

TIM HOGGARTH: AN APPRECIATION

It is often said that the Master of a City Livery Company may be seen as a temporary Commodore flying his flag but that the Clerk is the Captain of the ship. Maybe this naval analogy is not quite right for a Colonel of Artillery and former Commandant of the Royal Military Music School at Kneller Hall but it accurately reflects Tim Hoggarth's contribution to



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the Worshipful Company of Musicians as Clerk for the last six years. I remember that when I worked in Japan, the local staff compared themselves to the bed of the river, while we Head Office staff flowed through like the river itself. What I didn't realise they were subtly saying was that the riverbed was under a lot of pressure to remain stable and in its course.

Tim has remained a rock of stability while helping seven quite different Masters flow through their years of office. Above all he was instrumental in the admission of HRH The Prince of Wales as an Honorary Freeman, in addition to initiating the Company Plan and the first Company Open Days. Tim has also helped to create the Membership Committee, was the key factor in establishing the Prince's Prize through his connections with St James' Palace and has offered continuous wise counsel to all of the Masters who served with him. This was particularly apparent to me this year, when he took a leading role in the discussions about the new mayoralty

arrangement – a subject of much discussion and emotion – even publicly challenging the Lord Mayor in an open meeting to make his ideas more clear. Pastmaster Nigel Tully also wishes to express his gratitude for Tim's immense contribution to our jazz events, and says that we could not have obtained our leading position in London jazz without his input.

Over the last three years, Tim's wife Prudi had been suffering from cancer, although this did not stop her from attending Company functions or from receiving her MBE at Buckingham Palace when she was very ill indeed.

Prudi died in January this year; throughout this difficult period Tim carried on with his duties as Clerk just as before. My predecessors and I are profoundly grateful for the courage and dedication with which, virtually without interruption, Tim served the Company

and successive Courts with a cheerful smile and without complaint during what for him and Prudi must have been the most trying of times. Her name will live on in the Prudi Hoggarth Audience Prize, sponsored by her family and now awarded at our Prince's Prize competition.

Tim is retiring as our Clerk after organising the Installation Court and Banquet in November but we are delighted, as a Liveryman, we can expect to see him at all our main events, enjoying them with less pressure. And we will also look forward to seeing his son James, who was elected a Freeman of the Company last year.

On behalf of all the Masters who were advised and assisted so very ably by our Clerk, and especially from an American not brought up in this ancient City tradition, I would like to thank Tim for his unswerving dedication to the Company, and send him our heartfelt best wishes for a well deserved retirement.
The Master, Andreas Prindl

OUR NEW CLERK

Not all Liverymen will be as well acquainted with Margaret Alford as we members of the *Preserve Harmony* editorial team but we can speak for ourselves!

The times when the post of a Livery Company Clerk was restricted to the male fraternity are happily long gone. From the comparatively narrow confines of producing this journal alone Margaret, as a sort of co-opted member of the group, has proved a quite exceptional contributor to its continued success. No matter how great her wider Company responsibilities of seemingly being all things to all members, her commitment and unfailing good humour have endeared her to us all. She has truly become a human Company

encyclopaedia in the best tradition of her predecessors.

In common with the then Court in 2002, we were delighted that she

accepted an invitation to become a Livery member in her own right and that she has now been appointed to succeed Tim Hoggarth as Clerk. This recognition of her services is well and truly merited.



Margaret Alford

RECENT COMPANY APPOINTMENTS

NEW COURT MEMBERS

Lady Brewer, Michael Lewin and Stephen Henderson

NEW LIVERYMEN

Jeff Kelly
Catherine MacGuinness
Paul Griffiths
Dr Christopher Kent
Phillip Stallwood

STEWARDS

Simon Bloomfield
Lois Owen-Ward
Adrian Mumford
Patricia Norland

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

We offer congratulations to Liveryman Kathleen Duncan on her award of an OBE for services to charity.

IN MEMORIAM

We record with regret the recent deaths of Liverymen Laurie Goodwin and Colin Goulden

A CORRECTION

In the last edition of *Preserve Harmony* we wrongly credited Senior Warden Leslie East as author of The joint Gabrieli and Worshipful Company of Musicians' Scholarship. The article was, in fact, written by Rachel Kelly, to whom we offer our apologies.