

Masters' Annual Reports



Barry Dennis 2011 to 2012

It has been a privilege to be Master and represent the Company around the City of London, one of my main aims at the start of the year was to attend as many events as possible and to raise the company profile and let people know who we are and what we stand for. From comments made by the Chairman of the City Livery committee in his speech at the Election lunch our company profile and reputation has been enhanced and the City know we are active. It is essential for the Company that this is continued in my view.

I have attended over 100 events on behalf of the Company (one more than the previous Master!). They have all been very interesting and I must confess fun as well. If I had to highlight a few events they would be attending the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, lunch with the Judges at the Old Bailey, The United Guilds Service at St Pauls and “walking” in The Lord Mayor’s Show along side the other Modern Livery Companies

One event, which is very moving, is attending the Hackney Carriage Drivers Company event at Canary Wharf when over 100 London taxis depart with families with very ill, some terminally and disabled children on a Trip to Disney land in Paris. This is often the only holiday these families have in their lives and to see to smiles on the children’s faces is an amazing and moving site and also makes me realise how lucky and privileged some of us are.

The Mistress and I took part in the Jubilee Pageant on the Thames riding in our cutter rowed by our Ladies rowing team. It was a unique event and a privilege to be part of and it was the opportunity of life time. I have put a full report, with photos; on the website so please do take a moment to read it.

The Company continues to take the lead role with the WET 10 and the City Water Debate was well attended earlier in the spring. Next year’s event is now being planned and details will be published in the autumn.

Our own Company events have been well attended during the year and the banquet at Drapers’ Hall last November was one of the highlights.

I am pleased to say during the past year we have welcomed 15 new members to the Company and recruitment is still high on our Company agenda.

Financially the Company is stable and costs have been tightly controlled and savings made where possible and of course the new members during the year have helped our income considerably

I would like to thank my Wardens, my Bailiff, The Beadle and especially the Clerk for all their help and support during my year. I must also record my thanks and appreciation to the Mistress for all her support as well.

Finally, I wish Peter Matthews and his Wardens every success in the year ahead.

Barry Dennis
Deputy Master