

The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators

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Christmas 2003 Newsletter.

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE

It seems much more than 30 days since that splendid Installation Dinner, attended by a record 112 Members and guests, so much has happened since.

Firstly laying the Company's Cross in St Paul's Garden of Remembrance, then marching with the Wardens and Past Master Mackie in the Lord Mayor's Show, (my grandchildren loved it, an excellent test,) and finally processing in St Paul's for the St Cecilia's service. The choir augmented from Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral sang beautifully. 20 Members of the Livery thoroughly enjoyed an excellent lunch at Guildhall afterwards.

Now to the future. The Carol Service is on December 8th at St Mary-le-Bow with the Constructors Company. We must beat them in the singing stakes, so please a great turnout and lusty singing.

Fortunately the Mansion House Banquet falls on a Friday this year, February 20th. Waking with a sore head

head is positively agreeable on a Saturday. Martin Nourse, recently retired from the Court of Appeal, is replying for the Guests. He is a wit and his speech will delight all. Guess what. He is planning a second career as an Arbitrator. Is nothing sacred?

It will be a wonderful occasion. Do come.

Yorkshire this year: next year we visit Somerset from April 16-18. On Saturday we shall visit Forde Abbey. Candida Lycett-Green says this beautiful home of the Roper family, once a Cistercian Monastery, is "one of the ten best places in England", and its gardens are world famous. In the evening we hope to hold a reception and dine at Montacute House, one of the greatest of Elizabethan houses. The Sunday entertainment is Choral Evensong at Wells or Wincanton races. What a terrible choice!

We leave for Chile soon to marry off my niece. Do have a wonderful Christmas while we are away.

COMPANY NEWS

PRIZE WINNER



The Company's 2003 Certificate of Merit has been awarded to **Graham Lambert** for Best Assessed Course Work in the Arbitration Module of MSc Construction Law and Arbitration Course at King's College London.

Graham Lambert receiving his Certificate from the Master following Common Hall in October

NEW APPRENTICE

Our new Apprentice, Paul Mills, has a BEng degree from Ulster University. He is a member of the CIBSE and works as a commercial manager in North London. Paul has already achieved Associate Membership of the CI Arb, and will be taking his Part 2A examination in February 2004. He is aiming to achieve Fellowship by 2006.



Apprentice Paul Mills being welcomed by the Master at the Court Meeting in October

DIARY OF EVENTS

- 2 December** CI Arb Lunch, Butchers' Hall.
- 8 December** Joint Carol Service with Constructors' company at St Mary-le Bow.
- 28 January** Court Meeting, Guildhall.
- 9 February** Lunchtime Concert, Wigmore Hall, plus visit to Wallace Collection.
- 20 February** Mansion House Banquet
- 26 March** United Guilds Service, St Paul's.
- 30 March** Master's Lecture at King's College London, to be given by The Rt Hon. Sir Philip Otton.
- 5 April** Lunchtime Concert, Wigmore Hall, plus visit to Royal Academy.
- 16-18 April** Visit to Somerset
- 28 April** Court Meeting at Guildhall and later, Recruitment Meeting at Royal Green Jackets Club
- 26 May** Spring Livery Dinner, Innholders' Hall

ANNUAL SERVICE AND SUPPER 9 JULY 2003.

This was the first Annual Service conducted by our new Chaplain and the members were in good voice accompanied by the very capable choir of St Mary Le Bow. The congregation were then bussed by our member John Coleman to the Apothecaries' Hall, Blackfriars for a very enjoyable summer drink in the Courtyard followed by an

informal supper in the wonderful Hall. Our official guests were the Master Pavior and Master Bowyer, both of whom share an interest in sailing with the Master. The evening was concluded with a few "Songs from the West End Shows" performed most ably by a trio from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

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