 17th October.

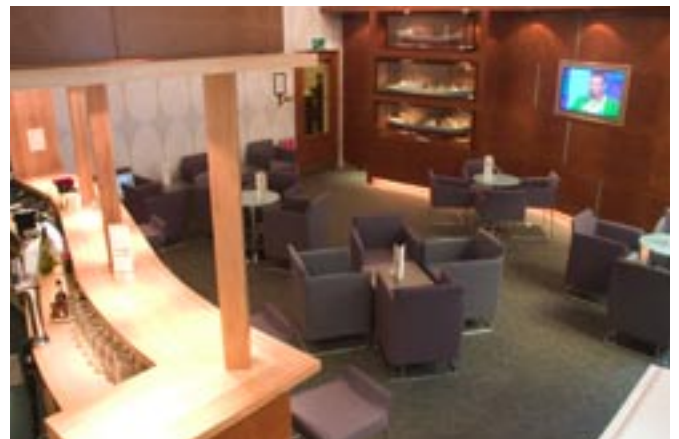
A past Common Councilman for the Ward of Cheap, Joe is Past Master and Honorary Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Upholders; Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers; Vice President & Honorary Secretary of the City of London Branch of the Royal Society of St. George. He is Past Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London & Past President of the United Wards Club. He is also a member of the Honourable Artillery Company and the Royal United Institute for Defence Studies. He

lives in Ashted with his wife Maureen who is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers. Joe has served the City Livery Club in the past as its Honorary Secretary and has been Chairman of the Music, Motoring and Aero Sections.

The Installation Dinner was well supported by members. The substantial menu consisted of Stilton Soup, Venison en Croute, Bread & Butter Pudding followed by Welsh Rarebit (no namby pamby salads in Joe's year we forecast!) The toast to the guests was given by newly elected Senior Vice President, Mei Sim Lai who pointed out that in the anniversary week of Trafalgar, Nelson had also dined at Drapers' Hall as an Honorary Freeman of the Company. The toast to the Club with a facinating speech, responding on behalf of the guests, was given by Sir Robert Balchin DL.

Refurbished Club Facilities Now Open

The newly refurbished bar and restaurant are now open. The Bar, (pictured below) serves hot and cold snacks. The Library, on the lower ground floor, has coffee and internet facilities available for members as well as newspapers. Our own Club Room also has free coffee available. The Restaurant serves Lunch from 12.30pm - 2.30pm and will offer a 'Special Christmas Lunch Menu' priced at £24 from the last week in November. If you are passing, please drop in and sample the new facilities. You will be made to feel very welcome. To book a table for Lunch telephone:- 020 7623 5501.



Club Holiday to Southern Poland

Forty seven members and friends had a very convivial trip to Southern Poland with the President John Clarke and his wife Lucy in August. Excursions included:- an open horse-drawn carriage ride to a highlanders tea in the open air; river-rafting (pictured right) down the Dunajec river in the Pieniny mountains; a horse drawn dray-cart trip to view the spectacular Lake Morskie Oko; a visit to the extraordinary Wieliczka salt mine; dining in the old Jewish quarter and exploring Krakow castle and the ancient



market square which

was only a few minutes walk from the hotel. On the last evening the group entertained the deputy Mayor of Krakow at the wonderful restaurant Villa Decius. A personal message from our Patron, the Lord Mayor was read out at the Dinner.

The two centres were an excellent contrast of rural beauty in Zakopane and the medieval majesty of Krakow (town square pictured left). The intrepid travellers returned with some very interesting experiences and happy memories. Blessed with good weather they all came back having made many new friends on the trip and a taste for Polish Vodka!



Wine Circle

Our first event in the new programme took place at Davy's Bishop of Norwich in Moorgate in September. This was a tasting led by Area Manager Martin Moran, who tutored 26 Wine Circle members and guests on Old and New World wines. The tasting was organised by new Event's Secretary Michael Gilham and all agreed that he had done a splendid job.

Michael is Past Master of the Upholders' Company and a Senior Partner at Gilains Interiors. He is a Fellow of the Association of Master Upholsterers, for whom he has been both President and Chairman. He is married to Wynne and they have two sons. Michael has recently been appointed to the Council of the Club and we are delighted to have his support in the Wine Circle.

There will be wine tastings on 23rd Nov. 2005 and on 12th Jan & 21st Feb 2006. Our Annual Dinner takes place on 5th April, with the AGM and a further wine tasting on 15th June.

Events are attractively priced at £25 for members and £30 for guests (excluding the Annual Dinner) and the current annual membership fee is still only £10.

If you are interested in joining our happy band of members, please call:- **Honorary Secretary, Judy Tayler-Smith**
Telephone: 020 7608 3473



Congratulations!

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

Ald. David Brewer - Lord Mayor of the City of London
Roger Adcock - Junior Warden of Constructors' Company
K. Arundale - Senior Warden of Marketors' Company
Ronald Bartle - Prime Warden of Basketmakers' Company
Prof. J.C. Buckland-Wright - Middle Warden of Barbers' Company
J.B.G. Carpenter - Master of Paviers' Company
Deputy Pauline Halliday - Upper Warden of Farriers' Company
N. Lindsay-Fynn - Master of Painter-Stainers' Company
Colin Reid - Upper Warden of Tax Advisers' Company
D.M.V. Short - Master of Farriers' Company
Deputy Michael J. Snyder - Master of Needle-makers' Company
Michael Stewart - Master of the Parish Clerks' Company
J. Trussler - Senior Warden of Constructors' Company
Ald. Richard Walduck - Under Warden Basketmakers' Company



City Livery Club Patron
The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor
Alderman David Brewer CMG

Movies & Music Banquet

Movies and Music was the theme of the CLC Banquet for John Clarke's final event as President. Pewterers' Hall was decorated with movie posters and life size cut-outs of John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart and Stan Laurel to greet guests. The Guildhall School provided entertainment by playing music from film themes throughout the dinner. Table sprigs had names instead of numbers such as Sunset Boulevard and Wardour Street (pictured below right Alderman Gordon Haines and his wife holding a street sign together with principal speakers Barry Norman and Alderman Andrew Parmley.)



Tables were graced with mini-clapperboards as place names and 'Oscars' to add to the festive atmosphere. The speeches were superb. Alderman Parmley, Chairman of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and Court Assistant of the Musicians Company had researched a great deal about the music scores of many famous films and gave a very funny and interesting speech. As well as belonging to a number of other livery companies notably as Upper Warden of the Parish Clerks, Alderman Parmley is organist to fifteen livery companies. He certainly pulled out all the stops to respond on behalf of the guests for the CLC Banquet!



Barry Norman CBE followed with amusing reminiscences on his time in the film industry and his well-known catch phrase 'and why not?' - which was actually invented by Rory Bremner. Barry recounted fascinating stories about Richard Burton, Bob Hoskins and how he nearly came to blows with a



Bourbon-swigging John Wayne. We had a very privileged insight into the movie world. President John Clarke responded and gave a speech with many film-like references

and was delighted and surprised to get a standing ovation from the 'audience'; all in keeping with a highly entertaining, enjoyable and memorable evening. A collection was made for the Lord's Taverners' charity from the flowers, Oscars and cut-outs which raised nearly £400.



Music Section

The Music Section shows a steady growth in membership but new members are always welcome. Chairman John Medlock has arranged some notable events including a weekend visit in May to Buxton where we enjoyed a performance of *Così fan tutti* in the famous Opera House. John was also able to arrange for some of the stars of English Touring Opera to entertain us after Dinner in our hotel. Our Ladies Lunch was held in June in the Guildhall Club; the guest speaker was Clive Gillinson CBE, MD of the L.S.O. who gave us a fascinating insight into running a world famous Symphony Orchestra.

Attendance at the Guildhall School of Music to see the students annual production has become a fixture and this Summer we watched a brilliant performance of 'Bye Bye Birdie' after a reception and supper laid on by the school in the Balcony Bistro. More recently we have enjoyed an Organ Recital given by Martin Black in the Church of St. George the Martyr, Holborn.

Planned events include:- a Concert at Wigmore Hall, a Recital in the Handel House Museum on St Cecilia's Day, our usual Carol Service in St Lawrence Jewry, a Folk Song Recital by Geoffrey Heddle at the Athanaeum in January 2006 and, in contrast to our usual classical fare, an evening of Jazz at the City Golf Club in February. For any more information please contact **Honorary Secretary, Geoffrey Stallworthy Tel: 01323 811363**



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Message from the President

First of all may I thank the City Livery Club for electing me as President. I am very conscious of the great honour bestowed on me, and I will do my best to serve the Club and all its Members to the very best of my ability.

I should like now to pay tribute to our immediate Past President John Clarke and his lovely wife Lucy. It has been a great privilege to serve them in my capacity of Vice President - a very exciting year for us all when we have witnessed our Club going from strength to strength. John and Lucy have not spared themselves in serving the Club, and I am delighted to report that they will support me in my year. Not least they will continue to produce this splendid newsletter during my tenure of office.

With our increased membership and better support I have booked larger venues for our principal events as I am anxious that members are not disappointed by events being oversubscribed. I trust that my optimism will prove to be justified.

I have a splendid team of Officers to support me and I am confident of success. Presidents come and go but it is our indefatigable Officers who remain for years as the backbone of the Club. We are all deeply indebted to them.

In looking to the future I am very aware of the City's thousand years of history. The Livery, which we seek to serve, is itself part of this long history and I am mindful to preserve and promote the noble traditions of which we in the City Livery Club are the privileged heirs. I greatly look forward to welcoming every member in the coming year.

With my kindest regards and very best wishes to you all.

Joseph Byllam-Barnes

Aero Section

The 36th AGM was held in October at the Guildhall Club and Past President Graham Redcliffe was elected Chairman and Past President Norman Boakes, Vice Chairman. Afterwards members and guests dined in the private dining room of the Guildhall Club. The principal guest Allan Winn, Director of Brooklands Museum, spoke on the aviation achievements that have taken place at Brooklands over the years.

Chairman Graham Redcliffe said that following the completion of the new facilities at the Baltic Exchange, the Sections core functions would once again be held at those premises. There are a number of 'high flyers' and interesting speakers booked for forthcoming events as well as a planned trip to the Brooklands Museum.

The Aero Section are looking for new CLC members to join and anyone interested should please contact the Honorary Secretary for more information and an application form
Honorary Secretary, Richard Bundock Tel: 01702 476 946



Forthcoming Events

British Red Cross Market, Guildhall - Entrance fee on the door: £3 (£1 concessions)

Tuesday 22nd November 11.00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday 23rd November 11.00am – 4.00pm

Classic Christmas Luncheon at Stationers' Hall - 15th Dec 2005 *Taking Bookings*

Burns Night Festivities at Drapers' Hall - 25th January 2006 *(To be circulated)*

St. Valentines Dinner at the Carlton Club - 14th February 2006 *(To be circulated)*

Spiced Ale & Buns Lunch at Baltic - 28th February 2006 *(To be circulated)*