

## Court Meetings

Members of the Court are advised that Court meetings have been arranged as follows:

**Michaelmas Day Court** – 25th September 2002 at 5.45 pm

**Christmas Day Court** – 15th January 2003 at 5.45 pm

**Lady Day Court** – 20th March 2003 at 4.45 pm  
all at Guildhall

**Mid Summer Day Court** – 20th May 2003 at 5.15 pm at Apothecaries' Hall

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on 20th March 2003 at 6.00 pm at Guildhall. All Guildmen and Apprentices are eligible to attend and it will be followed by supper at Barracca Restaurant.

## Installation Dinner

The Installation Dinner will be held at Apothecaries' Hall on 20th May 2003 at 6.45 for 7.15 pm. Please put this date in your diaries now.

## Useful Addresses

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## GRESHAM COLLEGE

The new Mercers' School Memorial Professor of Commerce, Avinash Persaud, will be presenting his first series of lectures in Barnards Inn Hall at 6.00 pm on 3rd October, 14 November, and 2nd December 2002 and 16th January, 20th February and 20th March 2003. The lectures are free and anyone is welcome to attend.



**MICHAEL J HOUGHTON**  
**GUILD MASTER 2002-2003**

Michael was at Mercers from 1955 to 1958 and on the closure of the School was one of twenty two boys who transferred to Highgate, many of whom are members of the Guild.

In 1961 he entered the jewellery industry with a three year plan to study different areas of the trade. After three years he joined Mikimoto Pearls as assistant to the managing director and became involved with the day to day organisation of their business in the United Kingdom. In 1968 he assumed responsibility for their UK operation as Managing Director until 1992. During this period he was fortunate to travel extensively throughout the world including two or three visits each year to Japan and Hong Kong and went on to make the Company the largest supplier of Cultured Pearl Products.

In 1992 he left to start his own company selling quality cultured pearls to retailers through out the UK and lecturing to many trade organisations in Europe.

He was involved for many years with the National Committee of the British Jewellers Association and Chairman of the Cultured Pearl Importers.

His personal interests include being a Court Assistant and Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers. He is an active sportsman including tennis and squash.

Michael says that he is greatly honoured to have been installed as Master of the Guild and his mission in the coming year is to involve our younger members in the life of the Guild and increase their knowledge of the City. Michael has also served the Guild as Court Social Assistant for a number of years.

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The Guild Master's daughter Brenda is bound to her Master, Michael StJ Parker



(left) Alastair McIntosh, William Evans and Alexander Priest, all Dauntseys, after their binding ceremonies in the Chamberlain's Court.