



# COACHLINES

The Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers of London

## Master's message

This last Coachlines of 2010 gives me the opportunity to send all Coachmakers my best wishes for a very happy Christmas - whether it be white or not. It also enables me to thank the many Liverymen who have devoted so much time, energy and, in some cases, financial support to our Company this year. I am humbled by your efforts. 2011 promises to be another year full of entertaining events for the Coachmakers. Do please sign up early for the dinners and social functions as tickets are already selling well. I am delighted that we are going to Trinity House for the Award to Industry dinner on Monday 24th January as it is a magnificent location. We have some excellent after-dinner entertainment planned which I think will appeal to everyone. I look forward to seeing some of you at the Carol Service on Tuesday 14th December. And I hope 2011 is healthy, prosperous and enjoyable for all connected with the Coachmakers.

Vice Admiral  
Tim Laurence



## Royal Dragoon Guards Medal Parade

The snow-covered York parade ground was cleared by the Regiment at 0400; the troops assembled exactly on time and four companies marched onto the square in desert camouflage gear.

After the Drumhead Service the families of the four fallen RDG soldiers were presented with medals earned by each of the men. This moving moment was followed by the presentation of medals to the injured (some 40 soldiers) following which former COs, the Lord Mayor of York and the Lord Lieutenant presented a medal to each man. It was a huge privilege to participate in remembering those who had fallen and giving thanks for the safe return of the rest.

The parade closed with Colonel James Carr-Smith marching his regiment off parade for the last time prior to his move to Shrivenham. Each of the Troopers to whom I spoke was polite, informative and extremely proud of the role that they had played. It was a first hand opportunity for me to appreciate at close hand the central family essence of a regiment and we are fortunate as a Livery company to be associated with these brave men. *Immediate Past Master Stephen Hammerton*

## Membership Committee update

It's been another busy and promising start to the Livery year for the Membership Committee. At the November Court meeting at Fishmongers' Hall, eight new members were elected, including new members with interests that include coach restoration and carriage driving. We have a busy year ahead of us and look forward to welcoming further new Liverymen on board. As always, we welcome help from Liverymen in proposing suitable candidates. If you've anyone in mind please contact Liveryman Shawn Manning at [shawn.manning@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shawn.manning@hotmail.co.uk).

## Livery Committee update

At a recent meeting we welcomed Graham Smith OBE to the team; he is Executive Advisor to the President and Managing Director Toyota Motor Europe's London Office and will provide additional reinforcement to the committee. Once again, the RAF 216 Squadron pulled out all the stops and we had an amazing visit to Brize Norton. **Please click [here](#) to see the photos.**

**The traditional Carol Service at St James Garlickhythe on 14th December, followed by supper at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, marks the beginning of the Christmas festivities. Please bring a gift for a boy or girl (clearly marked), to be placed under the tree at the church.**

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## CLERK'S NOTES

Would you like to know more about the City Corporation and its links with the Livery? Then come to a City Briefing! The briefings are aimed at new Freemen and Liverymen. They provide an overview of the work of the City of London Corporation and the relationship with the Livery Companies. Details are at [www.liverycommitteecourses.org](http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org). The Award to Industry dinner on 24th January will be held at Trinity House and details will be available on the website shortly. The Award this year goes to Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd and details of the Company can be found on the internet.

We intend to introduce online payment for Livery events in 2011; research continues! Amendments to the 2010-2011 Directory should be sent to the Clerk as changes occur so they can be saved for the next edition. Similarly, those who have yet to submit a photograph should also email a picture to the Clerk. You can refer to the website diary for details of forthcoming Livery and City events - please contact the Clerk if you have difficulty logging on. *The Clerk,*  
*Lt Col Peter Henderson OBE*  
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The Coachmakers visited Brize Norton in September. You can read Chris Moyles' report on the day by [logging in to the website first](#) and then [clicking here](#) to take you to the Notices & News section. You will also find the latest update from Brize Norton Station Commander Group Captain Dom Stamp [here](#).