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THE CANDLEWICK WARD CLUB
Founded 1670 Reconstituted 1739

CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Fellow Members,

Greetings to you all! Having had the privilege to be installed as your Chairman at our December Breakfast, this is my first Newsletter. I start by saying that I much look forward to meeting as many members as possible during my term of office.

By way of introduction, my career was spent in commercial real estate. I qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1975 after training in Birmingham. I moved to London in the early 1980s and joined a long established practice where I was managing partner between 1996 and 2003. In 2006, the firm was acquired by international consultancy Jones Lang LaSalle where I became a director until I retired in 2011. Since then, I have held several charitable trusteeships and other voluntary roles.

I am a liveryman of the Chartered Surveyors' and was Master in 2009/10 following which I have been actively involved in my Past Masters' year group. I joined Candlewick Ward Club in 2013 and have served on the committee since 2018. My wife Clare, also a member of our Club, is a Liveryman of the Apothecaries'.

My interests outside the City include music, theatre and the arts. Sports that I enjoy include hill-walking, tennis and skiing. Both Clare and I have had the intimidating experience, on several occasions, of taking part in the Inter Livery Ski Races in the French Alps - happily we have survived without injury!

Thanks to the previous Chairman

As I said at the annual Breakfast, we owe a huge debt of thanks to our previous Chairman, Barbara Abraham who served our Club so tirelessly during a particularly challenging two-year term.

A pandemic and multiple lockdowns were hardly a recipe for a smooth chairmanship but Barbara overcame these obstacles with calmness and fortitude, delivering a varied and interesting programme even though at times members could only join events "virtually".

At the Breakfast, as a thank-you from our Committee and on behalf of our membership, I was delighted to present Barbara with a bespoke and personalised artistic map of our Ward featuring many its historic elements.

Our Honorary Secretary

Although in post since last August, some of you may still not have met our distinguished Honorary Secretary, Murray Craig although a number of you may have encountered him in his past role as Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court at Guildhall.

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There, he was responsible for admissions to the Freedom of the City, in a ceremony dating from the 13th century. He also worked with livery companies on protocol and procedures as well as on archival and research matters.

Murray is a member of the Leathersellers' and the Clockmakers' and is also a qualified City of London Guide. Outside the City, he is a member of the MCC and an honorary steward at the All England Club, Wimbledon and at Twickenham. He lives in St Albans with his wife Tracey, an architect working for Historic England, and they have three adult sons.

Note from the Treasurer about Subscriptions & Standing orders

The Club last increased its annual subscription in 2021. The annual amount payable is £30 which remains the level for the current year to 30 June 2023. Members are asked to pay by Standing Order. Most of us have done this but this is a reminder to the few members who have not to please let us have your outstanding subscription.

It is very easy to make the payment online and to set the renewal date as a Standing Order for the 1st July each year. Please pay Candlewick Ward Club the sum of £30.00 to Lloyds Bank, Fenchurch Street branch, Sort Code 30-92-87 and Account Number 00493363. If this is a problem please contact our Treasurer, Stuart Somerville - mail@stuartsomerville.co.uk - to talk through other possible options.

Programme for the Year Ahead

Attached is the Club's programme for the year ahead. There are, I hope you will agree, some fascinating opportunities offered and to suit a wide range of tastes. Some of the events are open to comparatively limited numbers - if these are oversubscribed then we may be able to offer a repeat event in due course.

Please join us at as many events as you can and do bring a guest or guests. If you are bringing a guest then please do consider putting him or her forward as a candidate for membership of our wonderful and historic Club. Our proforma for membership applications is attached and we are keen to encourage .

And finally, if you have any queries or suggestions or would like to help or become involved in any way then please do contact the Honorary Secretary or me.

I look forward to meeting you during the year ahead.

With kindest regards



Laurence Johnstone
Chairman, Candlewick Ward Club



Attachments:

- CWC Programme of Events 2023 (as at February 2023)
- CWC Membership Application Form