

## The Guild was delighted to welcome the following Apprentices during 2004-2005:

**Rebecca Louise Moore**—Dauntseys bound to Senior Court Assistant S M Hills

**Robert Douglas Walker**—Dauntseys

**Matthew Alexander Robert Niania**—Mercers' Company Arkwright Scholar

### Installation Dinner

This year, varying our usual practice of holding the installation dinner in a livery hall, we were delighted to visit the Georgian splendour of Armoury House, the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company.

The HAC is the oldest regiment in the British Army. Now a Territorial regiment, it has been a part of the City tradition since its incorporation by Henry VIII in 1537 when it was formed to provide officers for the City's "trained bands". Although the main object of the HAC was the defence of London, its members also fought in foreign wars, including both World Wars, and served with the fleet against the Spanish Armada. Originally using a training ground in Artillery Lane, Bishopsgate, in 1641 the HAC moved to their present 5.5 acre site - Artillery Garden in City Road. On 18 June 1774 the first great cricket match in England (of which the full score exists) was played here between Kent and All England: James Love's "Cricket, A Heroic Poem" describes the match.

Armoury House is a resplendent hall with much on display depicting the glorious past of the HAC and its connections with many well known public figures, including royalty. Wren, Pepys, Milton and Cowper (as well as Cowper's "John Gilpin") were members; by tradition, the Monarch is its Captain General. These days the HAC is probably most well known for its pikemen who, every year, escort the Lord Mayor's carriage in his procession through the streets of London.

There is a close connection between the HAC and the Guild. W D Haden, the last headmaster of Mer-



cers' School, founded the army cadet force at the school, and almost up until its closure, it formed No 3 Company of the HAC Cadet Battalion. Up to this day there is an annual cadet battalion dinner, which is generally attended by some members of the Guild who were in the cadet force.

### News of Apprentices

**Tom Holman** (apprenticed to Peter Clark) Has just finished an MA in International Security and Terrorism at the University of Nottingham, and is now on the job hunt. He has recently taken over the Presidency of an organisation called the Inter Varsity Dance Association, the body responsible for governing Latin and Ballroom Dancing in Universities, having been President of the Northern Universities Dancesport Association for the past year.

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**Chris Browne** Graduated in 2004 with a 2:1 in Law (LLB) from Nottingham University and joined Deloitte. He has since passed the Association of Tax Technicians exams and recently passed his Chartered Tax Advisor exams.

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**George Harrison** has completed his maritime education and has shipped off around Europe on the Star Princess as a 4th Engineer Officer.

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**Oliver Bartlett** is starting his fourth and final year of a Chemical Engineering Masters degree at Imperial College London, and loving every minute of it.

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**Alastair McIntosh** is continuing his Chemistry Masters degree (also at Imperial College) in America for a year, with a pharmaceutical company.

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**Tom Bowman** Is entering his 4th year at the University of Sheffield and on the road to a successful degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has just finished an engineering summer placement based in London with Buro Happold, an engineering consultancy, working in the building services sector. Music remains at the fore front of Tom's life, playing in two jazz bands at university and the Sheffield hockey team also gets to benefit from his addition. With only one more year separating him from the professional world, it seems high time to find a career path within the engineering world.

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**Robert and William Evans** are now both living in London. Robert having graduated from Durham University [geography] 2005 is now into his 2nd year of Accountancy with Price Waterhouse Coopers and William having graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge [natural sciences] this year is starting a legal career. Both continue to pursue their interests in rugby and sailing whenever they have time.