

# Newsletter

## The Tylers and Bricklayers Company



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Welcome to the 2nd issue of the Tylers and Bricklayers Newsletter. We intend to produce it twice yearly - to keep all Members of the Company informed, updated and aware of what's going on. We will also report on past events - their success and significance.

In future issues, we will try to look at the role of Livery Companies and interview people involved with the City and its Institutions. The Tylers & Bricklayers donate to many charities, promote craft skills and help with awards and competitions - perhaps this side of the Company's activities has not been given the airing it deserves.

This year's Master, Paul Harris, is determined to improve the communication channels between Court and Livery - this Newsletter is part of that process. If it is to be successful, it is important that more members of the company contribute - it will make this newsletter more enjoyable reading for one and all.

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### Supporting Charity

In 1990 the Company supported 17 different charitable schemes - donating in the process £12,400 to worthy causes. Donations are made on either a recurring or non-recurring basis and are at the discretion of the Court. The Court are currently considering reducing the number of charities supported by the Company. "We are looking to donate to charities that help the crafts", says Master Paul Harris. "We would like to establish a crafts fund that could sponsor scholarships, lectures and apprenticeships."

### Advance Notice - Annual Church Service and Livery Luncheon

Without question, the most important date in the company's calendar is the installation of the new Master. New ambitions and ideas are brought forward; a fresh face takes over at the helm. His first speech sets out the goals or themes for the forthcoming year.

It's a day when as many members of the Company as possible should attend to welcome the new Master both at the Annual Church Service and afterwards at the Livery Luncheon.

Our Master for 1991/2 will be Nicholas Ward who became a Liveryman in 1964 and joined the Court in 1986. Now Chief Executive of Brent Walker Plc, Mr Ward has featured prominently in the national press recently.

The day's proceedings start at 11.15 am on Thursday 3 October as the new Master is installed in front of the Court and Livery - the Annual Church Service follows at 12.00 noon at St Margaret's, Lothbury. After the service, a Livery Luncheon is held in the Carpenters Hall. Guests and ladies are welcomed both at the service and afterwards at the lunch. Further details will be circulated in due course - but in the meantime - put the date in your diary.

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### Apprentice in Amsterdam

Christopher Tilley, an apprentice bricklayer with building contractors, Wilmott Dixon, has just been to Amsterdam to participate in the International Apprentice Competitions at which he received a Certificate of Commendation. The Tylers and Bricklayers Company donated £750 towards the costs of Christopher's expenditure.

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26 July  
Thursday 8 August  
Thursday 5 September  
Monday 30 September

Court Meeting  
Paul Harris Golf Trophy  
Court Meeting and Court Dinner  
Election of Lord Mayor

Armoury House  
Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Course  
Brewers Hall  
Guildhall

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## Livery Dinner

The Livery Dinner took place at the Carpenters' Hall on 17 April. 143 Liverymen and guests attended including Masters, Clerks and their wives of our Associated Companies.

We were particularly pleased to welcome Mrs Ian Gow, DBE.

It was a splendid occasion and the food was excellent and the wine most enjoyable. The toast to the guests was proposed by Past Master, Bryan Montgomery, whose vision of the whole evening may have been clouded by the female company as he commenced his speech by addressing us as "Ladies and Ladies"!

This speech was responded to by the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Henry Leach who was clearly enjoying this evening judging by the number of risqué jokes he told! We then enjoyed a beautiful performance on a harp by Cathy Beynon and our congratulations must go to the Master for his choice. We were then entertained by the Right Reverend Peter Ball, more usually known as Bishop Peter of Lewes who has a fine sense of humour. The toast to the Company was as usual proposed by the Junior Liveryman, Piers Sherlock, which was responded to by the Master.

We were honoured to receive a generous gift from the Master in the form of a circular tile bearing the Company's Coat of Arms.

It was certainly enjoyed by all and was an evening to remember.

Nick Carter, Upper Warden

## Prince Arthur Golf Cup

In a competition that we have won on more than one occasion, the Tylers and Bricklayers golf team struggled to find their form this year. Our team - Dick Scott, Martin Christmas, Peter Newbald and Tony Jackson finished 39th out of the 54 teams that entered. The competition is inter-livery and was played at Walton Heath Golf Club.

## Two Recent Receptions for Court and Livery

The Master arranged a reception for members of the Court on board TS Royalist - the Sea Cadet Associations 'Sail Training Brig' - on 7 June. 37 people attended the reception.

116 members of the Court and Livery attended a reception at HM Tower of London on Wednesday 10 July. It concluded with a private viewing of the Ancient Ceremony of the Keys, the oldest military ceremony in the world.

## A date for your diary ... Wednesday 23 October

Join us at Hampton Court Palace - home of the Building Conservation Trust for a T's & B's "Brick Day". Illustrated lectures on brick making, brickwork and bricklaying techniques will all feature. Our host for the day is Liveryman John Griffiths. Director of the Building Conservation Trust, the organisation will involve Honorary Freeman of the company Bob Baldwin and Reg Murphy.

## Wanted! Articles and Contributions

Please help us to make your Newsletter more exciting and enjoyable. Contributions, articles, photographs (black and white) are all welcome and greatly appreciated.

Please send them - prior to 1 December 1991 to the Editor:

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