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PRESIDENT 2009 - 10



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Our new President, Alderman Alison Gowman was installed on Thursday 22nd October at the Club's AGM in Saddlers' Hall.

Alison has been the Alderman for the Ward of Dowgate since 2002. Prior to that time she served as a Member of the Court of Common Council and Deputy for the Ward of Dowgate from 1991 - 2002. Her interest in the City arose from her professional life as a City solicitor where she has been in practice with the firm (now known as) DLA Piper UK LLP since 1978. She specialises in commercial real estate.

Alison has many Livery connections and is the newly elected Third Under Warden of the Glovers as well as a Liveryman of the Solicitors and Plaisterers' Companies. She serves on the Corporation Livery Committee and its Communications Working Party, so that she has a lot of contact with the Livery Companies and their Clerks as they attend briefings run by the Corporation.

As an active Alderman she sits on many Corporation committees and is Chairman of the City's Energy Working Party. This Working Party is responsible for ensuring that the City's energy use is monitored and minimised and steps are taken to comply with the increasing legislation on climate change and carbon reduction issues. She has recently been elected onto the Police Committee and is the champion for diversity within the Force.

She is a Governor of Gresham College, Trustee of the Sir John Soane's Museum, Trustee of the Greenwich Foundation and a Trustee of the Van Mildert College Trust (University of Durham) of which she is an alumna.

She is an active Methodist and this has led her to become the Treasurer and Trustee of the John Wesley Aldersgate Flame Memorial which stands prominently outside the Museum of London.

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On the professional side she is the Vice Chairman of The Law Society E-conveyancing Taskforce and a member of the City of London Law Society Land Law Committee.

Her leisure gives her time to attend the theatre and opera and at least one holiday a year cross country skiing.

Editor's Note:

Readers will see from the reports in this issue that all sections of the Club have been very active this autumn. As usual, my thanks go to those who wrote and submitted reports and photographs. I would ask all contributors to remain aware of the copy date, printed at the bottom of the front page. After a rush of copy in the last week, a couple of contributors had to be disappointed, all space being taken up.

My thanks go again to our publisher, Mike Spencer, together with best wishes to all for a Happy Christmas.

Lynn Walters - Editor

The Editor welcomes your contributions and photographs which should be sent by email to walterslynn@yahoo.co.uk or T: 01344 422419 (Copy date for next issue: 28/2/2010)

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NOTES FROM THE HONORARY SECRETARY'S DESK

As you read this I will have completed my first year as Honorary Secretary, and seen my second President installed at Saddlers' Hall on 22nd October 2009. I am already planning for her successor. How time flies!

It has been an eventful and busy year, and I have enjoyed working with my fellow officers in striving to build and establish the Club once more at the forefront of the City Livery.

My grateful thanks to our now immediate Past President, Michael Gilham for his guidance throughout the year - you must admit Michael, it's been different!

As I attend events throughout the City, including those of my own Livery (Joiners and Ceilers), the opportunity frequently arises to discuss and promote the advantages of a strong and proactive City Livery Club, to the Livery as a whole, together with the direct benefits of membership, which are now well articulated in our newsletter, flyers and event programmes.

This message continues to spread through our Livery Ambassador programme instigated by our President in her Senior Vice-Presidential year. However, we must remember we are ALL Ambassadors for the Club, and I ask you to take every opportunity to talk to others about the Club, and benefits of membership, where and when you meet other Liverymen and Freeman of the City of London.

The Club prestige has been further enhanced following recent City elections. Our new Junior Vice-President, Alderman David Wootton, has been elected a Sheriff in the recent Shrieval elections, and our Hon.Treasurer Neil Redcliffe as Alderman for the Bishopsgate Ward. Congratulations to both.

The AGM and President's Installation Dinner were very well attended, and both the President's Reception and Christmas Lunch are sold out. Thank you for your support.

The Burns Night event flyer and booking form for 25 January 2010 at the Caledonian Club has now been circulated, and I look forward to seeing your completed forms and cheques in the Club office. This is always a memorable event and is open to other Livery Companies and Ward Clubs.

On an administrative note, our Hon.Treasurer has recently mailed subscription notices for the new membership year (subscriptions have been frozen at last year's rate), together with Direct Debit mandates. If you haven't yet completed a mandate, I would strongly urge you to do so. Collection of membership fees by this method greatly reduces the Club's administrative burden and costs, all of which contribute to the minimizing of what we pay in membership subscriptions.

Finally, there are several opportunities for members to serve the Club and play a part in building for the future.



The following posts are vacant:

- ▶ Assistant Hon.Secretary
- ▶ Assistant Hon.Treasurer
- ▶ Events Co-ordinator
- ▶ Council

If you feel that you have some time to give and are motivated to contribute to the Club's future, I would be very pleased to hear from you. These duties are not necessarily overly onerous and apart from perhaps the position of Hon.Treasurer, do not require any specialist or professional skills.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Roger Hacker – Hon. Secretary

MUSIC SECTION

Our next event is the Annual Awards Dinner on Monday 16th November 2009 at the Kingsway Hall Hotel, Holborn at which we present Awards to Students from the four organisations the Section supports.

Following this, our Chairman Adrienne Waterfield, has been fortunate in obtaining 25 Tickets for the Final Dress Rehearsal of "La Boheme" performed by the Royal Opera at Covent Garden on Thursday 17th December. Lunch will be taken in the Amphitheatre where four of the artists involved in the production will join us. This will be followed by a Backstage Tour.

We have been invited to join the Tower Ward Club for their Carol Service and Supper at the Church of Allhallows-By-The-Tower on Tuesday 8th December 2009.

For details please contact the Honorary Social Secretary, Maureen Bonanno-Smith by email or telephone maureen@masonline.fsnet.co.uk or 01727 854777.

In the New Year, we are also arranging a Sunday Lunch Jazz Cruise on the good ship "Natacia" on Sunday 17th January 2010 and rounding off the Chairman's year with a Visit to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama including supper on Thursday 24th February 2010.

Eric Nash - Honorary Secretary



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Photo: Beverly C Smith

L-R P/P Norman Boakes, Glenn Hurstfield, Mrs Wynne Gilham, Mark Field MP, The President, Sir Gavyn Arthur, Miss Carole Blackshaw, S.V.P Valerie Boakes, I.P.P. Michael Gilham

AGM and Installation Dinner at the Saddlers Hall

The ninety-fifth AGM of the Club took place on Thursday 22nd October in the splendour of the Saddlers' Hall. Alderman Alison Gowman was elected as President, Valerie Boakes as Vice President and Alderman and Sheriff David Wootton as Junior Vice President. Newly elected President Alderman Alison Gowman thanked outgoing President Michael Gilham for his dedication to the Club during his year in office and then played host at the Installation Dinner to a full gathering of members and guests in the hall's magnificent surroundings.

Following the AGM, members were allowed to view the hall, including the Tunnel Room which links the Wardens' and Court Rooms to the Main Hall. The room is filled with a collection of ancient and modern saddlery and other Company artefacts, which were of great interest.

As one of the very oldest City of London Livery companies, The Saddlers' Company remains to this day a 'working' company. It continues to have a close involvement with the British saddlery trade and equestrianism. The magnificent mansion house, rebuilt in 1956, still stands in the same position it has occupied for over 600 years and is the

4th Hall for the Company. Built in classical style, the Hall is furnished with period furniture and paintings, which provide an elegant background for the display of the Company's treasures, the earliest of which dates from the 16th century.

After a sparkling reception, everyone gathered in the Great Hall for a delicious dinner, which consisted of Braised Monkfish Tail with Black Squid Ink Risotto, Loin Fillet of English Heritage Farm Beef with Brioche Croute, Horseradish Dauphinoise Potatoes with vegetables, followed by a Warm Pear and Blueberry Almond Tart. This was accompanied by excellent wines, port, coffee and truffles.

Council Member Lynn Walters proposed the toast to the guests, which included Sir Gavyn Arthur, Master of the Guild of Freeman and the Masters of both the Tallow Chandlers and Plaisterers Companies.

The response was given by Mark Field, MP for the Cities of London and Westminster, who gave a thought-provoking speech on the recent financial turmoil, the bond between the City and Westminster and the relevance of the City in modern life.

Throughout dinner, members and guests had the pleasure of being entertained by pianist, Hannah Gill, who was in attendance courtesy of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

The President paid tribute to Michael Gilham for his continued focus on implementing the findings of the Strategic Review started by Past President David Rundle. She also informed members about some of the upcoming functions and details of her year. Finally, she thanked Mark Field for his speech and members and guests for coming along to her first event as President.

All in all it was a superb evening and members and guests enjoyed themselves immensely.

Judy Tayler-Smith - Council Member

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Club Christmas Luncheon – Watermen's Hall.

MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2010

Burns Night Supper, Caledonian Club, Belgravia.

WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Linking With The Blue Light Services – Visit To Dowgate Fire Station.

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH

Linking With The Business City – Visit To One Of The City's Market Makers Winterfloods.

MONDAY 19TH JULY

Advance Notice Annual Civic Lunch, Trinity House

Events Programme Leaflet -

Telephone Number Corrections:

The Club telephone number is: 020-7369-1672

Motoring Section Secretary, P/P Grahame Redcliff's telephone number is: 020-8303-2318



CIVIC RECEPTION AND LUNCH at TRINITY HOUSE

I couldn't help overhear the couple in front of us. "I did enjoy lunch today dear". The response was a very rapid "Me too, very much". Like myself they had been fortunate to have attended the most enjoyable Civic Reception and lunch, which was held at Trinity House on 14th September.

We were delighted that the Lord Mayor could attend especially as he has so many engagements. He has made efforts to meet with so many city institutions during the year, which has been much appreciated.

The City of London is lucky to have so many excellent places for lunch and dinner. These include the Guildhall, Mansion House and the various Livery Halls. By way of a change though we enjoyed the surroundings of a building not linked to the City of London Corporation or the Livery Companies but to the Sovereign. Trinity House is a fine building, which dates from the late 18th Century and has the feel of an elegant private residence.

Some hundred of us, an ideal number for the room, ate in the library, their main room.

The speech to the guests was made by Alderman Neil Redcliffe, our Honorary Treasurer, with the response made by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor Ian Luder who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Mr. Sheriff George Gillon and his lady.

The other official guests were Deputy William Fraser, the Chief Commoner, Graham Redcliffe, the President of the United Wards Club and one of our own Past Presidents and deputy Richard Regan, chairman of the City of London Branch of the Royal Society of St. George.

The other ingredients of the event were good food, good wine, good company and good service. It was an excellent lunch.

John Lockyer

Above inset: The Lord Mayor - Ian Luder
Below: The Mansion House - Venue for Civic functions and official residence of the Lord Mayor of the City of London.
Left: Trinity House.
Images - City of London and Trinity House



Neil Redcliffe

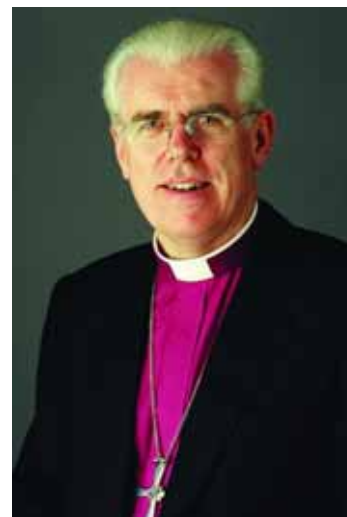
Congratulations to Neil Redcliffe, Treasurer of the City Livery Club on his recent election as Alderman for the Bishopsgate Ward. Amongst many other City interests, he is also a member of Coleman Street and Tower Ward Clubs; a member of the United Wards Club, and his Livery interests include being a Court Assistant of the Basketmakers' Company and Liveryman of the World Traders' Company. He is passionate about promoting the City of London as a world class centre for international business. Educated at the University of London with a degree in Economics, Neil is a chartered accountant who trained with Price Waterhouse. He holds an MBA from the Cranfield School of Management. He is Group Managing Director and a founding member of Currencies Direct and has been a driving force in creating this successful international group.



Neil is a keen sailor, skier, tennis player and supporter of rugby union (London Wasps).

**Our new Chaplain -
The Right Reverend
Michael Colclough**

We are pleased that Michael has agreed to serve the Club as Chaplain. Michael is a Canon Residentiary at St Paul's Cathedral having served in the London Diocese for most of his professional life. He was at one time an Archdeacon based at St Vedast Foster Lane and



St Magnus London Bridge, but until returning to the City and St Paul's he served as Bishop of Kensington from 1996. He has been at St Paul's since 2008 where he is Canon Pastor. He is therefore at the centre of the ministry with the staff, the Cathedral School and regular congregation which includes the enormous number of tourists and visitors to the Cathedral. His many gifts of welcome and pastoral care will fit well in the Club as we are a large and friendly organisation. Michael is married to Cynthia whom he met while on pilgrimage to Walsingham. They have two sons who are both set on legal careers.

Michael and Cynthia live in the City and have every intention of playing a full part in the Club and we will welcome them soon at a Club event.

WINE CIRCLE - AGM AND LOIRE WINE TASTING

The Wine Circle's 2009 AGM took place at The City Flogger (Davy's) Fen Court, 120 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 on 17th September.

At the meeting Brian Jones was elected Chairman, with Judy Tayler-Smith and Michael Gilham retaining their roles of Hon. Secretary and Events Secretary respectively. Paul Herbage was elected Treasurer.

Following the AGM, the Circle was delighted to welcome Keith and Sheila Ellis from Central Vintners who brought us a fantastic selection of nine Loire Valley Wines for the Circle to try.

Keith is Allocations Secretary and Webmaster for the London Branch of the International Wine and Food Society, where Hon Secretary, Judy Tayler-Smith is Chairman. Keith was very generous in letting us have wholesale prices on the evening, so that we tasted quality Loire wines at extraordinarily low prices. The wines tasted came from the

significant appellations, and these included Sancerre Blanc, Grand Cuvée, Domaine Jean-Paul Balland 2006, Sancerre Rouge Cuvée Prestige, André Dezat et fils 2006, and Chateau de Villeneuve, Saumur-Champigny, Vieilles Vignes, 2006.



L-R Brian Jones, Judy Tayler-Smith, Michael Gilham

Following the formalities, a generous cold buffet supper followed comprising, poached salmon, rare roast beef, ham, potato, pasta and green salads with all the trimmings.

The Wine Circle provides an informal and friendly forum for sharing an appreciation and enthusiasm of wine, irrespective of level of knowledge or expertise. Members have the opportunity to participate in a varied annual programme of events organised by the Circle. These have in the past included the tasting of wines from individual countries or regions, blind wine tastings, visits, dinners and talks by wine experts such as merchants, shippers and producers.

The current membership fee is £10.00 per annum. If you would like an application form or further information, please contact: **Judy Tayler-Smith - Honorary Secretary and Past Chairman. E. judy@taylor-smith.fsnet.co.uk. or T. 020 7608 3473.**



The Marking of Carts

In Guildhall Yard on 15th July, a colourful crowd of Liverymen, ladies and passers-by witnessed the Ceremony of Cart-Marking, celebrated by the Carmen's Company every year, under the authority of the Keeper of Guildhall and with the participation of the Lord Mayor. The Marking consists of the branding of the Arms of the City, and a date letter which changes each year, on to an oak panel fixed to each vehicle presented by a Liveryman of the Carmen's Company.

This year the forty-six vehicles included a horse-drawn Town Coach dating from 1900, a Diesel Electric hybrid bus made in 2009, a 1950s Mammoth Major Tanker, and a 19th century Post Office Handcart used in Dulwich in the 1890s, lovingly restored by The Dulwich Society and pulled by their vice President in 19th century postman's uniform. The gleaming procession passed the dais, stopping to be branded by the Lord Mayor and the Master Carman, supervised by the Hallkeeper. Master Glover presented the Lord Mayor and the Master with heat-proof gloves, a courtesy dating from the year when HRH The Princess Royal was Master Carman. When all the "carts" had been marked, the Lord Mayor and the Master doffed their hats as they passed again in continuous procession, to applause and appreciation from the spectators. The Lord Mayor and The Lady Mayoress (herself a Liveryman of the Carmen's Company) then accompanied the Master and some 500 guests in to lunch in Guildhall.

The Marking of Carts is the process of licensing Carmen to ply for hire within the City of London, a practice dating back to the 16th century, when Carmen kept the streets clean and the population moving. Recently the Metropolitan Licensing Officer pointed out that Cart Marking was the predecessor of his authority - except that Carmen's licences were limited by quantity, whereas today licensing is by quality.

He would have found much to admire in the quality of the vehicles presented to the Lord Mayor in July 2009, and in the enthusiasm of participators and spectators alike, especially when the sun shone on those gathered at Guildhall.

Jeremy Gotch



Jeremy Gotch with cart and attendant

City of London: the board game

In conjunction with the Worshipful Company of Marketors, the City Livery Club is supporting the Lord Mayor's Appeal by promoting this exciting City of London Board game - an ideal Christmas gift!

City of London is an exciting contest of discovery, chance, suspense and fun for 2 - 4 players aged 10+. One way of winning the game is to reach the Mansion House to become Lord Mayor of the City of London.

Over 200 questions, most are multiple choice and many of the answers are on the board or on the box.

The excitement builds up right to the end and each game is likely to be different - so you can try to improve your strategy each time.

The price is £29.95 including postage: please make out a cheque to Lord Mayor's Show Ltd and send it with your order to:

Mr S Bragg,
Lord Mayor's Show Ltd,
Mansion House,
London EC4N 8BH.

It is also available in the Guildhall Library and Art Gallery shops; from the St. Paul's Cathedral shop, from Harrods, John Lewis and Peter Jones London stores, and from Amazon.



PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION


Without a 'snap' or 'click' the newest Section of the City Livery Club came into being at its Inaugural meeting on 15th September.

The Officers for the year 2009 – 10 year will be:

- ▶ David Rundle Chairman
- ▶ Valerie Boakes Hon. Secretary
- ▶ Ken Southam Hon. Treasurer

There will be four meetings each year in the months of September, December, March and May, which will cover:

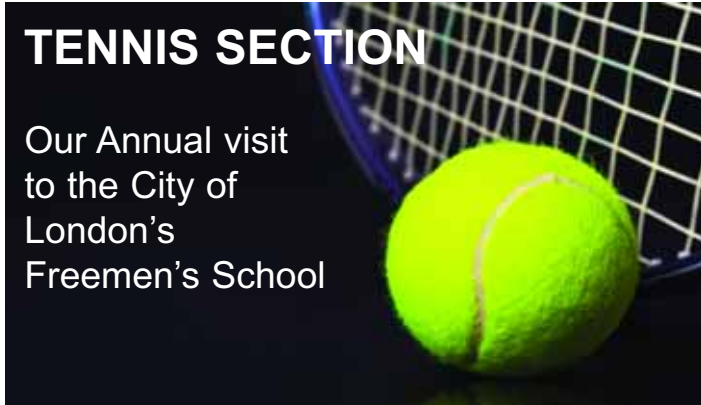
- ▶ Better use of the camera and how to achieve the best results
- ▶ How to utilise the photos we take
- ▶ Attend suitable exhibitions
- ▶ How to make DVD's
- ▶ Ally with other Clubs
- ▶ Lectures with slide shows
- ▶ Competitions



Final dates and times to be decided, except for the next meeting which will be held in the CLC Library/Club Room on Wednesday 16th December 2009 at 11.00 am

If you would like to join us, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Valerie Boakes, T. 01494 871123 or E. boakes@boakes80.plus.com

TENNIS SECTION



Our Annual visit to the City of London's Freeman's School

Our thanks go to Bill Deighton and his sports staff together with our Vice-Captain, Peter Dreblow, who arranged a very enjoyable tennis afternoon, which ended with our usual drawn match followed by dinner at the school.

The 15th July saw the Section at Phyllis Court, Henley, where another enjoyable afternoon of tennis, followed by tea beside the courts took place. Dinner was held in the Thames Room thereafter. We were pleased to welcome several guests.

Our thanks go to Captain, Dilip, for arranging a new event this year on 10th September, at Queenswood School, Brookmans Park, Hatfield. We had our most successful attendance of the year, with several new guests. We were welcomed by the staff with tea and cakes on arrival, and following the afternoon's activities enjoyed a very pleasant dinner. We are hoping to arrange a similar event at the School next year when we also hope to play against staff and pupils.

Our final event for the year will be our end of season luncheon at the Queens Club on 11th November when we will arrange our programme for the New Year.

Gillian Langstaff – Hon. Secretary

GOLF SECTION

We currently have 32 members, 3 of whom are non-playing members. We began our 2009 calendar with the section's AGM in one of the committee rooms in the Guildhall, followed by lunch in the members' private dining room in Guildhall.

At the AGM Keith Baker was installed as Captain for the current year and Rod Collier as Vice Captain. Roger Barnes was re-appointed as Hon. Treasurer and Michael Duffy was re-appointed as Hon. Secretary.

At the beginning of May we went to Le Touquet, France for our annual holiday staying at Le Manoir Hotel for 3 nights and playing golf at 4 different courses.

The section's late spring meeting was held at Sandy Lodge golf club at Northwood on 11th June. Our guest and summer meeting took place on 22nd July at Hankley Common Golf Club. We played a match against the Chartered Accountants at Woking Golf Club on 5th August.



Our autumn meeting was held at New Zealand Golf Club on 27th August. We have entered a team of 4 to represent the section in the Bath Club Cup competition which takes place tomorrow at Woking golf club and we have a match lined up against the Guild of Freeman which takes place later this month at North Hants Golf Club.

We continue to look for new members. Full details can be obtained from myself, Michael Duffy - T. 01483 723209 E. michael.duffy@lg-legal.com

MOTORING SECTION AGM



◀ Alan Milnes and his 1928 Alvis

At the Annual General Meeting held at Guildhall (our customary venue) on 12th March, the Chairman Albert Davis stood down after a happy and successful year.

John Atkinson was elected Chairman and David Errington Vice Chairman. Graham Redcliffe and Peter Bailey were reelected as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

A well attended luncheon followed the AGM when Guest Speaker Miss Charlotte Bagg, Events Sales Executive of Mercedes Benz World at Weybridge, gave an interesting talk whetting our interest for a visit to her establishment later in the year.

The next Section luncheon was held on Tuesday 21st. April, our Guest Speaker being one of our Members, Sir John Stuttard, a Past Lord Mayor of London whose subject was 'Whittington in a Rolls Royce'.

Our visit to Mercedes Benz World materialised on Wednesday 29th July, where Members and Guests enjoyed the services of a personal guide in the morning. An excellent luncheon followed and there was free time to look around further in the afternoon,

Chairman John Atkinson organised the Section annual trip on Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th October, staying at the Sway Manor Hotel in the New Forest. Activities included visiting the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, also taking in the Abbey, Palace House, the home of the Montague family for over 400 years, and the splendid gardens. On the Saturday, we viewed the Nautical Museum at Buckler's Hard and enjoyed a most pleasant boat trip on the Beaulieu River. This left time for a visit to the Lymington Street Market, probably appreciated more by the ladies than the gentlemen in our group.

It is worthy of note that Member Alan Milnes and his wife Virginia made the hazardous journey from their home in Sevenoaks to Sway Manor in their 1928 Alvis. Alan has owned this car since 1958 maintaining it in remarkably original condition. The engine has never been modified for unleaded petrol and Alan was relieved to discover a filling station in the New Forest area still selling leaded petrol.

At the Committee Meeting on Thursday 15th October it was announced with regret that our Vice Chairman David Errington had resigned from the City Livery Club, thereby giving up membership of the Motoring Section. Following a certain

amount of arm twisting Alan Milnes agreed to go forward for election to in March 2010, and Adrienne Waterfield, currently in office as Chairman of the Music Section, agreed to stand as Vice Chairman.

At the luncheon following this meeting (which incidentally was oversubscribed), the Guest Speaker was Michael Gerson, a former member of the Section. At one time Michael headed up one of the most prestigious removal firms in the UK, and he related some of the special people, not the least being Baroness Thatcher, he had dealt with, and some unusual items he had transported. His talk was fittingly entitled 'A Moving Story'.

The Section looks forward to a happy and active time in the forthcoming year. Should any City Livery Club Member require further information with a hopeful view of joining us, please contact :

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Happy Christmas

**The Officers and Staff of the
 City Livery Club
 wish you a very
 Happy Christmas
 and a
 Prosperous and
 Healthy New Year**