



Knitter

The Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters

Banquet in a Beautiful Basement

As a new Liveryman, having only joined the Company in January 2010, an aspect of membership that I have particularly enjoyed is the opportunity to dine in the various Livery Halls within the square mile.

In this short term of my membership we have already been to the Fishmongers and Ironmongers Halls and also Mansion House. In their different ways all have provided enjoyable occasions.

I am pleased to report that our annual Livery Banquet held this year on Friday 14th October at the Plaisterers' Hall continued this trend in splendid fashion. The Plaisterers' company is the 46th Livery company; their Hall was rebuilt in 1972 and has recently been refurbished.

As we dined in the Livery Hall we could admire the intricate plaster work in the ceiling that was modelled on the original Robert Adam neo-classical style. His various designs have been faithfully reproduced in great detail both on plaster and wood, some being taken from his original moulds. The Plaisterers Hall also has the distinction of being the only subterranean Livery hall.

The banquet was attended by a total company of 137 comprising 55 liverymen and their guests. We also had the pleasure of welcoming the Masters of the Glovers company, the Borderers' company and the Felmakers' company, and the Upper Bailiff of the Weavers Company was also present. Our



Four of the five, the Bursary winners seen with High Sheriff of Rutland, the Master Paul Bethel and Past Master George Turner.

guests of honour were Alderman and Sheriff Alan Yarrow as the Lord Mayor's representative and Mr Peter Lawson High Sheriff of Rutland.

Past Master George Turner introduced four of the five winners of the company Bursaries for 2010/11 and they were presented with their bursary by the Master. The winners come from a variety of backgrounds and universities but all are dedicated to the development of their careers in the design and manufacture of knitwear.

We then settled down to listen to our main speakers of the evening. The Master proposed the toast to the Lord Mayor, The City of London Corporation and the Sheriffs. to which Alderman Alan Yarrow gave the response.

Before he retired in 2009 Alan who originally worked as a stockbroker,

had an impressive career. Initially working at Greiveson Grant, and following subsequent takeovers with Kleinwort Benson and Dresdner. In addition to his duties as an Alderman Alan has a number of Livery connections.

The toast to the guests was proposed by Liveryman Simon Bethel and the response by Peter Lawson High Sheriff of Rutland. Before retiring in 2004 and settling back in Rutland, the county of his birth, Peter had a successful career with IBM and Pfizer Inc based in New York

The formal part of the evening finished with the toast to the Company and Master. All that was then left was a final libation in the Livery Hall before the taxis took us away after another convivial evening.

Liveryman Adrian Keene



**THE WORSHIPFUL
COMPANY OF
FRAMEWORK KNITTERS**

2010-2011

Master:
Mr Paul Bethel
Upper Warden:
Mr Graham Smith
Under Warden:
Mr Stephen Woolfe

The Clerk:
Alan Clark
86 Park Drive, Upminster,
Essex RM14 3AS
Telephone or fax:
01708 510 439
Email:
clerk@frameworkknitters.co.uk

The Social Committee
The newsletter is
produced by the Company's
Social Committee.
For more information
on events, contact the
committee chairman
Linda Smith
linda.smith11@btconnect.com
01462 435 341
Julien Birchall
(Newsletter Editor)
Tel/Fax: 01455 822273
Matthew Ellis
matthew.ellis@willowfm.co.uk
07860 559488

Editorial & Advertising:
All contributions welcome.
Please contact Matthew
Ellis or Julien Birchall.

www.frameworkknitters.co.uk

Man-made fibres (well known to our industry), plastic, willow and rush are the materials used by the Basketmakers whose Company held an exhibition of both functional and decorative products in London in September. Grants and bursary awards are given by this Company in keeping its "thrilling craft and industry" alive.

Our New Members

Alison Smith



Mrs Alison Victoria Smith of Ravenstone is passionate about textiles and keen not only to participate in livery functions but to feel part of a great historical tradition. She is supported by her husband Nigel. At a time when many traditional skills in the fashion and textile trade were being lost, Alison revitalised and encouraged people from all walks of life and age groups to participate in these skills. This was done via her own sewing school and fabric shop and teaching at various academic institutions.

Alison has had a wide and varied career covering the business, design, pattern-cutting and making up of fashion and traditional garments. Additionally she has books published about her work. Despite her full time work, Alison gives her time to the concerns of local affairs and has been active in a number of charities, especially last year when she was chairman of the North West Leicestershire Council.

Michael Griffiths



Michael Griffiths joined the Livery with a particular interest in the charitable aims of the Company, especially fostering closer links between the Almshouses and the Borough of Oadby and Wigston.

Educational Trusts and a children's charity fill his time when not at home with Pamela in Oadby. For relaxation he enjoys lawn bowls, travel and reading.

In his early career he had work experience with a number of companies including Corahs and Pick Knitwear in Leicester. He then joined the family business where, for nearly 10 years, he was responsible for sales of pumping equipment. Then he entered the transport business working for both P&O and Sealink Ferries before moving to Air Europe where he was Military Sales Manager. The last fourteen years of his business life were spent as manager of the Postal Services Division of the Alliance and Leicester Bank.

He has been a local councillor for thirty years and was recently Mayor of Oadby and Wigston.

Martin Price



Martin Price, a native of Eccles in Lancashire, is an investment manager and keep-fit enthusiast with a great interest in the City of London and its history. He believes that maintaining and upholding traditions set standards that are applicable in modern business life.

He graduated in Law, having attended Manchester Metropolitan University and Cranfield. Then he joined the army, King's Regiment, with postings in Hong Kong, Cyprus, Germany and Northern Ireland, leaving as captain after 9 years to study for an MBA.

Martin went to the City as a broker at Merrill Lynch, later moving to Fielding Newson-Smith which became County Natwest. He set up Traded Options Boutique Brokerage from where he moved to "Boy-Side" as

Options Head for Cantrade Investment Management which became the current Sarasin & Partners. He took on a fixed income role around two decades ago which is his current area of expertise.

Rosamund Price



Mrs Rosamund Mary Price, hailing from Oakham with a Stamford High School education, now lives in Surrey with her husband Martin. Having worked in the city for over thirty years she is fascinated by its history, traditions and standards of the past and believes much remains applicable today and for future generations. For many years her maternal family's business held a Royal Warrant which involved supplying Sandringham with linens and fabrics.

She graduated from the University of Manchester with Honours in Chemistry then gained a TA commission in WRAC at OTC. She travelled to Hong Kong as an army wife where she worked as a PA. On return to the UK she achieved an MBA at London Business School and subsequently worked in investment management in the City, firstly with ESSO Pension Trust then at the Civil Aviation Pension Fund where she became an Investment Director. After 2 short periods, with Nippon Credit and Deutsche Bank, she spent 7 years at GFM International Investors as Compliance Director and European Fund Manager. She moved to Citibank Private Bank as Equity Strategist (Europe) and finally on to 7 Investment Management to build the business and become Chief Investment Officer.

Gardening, listening to music, cooking and wine are among her current interests.

The Master



Being elected the Master of a City Livery Company is an honour and a privilege bestowed on few, the more so because that vote of confidence comes from one's peers on the Court. In addition to the obvious prestige that it brings, it gives one the opportunity to experience new things and to try to make a difference.

To date, Claire and I have had many wonderful experiences: the fabulous weekend at Ironbridge where we met so many delightful couples, followed by attending numerous Livery dinners and other events with fellow Masters, many of whom are fast becoming friends. There was a rewarding opportunity to meet and get to know our Residents better at our Cottage Homes tea at the Rutland Water sailing club as part of our Rutland Family Weekend, while the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace – mercifully in good weather – was not only a treat in itself but also helped cement the liaison with some of our fellow Livery companies. And, of course, I had the pleasure of representing the Livery at the elections of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs.

Being your Master should be more than just enjoying oneself, and I have tried to make my year 'a year of inclusiveness' by engaging with as many others in the Livery – and elsewhere – as possible. For that reason, I was particularly pleased to welcome so many liverymen and their guests to our annual dinner at the Masonic Halls in Leicester, where we had a delightful evening in convivial company. Other less formal events have included the Social Committee's outings such as the one to the Courtauld Gallery in July.

One of my highlights was the opportunity to welcome many fellow Liverymen and their guests to Paris, to share with them my joy of that delightful city and to take them through some unfamiliar sights by following the walks in my recently-published book *Paris by Plaque*. We had some wonderful dinners and were favoured with hot sunny weather throughout; a good time was had by all.

It has been a pleasure to recruit several new Freeman from amongst our Education Bursary winners, and to welcome new Liverymen into our Company. To make our Livery more welcoming, we have revamped the web site and started Facebook and Twitter accounts to encourage the younger generation to join us in both maintaining

our glorious traditions and forming the bedrock to take us forwards well into the 21st century. We are expanding our Awards scheme to a growing number of Universities and Art Colleges, and also working closely with the City and Guilds to broaden our support to students in the more technical side of knitting, without whom our talented designers would have no machines on which to make their garments.

Looking forward, I have been active in supporting St. Mary's College, Twickenham, in their plans for the 2014 Corpus Christ series of Mystery Plays – there are two medieval Mystery Plays

historically directly associated with our Company, both concerning the story of the Israelites' escape from Egypt to Israel: these are The Plagues and The Crossing of the Red Sea. As a result, I was invited to meet and chat with the Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks when he opened the first Inaugural Pope Benedict XVI lecture at St. Mary's.

Finally, let me be amongst the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and say how much I am looking forward to meeting many of you again at our Winter Dinner in Cutlers' Hall on Friday 20th January 2012.

Henderson Trophy Comes Home

Basking in pleasantly warm sunshine with a moderately brisk wind, Rutland Water was at its beautiful best on 21st May, when sailors descended on the Rutland Sailing Club on the South Shore to enjoy the wide range of activities included in this year's Rutland Water Family Day.

While the nine crews, representing Framework Knitters, Grocers, Chartered Surveyors, Lorimers and Furniture Makers took to the water for morning tuition and practice, a keen group of Framework Knitters and Feltmakers gathered for a guided walk of the nearby county town of Oakham. We were led by local guide Jill Collinge, who in 2009 had taken us on a splendid tour of Stamford. Her insights into Oakham were equally revelatory and in her witty and informative way, Jill brought the town to life, with fascinating peeks into its colourful history.

The end of the walk brought well-earned refreshments at "The Whipper-in", an appropriately atmospheric hostelry in the heart of the town. Some chose to lunch here, while others returned to the shores of Rutland Water to enjoy a picnic by the water's edge.

After lunch the sailors competed for

the Henderson Trophy, battling it out over three races in weather that was sufficiently windy to challenge many of the crews but warm enough for the spectators to follow events from the clubhouse balcony.

Ian Grundy was declared the overall winner, bringing the Henderson Trophy home to the Framework Knitters after a gap of five years. He and the other prize winners received their prizes from the High Sheriff of Rutland, Peter Lawson, at the evening's reception hosted by the Master.

Both High Sheriff and the Master appeared resplendent in their respective liveries as the High Sheriff and his wife were immediately progressing from the Reception to another evening function but not before we were treated to a short, informative speech from him, outlining the links between the office of High Sheriff and the City of London, particularly the Sheriffs who are, of course, elected by the City's Liverymen.

The day's events were brought to a convivial end with the relaxed buffet supper, which we enjoyed as the sun set over the water – a beautiful end to an enjoyably varied day.

The Butchers, The Bakers.....

The Butcher, the Baker and the Candlestick-maker – a well known nursery rhyme – is the title of a Cultural Olympiad being organised by the City of London to celebrate 850 years of Livery Company history and treasures.

An amazing historical display will be seen in the Guildhall art gallery. The event runs from 22nd June to 23rd September.

Your Company, one of only two to have been granted two Charters, will show items from the 1600s, photographs and textile designs thereby interpreting the Company's development of its craft and trade, as well as its educational and charitable support. Three hundred and fifty five years ago, on 13th June 1657, the Company was incorporated as a Guild by Letters Patent of Oliver Cromwell and subsequently re-incorporated by Letters Patent of King Charles II on 19th August 1663. Both of these documents will be displayed together with some items of similar date. An evening dress is to illustrate how modern knitting has evolved from original framework. Our continuing support of textile design students in knitwear will feature a Bursary

certificate, photographs of some winners and their creations. Further pictures will show our original London almshouses and the modern development at Oadby for retired workers.

During the exhibition there will be lectures and education programmes for schools. Nursery rhymes, or not, this will be a very special year – with the Royal Jubilee, the Cultural Olympiad and the Olympic Games – all centred on London.

The following year, 2013, we celebrate the 350th anniversary of our Royal Charter for which the Court and Social Committee will be organising a special programme.



Summer Dinner at Inner Temple

Our July Court meeting and Dinner took place on 15 July in the hallowed atmosphere of the Parliament Chamber of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple.

It is always a privilege to be able to dine in such beautiful and historic buildings and certainly our evening at the Inner Temple was no exception. Within the Parliament Chamber we sat facing a Grinling Gibbons carving above the fireplace and under the watchful eye of Judge Jeffreys. Perhaps the inevitable good humour of meetings reflects the reputation of less “bloody” former members of the Inn such as Sir Alan (A P) Herbert and Sir John Mortimer.

Graham Smith, our Upper Warden, had clearly undertaken some significant research on our Master. From Graham we learned of some long-buried secrets. Our Master had been a banker for 15 years – and at one time he had worked at the Treasury with an office next door to Gordon Brown!

The evening gave the Master a very good opportunity to launch our new membership booklet which will become a very valuable tool in promoting our Livery – particularly well timed as we were formally able to welcome new members Alison Smith, Rosamund Price, Martin Price and Michael Griffiths.

Then having heard from the Upper Warden of some of our Master's hidden secrets, the Master then revealed that during that very week he had appeared in Court No.1 at the Old Bailey – fortunately not in the dock we were relieved to hear but instead attending the AGM of the Sheriffs' and Recorders' Fund.

Our July meeting always has the atmosphere of “the last day at school” in advance of the summer holidays. This year was no exception – a relaxed and very enjoyable evening.

Under Warden
Stephen Woolfe



The cream of Leicestershire

Daily deliveries to your doorstep 6 days a week www.kirbyandwest.co.uk



KIRBY & WEST
THE DAIRY ON YOUR DOORSTEP



Weekend in Paris - a sunny success

The first weekend in July saw us all enjoying glorious weather – and none more so than the fourteen Liverymen who accompanied the Master on his trip to Paris.

With guests staying at the Hôtel Terminus Nord – right opposite the Eurostar terminal – it was only natural that we should start with an informal arrival dinner on the Thursday evening in the splendid Brassière 1925 Terminus Nord adjoining the hotel. Suitably refreshed in the opulent Art Nouveau surroundings, we retired to prepare for the rigours ahead.

Friday morning saw us assemble to accompany the Master on a guided walking tour of Montmartre, following the route in the first volume of Paris by Plaque written by the Master and Freeman Anna Meakin, the only book to both translate and explain the many historical plaques around this area of the city. Visiting sights that most of us had never seen before, we explored both the



famous and the unknown parts of Montmartre. With each couple having a copy of the book to back up the Master's running commentary, we managed to see and understand the stories behind 15 of the plaques before breaking for a well-earned lunch at La Bonne Franquette, a charming restaurant near that famous artists' paradise, Place du Tertre. With renewed vigour, we set off once more, this time finding a



Dressing for dinner was the order of another occasion in a smart restaurant..



The Master gives a history lesson.

further 16 plaques in many charming settings. The time just flew by, and we were all amazed to find that we didn't get back to our hotel until just gone 5.00pm – just right for the tennis fans amongst us to catch up on the semi-final at Wimbledon.

Great though the day had been, it was not over yet. We reassembled for a trip on one of the Bateaux-Mouches, where we enjoyed a delightful four-course meal while sailing up and down the Seine, waving to the many groups of picnickers enjoying the setting sun on the river banks.

Saturday was a "free day", but some hardy souls persuaded the Master and his partner Claire Phillips to guide us around the scene of his next book – the Left Bank or "Latin Quarter", so called because – being by the Sorbonne – all of the students used to walk around the streets speaking Latin! Starting with a trip to see Notre Dame, and after sampling an ice-cream at the renowned Berthillon glaciers on the adjoining Île Saint-Louis, we crossed the river to the Left Bank where we discovered some hidden gems along with the famous cafés of Les Deux Magots, Flore and Lipp next to Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Lunch followed, and then – for those who were gluttons for punishment – a final stroll to visit Saint-Sulpice, the Jardin du Luxembourg, the Panthéon and St. Geneviève before once more returning to our hotel around 5.00pm.

That night, everyone met up at 7.30pm to accompany the Master and Claire to another "station café" – this time, Le Train Bleu at the Gare de Lyon. Revelling in the sumptuous surroundings built in 1900 to celebrate the Paris Universal Exhibition, we refreshed ourselves with an excellent meal and watched as the setting sun glistened on the many gilded statues and the fabulous paintings adorning both walls and ceiling.

Sadly, all good things come to an end, and Sunday saw us making our various ways home. It was a trip that none of us will forget, and inspired us to return to Paris again soon.

For more details of the guide book, visit www.parisbyplaque.com

The party relaxes and enjoys dinner on the Seine.



Excellent turnout for Leicester Weekend

As usual it all started with the golf on Thursday and despite some tough resistance we couldn't prevent Liveryman Tony Jarvis from retaining the Howard Ellis Salver.

This year we had a new trophy presented by PM Barrie Byford for the leading guest and the inaugural winner was Bill Martin, the guest of PM George Turner. There were 30 golfers and 48 for dinner, another record turnout.

On Friday following the Court meetings, the dinner at Devonshire Place, normally reserved for Court and Committee members, was thrown open to all members of the Livery, which was an instant success with a number of new faces to be seen.

The barbecue followed on Saturday and although a little on the chilly side we managed to cook meals for both the residents and the Livery.

Finally proceedings were brought to a close on Sunday with the annual Church Service at Oadby led by The Revd. Canon Michael Rusk, where we sang the hymn appropriately called "O God of Bethel" This was followed by a sumptuous buffet laid on in Corah Hall.



The candlelit dinner was very well attended.

The barbecue was a happy and casual event.



Liveryman Tony Jarvis retains the Howard Ellis Salver.

Bob Martin winner of the Byford Trophy.



BREWIN DOLPHIN

Investment Management
Financial Planning
Corporate Advisory

BREWIN DOLPHIN IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FRAMEWORK KNITTERS.

Brewin Dolphin is one of the UK's largest independent private client investment managers, with 41 offices throughout the UK and Channel Islands. Committed to personal service, we offer a wide range of financial solutions to help you make the most of your investments.

For more information, please contact **Edward Strange** or **Peter Strange** on 01522 503000. www.brewin.co.uk/lincoln



Investments may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you invested.

Brewin Dolphin is a member of the London Stock Exchange and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority No.124444.

Charity drive in Milk Float

When stuck in traffic behind an electric milk float you would hardly be keen to drive one from Leicester to Lands End. Yet this is what Upper Warden Graham Smith did, not only to challenge himself but to raise money for two charities – a fantastic total of £27,380.

He was asked to participate in the second year of the Thomas May Executive Quest; whereby executives from Leicester and Leicestershire are asked to come up with a challenge for themselves in order to raise money for LOROS and PROStaid. “I decided to drive a Kirby and West iconic electric milk float from Leicester to Lands End” said Graham.

On Monday 12th September we set off from the dairy at 6am with family and representatives of both LOROS and PROStaid up early to cheer us on our way. After 42 miles we stopped before Banbury to recharge in a suitable lay-by for a few hours; this became the daily routine.

Thursday would be our last full day, going across the edge of Dartmoor before stopping near Bodmin. Here we met up with Shaun from the dairy who had come down to take the generators back after this last charge. My wife Sharon and Rob’s partner Emma met us and we agreed to have a night of luxury and stay at an hotel.

*We are delighted to act
for the Worshipful Company
of Framework Knitters*

Eastlake & Beachell Ltd

Insurance Brokers and Independent
Financial Advisors

The Crescent, King Street
Leicester LE1 6RX
Tel: 0116 255 0226

jeremy.beachell@eastlakebeachell.co.uk

For advice that stands the test of time

Authorised & Regulated by the
Financial Services Authority



Finally, he made it to Land's End where he realised the challenge was very worth while.

My wife has since admitted that she was concerned that I might come back from this trip saying that I enjoyed camping and wanted to camp for our holidays, she can relax.

The last section does become quite narrow and hilly and there were some small holdups but eventually we saw Lands End and were both relieved to arrive at 9:11am, and to be greeted by our welcoming party. We were allowed to drive around to the signpost for photographs to be taken. We then had breakfast before loading the float onto the trailer for the journey home.

On the journey back I had one more interview with Rupal on BBC Radio Leicester while our running total was nearly £20,000. Sharon and I managed the journey in about 6 hours, but Rob and Emma with the float on the trailer behind trailer took 11 hours to return home!

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Total miles travelled: | 361 |
| Total time: | 22 hours, 43 minutes |
| Average speed: | 15mph |
| Top speed: | 36mph |

“The float performed beautifully and was back on a round the Wednesday after we finished. Driving was not as uncomfortable as I had feared, due to the better roads and the pneumatic tyres. A major obstacle was boredom, whilst driving you could not listen to the radio due to the noise of the vibrating bodywork and then sitting in a lay-by next to a road is not the most entertaining situation. The response from drivers was positive, particularly from those who were directly behind the trailer and had time to read what it was all about!

I am very grateful to Rob for his support and help, to Farmer & Carlisle for the loan of the support vehicle, to Michelin for tyres, to RKH for all their work, to Sharon for her support, to all the staff at Kirby & West for their help and ultimately to all the wonderful people who donated to my fundraising effort.” said Graham

Greenwich

Christopher Wren's baroque masterpiece, the Old Royal Naval College, at Greenwich looked stunning as sunlight emphasised the architecture of this World Heritage Site when we approached on the river Thames.

With our guide Tom, we walked over the site of Greenwich Palace where Henry VIII (1491) and Elizabeth I (1533) were born more than 500 years ago. The first development, Bella Court, was built by Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester in 1427.

Not until 1664 did work start to replace the old palace with a new King's house and Christopher Wren created this most famous riverside landmark. Thirty years later a charter for the Royal Hospital was granted, within two years the foundations were laid and the first pensioners arrived in 1705.

A diversion to Queen Anne Court revealed symmetrical vaulting in the Jacobean undercroft and arched passages featuring portraits of famous people. Through another door we entered the Victorian Skittle Alley in which some members were tempted to bowl



The skittle alley featured large heavy balls and a concentrated effort by Nick Turner (below)



All smiles for a group picture with Lord Nelson.



Listening to our excellent guide Tim

heavy "outsized cannon balls" of wood – not at all easy. However, with a slightly smaller bowl your editor managed a clean sweep!

In complete contrast, the Old Royal Naval College comprises two unique buildings – the Chapel is a rare example of a complete and unaltered neoclassical period piece, while the Painted Hall created by Sir James Thornhill, a leading artist of the 18th century, is a homage to Britain's maritime power and reflects the changing face of the British monarchy.

The ceiling of the Lower Hall depicts the Stuart Dynasty, under whose reign the work was commissioned; the West Wall features Britain's new royal family – the Hanoverians. It was originally created as the Dining Room for the Royal Hospital for Seaman, which occupied the site until 1869, shortly after which it was turned into the Royal Naval College, remaining in use as such until 1998.

We returned to the vaults for lunch after our comprehensive history lesson, having had a most interesting and enjoyable visit.

The Editor

*"Serenely full, the epicure would say,
Fate cannot harm me, I have dined today."
Revd. D. Smith*

Bursary Winners 2011

The David Bethel Bursary was awarded to Miss Helen Rae Turner of the Royal College of Art. Helen has completed a 2 year MA Fashion Womenswear course specialising in Knitwear. While at College Helen won the Liberty British Wool Handknit Design Award and produced excellent samples for Rowan Handknits.

Mentors: Past Master George Turner and Liveryman Jonathan Pears
The Hill Osborne Bursary was awarded to Miss Sheree Robinson of Central St. Martins College. Sheree has graduated with a BA Hons in Textiles and is currently working in New York. Consequently she was unable to attend the dinner. Sheree is a very capable knitter on both domestic and industrial machines with a good knowledge of hand knitting, screen printing, crochet and weaving. She also assisted in teaching design at the College's Summer School.

Mentors: Past Master George Turner and Liveryman Humphrey Barrett
The Peshall Hirst Bursary was awarded to Miss Sarika Pancholi of De Montfort University. Sarika has completed her BA Hons Fashion Design course with great success, appearing with her creations on Central television and featuring in the local papers. She won the David Band Textile Award for her final presentation and is currently working for a major London retailer. She has also been short listed to show her work in a Fashion Competition and offered a 3 month placement with a well-known company in New York.

Mentor: Liveryman Mrs Jan Leaf
A Company Bursary was awarded to Miss Florence Spurling of Chelsea College of Art and Fashion. Florence has graduated with a 1st Class BA Hons degree in Textile Design, specialising in knitwear and will be continuing her studies with an MA course at the RCA. She has already sold her knitwear designs successfully to an American group for this Autumn and is waiting to hear how many designs have been selected for Spring. She has also produced 4 samples which are currently being show at an exhibition in Shanghai and other customers are interested in her new Spring collection.

Mentors: Past Master George Turner and Liveryman Humphrey Barrett
A Company Bursary was awarded to Miss Sarah Pugh who has

completed a four year MDes, Textiles with Business Studies course at Brighton University. Sarah obtained a 1st Class degree for her knitwear designs and since leaving Brighton she has produced a capsule collection which is selling on the internet. She is currently working as a freelance embroiderer while searching for an assistant designer job.
Mentor: The Master Paul Bethel

Awards Winners

The Bursary and Awards Scheme was introduced in 1985 and since then 108 Bursaries, 52 Awards and 6 Scholarships have been awarded to students at 19 different universities and colleges in the United Kingdom. Each institution may support applications from up to 4 students who will have proposed a topic which, if successful, could benefit the British knitting and knitwear industry. Each recipient is allocated a mentor whose role is to help the student through the award year (usually the final course year) and advise particularly on technical and commercial matters. The scheme has provided the British textile industry with a flow of well-qualified personnel.

The Bursary Awards Committee now administers on behalf of the Company the Peshall Textile Fund, the Hirst Scholarship Fund, the Don Gwillim Charitable Trust, the Matthew Simons Educational Foundation, the Rouse Award and the Howard Ellis Educational Award.

The Rouse Award was given to Miss Phoebe Brown at Glasgow University who has graduated with a 1st Class degree after a 4 year BA Hons Textile Design course specialising in knitwear. Phoebe also won the Incorporation of Tailors prize. Through New Designers Phoebe has been placed on the fashion forecasting website WGSN as one of the top 10 knitting graduates of 2011. She has also been selected by the Royal College of Arts to do her MA which she started in September.
Mentor: Past Master Lord Sanderson

A Company Award was given to Miss Abigail Hartley who has graduated from Central St. Martins College after completing a 3 year BA Hons Textile course specialising in knitwear. Abigail is now looking for design work experience and with the quality of her graduation samples (she only missed a 1st by 2 marks) she should soon be in work.

Mentors: Past Master George Turner and Liveryman Humphrey Barrett
A Company Award was given to Miss Zosia Mnich who graduated with a 1st Class MDes Hons degree in Textiles with Business Studies at Brighton University. Her final collection has received good press coverage in local magazines and Zosia is now looking for work experience. She is in the process of becoming a Freeman of the City of London and hopes to join our Livery Company in the near future.
Mentor: The Master Paul Bethel

The Howard Ellis Award was given to Miss Kate O'Shea of Nottingham Trent University who graduated after a 4 year BA Hons Fashion Knitwear Design and Knitted Textiles course. Kate had a garment displayed at the NTU stand at a recent exhibition and an outfit and her sketchbook are currently being exhibited in Shanghai. She is gaining experience through internships with a variety of London retailers and is hopeful of finding full time employment shortly.
Mentor: Liveryman Julian Ellis

A Company Award was given to Miss Victoria Hill at the Royal College of Art. She graduated after taking a 2 year MA degree in Fashion Womenswear, specialising in Knitwear. Victoria won a design competition for Esprit and is currently completing a design project for Spring. Her Autumn designs have been in store since September. She is seeking more design work and is very keen to join our Livery Company.
Mentors: Past Master George Turner and Liveryman Jonathan Pears

Mentors: Past Master George Turner and Liveryman Jonathan Pears

Assitant
Linda Smith

Nurturing the
region's growing
businesses.



Harvey Ingram is a top-performing provider of bespoke, creative and pro-active legal solutions.

We are determined and committed to ensure we always get the best for our clients and safeguard their personal and business positions. We are adaptable to the constantly changing world around us, reflected by our innovative, personally-tailored and cost-effective legal solutions.



Leicester Office
20 New Walk, Leicester LE1 6TX
T: 0116 254 5454 F: 0116 255 4559
E: mail@harveyingram.com W: www.harveyingram.com

Company Retirements

P.M. Hugh Stevenson

Hugh Stevenson retired as Treasurer of the Company at the Installation Court last April after serving for 16 years in that office. I know, from my own experience that all the Masters during those years were extremely grateful for Hugh's valued support and that they could rely on him to ensure that our finances were always in good order.

During his time as Treasurer there were many challenges not least was the prolonged campaign to secure the HATRA funds in which Hugh played a major role and was persistent in achieving ultimate success. In addition he was involved in several development projects at our Oadby Homes, particularly the rebuilding of cottages in 2005.

Hugh served as Master in 2007/8, the year in which the Company celebrated the 350th Anniversary of the granting of its Charter in 1657. This event was marked by a Service at St Laurence Jewry followed by a well attended luncheon at Mansion House presided over by Hugh and Beverley. The guests included the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir John Sturtard and many Masters of other companies.

Altogether Hugh has a long record of dedicated service to the Company.

The post of Honorary Treasurer has been taken over by Court member Matthew Ellis, the fourth generation of his family within the Livery.

**Past Master
Derek Buswell.**

June Hilton retired in September 2011. June had been the Company Bookkeeper for 15 years and the Master, Wardens and Court would like to express their gratitude to June for her invaluable contribution during that period. Assistant Peter Corah will be replacing June with effect from September 2011.

P.M. Mike Turnbull

PME Mike Turnbull was admitted into the Livery Company in 1969, not from a textile background but originally from a farming background that involved taking on the John Deere dealership and building it into the largest in the East Midlands. He was master in 1999-2000.

As a Livery member he has played an active role on numerous committees. He has to be the longest serving member on the Cottage Homes Management committee, only retiring in early 2011 – 40 years at the last count. This is an achievement which will be near impossible to beat.

During his long tenure on this committee he has led from the front and been instrumental in the development and improvement of the Cottage Homes. Consequently they are a haven of peace and tranquillity for our residents to live in a safe and caring community while retaining a level of independence they would not find elsewhere.

One of Mike's finest accolades must be chairing and masterminding the demolition and rebuilding of all the cottages along the front of the site. This was completed in 2006 with HRH the Duke of Gloucester being present at the grand opening.

For a number of years Mike has also been responsible for the famous "5 year plan". Unerringly accurate in his budgeting and forecasting, it is now held as the principle financial planning report in determining the improvement programme.

To myself, and many others, Mike epitomises all that is good about being a Framework Knitter. He is instantly approachable, friendly, and supportive and will go out of his way to help with advice and guidance if asked. Although he has retired from the Cottage Homes Management committee long may his involvement in our Livery continue.

**Assitant
Peter Corah**

Motivating Youth

The affiliation with the local Yeomanry Regiment has given the Livery Company a wonderful opportunity to put some of its 'hidden treasure' to great use. F Squadron is the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry sub unit of Leicestershire, Northampton and Rutland Army Cadet Force (LNR ACF) and it has been agreed, as part of the developing relationship, a Loving Cup should be lent to LNR ACF to be competed for on an annual basis by the seven sub-units making up this cadet cross-county organisation.

The component features of the competition are being well thought-out in consultation with the LNR ACF and Livery Company so more news to follow as the affiliation evolves.

The piece of silver is a late Victorian Loving Cup and cover, Hallmarked "London 1887" engraved with the Company Arms and an inscription Commemorating Jubilee Year of the Reign of Queen Victoria given by the Court to The Company. The aim of the ACF is to provide stimulating and challenging pastimes for young people and the Cadet Force Motto is "inspire to achieve". Cadets participate in a wide variety of activities which range from military training (including living outdoors), citizenship training, a full range of sporting activities including, shooting, swimming, cross country, football and tug of war to name but a few. Many have the chance to earn sporting colours at County, District and National level. They are taught St John Ambulance skills and are encouraged to join the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and BTec Schemes.

P.M. Tom Fraser

Fifty years work within your family company is a considerable achievement and a livery membership of similar length that included being Master in 1996 was the fine record held by Tom Fraser who died in July. Born in Australia, Tom was educated at Loughborough Grammar School and Oundle after which he attended Leicester Textile School.

He then joined the family company of silk yarn throwsters, Chapman Fraser in Thurmaston, which was started by his father in 1932, and took great interest in the development of yarns. Membership of the British Textile Institute and of the European Throwsters took him to many conferences. Paying tribute to Tom, PM Jonathan Dean said he got to know him when visiting the mill to discuss yarn in 1979 and thus began a good and reliable friendship with honourable but firm business dealings.

“As technology and fashion changed production progressed to synthetic fibres and the use of the all-pervading lycra from Dupont of America; the emphasis was on stretch yarns. Tom merged the company’s two technologies and developed the first stretch silk stockings. The Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters, sometimes known as the



industry’s mafia, was the face of knitting manufacture and Tom was elected by his peers as its Master. He was also a Freeman of the City of London.

“Tom furthered the importance of our industry that was a major part of the country’s industrial heritage for over 400 years. Its present decline was predictable as production moved east to low cost countries following the all too familiar pattern of British manufacture”.

Tom had many interests which included Round Table, Rotary and the Far and Near clubs. He sailed with the Leicester Yacht Club and hunted with the Cottesmore and Fernie. A member of the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club, for many years he organised the classic cars at Blaston Agricultural Show.

Of greater interest were steam boats and through the Paddle Steamer Preservation

Society the Waverley became sufficiently special for him to arrange a Chapman Fraser workforce trip on her, and for the family to travel on her during their holidays in Scotland.

At home Tom was a family man who enjoyed the company of his wife Raili, five children and six grandchildren. A thanksgiving service was held at the parish church in Hallaton, where he lived.

Richard David Sands, who became a liveryman through redemption in 1983, died on 17th October. A service was held at St Mary Church, Greenfield, Oldham, where he lived.

Do You Knit?

If you are interested, as Mrs Lee was prior to her husband’s invention of the knitting machine, in our Guild’s craft you could find some worthwhile ideas at “Power of Making” at the V&A until January 2, 2012.

While austerity may be one season for the cultural shift energising the survival of traditional skills and innovation there is also the novelty and satisfaction of creating gifts at this time of year.



This charming seasonal picture of the Cottage Homes at Oadby was taken by Peter Lee. It seems appropriate to use it at this time and to wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dates for your Diary . . .

| 2011 | | Contact |
|----------|---|---------------|
| Dec 10 | Residents' Carol Service Lunch in Corah Hall, Oadby | The Clerk |
| Dec 11 | Annual Carol Service for the Livery and Residents | The Clerk |
| 2012 | | |
| Jan 20 | Winter Court and Livery Dinner, Cutlers' Hall | The Clerk |
| March 23 | United Guilds Service, St Paul's Cathedral | The Clerk |
| April 20 | Installation Court and Livery Dinner, Goldsmiths' Hall | The Clerk |
| May 15 | Sons of the Clergy Service, St Paul's Cathedral | The Clerk |
| June 9 | Rutland Water Family Day (inc. Inter-Livery Sail) | Linda Smith |
| June 15 | Kilworth House Theatre Trip | Graham Smith |
| June 25 | Common Hall for the Election of the Sheriffs | The Clerk |
| June 28 | Summer Court, Tallow Chandlers' Hall, and Livery Dinner at the House of Lords | The Clerk |
| Sept 6 | Framework Knitters Golf Day and Dinner, Leicester | Matthew Ellis |
| Sept 7 | Court Meeting and Livery Dinner, Leicester | The Clerk |
| Sept 8 | Annual Barbecue at the Cottage Homes, Oadby | Matthew Ellis |
| Sept 9 | Annual Church Service and Buffet Lunch, Oadby | The Clerk |
| Oct 1 | Common Hall for the Election of the Lord Mayor | The Clerk |
| Oct | Annual Livery Banquet at Mansion House (date tba) | The Clerk |
| Nov 14 | Ladies Luncheon, Armourers' Hall | The Clerk |
| Nov | Festival of St Cecilia Festival, St Paul's Cathedral (date tba) | The Clerk |
| 2013 | | |
| Jan 11 | Winter Court and Livery Dinner, Armourers' Hall | The Clerk |



Offering independent financial advice since 1991



The needs of our clients always come first. We offer:

- A choice of service levels
- A choice of payment options, including investment performance related remuneration

Willow Financial Management is one of the top firms of Independent Financial Advisers in Leicester.

We specialise in Self-Invested Pension Asset Management.

For more information, visit www.willowfm.co.uk, call Matthew Ellis on 0116 2581659 or send an e-mail to matthew.ellis@willowfm.co.uk.

Willow Financial Management, Blaby Hall, Church Street, Leicester, LE8 4FA
Tel: 0116 2581640 Fax: 0116 2581641



Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority



Robert Whowell & Partners
Chartered Accountants

Westwood House, 78 Loughborough Road,
Quorn, Leicestershire, LE12 8DX.

Tel: 01509 622 830 Fax: 01509 622 831
Email: rwp@rwpaccountants.co.uk
Web: www.rwpaccountants.co.uk