

General News

Membership

The Court was pleased to welcome the following to membership of the Guild during 2005/2006:

Alison Jane Palmer—St Paul's Girls
Emma Thacker—St Paul's Girls
Anthony Kenneth Barnard—Collyers
Neil Alan Hopkins—Principal of Peter Symonds College
Thomas Arthur George Schofield—Dauntseys

Following the Mid Summer Court the membership of the Guild is:

Liverymen: 31, Guildmen: 127, Apprentices: 53

Court Meetings in 2006/07

Members of the Court are advised that Court meetings have been arranged on the following dates:

Michaelmas Day Court: 26th September 2006 in the Aldermen's Court Room in Guildhall

Christmas Day Court: 18th January 2007 in the Aldermen's Court Room in Guildhall

Lady Day Court & Annual Meeting: 29th March 2007 in the Aldermen's Court Room in Guildhall

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**Installation Dinner at the Mercers' Hall
21st June 2007**

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CGOM Charitable Trust

The Trust is an incorporated body formed under a declaration of Trust dated 17th March 1978 for the benefit of distressed members of the Guild, their widows, children or relatives or for the benefit of charities or other charitable institutions, societies and objects. The Charity Commission has advised that these objects can include educational projects undertaken by younger members of the Guild.

The Trustees are pleased to announce that five apprentices were assisted in 2004/05 with educational projects. Some of their reports are featured in this newsletter.

Application forms are sent to all Apprentices with the notice for the Annual Meeting.

The Trustees for 2005/2006 are N J Watson, G A Goodeve and H G J Worth.

Donations to the Charitable Trust can be made by bankers order. The Honorary Clerk will be pleased to send forms on request. The Trust can claim income tax relief on donations. **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GOOD WORK WITH A MODEST ANNUAL DONATION.**

The Court in 2006/2007

At the Annual Meeting the following were appointed and elected to the Court for 2005/06:

Guild Master: R T Smith

Renter Warden: D J Harvey

Junior Warden: S M Hills

Apprentice Warden: M St John Parker

Honorary Clerk: N J Watson

Honorary Assistant Clerk (finance): G A Goodeve

Honorary Assistant Clerk (membership): S Shilling

Senior Court Assistants: A C McMillan & R A Allen

Court Assistants: G Niblet & S J Aylett

Abingdon Court Assistant: S M Hills

Collyers' Court Assistant: A K Barnard

Dauntseys' Court Assistant: J E Hughes

St Paul's Court Assistant: Vacant

St Paul's Girls Court Assistant: A Palmer

Social Court Assistant: S J Aylett

All Past Masters also serve on the Court

Web Master: J E Hughes

Gresham College

For over 400 years Gresham Professors have given free public lectures in the City of London. It is an independent institution governed by a Council and with the Lord Mayor of London as its President. It is located in Barnard's Inn, Holborn which was bought in 1892 by the Mercers' Company to house Mercers' School until it closed in 1959. The newest Professorship, the Chair of Commerce, was funded by the Mercers' School Memorial Trust, in 1985.

All the lectures are free and will be held in Barnard's Inn Hall and start at 6.00 pm. The Gresham College web site is www.gresham.ac.uk

... and the Guild

The Guild is taking the lead in organising a conference at Gresham College, in Barnard's Inn, on **Tuesday, 19 September**, when representatives of the College, the Mercers' Company, the Associated Schools, and the Guild's own apprentices will discuss with the Guild's Education Committee possibilities for new initiatives and communications. This potentially important event could open an exciting new range of opportunities for apprentices, and extend the range of the Guild's educational activity.

Vacancies

The **Honorary Clerk** has advised the Court that he wishes to stand down at the end of the current year after seven years in office. If any member of the Guild would consider taking over this appointment please contact Neville Watson on 020 7385 8859 who will be pleased to discuss this.

A Vacancy exists for **St Paul's Court Assistant**. If you are interested please contact Neville Watson on 020 7385 8859 who will be pleased to discuss this.