

The Worshipful Company of International Bankers



Newsletter

Winter 2008/9

Henry Angest Elected as Master

At a Meeting of the Court of Assistants in July 2008, Henry Angest was elected as the 8th Master of the Company.

The new Master was born in Switzerland and he became a British citizen in 1985. He has a law degree from the University of Basle and is an Honorary Fellow of the UHI Millennium Institute in Perth. He served in the Swiss Army as an intelligence officer and later as a law officer in a military court. In addition to being Chairman and Chief Executive of Arbuthnot Banking Group PLC, he is also Chairman of Private Bank, Arbuthnot Latham & Co.; Arbuthnot Securities; and Secure Trust Bank. He is Chairman of the Banking Committee of LIBA (London Investment Bankers Association), Chairman of the City Swiss Club and member of the Economic Advisory Group to the Swiss Ambassador. He is a supporter of many charities and associations, in particular Perth College, Royal Botanical Garden Edinburgh, Crimestoppers, IEA, CPS and Policy Exchange. His interests encompass dendrology, science, politics as well as business and City affairs.

"As I said on the evening of my Installation as Master on the 24th September, my first duty, on behalf of all members of the Company, is to thank the Immediate Past Master, Angus MacLennan for the skilful and humorous way in which he led the Company in the past year. It is not easy to balance the duties of a senior executive of a major foreign bank with those of Master. Angus achieved this with distinction and one of his lasting legacies will be our growing relationship with China. I should add that Angus was instrumental, together with our Founder Master, Sir Paul Newall, Alan Moore, and others, in establishing the International Bankers as the 106th Livery Company and he has ever since been actively involved in the development of the Company. I have no doubt that we will continue to benefit from his experience and initiative.

I also want to thank the other Past Masters, Sir Paul Newall, Sir Brian Pitman, Sir Willy Purves, Lord George, Michael Kirkwood and Sir Peter Middleton for their invaluable contributions in making our Company such a success in such a short time. We are a young - but fast growing and increasingly important - Company. Further, I want to thank the Wardens, the Court Assistants, the Liverymen and the members present and past who have contributed to our success. An important ingredient in running the company well is the office. Our thanks go to the Clerk, Tim Woods, and his two assistants, Kim and Gaye, for their dedication and hard work.

In its first seven years, our Company has rightfully concentrated on getting established and building its membership. At an early stage we started a very active charity programme, with education as a key target, and under the Mastership of Lord George, we introduced a code of conduct. With the recent attacks on the City, some justified, some not, our Code becomes even more important and we must ensure that these principles are adhered

to by all our members. In addition, I believe the time has come for our Company to put some emphasis on our 4th aim, promoting the profession, the other 3 aims being Fellowship, Charity and Education. Promoting the profession, in my opinion, must include promoting and defending the prosperity and well-being of the City. And this includes speaking out, not sitting idly by when our livelihood is threatened.

We are seeing one of the worst financial and economical crisis unfolding since the Great Depression in the 1930's - some three quarters of a century ago. Governments are struggling to stem the flood. Nobody really knows where and when this crisis is going to end. In essence, I believe the overriding problem behind today's crisis is that the various constituents did not fully understand or were negligent with regard to the inherent risks involved in their business:

- credit rating agencies failing to recognise the true risks of mortgage derivatives;
- bankers badly mis-pricing credit risks;
- regulators not understanding the risks associated with complex derivatives transactions; and
- governments not appreciating the risks involved in lax monetary policies.

Now the cry has gone out for more regulation. However, what we need is not more regulation, but better application of existing regulation, transparency and supervision of the unregulated sector, such as hedge funds and credit rating agencies. The regulator has enough resources. They need to concentrate on the essential, while doing away with the unimportant. Otherwise they will continue to be distracted.

I am fully aware that the City is not the flavour of the month, but let's never forget: Overall, the City has made immense contributions to national prosperity, our people's living standards have risen dramatically as a result - and that is the product of free enterprise, innovation, competition and open markets, not of government intervention, regulation and public expenditure.

As to our Company: I believe we must speak out when we see that things are going wrong. We must defend our profession, however unpopular this may be. We are not a trade association that discusses arcane details of the rule book or legislation, but we are the advocates for our principles. We are concerned about the bigger picture.

To achieve this, I believe we must raise our profile.

I trust you will all support me and the Company in these very difficult times and I hope that by the end of my year as Master, things have started to improve. I wish you all the best of luck.



The Master, Henry Angest

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Company and Trust Accounts for the year to 30th June 2008 - Finance Committee Chairman, Martin Hall

Summaries of the audited accounts as adopted by the Court on the 24th September 2008 are provided below:

The Worshipful Company of International Bankers (combined accounts of separately audited companies pre- and post- Royal Charter)		
Income and Expenditure for year to 30th June	2008	2007
Quartermage and fines	123,418	126,398
Events income (net of direct costs)	16,102	18,397
Administrative expenses	(155,241)	(159,309)
Operating surplus	(15,721)	(14,514)
Other income (1)	12,438	12,147
Taxation	-	36
Ordinary surplus	(3,283)	(2,331)
Appropriation to Trust	(2,500)	(2,000)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	58,545	-
Incorporation reserve	(3,991)	(1,975)
Surplus brought forward	170,042	174,373
Surplus carried forward	218,813	168,067

Note 1. Includes donated assets of £1,154 (1,752 in 2007)

The Worshipful Company of International Bankers (combined accounts of separately audited companies pre- and post- Royal Charter)		
Balance Sheet at 30th June	2008	2007
Fixed assets (2)	208,234	150,002
Current assets	57,164	67,462
Creditors	46,585	49,399
Net current assets	10,579	18,064
Net assets and reserves	218,813	168,067

Note 2. Includes asset revaluation of £58,545 (nil in 2007)

The International Bankers Charitable Trust		
Resources received and expended for year to 30th June	2008	2007
Donations including receivable (3)	120,999	106,837
Taxes recoverable	16,077	14,877
Investment income	42,656	32,528
Incoming resources	179,732	154,241
Governance	2,990	2,594
Charitable activities – grants payable	72,724	58,625
Charitable activities – other costs	35,095	24,833
Net funds movement	68,923	68,189
Funds brought forward	727,315	659,126
Funds carried forward (4)	796,238	727,315

Note 3. Includes £2,000 to KC Wu Fund (50 in 2007)

Note 4. Includes KC Wu Fund of £117,611 (113,881 in 2007)

Copies of the full Audited Accounts and accompanying Notes for the Company and the Trust are available from the Clerk.

Current Committee Members: John Bennett, Stephen Chandler, Richard Clarke, John Elder, Peter Estlin, Stephen Kemp, Michael Lewelyn-Jones, Gyula Pleschinger, William Smith, Chris Tupker and Martin Hall (Chairman).

Charities and Education Committee - Chairman, Bill Whitehead

The C&E Committee is responsible for maintaining and developing links between the Company and educational and training establishments as well as for disbursing the charitable funds made available through the generosity of you, our members.

Last financial year we disbursed some £67,000 and this year the amount will be circa £90,000. For a Company that is only seven years old and that has only just seen the installation of its eighth Master this is an excellent achievement. In this time we have developed many mutually beneficial relationships at all levels of education.

Universities

At University level the University Working Group, chaired by Mark Sismey-Durrant, has been very active.

The purpose behind the Universities Working Group is to establish and develop links with Universities and Students with the objective of developing with them a stronger understanding of the role and contribution of the City. Such students will themselves enter City Life on graduation and they will potentially form the future new membership of the WCIB. The work of the UWG has focussed in two main areas:

- In the last year a link has been established with the Institute of Financial Services and the University of Surrey to support a new undergraduate degree course in Banking and Finance. An inaugural group of 26 students have commenced their degree course in September this year. The four year course includes a third year work

placement which the WCIB will seek to assist with. The students will graduate at the end of the fourth year with a BSc. Hons. degree as well as their Professional IFS qualifications. The WCIB will provide first year book grants for all students together with on going input into the programme through mentoring and presentations on the working of the City and careers.

- The UWG has also set up the Alumni Scheme programme where members of the WCIB establish working links with universities to advance the work of the Company and support the Universities in terms of speaking and other support related to the work of the City. These arrangements are cemented by prize funds of up to £300 per university awarded by the WCIB for top students on relevant courses at each University. Such links have already been established with Durham, Loughborough, Newcastle, Cass Business School, and London School of Economics. New links are being established at Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College, Cranfield School of Management, London Metropolitan University and Birmingham. Further links will be developed in 2009. The Alumni scheme is seen as a potential way for the WCIB to extend links with Universities abroad and also to activate membership of the international banking community.



During 2009 the plan is to further extend the Alumni scheme and volunteers are sought from the membership to develop links with more universities in the UK and abroad. Anyone interested in playing a part in this should please notify Tim Woods or Mark Sismey-Durrant.

Schools

The Schools Working Group, chaired by Tony Rhodes, has been working actively with our partners the Brokerage Citylink over the last four months visiting and contacting a number of schools to promote and launch the WCIB's first essay competition. The title of the essay is "Do we need Banks?" and this has turned out to be more topical than when it was first chosen!

Eight schools are taking part and well over 100 students have entered.

The schools participating are:

- Cardinal Pole School, Hackney
- The Charter School, North Dulwich

- Christ the King 6th Form College, Lewisham
- City of London School for Boys, City
- City of London School for Girls, City
- Dunraven School, Streatham
- Reed's School, Cobham
- Thomas Tallis School, Kidbrooke

Prizes were given for the best essay in each school with a prize for the overall winner and runner-up. The winner was a pupil from The City of London School for Boys and there were joint runners up from The City of London School for Girls and Dunraven School, Streatham all of whom received their prizes at the WCIB City Careers Programme event which was held on December 16th at the offices of Goldman Sachs.

The winning essay by Raphael Gray is below for your enjoyment and the full list of winners and runners up will be published on the website in due course.

Do we need Banks?

The Oxford English Dictionary defines a 'bank' as "an organization offering financial services, especially the safekeeping of customers' money until required and making loans at interest". Banking has become so ritualised in developed nations that we barely ever examine its necessity or utility. Although ostensibly useful, could it be that banks are superfluous to our needs, or even a detriment to society? Thomas Jefferson, American founding father and one of the foremost intellectuals of his age, once stated that "banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies". There may be truth in his words. Banks can bring down entire nations, facilitate wars, bring misery to individuals, destroy their lives and take their homes. But conversely they finance trade and keep our money safe. The real question is: on balance, do we need banks?

On their most basic level, banks provide two principal services to individuals and firms alike: protecting their savings and issuing interest on deposits. The first point should not be taken lightly, as although private households may be able to store their money under the mattress, the sovereign wealth of a nation can hardly be safely stashed away in the basement of a parliament building. Banks provide secure locations for the storage of currency. In many countries, this security is guaranteed by the state through the limited insurance of deposits.

More importantly, the interest that banks pay allows depositors to keep abreast of inflation. As modern lending is built upon the base rate of interest set by a nation's central bank, we would hope that the higher the rate of inflation and currency devaluation, the higher the base rate is raised to curb spending and the higher the rate of interest that banks are able to charge debtors and repay to depositors. Hence the value of a bank account should rise in line with inflation. This system is not perfect, as the base rate is not always directly tied to inflation. During periods of extreme or hyper inflation, such as in Weimar Germany from 1921-23 and Britain in the 70s, savings are rapidly eroded in value, or can be wiped out altogether. That said, during such crises depositors fare no better by keeping their money at home.

It may be conducive in our bid to understand banks to examine the history of banking itself. Most historians consider banks, the term used in the loosest possible sense, to predate the invention of currency. From the third millennium BC, deposits consisted of grain and precious metals stored in religious temples for safekeeping. Although primitive, these proto-banks, which were especially prevalent in Babylon and Egypt, were able to issue credit and charge interest. With the rise of Christianity in the 4th century AD and Islam in the 7th century, banking entered somewhat of a dark age. Both religions forbade usury outright, and for millennium money lending in Europe and the Levant was looked down upon as an immoral and dishonest practice. The ostracised Jews of Europe were left to pick up the discipline, one of the few professions left open to them by feudal kings.

Banking as we know it was institutionalised in 14th century Italy, with families such as the Bardis, Peruzzis and Medicis opening formal bank branches in Florence, Venice and Genoa, and eventually in cities as far north as London. They were able to circumvent the traditional restriction on charging interest by issuing bills of exchange to debtors, obliging them to repay their loans in a foreign currency. These banking families financed European princes and their follies and merchants involved in international trade. It is here that we find the true utility of banks; they provide the oil that greases the gears of capitalism.

This is one of the big events for the C&E Committee and our partners at the Brokerage. It showcases our support for education and training at all levels. In addition to the presentation of prizes to the Essay Competition winners we will present prizes to the winning team from the Business Challenge at Haverstock School as well as award Honorary Student Membership of the Company for a period of twelve months to the best Business Trainee Programme students.

Our badged scholars from the City of London Schools will be there as well as the students to whom we have given bursaries.

This was a most enjoyable event last year and we are grateful to Goldman Sachs for hosting it again this year.

Charity

Our charitable donations can be divided into three categories: large donations, bursaries and small donations. The medium term aim is to increase the amount we disburse on bursaries and to target our donations towards a small number of worthy causes with whom we can develop longer-term relationships

Our largest donation is to our partners the Brokerage Citylink to support their excellent work in the surrounding inner-city schools and in the development of the City Careers Programme.

Regarding bursaries, we currently provide bursaries to pupils at the City of London Boys School and the Girls School and are actively considering a further school bursary to another school with close City links.

At university level we are awarding a bursary to an inner-city student at Cass Business School from next year and we are working with the Mansion House Scholarship scheme to provide bursaries and Honorary Student Membership of the Company to two of their scholars while studying in the UK.

The Clerk receives a steady stream of requests for donations to charitable causes. The large majority of these are from worthy causes but we only consider those that meet our criteria that they are small, local, education or life improvement focused and where our small donation will make a difference. With that in mind, our donation in the last year have included MyBank, Tower Hamlets Credit Union, London Wildlife Trust, the Archway project, Enham House, Life Lites and several others. The C&E Committee always wants to hear from members who can introduce the Company to small charities.

Finally...

Are any members alumni of either City of London School, the City of London School for Girls or of Reeds School in Surrey? If you are, we'd like to hear from you.

Overseas visits with the Lord Mayor

The Right Honorable The Lord Mayor of the City of London Alderman David Lewis and his party paid a visit to Taiwan, Japan, Brunei and Singapore during October.

He was accompanied by a business delegation and joined by Peter Buerger, Member of the Court of Assistants. In Taipei, the Lord Mayor awarded two Mansion House Scholarship Awards during a presentation and business luncheon jointly organized by the British and other Chambers of Commerce in Taiwan.

Ms. Margaret Chang Hsiao-ping works in the Banking Bureau of the Financial Supervisory Commission in Taipei and wants to take an attachment in the UBS London office. Mr. Kevin Wang Wei-kai is an employee of the Export-Import Bank of the Republic of China and now wishes to further his career by arranging an internship with a City of London institution or by securing a vacancy at Cass or the London Business School to study for a Masters Degree. During a brief address, Peter awarded the students an Honorary Membership in the Guild of International Bankers during their stay in the United Kingdom and heartily invited them to join in our functions whilst staying in Britain. We also offer a mentorship to the students and look forward to their arrival in London some time in the first half of the coming year.

Peter also hosted a breakfast meeting for the Lord Mayor and

his party in Singapore, which concluded a very successful, yet challenging tour to the Far East owing to the sharp financial markets downturn in October.



Membership Committee – Chairman, Mark Seligman

The past year has seen a substantial increase in our membership base. We now have over 700 members, including 42 Chinese members.

It is a year since I last gave a membership update, and much has happened in that time. In pure numerical terms, our membership has risen from 582 to 701. This is a substantial increase, and significantly ahead of the targets we set ourselves a year ago.

How has this come about? Well, I would like to thank the combined efforts of the Membership Committee and of the Membership generally who have continued to bring forward high quality candidates from around the world. Specifically, we welcomed 201 new members during the year, far surpassing the 82 members who left. New members were well spread by nationality, age and gender, and I also pay tribute to both the Associates Group and the Women's Group in helping to achieve this balance.

Of particular note has been the new Chinese membership, now totalling 42 members. They include many senior Chinese political and business leaders enrolled with Shanghai Jiaotong University. We intend to further develop this connection during the coming year.

As ever, if there are finance professionals that you would like to introduce to the Company, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Clerk with suggestions.

Lastly, I would like to thank Heather McGregor (alias Miss Money Penny from the FT and the Field) who is stepping down from the Committee for all her lively and indefatigable support. I also take much pleasure in welcoming Katrina Arnold to the Committee.

Middle Warden Roger Gifford has taken office as the Aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London for 2008/9. Danny Cox spoke with Roger to find out what the next year will hold for him.

Many congratulations upon this appointment. Would you describe, for those of our readers who perhaps do not understand the civic implications of your appointment, what your new role is?

As you may know, there are two Sheriffs appointed each year in September. My colleague this year is Common Councillor George Gillon. The Sheriffs are elected by the Livery; they need not be Liveryman themselves, but must be elected by the Livery.

Therefore we support two Lords Mayor, the outgoing and the incoming, with the change over in early November. At the start we were with the then Lord Mayor, Alderman David Lewis for some six weeks, followed by the now Lord Mayor Alderman Ian Luder. Our role is to accompany the Lord Mayor, to stand in occasionally for him, often at livery functions, and most importantly to represent him at the Old Bailey, where we officially reside. One of us, for instance, will lunch every day with the judges. Long ago, the Sheriffs effectively ran the City of London, its justice and the courts and also collected tithes. Now the remaining role at the Old Bailey is more of a representational, symbolic one.

The principal duty, however, is to support the Lord Mayor during his year in office. It is also a condition of being elected Lord Mayor is that you shall have been Sheriff at some stage

in your career and it can therefore act as a learning post for those so inclined.

Where will you live during your Shrieval Year?

We will live at least part of the time at the Old Bailey to represent the Lord Mayor in a City of London property, the Central Criminal Court.

May I add here that all Aldermen are also magistrates in the City of London. I find this one of the most worthwhile parts of the whole role. It gives a perspective on life in and around the City which no other activity gives, to me at least.

You have an important job in banking. Will you be able to combine the two, and what sacrifices, if any, will you have to make to accommodate both?

I shall not travel for the Bank so much this year, but be based more in London. I have been with the Bank for 27 years and I think they respect my wish to contribute to this part of City life for a defined period – a year. But I also still intend to be in the office every day.

Following on from the above you are also a very active member of our company and current Middle Warden, how will your role as Sheriff impact on the time you can spend on company work and your position and responsibilities as Middle Warden?

I hope not too much as the activities are in many respects complimentary. The WCIB is a fast-growing organisation and a really interesting example of how the livery aspect of the City can also become more international. I love that and believe it fits in well with the overall aims of the City.

Again congratulations on your recent marriage to Clare. How does Clare feel about your appointment and given her demanding career, to what extent will she be able to accompany you to functions and on overseas visits?

Clare is a senior, full-time haematologist within the National Blood Service, but she has the flexibility to be able to accompany me as needed. I must also say that I am most impressed at how the Mansion House and the Guildhall have been modernising their procedures, which we of course support, making allowances for working partners.

Finally, what would you most like to achieve, and to what are you most looking forward during this year?

The year is about supporting, following, watching and learning, and getting through it without too many mishaps! And working (and playing) closely with my fellow Sheriff George Gillon and Delva, his escort, as they are called.

I am particularly looking forward to meeting people from a wide spectrum of world society, including the Presidents, Prime Ministers and many representatives of foreign Governments who visit the Mansion House. And there will be many opportunities to meet members of the City's myriad institutions, as well as members of the City Livery, many of whom are already friends.

Associate Group

In line with our aims to bring more young members into the Company, the Associate group has been working over the last few months on boosting youth attendance at Company events as well as the introduction of events specifically aimed at the Associate Members.

As well as continuing with our 'First Thursday' drinks every month, this quarter has seen the first Company event which specifically targeted younger members. Over two dates, a mix of young and senior members of the Livery company visited the City of London Police Head Quarters on Wood Street hosted by the Commissioner of Police for the City of London Michael Bowron. In a fascinating tour of the stables, museum, video control room and roads policing unit, the members were fortunate to have a first hand look at how the City of London is managed and protected by the dedicated teams of the City of London police. Think twice about your actions in the city as you are on video and being recorded!! Company members were also cordially invited to attend the Commissioners personal residence within the building after the tour for an intimate discussion over wine about the City of London police, the challenges and hurdles they are currently faced with and the successes they have had in the recent past. Michael Bowron was an excellent host, very hospitable and entertaining with some pertinent points about how the city policing may change in the future to reflect the changing city environment including seeking much needed funding from central government to prevent and further investigate growing financial crime. The associate members of the company wish to thank the Commissioner of Police for the City of London for his kind hospitality and enlightening tour of the Police Headquarters.

On the 2nd December the Associate group held its inaugural event - an evening reception at The Oxford and Cambridge club with guest speaker, former master, Sir Brian Pitman. The evening was designed as a 'Been There Done That' event which allowed Sir Brian to impart some

of his knowledge to the younger members and their guests and to enhance young membership and participation.

Within the very personal setting of the O&C club's King Edward room, Sir Brian Pitman, who has been hailed as 'the most influential banker of the last 20 years' provided a wonderful and immensely accurate account of previous significant market events and economic cycles. His poignant and salient observations of the current liquidity crisis and lessons of innovation within industries were all noted by the small but intimate gathering of 30 members and guests.

An hour of spontaneous commentary, followed by a small Q&A session, left the audience in both great admiration of Sir Brian but also a strong sense of pride and interest in what it meant to be a member of the livery company. Not only were we incredibly lucky to hear Sir Brian but also to have had the presence of Bob Wigley, Middle Warden, meant the evening had a "two for the price of one" feeling! Bob outlined his intentions to enhance young and female membership during his mastership in the near future. Together, Sir Brian and Bob made for a perfectly unique experience, to which, we will no doubt see a marked number of student and associate applications in the coming weeks!!

As well as social events, the Associate group is very committed to encouraging younger members to become involved in the Company's charitable activities. We have permanent representation on the Schools Working Group Committee and Associates have been heavily involved in a variety schemes, including sitting on the judging panels in the recent Business Challenge at Haverstock School. Going forward we are looking for more Associates to become involved through mentoring and on panels with our various initiatives. Please contact James Howl for information on current opportunities.

As ever, we are always looking to increase our Associate member's base. Please do bring younger colleagues and potential members along to our events. We look forward to meeting them.

Literature Corner

One of our members Catherine Smith-Mason an already well known and respected writer, known for her books on finance and many other matters has written a radical new biography of Robert Burns. As it also includes observations on how he survived the repeated credit

crunches of the late 18th century, it suggests some ways forward for our own time!

To get more on Catherine's book, visit www.circlepublications.com

The City of London Sea Cadets

On the 29th July 2008 the Clerk, Bill Whitehead and Danny Cox visited the City of London Sea Cadet Unit which is based aboard HMS Belfast. The visit formed part of an exercise to try and find a uniformed youth organisation that the Company could establish a long term affiliation with.

To coincide with the visit Captain John Kingwell, Royal Navy was invited to attend in order to carry out a formal inspection. After a very warm welcome by the Commanding Officer Chief Petty Officer Paul Townsend and the Committee of the unit, Tim, Bill and Danny accompanied Captain Kingwell on the inspection, and were then shown some of the activities the cadet partake in during a number of staged evolutions performed by the cadets and staff of the unit. At the end of the night the Company presented a £500 cheque to the unit and have agreed to retain close links with them going forward.



Cadets marching in the Lord Mayors Show

The Sea Cadet Corp has probably the longest history of any youth organisation in the country. It can be traced back to 1852, the time of the Crimea War. Due to a high loss of life in the war an orphanage was set up in Whitstable enlisting the help of sailors who had also returned from Crimea.



Commodore SR Kirby CO of HMS Collingwood inspecting the City of London Guard at the HMS HOOD Service held at Boldre Church near Lymington.

The City of London unit was founded in 1927 but little is known until 1967 where it was known as The City of London and St Clements Danes and the unit drilled in Portugal St WC2.

In 1973 the present unit dropped the St Clement Danes name when they were invited by the past Commander Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles to "come on board" HMS Belfast to keep the ship alive so the Naval Uniform would be seen by visitors.

The unit was affiliated with HMS London until she was decommissioned in 1999. It is now affiliated with HMS Argyll and each year, operational tempo permitting, selected cadets and staff are able to spend time aboard her.

The City of London unit parades on Tuesday and Friday nights, other activities occur on weekends when the cadets participate in further training either at district or area level.

The cadets are regularly seen at a variety of formal occasions, namely the Lord Mayor's show, the Seafarers service at St Paul's, and at various functions as Guard of Honour.



The cadets have an active life within the corps engaging in activities such as rock climbing, 5 a side football, athletics, abseiling and adventure training. They also have the opportunity of gaining qualifications in a variety of disciplines from first aid to camping and Expedition Training, as well as the traditional waterborne skills and seamanship expected of sea cadets. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and BTEC qualifications are all well subscribed.

This year City of London and Newham unit drill team won first place in the London area unarmed drill competition at Tooting. It was the first time in over twenty years that the unit has made it through to the national drill competition.

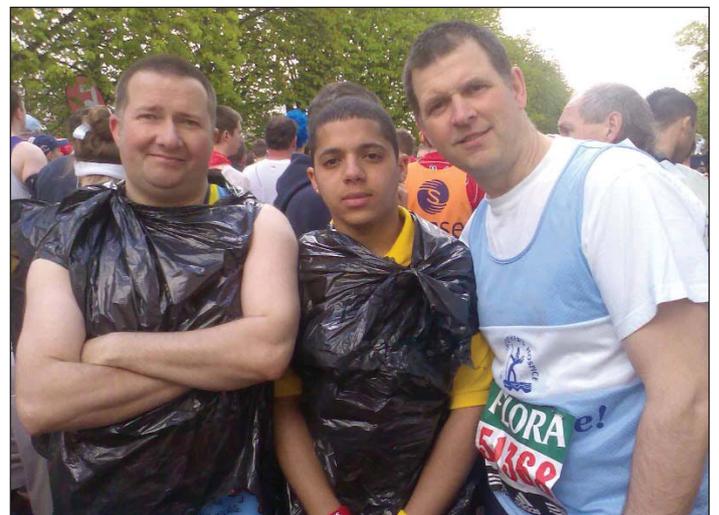


The London area unarmed drill competition



RNLI hosts the unit every year during the HMS Hood Memorial Service activities. The weekend is well attended by both staff and cadets.

Mr Garry Payne (right) Chairman of the P &SA (City Of London), Lt Cdr (SCC) Mark Macey RNR (left) District Training Officer (North East District) and PO Salawu, Instructor (centre) all ran in the 2008 London Marathon raising monies for the unit and other deserving charities, approximately £1500 was raised.



WCIB Golf Society by Cliff Knowlden

In July a team of 4 represented the Company in an inter livery golf event at Hartley Wintney. The Ray Jeffs Cup has established itself as a very enjoyable and sociable Livery Companies competition as well as a successful charity event and in its first eight years over £27,000 has been raised to help schools in the Inner London area to set up Duke of Edinburgh's Award schemes. Our team that day was, Cliff Knowlden plus Michael Bowles, John Nestor and Peter Chapman. 25 teams took part and with the best 2 stableford scores to count per hole- our team scored 92 points and finished joint 4th. The competition was won by the Spectacle Makers 97, followed by the Insurers 95 and Farriers "B" 93.

Our final golf event for the year took place on 7th October at the fabulous Swinley Forest Golf Club. The weather forecast for the day was truly horrendous so it was with some misgivings that we all arrived in the Clubhouse for our coffee and bacon rolls. In fact, in the main morning singles competition we had only 4 holes when we were in heavy rain. It then poured down whilst we were having lunch but abated allowing all of us to play again in the afternoon with probably only 3-4 holes in rain.

The event was Cliff Knowlden's last as Society Captain and Michael Bowles will take over as your Captain at the next AGM (in March 2009).

As to the results at Swinley Forest, it was good to see some new faces (both members and guests) and "the new boys" did well!

In the morning singles (for the De la Barre and Autumn Trophies), the winner was Biff Bowman (his first appearance) with 38 points, with Christian Klein 2nd on 35 points and Jonathan King 3rd on 34. Biff and John Watts (guest of Robbie Kerr) won the 2 nearest pin prizes. The Guest prize was won by Wayne Savill (guest of Stephen Partridge) on 35 points with Inge Vaksjold (Jonathan King's guest) 2nd on 33 points (a really good score given that he played only 15 holes). Michael Bowles won the Korts Salver with 33 points. The afternoon pairs greensome competition over 13 holes had a very close result with Jacques Delacave and Michael

Bowles winning on 28 points, closely pursued by Tony Rhodes (1st appearance) and Tony Tucker who had 27 points.

The Mallory Trophy was awarded to Keith Kanaga. This is to the highest scoring player across our 3 events. Keith won with his 39 points scored at Walton Heath in March.



Pictured above from the left are Michael Bowles with Korts Salver, Biff Bowman with the Autumn Trophy and Keith Kanaga with the Mallory Trophy.

It was nice to see David Potter playing again at Swinley after a rather nasty accident mid year. Welcome back David. A few others had injuries during the year and we wish them all well and hope to see them at one or more of next year's events.

For your diaries the dates are:

March 24th	Walton Heath (AGM) and Golf
May 7th	New Zealand Golf Club
October 8th	Swinley Forest Golf Club

Thank you for the support you have all given me in my 2 years as Captain- it was great fun.

Gaye's Events Diary

Angela Knight Chief Executive of the BBA was our guest speaker at a breakfast event for our lady members sponsored by Withers on 26th June (I was told I had to call it the "Women's" event and we have "women" members. Personally I was brought up a lady and that is how I am staying!)

Angela was an inspirational speaker and had her audience in thrall. She manages to be self deprecating, funny but also analytical with clear solutions to problems even if, as she admitted, they are not always achievable. She talked about her political career at the Treasury and gave a hilarious

description of being summoned to No 10 by John Major and offered a job responsible for the National Debt which she told him she knew nothing about – she got the job! She cited banking as one of the four global UK successes (wonder if she still thinks that!) – the others? Law, pharmaceuticals, defence. She spoke about the Northern Rock fiasco and failure of the Bank of England, FSA and Treasury to comment publicly on TV when the crisis broke leaving her as the only willing spokesman. (I would love to have been a fly on the wall when she told those organisations at senior level what she thought!) Northern Rock had not, she said, "served either

the UK or the banking industry". I was heartened to hear that she thinks the right people in the right positions do take the right decisions and that she has high hopes of the expertise of the House of Lords who have "thinkers" – the Commons? Forget it – far too political!

The visit by 20 Chinese students from Jiangtao University, Shanghai on 10th July has already been reported. However, one thing rather stuck in my mind: during the visit to the Mansion House the Lord Mayor was asked how long he thought it would take for Shanghai to become an international financial centre – his response was 20 years which I am not sure went down all that well!

On July 14th Bob Wigley kindly hosted a barbecue on the roof terrace at Merrill Lynch. This is a fun event and I think he is beginning to set a precedent as it is so enjoyable. The lavender has grown even more and this year the rain did manage to keep away. Bob was upbeat about the financial sector – ML was doing great he said, commodity business going "like the clappers". I did notice, however, that last year's large retinue of HR staff were not quite so much in evidence recruiting guests to work at ML! It was though an extremely enjoyable evening and is clearly a favourite for our members.

Simon Walker, Chief Executive of the British Venture Capital Association was our guest speaker at a "working" lunch on 22nd July at JP Morgan. Simon was forthright about the state of private equity voicing his concern about what he saw as the "regulatory creep". He said the Americans were now hinting that the welcome mat was looking a bit shabby in London and this needed to be addressed if London was to retain its position at the forefront of international financial services – he was charged with ensuring the mat remained "fresh and bristling"!

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, was our guest speaker at the Court Installation Dinner on 24th September at Drapers' Hall. He always seems to attract the media so it was not surprising we were bombarded with calls from the press and TV wanting to attend, and in the case of the BBC, send a camera team (I was privately mortified at having to turn them all down. I had a new frock; I could have been on TV, and the frock shop would probably have given me free goodies for ever for the publicity – what a missed opportunity!). The Archbishop certainly has a sense of humour; his middle name, he said, was Mugabi – I ba gum backwards!

It was to be expected in the financial turmoil that the Archbishop would be characteristically straight talking, and the "Alice in Wonderland world of global finance" and short sellers lambasted as "bank robbers and asset strippers" was all good stuff and got widely reported in the press. For me personally, however, his argument that if the US could raise \$700 billion to bail out the banks how could they say action for the poorest on the planet, when \$5 billion would save 6 million children's lives, was too expensive, could not be challenged. He continued with his appeal for the "Deposit the Difference" scheme whereby everyone could contribute by topping up any purchase with a few pennies to the nearest pound and deposit the difference into a fund for educating

the poor children of the world. The Master subsequently said WCIB would see what could be done in this regard.

After the ritual changing of badges, Henry Angest became the eighth Master of the Company – "Henry the Eighth" - well I am sure there is no comparison with the historical king! The new Master spoke about safeguarding the prosperity of the City and speaking up when necessary.

We were sumptuously entertained by the Swiss Ambassador at his residence on 8th October. The event was for members to meet the new Master. The Ambassador borrowed Harold Macmillan's famous phrase "a little local difficulty" to describe the current economic situation which I liked. I also liked the Residence – wonderful pictures – I could get used to that, no problem! The evening was extremely enjoyable and we all appreciated the Ambassador's generosity.

The Hon Mary Jo Jacobi talked to members and guests about the forthcoming US Election at our Autumn Cocktail Party on 16th October. This was held at HSBC's private bank in St James's – dubbed the "last bank standing" it was a superb venue. (I wonder if this last bank standing has any truth and if I should transfer my millions!!).

Mary Jo was an excellent speaker, articulate, humorous and extremely well informed she had her audience hanging on her every word. She spoke about the US electoral process, the large number of parties in existence (I rather liked the Vampires Witches and Pagan Party!), and the strengths and weaknesses of both candidates and the issues they faced. She described Obama as bright, articulate and self assured, felt Mc Cain had rather overstated the heroics but defended Sarah Palin as "having done what she was put there to do". She felt, although Warren Buffet might make an excellent Treasury Secretary, the necessity to declare all his assets would give the lawyers a field day – let alone the potential conflicts of interest! Everyone enjoyed themselves and her comments gave plenty of food for thought.

The Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace is my favourite annual outing and I enjoyed our visit there on 27th October. The Assistant Curator who presented the exhibition was so enthusiastic she got us all fired up about the Flemish Masters. There were wonderful Bruegels, van Dycks and Rubens to admire. Although I have to confess I find Pieter Bruegel The Elder's Massacre of the Innocents (acquired by Charles II) slightly spooky it was fascinating to see the over painting of the children slaughtered by King Herald. There was marvellous Rockingham and Chelsea china to admire and I did see a diamond and pearl necklace and garter belonging to Prince Albert which, although might have been a bit overdressed for Tesco's, would have done nicely for the Banquet!

Lord Forsyth of Drumlean was our guest speaker at Pewterer's Hall on 19th November. He made some good points (with which I whole heartedly agreed): "the public finances are a shambles, the Government is addicted to spending; the UK tax system is spiralling out of democratic control, the magnitude of the disaster likely to await the next Government after the election is now becoming abundantly clear". I was really shocked when he stated the Government

had spent £790 million on quango jobs, what are all those guys doing? I heard comment that he was too political, but if one asks a politician to speak, I mean what do you expect?!

Sir John Gieve, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, was our guest speaker at a business lunch on 11th December. He covered a lot of ground, conceding the financial sector was in a mess which was having a damaging effect on the rest of the economy, seeing the biggest banks run out of money was unprecedented and the outlook for 2009 was "awful". On a more positive note he reminded everyone that London had enjoyed a "tremendous" decade until 2007. He intimated that the Bank had seen a problem coming but the scale had been worse than expected (I have a good idea; ask Robert Peston to look into his crystal ball, he always seems to be rather well informed!).

A visit to the College of Arms took place on 20th January 2009. On the day of the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States of America, the 44th Herald talked about the ancient institute of Heraldry and its continued role in the 21st century. One of our members sent me the following

comments: "If you think that heraldry is firmly a feature of the past, look at the grant of arms of Elton John (featuring CDs and piano keys), Cliff Richard (a nightingale on the cliff). Everyone particularly noted the coat of arms featuring six fishnet clad stockings that one widow commissioned for her husband who in his capacity as a judge allegedly had to deal with representatives of the world's most ancient profession!"

As I sign off I am looking forward to:

- Dinner at The Mansion House on 17th March with Mervyn King, Governor of the Bank of England as guest speaker
- Dinner at Brewers' Hall on 21st April when General Timothy Granville-Chapman, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff will speak about Afghanistan
- A visit to the Old Bailey on 29th April (including the famous – or infamous – Court No 1) and Reception in the Sheriffs' Dining Room by kind invitation from Alderman Roger Gifford

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Mr Alderman Ian Luder Lord Mayor of the City of London 2008/2009

Mr Alderman Ian Luder was elected as the 681st Lord Mayor of the City of London on Monday 29th September and took office on Friday 7th November 2008. As Lord Mayor he will promote the Square Mile as the world's leading international financial and business centre, and his project will be sponsoring the spread of financial literacy.

Alderman Luder was born in London and educated at Haberdashers' Aske's School and University College London where he studied Economics and Economic History. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant and as a Chartered Tax Adviser with Arthur Andersen and is a tax and financial planning specialist. He was a partner in Arthur Andersen from 1989 to 2002, heading their Private Client Practice for over a decade. Since 2002 he has been a partner with Grant Thornton UK LLP, specialising in the tax affairs of professional partnerships and their partners, professional Institutions and Charities, as well as internationally mobile executives. His client base has included many global partnerships.

Ian has always been interested in tax policy issues and served on the Council of the Chartered Institute of Taxation from 1983 to 1997. He had a period chairing its Technical Committee, which is responsible for the formulation of technical representations to Government, and was President in 1994-95, the year it was awarded its Royal Charter.

Alderman Luder has been an elected Member of a local authority since he was 25. He was elected to the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Without in 1998, and, following boundary changes in 2003, for the Ward of Castle Baynard, for which he was elected as Alderman in

May 2005. He was Chairman of the Corporation's Finance Committee from January 2003 to April 2006 and has also served on the Police and Establishment Committees.

Alderman Luder is on the Court of his mother Livery, the Worshipful Company of Coopers and is a founder member and Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers. He is also the Sponsoring Alderman of the Guild of Arts Scholars, Dealers and Collectors. He is a member of the MCC, the City Livery Club, the Royal Society of St George and the Guild of Freemen.

Alderman Luder is associated with many charities, and was Chairman of the Trustees of TaxAid, the charity which provides tax advice to those unable to afford representation. He was one of the City appointed Trustees of the City Parochial Foundation from 1999 to 2007 and is a Governor of the Royal Veterinary College. From 2002-08 he was Deputy Chairman and senior Non-Executive Director of Homerton University NHS Foundation Trust, and has just completed a term as an independent member of the Audit Committee of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. He is a member of the Strategic Management Board of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors and he sits as a City magistrate.

Alderman Luder's wife Lin heads the IT function of a City-based US law firm and is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Companies of Fletchers and Carmen. She was Chairman of her Ward Club, Coleman Street, in 2005/06.

When away from work and City matters, Alderman Luder relaxes by watching Rugby and Cricket and by gardening.