

NEWSLETTER



The Worshipful
Company of
Arbitrators

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Members News,
Don't miss:

THE MASTER'S LECTURE

Wednesday 14th March 2012

You are reminded that this event will be held at the offices of Herbert Smith on Wednesday 14 March 2012. Places are "selling out" fast so you are recommended to book very soon.

For tickets please contact
ebrowne@keatingchambers.com

City Briefings

The next is on 2nd May, they last from 5.30pm-7.30pm, and they are designed as an introduction to the City of London and its relationship with the Livery Companies. Experience has shown that they seem equally interesting to new freemen as to court assistants. Spouses and partners are also welcome at the four City Briefings arranged each year. The other dates this year are 9 October and 19 November 2012 and all briefings are held at the Livery Hall in Guildhall.

There is a nominal charge of £10 per head. For more information and to book go to <http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org.uk>

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

The Annual Banquet

The Company's Annual Banquet was held at Mansion House on Monday 20th February with the Master and Wardens hosting Alderman The Lord Levene of Portsoken KBE (Lord Mayor Locum Tenens) and Lady Levene, Sheriff Wendy Mead, the Rt Hon The Lord Woolf (Principal Guest) and Lady Woolf, the Attorney-General, the Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, and Mrs Grieve, Sir Robert and Lady Akenhead and Dr & Mrs Pierre Karrer. More than 150 attended and enjoyed an excellent 4-course meal. In the speeches, the Master focused on the two objects of the Company in promoting Private Dispute Resolution and in supporting the Lord Mayor, the City of London Corporation and the Sheriffs; Lord Levene reinforced, in typically forthright style, the importance of traditional City values in the present troubled world, the Senior Warden introduced the guests with a mix of wit and ingenious research and Lord Woolf spoke to the importance of PDR and the valuable role the company and its members were playing. The evening was 'made' by the sterling efforts of the Clerk, the Toastmaster, the Beadle and the Mansion House staff.



The Master, Wardens, their Ladies and Guests at the Mansion House Banquet



Royal Charter

The Master collected the Charter, scrivened (i.e. hand-painted) on vellum on 16th February and delivered it in person to the Privy Council Office for proof-reading against the "official" text, after which it will be sent to the Crown Office for sealing. To our considerable relief, the Charter passed proof-reading! (NB – you cannot use Tip-Ex on vellum). See the photo on the left; note that the large space at the foot of the page is for the Great Seal of State.

Dates for your diary:

UNITED GUILDS SERVICE, ST
PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Friday, 23rd March 2012

COURT MEETING AND SPRING
LUNCH, TALLOW CHANDLERS'
HALL

Thursday 19th April 2012

ROYAL CHARTER CELEBRATIONS,
PLASTERERS' HALL

Arrangements for the
Commemorative Banquet are being
finalised and details will be circulated
to Members as soon as they are
available

Monday 14th May 2012

CONCERT AT ST MARY-LE-BOW

Wednesday 13th June 2012

ELECTION OF SHERIFFS

Monday 25th June 2012

COURT MEETING, ANNUAL
SERVICE AND INFORMAL SUPPER
AT A VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT

Wednesday 11th July 2012

MASTER'S WEEKEND IN
EDINBURGH

**Friday 21-Sunday 23 September
2012**

Further details of all events, with
details of how to book your place can
be found on the company website,
www.arbitratorscompany.org

YOUR NEW EDITOR

Your new newsletter and website editor
is Murray Armes and he can be
contacted by email at [marmes@probyn-
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Murray would like to thank the previous
Newsletter editor Matt Molloy and
website editor Chris Dancaaster for all
their previous efforts over the last few
years and for helping to ease him into
his new role.

If you have any items for inclusion in
the Newsletter or for the website please
contact Murray.

MEDIATION SKILLS COMPETITION FOR UK STUDENTS 2012

The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators is delighted to announce the prize winners in its second UK Mediation Skills contest held in London between 13th and 15th January 2012, which was won by Leah Angelle Boyer and Ryan O'Donnell of London Metropolitan University. They travelled to Paris in February to take part in the ICC Seventh International Commercial Mediation Competition. The runners up in an extremely close final were Joanne Grey and Catherine Maclaine from Northumbria University, who so impressed the ICC that they were invited to take part in Paris after another team dropped out. The Master's Award for the best relationship building with the other team went to the University of the West of England represented by Sophie Beesley and Natasha Bellinger. The CIARB President's Prize for best advocacy skills was won by Richard Collins and Anjum Kasmani from City University London

The Paris competition has been described as 'like London, only on steroids'. It is longer (5 days) and larger with 66 teams this year from 30 countries and over 50 different nationalities taking part. This year there were 5 UK teams competing. Both our two finalists did very well, putting in very bright, spirited and determined performances and reaching the last 16. Their performance clearly benefitted from their participation in the Company's competition in London and much of what they learnt in London was channelled into their performances. Teams from Bar Illan University, Israel and South Texas College of Law battled it out in the final of the ICC competition with the latter eventually winning the competition overall.

INTER-LIVERY PANCAKE RACES

The Company entered a team in the 8th running of these races, held in Guildhall Yard by kind permission of the Chief Commoner and organised by the Poulterers' Company in conjunction with the Cook & Butler with support from the Gunmakers and the Clockmakers. Teams are of four, (i) the Master or a Warden (ii) a Liveryman (iii) a lady (member or wife of member) and (iv) any member in novelty (i.e. fancy) dress. Masters have to run fully-robed, badged etc The highlight of the Company's day was the brilliant achievement of the Master's Lady in winning her heat by a large margin, then finishing 2nd in the first running of the Ladies Final but, on the re-run (the organisers set the Final up wrongly) she came a highly creditable 3rd. Assistant Molloy was up against some very professional looking athletes disguised as Liveryman and finished a good 2nd in his heat. The Junior Warden clucked his way into Guildhall in the most ingenious of fancy dress but had some difficulty seeing out of his mask so was beaten by better-sighted runners. The Master led his heat out of the final pancake toss but lost traction on the Guildhall Yard paving and, on being caught by the Master Loriner, made a desperate dive for the finish line and, in doing so, finished horizontally [no photo available]. The Clerk acted as a very efficient Team Manager and the Senior Warden and Beadle were in attendance.



A Cluck Away From Victory?

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