

## The Indentured Apprentice Scheme

One of the undoubted successes of the last year has been the successful introduction of the Indentured Apprentice Scheme – it has been so successful that the Honorary Clerk has virtually run out of Guildmen to act as ‘Masters’ to indentured Apprentices. (more of this later!) What is involved for the ‘Indentured Apprentice’ and the ‘Master’? Quite simply the Apprentice commits him or herself to be ‘bound’ to a ‘Master’ for a minimum period of four years or until the Apprentice is twenty one, whichever is the longer. He is invited to attend a ‘inrolment’ ceremony at the Chamberlain’s Court at Guildhall followed by a ‘binding’ ceremony at the Court meeting of the Guild. Wherever possible these two ceremonies are held on the same afternoon. After the ceremonies the Apprentice is invited to supper as a guest of the Court. This enables him/her to meet members of the Guild in informal surroundings and hopefully ensure that they become valuable members of the Guild. Following the completion of the indenture period the Apprentice will be asked by his Master to write a short piece on the City of London before he is released from his indentures and becomes a Freeman of the City. Apprentices wishing to be indentured must have the permission of a parent to do so. Masters are asked to keep in touch with their Apprentice and offer help and support when requested and give guidance about the City of London. This is a long standing tradition in the City and dates back to the founding of the original guilds in the middle ages when all young men were apprenticed to their Masters to learn their trade.

The following have joined the Guild as Indentured Apprentices during the year 2000/2001:

**Matthew Legg** – Abingdon – indentured to **Past Master P F Clark** on 12th September 2000

**Michael William Howard Conway** – Abingdon – indentured to **Guildman A C Macmillan** on 12th September 2000

**Thomas Arthur George Schofield** – Dauntseys – indentured to **Senior Court Assistant A S Macpherson** on 10th January 2001

**George Hungerford Thompson** – St Paul’s – indentured to **Past Master D R Griffiths** on 10th January 2001

**Samuel Richard Hole** – St Paul’s – indentured to **Court Assistant A I F Mackenzie** on 10th January 2001

**Jeremy Charles Kingsmill Hogan** – St Paul’s – indentured to **Past Master R C Beckwith** on 10th January 2001

**Oliver William Thwaites** – Dauntseys – indentured to **Renter Warden H G J Worth** on 10th January 2001

**Thomas Alexander Holman** – St Paul’s – indentured to **Guildman R H T Alexander, OBE** on 10th January 2001

**Saul Jesse Cowen** – Dauntseys – indentured to **Guildman M S Symes** on 22nd March 2001

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The Guild is also pleased to welcome the following as Apprentices during the year: **Phillippa Joanne Booth** – Dauntseys, **Benjamin Dara Khadjeh Nouri** – St Paul’s, **Peter Alexander Lindsay Sommerville** – Abingdon, **Simon Christopher John Rutland** – Abingdon, **Thomas Alan Adcock** – Dauntseys, **Karrim Mattar** – St Paul’s, **Timothy Mark Powdrill** – Dauntseys, **Lauren Bishop-Bailey** – Dauntseys, **Matthias Bader** – Abingdon, **Robert David Evans** – Dauntseys, **William James Evans** – Dauntseys, **Alexander Christie Priest** – Dauntseys, **Philip Barry** – Abingdon and **Thomas David Walker** – Dauntseys.

In September 2000 father and son **John & Geoff Baxter** both became Freemen of the City. Officials at the Chamberlain’s Court confirmed that this was a first in this millennium and could be the first time a father and son took the Freedom oath together.

John is a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Engineers and a Fellow and Vice President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. He is currently Director Group Engineering of Powergen PLC. Geoff attended Abingdon School and his Freedom was sponsored by two members of the Mercers’ Company. He has just completed an undergraduate year in the

**Saul Cowen** has also been on the Dauntsey’s rugby tour of Argentina and Chile and is then spending time at the Minsmere RSPB Reserve in Suffolk.

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**Matt Sinnett-Jones** was hoping to spend time in Nepal as a volunteer with Student Volunteers Abroad. He was, however, experiencing problems getting there because of recent unrest.

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retail industry and is in his final year of a marketing degree at Bournemouth University and recently completed the ‘end to end’ cycle from Land’s End to John O’Groats.

## News from our Apprentices

**Matthew Legg** is hoping to gain a place at either Cambridge or Durham to study French and Spanish. This will be after a gap year spent working for Carlton Television followed by a period teaching English and sport in Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu.

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**Tom Holman** is pursuing the possibility of a career in the Royal Navy and will be seeking selection and a university bursary in 2002. He is in a classical guitar quartet and hopes to play in several informal concerts. (What about the next Installation Dinner?)

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**Tim Powdrill** has captained the Dauntseys 1st Athletics team to an almost unbeaten season. At the Wiltshire Athletics Championship he was second in the high jump and was selected to represent Wiltshire at the South West Championships. He is hoping for a place at King’s College, London to study history.

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**Jennifer Robinson** has just finished her second year at University and will be starting a twelve month placement with Lloyds TSB in Bristol in the Personnel Support Centre.

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**Oliver Thwaites** is working for a BSc Biochemistry at Imperial College. He competed for Imperial and the University of London athletics team that won the ULU Athletics Championship.

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**Alexander Priest** is doing work experience with stockbroking firm Charles Stanley in London. He is also performing in a school production of ‘Theseus’ at the Edinburgh Fringe in which he is playing the part of ‘Daedalus’.

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**Rob and Will Evans** have had a busy year at Dauntseys where they are boarders in Mercers’ House. Rob is a prefect and Head of Mercers’ and has been captain of rugby and water polo. Will will be a prefect next year and takes over the water polo captaincy. In July they were both on the school rugby tour of Argentina and Chile and are now working as RYA dingy sailing instructors. Rob is taking a gap year and gathering funds at KPMG in the Isle of Man (tax free?) before sailing across the Atlantic, doing his Yachtmasters in Sydney and playing rugby in Australia – Will has to go back to Dauntseys for another year.

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**Sam Hole** is hoping to read history at University. He has been editing the school (St Paul’s) newspaper ‘Black & White’ and recently passed grade 8 clarinet with merit.

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