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FROM THE MASTER

Traditionally this is the first of my four opportunities to communicate with you as your new Master. I was installed at Common Hall on 8 October followed by our Annual Church Service and Installation Dinner on 29 October and it was great to see so many of you present. I have also joined the Actuaries for their Livery Dinner at Staple Inn Hall and the Broderers for their Associated Companies' Dinner at Mercers' Hall, so it has been a busy few weeks.

Welcome to our 2009/2010 season and I hope our Company will extend fellowship and companionship to you over the festive season. Like most of you, Sue and I plan our diaries months, if not years, ahead so I ask you to look at the Diary of Events on the back page and note those of relevance to you. I, as an accountant, know only too well that our reports contain anything interesting on the last page!

I hope to see you at the IIL Carol Service and intend sending you each a Christmas card from the chosen charity for my year - Hands of Compassion. There will also be details of The Master's Summer Event on 8 & 9 September next year at 'my' hotel "The Hydro" in Eastbourne (with a little golf of course...).

As the Junior Warden noted in his Toast to The Guests at the Hall, we are entering our fourth decade and it was great to welcome eight newly-Clothed Liverymen to the Dinner in the same week they took the Livery. Our thanks go to Roger Taylor and the Membership team that we have a steady stream of market professionals joining our ranks. We should each be bringing new blood forward to refresh our Company.

Bishop Michael, in his Toast to our Company at the Installation Dinner, referred to the long lunches that are a thing of the past and it brought back to me memories of my first visit to the City in 1970, working only a few hundred yards from the Hall, at St Alphage House. As one of the new graduate intake, I was put to work on a DTI investigation under Ray Currie (a manager and boyfriend to Edwina!). He took me to lunch and several pints later I dozed off for most of the afternoon....an abject lesson that balance in all things was required!

Talking of lunches I look forward to seeing you on 20 January when Sir David Walker will be talking and February 25 when Adrian Newman takes the stand, both at Drapers' Hall.

At our Court Meeting on 27 October Past Master John Greig was unanimously awarded The Founder Master's Award for his huge contribution to Ethics in our industry; but more about that later. It was a great pleasure for me personally as John was one of my 'mentors' when I first came to Lloyd's in 1984. His guidance and wisdom was a great help in times of stress and financial difficulties for the market. Also discussed were the Financial Statements for the Company and the two charities; these are now accessible on our website. We were also delighted to appoint a new Honorary Treasurer in Andrew Hubbard of Mazars. Past Masters Graham Doswell and Roger Taylor are helping the Clerk finalise the corporate governance documents which support the Company's ordinances and each committee has up to date working terms of reference.

I end with the themes I spoke of at Common Hall; evolution not revolution, continuity, high standards to our colleagues and, of course, full disclosure of our stewardship of the Company's affairs on a timely basis. Please don't hesitate to bend my ear!



COMMON HALL 2009

On 8 October 2009, approximately 50 members attended Common Hall to witness the installation of the new Master and Wardens.

The outgoing Master, Mike Cooper-Mitchell, gave a report on his year in office.

“Wardens, Past Masters, and Fellow Liverymen, a warm welcome to everyone at Common Hall for this our sixteenth annual meeting. Thank you very much for coming to this important event in our calendar. The purpose of the meeting is to review the affairs of the past year, which I shall do in a moment, and for you then to have the opportunity to raise any questions or make suggestions for the future. It is also an opportunity to review the accounts, and most importantly, to install the new Master and Officers.”

Much has happened in the past year both internally in the Company, and of course externally in the wider world. Last October, in the wake of the collapse of Northern Rock and then Lehman Bros., and the onset of the worst economic downturn in peacetime, the year ahead seemed quite a challenge. However, I believe the Worshipful Company of Insurers has weathered the storm remarkably well, and made good progress at the same time, as I will outline in my report to you.

In my speech, as the incoming Master, I set down two objectives, one more serious than the other. That was to focus on education and to further the objective set out in the First Trust Deed to ‘advance education in any matter deemed to be charitable, of persons desiring to practise the business of insurers’.

I invited members to come forward with any suggestions as to how we might promote education. This inspired a number of people to ‘put pen to paper’ which provided the Managing Trustees with ample material to deliberate. The outcome of this is a decision to support a charity called Brokerage Citylink with a donation of £30,000 for each of three years. We will develop a strong partnership with them so that over the next three years we can raise the profile of the insurance sector within schools, and encourage talented inner city students to

consider the sector as a future career. Liveryman Reg Brown has volunteered to lead this project with support from the Senior Warden elect, Clive Haslock. Progress will be reported in the Newsletter.

Approaching education from another angle, research, we have joined the Lloyd’s Tercentenary Foundation led by Broniek Masojada, one of our Court Assistants.

Some of the work undertaken by the Foundation may be relevant to the research we have been carefully planning, utilising funds received from the winding up of the General Insurance Standards Council. Broniek has joined our Steering Group.

On another front, during the year we expanded our relationship with the University of East Anglia, by sponsoring a second student in his PhD project, focussed on improving catastrophe modelling of the European wind storm risk. A full report of the Managing Trustees’ activities is on your chair.

Moving on to the governance front, the new Master’s Committee has bedded down well, and the Appointments Committee held its first meeting, leading to the nomination of Tim Ablett for Junior Warden – my congratulations to you, Tim. These committees, and indeed all the committees and Court have, or will have very shortly, prescribed terms of reference, thanks to Graham Doswell.

On the subject of appointments, I was delighted to award Lord Hunt of Wirral the status of Honorary Freeman at the February Winter Luncheon.

The Court sees some changes with the retirement of Past Masters David Bland and Michael Pickard, however, I am delighted that we shall continue to benefit from their wisdom as they have both agreed to become Honorary Court Assistants. Thank you both for your very considerable contributions to the Company over many years.

Looking forward to the future there are some exciting initiatives being considered. To complement our thriving associations with HMS Edinburgh and the Sharpshooters, Graeme and I are investigating the possibility of a link with the Royal Air Force. It may come down to a choice of a fighter squadron with Tornados or a transport squadron of Hercules – a truly difficult choice if you think about it!

For some time now I have thought that we should do more to attract a younger membership. A number of other Livery Companies have a kind of apprenticeship, often described as the yeomanry, and I am pleased to say that the General Purposes and Finance Committee has charged the Clerk and me, with other Court members, to research and make recommendations next year.

It is important to record our work on the charitable giving side. Through the Second Trust we have donated in the past twelve months £14,000 to 22 charities, including to the my chosen charity, Music in Hospitals. As a direct result of the WCI donation, ten concerts, free of charge, will take place in healthcare centres in the East End.

Now, the second objective I outlined at Common Hall a year ago was to ensure that we all had some fun. Well, despite, or, maybe because of the credit crunch and recession, I believe the social side of the Company has been very successful.

The Installation Dinner and two Winter Luncheons were well attended; indeed, we had a record 200 at the



It’s your turn – good luck!

COMMON HALL 2009



The New Team

February lunch. 175 attended the Mansion House Banquet which though down on previous years, was still a good turnout. The Masters Summer Party was a sell out and 100 guests enjoyed one of the warmest evenings this year in a great venue on Willis' terrace. A new event this year was a trip for Court Assistants' ladies to the Wallace Collection followed by lunch - this took place whilst the men worked at a Court Meeting! The official programme of events concluded with the Court Dinner held this year in the magnificent Armourers' Hall when we entertained a dozen Masters and Clerks from other companies.

The Livery Committee has had another good year. Details of the events they have organised, ranging from a visit to the Magic Circle to an evening's horseracing, have been published in the Newsletters, with two notable events covered in the September issue: shepherding sheep across London Bridge and a family day on board HMS Edinburgh. In May, an intrepid crew took to the Solent in a force 7 for the Inter-Livery Yacht Club Regatta achieving a very creditable second place. The Livery Committee also runs the informal monthly lunch at the City Universities Club which has been well attended.

I would like to thank James Peace and all the members of the Livery Committee for their dedication and hard work which goes into making these events such a success. I would also like to encourage more members to join in these informal events – there is something for everyone.

Our golf association has had another active and successful year, and I was delighted to join the golfers for

their AGM followed by lunch.

On a personal note, I have been to many lunches, dinners, lectures, church services, receptions etc. I have lost count of how many, but it includes some forty lunches and dinners. It is somewhat invidious to single out the best, but Liz and I did enjoy a musical concert at Mercers, the traditional visit to Ironbridge, a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, despite the torrential storm, several services at St. Paul's Cathedral, The Lord Mayor's Masters' Banquet, and I enjoyed particularly lunch at the Old Bailey with the judges.

So, as I move towards Past Master relative obscurity, I would like to thank everyone for their support, which has meant a lot to both Liz and me. It has been a privilege to serve the company as Master. I would particularly like to thank Len and Liz, (the other Liz!) for all their hard work, much of it behind the scenes. Their guidance and advice has been most appreciated. My last thank you is to the Wardens for their support throughout the year. And to wish the new team good luck in their year ahead.



The new Master presents Ian Jerrum with a tankard for winning the Neave Trophy at the WIGS AGM

I cannot top Graham's poetry last year, so I will sign off simply with Thank You and Au Revoir."

The new Master and Wardens were then installed into office.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Also at Common Hall, a Report of the Trustees was presented to Members by Graham Dickinson, the Chairman of the Trustees:

"While not gambling away the Trust funds, I anticipate that it is a fair bet to say that any report you may read from trustees of any charitable trust in 2009 would begin with the phrase "in these difficult financial times ..."

Indeed, I recall that when the Trustees met in the first meeting of this calendar year on 22 January we were at that time faced with the classical dilemma facing not only the company's trusts but other trusts. Firstly, a requirement for a detailed financial analysis of the performance of our trust funds from our investment managers, Cazenoves and, secondly, consideration of specific funding requests from the First Trust that would require significant management,

commitment and cost over the coming years. Not only did the Trustees balance those competing interests in that meeting but they have continued to do so throughout the year.

Accordingly, my report to the company and its members focuses on those two key elements with which the Trustees have juggled throughout the year, namely the proper management of the trust funds themselves in order to maintain financial stability and performance in this difficult climate and, secondly, the proper allocation of trust funds for those projects that we deem to have been appropriate and that sit very much within the overriding aims and objectives of the Trusts.

As we have reminded ourselves throughout the year, and as we are required to do by the Trust deed itself, as

TRUSTEES' REPORT *(continued)*

custodians of the trust funds we stand possessed of them in order that we might “**apply** the same in such manner as the managing trustees shall from time to time determine.”

As Reg Brown succinctly put it in one of his helpful comments to the trustees, we need to “focus on how much we can spend, on what and who with”.

Financial Performance

We are indebted to the excellent management of the trust funds by Jeremy Barker, Edward Harley and Roger Forward at Cazenove Capital Management.

The Cazenove team has been diligent in the management of our investments and in their readiness to attend personally upon the Trustees to explain ongoing performance and investment strategy and issues arising.

Quite clearly, they have been working in a particularly difficult marketplace over the last year and while our total portfolio has shown an overall performance level of -7.2% over the 12 month period to 30 June 2009 that is marginally better than the benchmark for charities of -7.4%.

Perhaps more encouraging has been the performance of the last 3 months reported figures which values our portfolio at 30 June 2009 at £1,400,943 compared with £1,338,484 on 31 March 2009, a performance gain of +5.5% in comparison to the benchmark figure of +4%.

Our asset allocation is well spread between equities, bonds, hedge funds, property funds and cash and Cazenoves have carefully managed these asset classes within the ranges approved by the Trustees with a view to maintaining the maximum benefit for the funds overall in order to maximise capital growth and income, our primary objective, whilst adopting an intermediate attitude to risk. With the exception of property funds which show a slight fall, the performance of the fund in the 3 month period to 30 June 2009 shows positive growth for each asset class.

It is to be hoped that this recent positive growth will be maintained over the coming months and into the next financial year.

How are we applying the Trust Funds

Both in Trustee meetings and in correspondence, the Trustees and other members of the Company have, throughout the year, been anxious to focus on our objectives, choice of projects and spending plans.

In relation to the **First Trust** I am delighted to report on significant progress that has been made, aided significantly by the work of the Evaluation Sub Committee which has been a great help in considering the many various projects that are put to the company and determine those worthy of our support.

Our current active projects are:-

1. Insurance Intellectual Capital Initiative

Our annual commitment at this time is £15,000 as one of a number of significant funders for this Lloyds Tercentenary project under the direction and Chairmanship of Bronek Masojada. The focus of this research is to improve the effectiveness of the insurance industry as it seeks to provide better protection to the public at large.

2. The University of East Anglia

Further to our earlier successful sponsorship of a PhD we have confirmed a commitment to sponsor a second student, Nick Earl in his PhD project entitled “Improvement Simulations of Wind Gusts in Meteorological and Climate Models”.

This is focused on improving catastrophe modelling of the European wind storm risk and actually follows on

from the previous project that we funded that produced an extensive UK observational wind speed database. Our commitment to Nick and the University of East Anglia is £20,000 per annum for 3 years.

3. GISC

We have a significant commitment to the project coordinated by Tim Ablett, circa £40,000, examining and testing the current consumer decisions and influences on those decisions when considering general insurance needs, their availability and affordability.

4. Brokerage Citylink

Brokerage Citylink is “an independent not for profit organisation working in partnership with city employers to create a pathway to the city for young residents of London’s inner-city boroughs”.

While the Company has had contact with Brokerage Citylink for some while I would like to record my thanks for the impetus provided by the Master and the Junior Warden, both of whom actively participated in meeting with the team at Brokerage Citylink and formulating the Company’s planned support. We were also considerably assisted by Reg Brown who himself produced the most helpful paper on our “Contribution to Education”. The Trustees all felt that the opportunity of working closely with such an organisation focused on securing career opportunities for talented but “deprived” students from London boroughs was precisely what we wanted to be doing.

Our commitment is £30,000 per annum for 3 years but simply making a financial contribution is not enough. I and the Trustees actively encourage all members of the Company to work closely with Brokerage Citylink and provide those mentoring and training opportunities for such students for the benefit not only of the students but of the industry and its overall recruitment programme generally.

5. The Second Trust

One of the more pleasurable duties for the Trustees throughout the year is the opportunity to make donations which, while rather more modest than those within the First Trust, actually do make a difference to the organisations concerned.

Our regular donation to the Lord Mayor’s charity at the Mansion House dinner was followed by our support for the Master’s charity, St Luke’s Hospital for the Clergy.

Among the many others to which we have given support, normally to the tune of £500 each, the Company supported the Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours charity, Trinity Hospice; Blind in Business; London’s Air Ambulance and the Handicapped Children’s Action Group.

Not only is it a pleasure for the Trustees to consider these request and to approve specific donations but it is also particularly encouraging to receive the thanks from these organisations subsequently for the charitable support that the members are able to give.

In conclusion I would like to pass on my thanks to the Master and my fellow Trustees for their help, support and guidance throughout the year, a year in which, despite the “difficult financial times” the Trustees have continued to manage the funds carefully but, most importantly, have **applied** the funds in a most appropriate manner in support of our overriding objectives in the fields of education and the insurance industry”.

INSTALLATION DINNER

The Company's Installation Dinner was held at the Insurance Hall on 29 October. The new Master, Graeme King, welcomed approximately 120 members and their guests to the evening. The Guest of Honour was Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali who was piped-in by Pipe-Major Ian King (no relation to the Master). Mr King also escorted the Master and Wardens to St Lawrence Jewry earlier in the evening and accompanied the Loving Cup ceremony.

Other guests at the dinner were Caroline Reeson of the Brokerage Citylink and the eight newly-Clothed Liverymen. We were also very pleased to receive two of the Company's Honorary Freemen, Sir Alexander Graham and Sir Alan Traill, both accompanied by their ladies.



Sir Alexander & Lady Graham with Past Master Dieter and Lesley Losse



Past Masters Purchon, Bewes and Cooper-Mitchell with Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali



The Official Party



Reg Brown with Caroline Reeson



Leo and Elaine Verbaag



Paul and Margaret Picknett with David and Eleanor Worsfold



The Piper takes a "wee dram"



The Master speaks

NEW LIVERYMEN AND FREEMAN

At the Court Meeting on 27 October the Master Clothed in the Livery the following Freemen:



From the left: Peter Hartley, Ian Templeton, Carole Nicholls, Edward Snell, Harry Nagra, Angela Darling and David Sales

The Court also extended membership to:
Stephen Howard Bamforth of Griffiths & Armour
Kevin John Borrett of Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance
Richard John Stafford Bucknall formerly of Willis
Mark Butterworth of Pembroke Managing Agency
Julian Antony Peter Enoizi of CNA Insurance

Peter Herbert Hartley of Spectrum Syndicate Management
Richard John Ronald Housley of Axis
Harinderjit Singh Nagra of Marketform
Carole Patricia Nicholls of Nicholls Stevens
David James Sales of Benfield
Edward Snell of IPS Group

INTRODUCING THE BROKERAGE CITYLINK

Liveryman Reg Brown introduces the Brokerage Citylink:

Members will be aware from previous Newsletters and from announcements particularly of our immediate Past Master, that the Company has made a significant commitment to a charity by the name of Brokerage Citylink. Those at the Installation Dinner may have had the pleasure of meeting Caroline Reeson who was my guest on that occasion. The commitment had been under consideration for some time before I submitted a paper to the Committee last year following Mike Cooper-Mitchell's plea at Common Hall that we members should "think about education and come forward with any suggestions for the Committee to consider as to how we might further foster education". I am delighted that my paper struck a chord and led the Managing Trustees to go ahead with the proposed tie up with Brokerage Citylink. I am also delighted that I have been asked by the Company to be the 'link man' with Brokerage Citylink.

As a retired underwriter I am sure you will understand if I say I don't much care for the charity's name but I am passionate about what we are doing and have no doubts that we have chosen the right partners. You will be hearing more about the relationship in due course as I will be asking for volunteers for various activities (e.g. providing work experience for students, mentoring etc). In the meantime I asked Brokerage Citylink to write a short piece for the Newsletter introducing themselves to the membership. So here is an introduction written by Recruitment Manager, Jonathan Ray.

"The Brokerage visits schools across London to raise the awareness of young people about the City and the financial services industry. Every year we meet with enthusiastic, motivated and bright A 'Level students who are interested in finding out about what career choices they have after university.

Many of the students we see each year have very little

awareness of the insurance sector in the City. When they think of the City they think of banking and little else is known to them about what else goes on in the square mile. We are working to change that perception. This year we joined forces with seventeen insurance firms who provided twenty-one summer work experience placements to some of our students to help them gain a greater insight into insurance. Some of these firms, together with Lloyd's of London, also ran informative workshops on the sector for students who did not get a placement but still expressed a keen interest in finding out more. We could have filled these sessions twice over or more, such was the demand for places!

With this in mind, next year's students already making enquiries to us and we are keen to tap into the vast wealth of industry knowledge through the Worshipful Company of Insurers to introduce these young people to a hugely rewarding and interesting career."



Reg Brown, representing the WCI, and some of the young people who worked within the insurance sector over the summer, at a recent awards ceremony hosted by Lloyd's of London in the presence of Lord Levene

LIVERY COMMITTEE

As we come to the end of another year thank you to everyone who has participated in and, I hope, enjoyed events organised by your Livery Committee. We are already well into planning our activities which will include the following:

- Jan/Feb - A wine tasting evening for new members of the Livery and their partners (those who have joined in the last 3 years)
- 16th February - Annual Inter-Livery Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race
- March - 2/3 day sailing trip to Alderney
- April - A themed walk and supper in the City
- 14th May - A Livery table at the IIL Ball at the Grosvenor House
- May - Inter-Livery sailing regatta off Cowes
- June - Annual sailing day to Cowes
- July - Horse Racing
- September - A return to the Globe Theatre
- September - Goodwood Revival Meeting

Other events we are looking at include visits to the Olympic Games site and the College of Arms.

A full calendar of events with confirmed dates will be issued as soon as possible. In the meantime if you are interested in taking part in any of these please let me know. Additionally if there are things that you would like to do which you think would be of interest to our members please let me know.

Finally our monthly informal lunches at the City University Club on the 1st Friday of every month are proving increasingly popular so please come along. Guests are also very welcome.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our events in the coming 12 months.

James Peace
Chairman Livery Committee
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WIGS

Muir Stratford reports:

Since my last report, WIGS have played their last two matches of the season; the match at Worplesdon against IGSOL for the Phillips Cup resulted in a narrow defeat, while the match against Lloyds Golf Club at West Sussex was abandoned at lunch, due to heavy rain, with the score level at 2-2, so WIGS, as the holders, retained the trophy.

It has been another good year even if our match results of one win, one half and two losses could have been better.

Provisional dates for 2010 are:-

11 May	Neave Trophy (New Zealand)
17 May	Match v Lutine GS (Tandridge)
20 May	Prince Arthur Cup (Walton Heath)
20 May	Charity Day (Wildernesse)
2 June	Match v Brokers (Berkhamsted)
5 July	Captains Invitation Meeting (Walton Heath)
29 July	Ray Jeffs Cup (Hartley Wintney)
8 September	Masters Golf Event (Royal Eastbourne)
24 September	Match v IGSOL (Worplesdon)
14 October	Match v Lloyds Golf Club (West Sussex)

We are always seeking new Members to augment our current Membership, and all standards of golfer are welcome. We still look forward to welcoming our first Lady Member and everyone will find the WIGS events to be very friendly.

Please feel free to contact me on 01923 260475 or by e-mail at: muirmarg@nobles8.wanadoo.co.uk.

INTER-LIVERY BRIDGE

The Makers of Playing Cards' Company is, once again, organising an Inter-Livery Bridge Competition. It will be held on Monday, 1 March 2010 at Drapers' Hall. Contact the Clerk for details or access the Makers of Playing Cards' website on www.makersofplayingcards.co.uk/index.php.

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Court Liveryman Grahame Pipe reports:

Saturday 14 November 9.00am and five walking Liverymen, Nick Dunlop, Julia Graham, Clive Haslock, Grahame Pipe and Peter Bell, duly gathered at The Red Herring for breakfast, ably organised and attended by Keith Alderman. Donning the Company robes, we took our place by London Wall with 22 other modern livery companies and near the front of the Parade's 150 entries. It was noted that the Bankers were not to be seen...

The parade left at 11 o'clock from Guildhall and we had the good fortune to be near the open-top "battle bus" with a fine jazz band on the top deck that helped attract much attention. The crowds were impressive and spectators and marchers cheered each other along in mutual friendship. The pace was surprisingly fast, some achievement for a number of marchers, particularly so as we headed into a strong wind, also making carrying the Company placard quite a challenge!

The route was from London Wall to the Royal Courts of Justice via Mansion House and St. Paul's down to the Embankment for the midday break at the kind invitation of the Worshipful Company of Master Mariners on their ship/hall HQS Wellington.

During the break the heavens duly opened and the return journey to London Wall via the Embankment and Mansion House was a very wet affair, with some marchers opting for the comfort of the bus. During this leg the huge support from the equally wet spectators was particularly appreciated. Your team returned to the Red Herring for well-earned spirit-reviving refreshment, having experienced a thoroughly enjoyable time in the company of many other Liveries and one to be recommended (bring a good raincoat!).

LONDON PHOENIX ORCHESTRA

Details of the concerts by the Phoenix Orchestra in 2010 follow:

The first concert **Famous Last Words** takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 25 February 2010 at St John's, Smith Square. This will feature Weber's Oberon Overture, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6.

The second concert also takes place at St John's, Smith Square. On Wednesday 28 April 2010 at 7.30pm **Aspects of Patriotism** features Sibelius' Finlandia, Rozsa's Violin Concerto and Shostakovich's Symphony No 10.

Tickets at £15, £12 and £9 are available from: Box Office, St John's, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA (*please include an SAE*); by phone at 020 7222 1061; or online at www.sjss.org.uk.

Finally, on Thursday 1 July 2010 **Planes, Trains and**

Automobiles at Cadogan Hall from 7.30pm including Walton's Spitfire Prelude & Fugue, Delius' Walk to the Paradise Garden, Binge's Sailing By and Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries.

Tickets for Cadogan Hall are the same price as St John's. They are available by the Box Office at Cadogan Hall, 5 Sloane Terrace, London SW1X 9DQ, by phone on 020 7730 4500 or online at www.cadoganhall.com.

OBITUARIES

We are sad to report the deaths of two of our founder members:

Eric William Taylor died on 21 October at the age of 85;

Alan Lorimore Preston died on 27 October also aged 85.

Full obituaries will appear in the next Newsletter.

DIARY

2009/10

DECEMBER

16 December	III Carol Service	St Katherine Cree Church
21 December	Christmas Service	St Lawrence Jewry

JANUARY

20 January	Committee Meetings	Drapers' Hall
20 January	Livery Luncheon	Drapers' Hall

FEBRUARY

16 February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race	Guildhall Yard
25 February	Court Meeting	Drapers' Hall
25 February	Livery Luncheon	Drapers' Hall

MARCH

19 March	United Guilds' Service	St Paul's Cathedral
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APRIL

15 April	Committee Meetings	The Hall
27 April	Livery Banquet	Mansion House

MAY

13 May	Court Meeting and Lunch	The Hall
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JUNE

17 June	Committee Meetings	The Hall
24 June	Election of Sheriffs	Guildhall

JULY

22 July	Court Meeting	The Hall
22 July	Court Dinner	TBA