

The Worshipful Company of Engineers
(Incorporated by Royal Charter 2004)

The Silver Swordsman
25th Anniversary Edition April 2009



*Rear Admiral David Bawtree, Master 2007-08
and Ann Bawtree*



*Tony Roche, Master 2008-09
and Jeanette Roche*



The Master and Wardens 2008-09



The Ironbridge

DIARY OF AN EVENTFUL YEAR

Court Meeting, Investiture of new Liverymen and Dinner	8th January 2008
The Bridge Lecture	6th February 2008
Election Court, Investiture of new Liverymen, Service and Dinner	26th February 2008
United Guilds Service	17th March 2008
Court Meeting, Investiture of new Liverymen, Common Hall, Installation of New Master and Wardens and New assistants and Dinner	22nd April 2008
Ladies Brooch Luncheon	23rd April 2008
Visit to Eurostar Depot	13th May 2008
New Members' Evening	20th May 2008
Election of Sheriffs	24th June 2008
Court Meeting, Investiture of new Liverymen and Awards Dinner	8th July 2008
Golf Day	25th July 2008
Out of Town Visit to Shropshire	11th to 14th September 2008
Sheep Drive across London Bridge	19th September 2008
Election of Lord Mayor	29th September 2008
Ladies Luncheon	1st October 2008
Court Meeting, Investiture of new Liveryman and Dinner	7th October 2008
Mansion House Banquet	31st October 2008
Lord Mayor's Procession	8th November 2008
Past Masters' Dinner	11th November 2008
Warden's Lecture and Luncheon	12th November 2008
Visit to the College of Arms	25th November 2008
Carol Service and River Cruise	17th December 2008

EDITORIAL



This special edition of the Swordsman 'The Silver Swordsman' is produced as a record of the events during the 25th Anniversary of the Engineers' Company. The Silver Swordsman is published on the web as a post script to Past Master Bryan Gibson's book 'A Well Engineered Company' which describes the years of office of the first 24 Masters. Editions 20 and 21 of the Swordsman published, in August 2008 and January 2009, give the reports and details of each of the events during our celebration year but this edition gives a pictorial record. Inevitably some of the photographs included may have been included in the printed editions of the Swordsman but I have included many previously unpublished pictures in this copy.

The year started under the Mastership of Rear Admiral David Bawtree CB, DL and continued under Tony Roche FREng who was installed as Master on 22nd April 2008 with his Wardens Chris Price OBE, FREng, John Robinson FREng and John Banyard OBE, FREng.

The end of the year was saddened by the death of three of our Founders, Sir Denis Rooke OM, CBE, who was Master in 1985-86 and Robert Dunn FREng, who was Master in 1987-88 and Norman Simpson, as well as David Mitchell CBE who was Master in 1998-99.

Raymond Cousins

THE MASTER'S MISSIVE



As we come to the end of our 25th Anniversary Year it is perhaps a suitable opportunity to reflect on the progress of the Engineers' Company over that period.

Our membership has grown to around 330 Chartered Engineers, all of whom must also be Fellows of either a Professional Engineering Institution or the Royal Academy of Engineering. Representation is from industry, academe, HM Forces and Government services, with a breadth and depth of expertise from the broad profession of engineering. With such an array of talent we are able to provide a forum for engineering discussion and to fulfil our role as a bridge between the Engineering Profession and the City.

Similarly we have built up our Charitable Trust Fund to roundly £0.5 million and this has enabled the Company to achieve its objectives in making Annual Awards, which recognise achievement in engineering excellence, to engineers from both the Civilian and Service sectors. Support is given to a number of Engineering based charities and contributions made to the Annual Lord Mayor's Appeal. In addition we have made donations to a small number of engineers suffering severe personal hardship.

During my Year as Master I have had the great privilege of not only presiding over our own Company events and Dinners, but also with the Learned and Gallant Clerk, attending many functions with other Livery Companies and special occasions at Guildhall and the Mansion House. Throughout the Livery the Engineers' Company is widely respected for all it has contributed and achieved in the past quarter of a century, including being the first, after a gap of 47 years for any Livery Company, to achieve its original Royal Charter in 2004. We are acknowledged as being a very active Company, with a special brand of

warmth and friendship not only shared within the Engineers' Company but also with other Livery Companies.

All that has been achieved provides a strong foundation for the future growth and development of the Engineers' Company. Our key strength is in our active membership and it is the contribution of Liverymen, individually and together, supported by their partners, who will be the most important factor in future success of our Company

Tony Roche, Master 2008-09

THE CLERK'S COLUMN



It has been a privilege to be able to serve this Company as The Clerk during the Silver 25th Anniversary Year. In developing the plans for the year with the Officers of the Company and then helping to deliver the Silver events programme, I have been given an insight into the Company's history and development not previously apparent to me as just a Liveryman. In particular, it has become clear that there was a yawning gap in the livery market place for the 'Engineers' to fill in the early 80's and that our Founders and Founding Members rose to the challenge in an exemplary manner – it was pleasing to see that some were able to attend the Mansion House Banquet and have their names acknowledged on the menu card. For them and for the newer members of the Company who have continued to raise its profile, prestige and punch even further above its weight, it has been great fun to have been involved closely in the 'Silver Anniversary' year of 2008.

From an insider's point of view from the Engineers' Office this past 'Silver' year, whilst all was planned to go as well as possible, has seen some even better results than might have reasonably been expected. For example, whilst The Clerk might have commented that Rear Admiral David Bawtree's choice of a speaker for the 2008 Bridge Lecture was 'bold', it was really pleasing to find that the 'just in time' lecture input from Sir Christopher Wren's successor as surveyor, John Burton, received the justifiable reward of a packed house of liverymen and guests in the Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre of City University who were delighted with his perceptive insights. It was also especially pleasing to help Mr Tony Roche with his Shropshire Out-of-Town meeting and plan the 'anniversary of grant of livery' dinner actually at Ironbridge. This was truly 'crowned', after some earlier swift footwork with the Trustees of The Ironbridge Museum, by being able to announce in the presence of Lady (Belinda) Gadsden that the Blist Hill Mine Railway Engine would be named after her late husband and our Founder Master – it seemed to me, that evening, that our Company had really come full circle. Over the year, The Assistant Clerk proof-read a fair few times the draft chapters of 'A Well-Engineered Company' and then organised its production in a booklet from a massive e-file in time for the Annual Banquet. Subsequently, it has become clear from the fulsome feedback from the recipients – externally from other Livery companies, the professional engineering institutions, our Royal associates and internally from our own liverymen – that this booklet has more than justified the personal effort involved, especially from my predecessor, subsequently Master of the Company, Commander Bryan Gibson, to capture so well the formative years of this Company. This book will take its rightful place as one of the principal documents in the historic archive of our Livery alongside our Court and other official records which are planned to be deposited in Guildhall Library covering the last 25 years.

Overall, our 25th year will be remembered with pride in the annals of the 'Engineers' Office' where Stephen Grundy and I have 'used our skills to the best of our abilities' to help make this a fitting and memorable year for everyone.

Graham Skinner, Clerk

**COURT MEETING, 8th January 2008,
WAX CHANDLERS' HALL**



The Court waiting for the Investiture of new Liverymen.

**THE BRIDGE LECTURE, 6th
February 2008, CITY UNIVERSITY**



The Vice Chancellor of City University, the Master, and the Lecturer, John Burton.



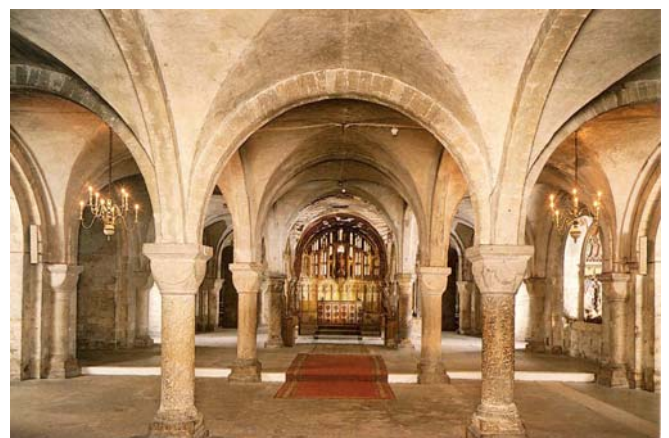
The Master, Rear Admiral David Bawtree, with new Liverymen, David Calderwood, Alan Grant, Brian Nuttall and Nicholas Hargreaves.



John Burton taking questions in a full hall.

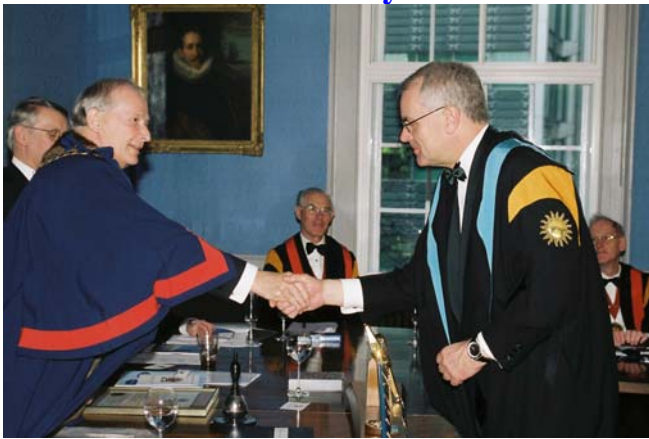


New Liveryman Nicholas Hargreaves introducing himself to the Court.



Barrel Vaults at right angles to each other in the undercroft of Westminster Abbey.

**ELECTION COURT MEETING
WAX CHANDLERS' HALL,
26th February 2008**



The Master welcoming new Liveryman Timothy Marsh into the Company.



The new Master Tony Roche presenting the Past Master Certificate to IPM David Bawtree.



The Master and newly elected Master having exchanged a Loving Cup.



Isobel Pollock making her declaration as a new Assistant.

**INSTALLATION COURT MEETING
BUTCHERS' HALL, 22nd April 2008**



The Outgoing Master with new Liverymen Stephen Davies, Dougal Goodman, Pat McKeown and Mark Williams.



The Master welcoming Barry Brooks as a new Assistant.



The IPM receiving his personal silver goblet.



The Master and his principal guest Sir Bob Reid.

**LADIES BROOCH LUNCHEON
WAX CHANLERS' HALL,
23rd April 2008**



Jeanette Roche having received the Master's Lady's brooch presents a Past Master's Lady's brooch to Ann Bawtree.

**VISIT TO EUROSTAR DEPOT
13th May 2008**



Eurostar trains in the depot for service with the information board giving the names of the train sets, the servicing regime and target completion times.

**NEW MEMBERS EVENING, WAX
CHANDLERS' HALL, 20th May 2008**

The New Members evening was an opportunity for new Liverymen and Freemen to learn more about the Company from the Master, Clerk and Beadle and to see much of the Company's treasures some of which are illustrated below.



The Sword.



Past Masters' Signatures Salver.



Loving Cups.



Decanters and Goblets.



1983 Grant of Arms.



Past Master's and Clerk's Badges.



2004 Royal Charter.

**COURT MEETING AND AWARDS
DINNER, MERCHANT TAYLORS'
HALL, 8th July 2008**



*The Master, Tony Roche, with new Liverymen
Simon Miles, David Gutteridge, Derek Adams,
David Mba and Paul Wood.*



*Above and below, Reception in the Courtyard of
Merchant Taylors' Hall.*



*The Master, Tony Roche and Upper Warden,
Chris Price greeting HRH The Duke of Kent.*



*The Master with HRH The Duke of Kent and Chief
Royal Engineer General Sir Kevin O'Donoghue.*



The Master, Wardens and Principal Guests.





The Master, HRH The Duke of Kent, Sir Kevin O'Donoghue with one of the Prize Winners.

GOLF DAY, CLANDON REGIS GOLF CLUB, 25th July 2008



Clandon Regis Golf Club.



The organiser, Assistant David Scahill, announcing the Winners.

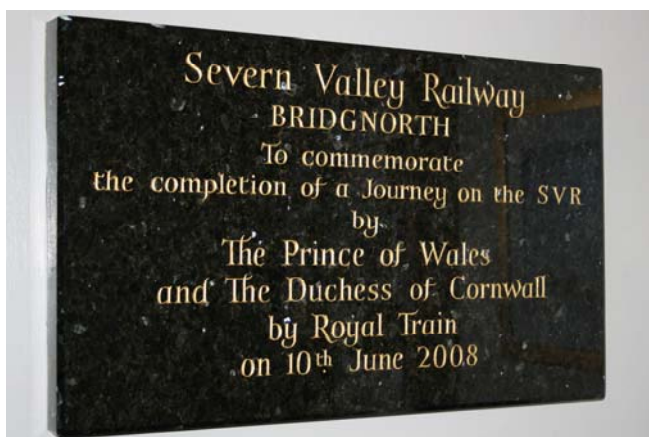
OUT OF TOWN VISIT TO SHROPSHIRE 11-14th September 2008



The Ironbridge.



A more modern footbridge to Bridgnorth Station.



A Plaque commemorating another visit to the Severn Valley Railway.



The Engineers (Bradley Manor).



The Cold War Museum.



'Catch me who Can' at Bridgnorth Station.



Aeroplanes in the Cold War Museum.



Replica of the first Steam Locomotive.



All Engineers are Experts.



Tony and Jeanette Roche at Kidderminster.



The Museum of Iron.

SHEEP DRIVE ACROSS LONDON BRIDGE, 19th September 2008



Ceramics at Jackfield Tile Museum.



Waiting for the Drive.



Playing Games at Enginuity.



Ian Nussey being led across London Bridge.

ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR GUIDHALL, 29th September 2009



Principal Guests at the Anniversary Dinner.



The Master in Procession at Guildhall.



Lady (Belinda) Gadsden speaking at the Dinner.

**LADIES' LUNCHEON, WAX
CHANDLERS HALL, 1st October 2009**



*Jeanette Roche and Principal Guest Helen
Caulfield of RedR.*

**MANSION HOUSE BANQUET
31st October 2008**



The Master, Lord Mayor and Principal Guests.



Sylvia Price proposing a Vote of Thanks.



The Lord Mayor, Alderman David Lewis.

**COURT MEETING AND DINNER,
WAX CHANDLERS' HALL
7th October 2009**



*One New Liveryman,
Duncan MacPhee.*



*The Master, Tony Roche and Jeanette, Senior
Warden, Chris Price and Sylvia, Middle Warden,
John Robinson and Doreen, Junior Warden, John
Banyard and Judith.*

**LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION
8th November 2008**



The Lord Mayor's Coach travelling to Mansion House to collect the new Lord Mayor.



The Company's Participants, Björn Conway, The Master, Mark Hunt and Penny Taylor.



The Master ready to join the Modern Companies' Bus.



And the Masters did not walk!

**PAST MASTERS' DINNER
WAX CHANDLERS' HALL
11th November 2008**



Past Masters Rooley, Cousins, Smith, Hammersley, Gibson, Willmott, Crawford, Bartlett, Clerehugh (standing). Barlow, the Master, Tony Roche and Bawtree (seated).



As above (except Cousins has moved) with Clerk Skinner and Asst Clerk and Beadle Grundy.

**WARDEN'S LECTURE AND
LUNCHEON, WAX CHANDLERS'
HALL, 12th November 2008**



Junior Warden, John Banyard.



*William Hunt, Windsor Herald of Arms describing
the Treasures.*

**CAROL SERVICE AND CRUISE, THE
TOWER, 17th December 2008**



Senior Warden, Chris Price.



Tower Bridge opening for the Dixie Queen.

**VISIT TO THE COLLEGE OF ARMS
25th November 2008**



Windsor Herald's Court Dress.



*The Master welcoming Guests to the last function
of a memorable Anniversary Year.*