



The Cutler

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Two honoured by Company



His Honour Judge
Peter Beaumont QC
Common Serjeant of London

The Honorary Freedom and Livery of the Company have been conferred upon His Honour Judge Peter Beaumont QC, following his appointment to the office of Common Serjeant of London, and to Keith Hinde who retired in April after completing 25 years service as Clerk to the Company. Judge Peter Beaumont is the 78th holder of the office of Common Serjeant and succeeded His Honour Neil Denison who retired in March. The office has existed since the 13th century, when the holder of the title was originally responsible for acting as advocate for the commoners. Today The Common Serjeant is the second most senior resident judge sitting at the Old Bailey, beneath the Recorder of London, and tries many of the most serious cases. Judge Peter Beaumont was educated at the University of Zimbabwe and was called to the Bar in 1967. He has been a Circuit Judge since 1989 and was a member of the parole Board from 1992 to 1997. He is a governor of Felstead School and a member of the Travellers Club.



Keith Hinde OBE TD MA
Clerk 1976–2001

He is married with a son and daughter and includes golf and gardening among his recreational interests. In common with several of those who served as Clerk before him Keith Hinde practised as a solicitor throughout the time he was in office. He is also a Liveryman and Past Master of the Solicitors Company. A keen historian, he wrote a miscellany of the Company's history and has recently compiled a list of apprentices indentured since 1575. He served for 30 years as Honorary Solicitor to the King George's Fund for Sailors and was awarded the OBE for his services to that charity and to the Company in 1997. As a token of their appreciation the Court of Assistants presented him with an inscribed silver salver, and a portrait of him has been commissioned by the Company for Cutlers' Hall. Keith now intends to devote more time to his longstanding, if somewhat unusual, interest in Fenland drainage systems. The Company wishes him and his wife Gill a long and happy retirement.

The Master



At the July Court meeting Mr. David Barnes was installed as Master for the ensuing year. He is married with a daughter and a son who is also a liveryman of the Company. David Barnes was educated at Eastbourne College and Writtle College in Essex. He is the proprietor of a family owned farm in Kent which is devoted to fruit growing and market gardening. He formerly held office in the National Farmers Union and is a member of the Farmers Club. He is an avid golfer and a member of the Royal St. George's Golf Club and the Lucifer Golfing Society. He was admitted to the Livery in 1968 and joined the Court in 1995. In the course of his year he is keen to try and increase the Company's charitable funds and to encourage liverymen to become more actively involved in Company activities. His nominated charities are the Prostate Cancer Charity and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

London to Brussels on two wheels

On August Bank Holiday weekend Mr. Liveryman David Butler assembled with 28 other cyclists in Guildhall Yard prior to embarking on a sponsored ride to Brussels in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal. His family were there to offer last minute encouragement and the Master and the Clerk also attended to wave him farewell. Over the next four days the participants braved all weathers to reach their destination. On entering Brussels the cyclists evidently misread their map and found themselves riding the wrong way up several one way streets, much to the amusement of the crowd. Thanks to the generosity of his sponsors David succeeded in raising over £3000 for the Barts Centre of Excellence.



Mr. Liveryman David Butler (centre) with other riders in Guildhall Yard

Ophthalmologist wins coveted Surgical Award Prize



From l. to r. The Junior Warden, Mr. Sal Rassam, The Master, Dr. Jenny Gattuso, Dr. Barbara Jemec, and the Senior Warden

A mathematical model of the human eye, designed by **Mr. Sal Rassam FRCOphth** to facilitate the design of microsurgical instruments, was the winning entry in this year's Surgical Award competition. The Award is made annually by the Company for outstanding innovation in surgical technology and has become recognized by the medical profession as one of the most prestigious of its kind. The Award was established in 1981 by Past Master Tony Clarke, who took a very active part in its development, firstly through the Association of Surgeons and more recently through the Royal College of Surgeons, up until his death earlier this year. Entries are assessed by a panel of judges nominated by the Royal College and representatives of the other leading medical colleges. The winner receives a cash prize and the Company's silver medal which will in future be known as 'The Clarke Medal' in memory of the Award's founder. Mr. Rassam received his prize at the annual Surgical Awards Dinner in March. Members of the Livery who attended that dinner will be aware that the Court has also established a Surgical Fellowship this year to mark the new Millennium. The Fellowship is designed to enable recently qualified surgeons from The Barts and Royal London Hospitals Group, who intend to specialize in a particular field, to study at hospitals outside the United Kingdom and improve their surgical techniques. Fellowships were awarded this year to **Dr Jenny Gattuso**, a cancer specialist, and to **Dr Barbara Jemec**, who is a specialist in the reanimation of nerves and tissue procedures. Dr. Gattuso is using the funding she received to study new techniques and refinements in the management of breast cancer at the Institut Curie in Paris. Dr. Jemec has travelled to the United States and is studying surgical methods of treating facial palsy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. The charitable funds which enable these awards to be made, are contributed by the Livery either directly, or by donations and bequests. With a view to building up the funds, members of the Livery attending the Surgical Awards Dinner are asked to make a donation to the Fund. The Royal College of Surgeons is keen to continue its association with the Surgical Award competition and the Barts and Royal London Hospital Group has

warmly welcomed the new Surgical Fellowship, not least for the very practical help that it will give to outstanding young surgeons. The Company has always valued its connection with the medical profession, starting with the Barber Surgeons, and the Surgical Award has become the modern day successor to that historical link. It provides a practical demonstration of the relevance of our Company in a modern world by making a real contribution to advancements in both surgical instrumentation and surgical techniques. Advances in surgery involving less invasive procedures, together with laser technology, will make the surgical fellowships even more relevant in the future and will move the focus of the Surgical Award away from traditional surgical instruments to embrace IT based procedures. Responsibility for co-ordinating these awards on behalf of the Company is now being undertaken by the new Senior Warden, Richard Regan.

Seven students given the 'Boot'

Seven students are currently venturing abroad after being awarded *Boot* travelling scholarships at the start of the academic year. **Nicholas Gill**, formerly of City of London School, is currently studying German at the Goethe Institut in Berlin. In January he will be moving on to Paris where he will be studying French at the Sorbonne. **Abigail Pattison** of Aston University and **Rebecca Wills** of Bristol University are also in Berlin as members of a Global Action Team organised by the Oasis Trust. Both are reading German at university and, whilst helping to support young disadvantaged people, hope to improve their knowledge of the language. Further afield, **Selina Marshall** of Lancaster University and **Kate Drury** of Oxford University are both in Mexico furthering their knowledge of Spanish and the Mexican culture. **Ruth Ferguson** who is studying Hispanic studies and Politics at Sheffield University is to spend one semester at the University of Havana in Cuba before moving on to Guatemala where she will be helping underprivileged children and improving her Spanish. Finally, **James Tringham** has travelled to China where he hopes to learn to speak Chinese and experience the oriental culture. On the return journey he intends to stay in Russia and develop his knowledge of the language before taking up a place at St. Andrews University next year. The scholarships, which are awarded annually in July, are funded out of a bequest made by Captain Francis George Boot, a benefactor of the Company and Master in 1894. They are available to school leavers and first year undergraduates who wish to travel abroad for a minimum of six months to learn a foreign language and to increase their understanding of the local culture. Applicants who meet the entry criteria are shortlisted for interview by a panel of judges chaired by the Master. Application forms for next year are available from the Clerk and the closing date for entries is June 2002.

Company fêted by Guild of Smiths in Zurich

Members of the Company have visited Zurich on two occasions during the past year, as guests of the *Zunft zur Schmiden* - the Guild of Smiths. In April the then Master, Richard Mais, accompanied by his wife, Jan, were invited to participate in the annual spring festival of *Sechseläuten*. Arriving in a snowstorm they transferred to their hotel where they met up with the Master and Mistress Cutler of Hallamshire, Vernon and Patsy Smith. On the Sunday they watched the colourful childrens' parade. The following day the Master and the Master Cutler of Hallamshire joined members of the *Zunft* in processing through the streets of Zurich. With



The Master, David Barnes, presenting the Zunftmeister, Jürg Guggisberg, with the Company's flag



Sechseläuten - The Childrens' Parade

over 7000 participants clad in traditional costume, 28 brass bands, brightly decorated carriages and floats, and over 500 horses, the parade is one of the largest and most colourful in Europe. En route they received bunches of flowers from the spectators including their respective wives. The parade traditionally ends in *Sechseläutenplatz* where in the centre of the square stands the effigy of the *Boogg* on top of a huge bonfire. *Boogg* is the name of the white straw man who is traditionally burnt in public at the stroke of 6 o'clock as a symbol of the banishing of Old Man Winter and the return of Spring. The Company's association with the *Zunft zur Schmiden* began in 1984 when Alderman Sir Alan Traill, a Past Master of the Company, took office as Lord Mayor and when several of the Guilds from Zurich participated in the Lord Mayor's Show. Since then successive Masters have participated in the *Sechseläuten* Festival and have enjoyed the warm

friendship and generous hospitality afforded them by members of the *Zunft*. In late September 22 members of the Company and their ladies also spent a memorable weekend as guests of the *Zunft*. On the first night of their stay they visited the Guild's own smithey where the present Master was invited to try his hand at the anvil. With great dexterity he fashioned a poker out of wrought iron. The following day the group were taken to Kyburg for a tour of the 13th century castle and its museum. In the evening everyone dressed up and made their way to the Guild's own hall for a superb banquet. After the first course had been cleared the Guild's 50 piece band entered the Hall and entertained everyone with a wide repertoire of rousing music. During dinner gifts were exchanged and the Master presented the *Zunftmeister* with a specially designed flag bearing the



En route to Bad Osterfingen in a 'Deux Chevaux'



The Master Cutlers of London and Hallamshire toast one another after the Sechseläuten parade

Company's coat of arms. On the Sunday everyone was taken across the border into Germany for a journey on the celebrated Pig Tail Railway. The railway climbs several hundred feet along a spiral track in and out of a series of tunnels. At the terminus a reception was enjoyed in the signal box before switching to another mode of transport for the return journey. Five horse-drawn carriages were awaiting the group, each equipped with a picnic to provide everyone with sustenance along the way. Winding through the countryside with panoramic views of the valley beneath and the sloping vineyards, the caravan wended its way down to Bad Osterfingen where a final supper was enjoyed before everyone said their goodbyes.

The New Clerk



At the April Court meeting John Allen was elected Clerk to the Company. He is only the 23rd. person to hold this office in the history of the Company. Educated at Epsom College and the University of Portsmouth, he is married with a son and daughter. As a liveryman and Past Master of the Fan Makers Company, he is no stranger to the Livery and hopes to be able to put his experience to good use in the course of serving the Cutlers. Unlike several previous occupants of his office he is not a practising solicitor. He does, however, have some knowledge of criminal law having served for thirty years with the Metropolitan Police. Latterly, he occupied a senior

managerial position within the Royalty Protection Department and retired from the service in 1998. He and his wife Sue reside with their family near Epsom in Surrey. He can now be contacted by e-mail at clerk@cutlerslondon.co.uk

Diary Dates

21 February 2002

City of London Briefing
5pm at Old Library Guildhall
For new Liverymen and Freeman

25 February 2002

Inter-Livery Bridge Competition
Drapers' Hall

13 May 2002

Inter-Livery Swimathon
RAC Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom

16 May 2002

The Prince Arthur of Connaught Cup
Inter-Livery Golf Tournament at
Walton Heath.

22 May 2002

Inter-Livery Clay Shoot at
Holland & Holland shooting grounds

6 July 2002

Inter-Livery Sailing Competition
at Rutland Water

Further information about each of the above events can be obtained from the Clerk

Obituaries

William Anthony Clarke

Members of the Company were saddened to receive the news that Past Master Tony Clarke had died in hospital in April. Tony Clarke was admitted to the Livery in 1952. He joined the Court in 1976 and was elected Master in 1980. He was also a Past Master of the Horners' Company and was an active member of both Courts up until shortly before his death. He served with the Fleet Air Arm, as a pilot officer, during World War II and, in accordance with his wishes, his ashes were scattered at sea. He is survived by his wife Nancy, who is a Freeman of the Company, his son George, who was admitted to the Livery by patrimony in 1975, and his daughter Elizabeth. A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate in September.

It is with great regret that we also record the loss of the following members of the Company.

Edward Buchanan Young Ernest Harold Carr Harper

Lt. Commander Peter Edward Rous-Moore

Comments, suggestions and articles for inclusion in future issues of the Company's newsletter should be forwarded to The Editor, The Cutler, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane, London EC4M 7BR, or by e-mail to editor@cutlerslondon.co.uk

And finally.....

Although my term of office ended in July, I retain many lasting memories of a most enjoyable and rewarding year. It has been a tremendous pleasure and privilege for me and my wife, Jan, to represent the Company, both at home and abroad, and we have made many new friends in the process. My diary tells its own story. I find that I have attended a total of 10 Court meetings, 16 other Committee and working party meetings, 11 church services, the elections of the Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor at Common Hall, the Lord Mayor's Show, 14 other functions, and numerous lunches and dinners. When presiding at dinner I have used a total of 20 different graces, all drawn from Pam Robertson's excellent little book, *Pocket Graces*. Not all the functions have been confined to London. In addition to attending the Sechseläuten festivities in Zurich, I have dined in Richmond, North Yorkshire, as a guest of the Fellmongers, and in Sheffield as a guest of the Cutlers of Hallamshire. I have visited City of London Freeman's School at Ashted and King Edwards School, Witley, and have even attended a reception at Bisley Camp as the guest of 'B' Company, The London Regiment, with whom the Company is

affiliated. I have visited the Sail Training Association, the Sea Cadets and Kent Air Ambulance, and presented cheques on behalf of the Company. The visit to Zurich was undoubtedly



*The Hon. Richard Mais
Master 2000-2001*

the highlight of the year closely followed by our own Boar's Head Feast in December when we traditionally entertain the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs. A service in St. Paul's to celebrate the 500th. Anniversary of the Musicians Company, and a dinner in Guildhall followed by Beating Retreat to mark the Plaisterers' quincentenary were both memorable events. I greatly appreciate the support that I have received from all quarters and especially from my two Wardens, the learned Clerk and the Beadle. I have also valued the advice and assistance that have been given to me by members of the Court. In conclusion, I should like to congratulate my successor, David Barnes. I know you will all want to join me in wishing him and his wife, Ann, every success during the remainder of their year.