



# COACHLINES

The Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers of London

## Master's message

June was a month of awards. In the company of Liveryman HRH Prince Philip, Duke



of Edinburgh, I presented the Coachmakers' Carriage Driving Award to Philip Holder of the Wellington Carriage Company which has been making and restoring coaches for nearly 60 years.

I also attended St James's Palace to see Prince Philip present the Air League Gold Medal to Assistant Tony Edwards in recognition of his outstanding contribution to aerospace over many years.

Congratulations to Chris Lee, who was appointed MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Chris runs Motorvations, the Romford based charity we support in its work to educate and develop young adults in a wide range of automotive industry skills.

Other duties included Evensong at St Paul's to recognise the grant of Royal Charter to the Information Technologists; attending the raising of the Armed Forces Day Flag at Guildhall and visiting the RCA Summer Show. Being Master of the Coachmakers is busy, interesting and enjoyable!

Charitable giving continues: this month we support Guildhall School of Music, Central School of Ballet (see them at the Honoured Guests dinner on 7th July) and St Paul's Choir.

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## Welcome to Dom Stamp

In June, Group Captain Dom Stamp MA RAF succeeded Air Commodore Jon Ager as Station Commander at RAF Brize Norton. Here he introduces himself and outlines his career so far.

"Although I've not served at Brize before, I have amassed broad Air Transport and Air-to-Air Refuelling experience. I joined the RAF in 1988 and was posted to the Hercules aircraft for the first of four tours in 1989.

Operations included the first Gulf War, the Falkland Islands (in the Air-to-Air Refuelling role), the Balkans, Sierra Leone and humanitarian relief in Rwanda. I qualified as an Air-to-Air Refuelling Instructor and was selected to demonstrate the tactical abilities of the Hercules aircraft as the Unit's display pilot.

Following a staff tour in the Personnel Management Agency, I returned to the Hercules as Officer Commanding Number 30 Squadron from 2006-2008.

During this tour, Number 30 Squadron was heavily committed to operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. I then completed a short staff tour within Air Manning, having responsibility for the management of all wing command aircrew.

"It is with immense pride and humility that I assume command of such an important, operationally focused and historically acclaimed Station. I am also conscious that the next few years will present some of the greatest challenges and opportunities the Station has encountered. Maintaining a vitally important and gruelling operational output, while undergoing a significant transformation programme is unprecedented in recent RAF history. During the past few months I have worked closely alongside Group Captain Ager in a comprehensive handover. This has given me a better understanding of the issues that pertain to RAF Brize Norton as well as an appreciation of the close affiliation the Station enjoys with the Coachmakers - a relationship I am keen to enhance during the next two years."

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## New recruits for the Livery Committee

With just one more event in the current Master's year, the Summer Reception on the 15th July at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, your Livery Committee has had a fun and busy year organising trips to St. George's chapel, Newmarket and the Ferrari factory, among others. We are working hard in preparation for Vice Admiral Laurence's year as Master, and will have the new 'Events booklet', posted out in August, so Liverymen can organise their diaries in advance. Tickets will, as ever, be on a first-come first-served basis. These amazing events are only ever achieved thanks to good old hard graft from the team, and we firmly believe it is an easier task if we have strength in numbers. To this end, I am looking for new recruits and if anyone is interested in joining this vibrant committee then please contact me directly. In the meantime, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all of you who have supported our events this year and am delighted to announce we have raised more than £13,500 for the Livery.

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## CLERK'S NOTES

Election of the Lord Mayor takes place on 29th September. Tickets and instructions are available from the Clerk and there are a small number of places for lunch afterwards at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. If you wish to attend please contact me. The 6th London Maritime Ball is on 16th July on HQS Wellington and the theme is 1890s' Moulin Rouge. To book contact HQS Wellington on 020 7836 8179 or email [business@hcomm.org.uk](mailto:business@hcomm.org.uk).

The Lord Mayor's show is on Saturday 13th November. Tickets for St Paul's Grandstand are £29, including a programme. To apply for tickets call 01908 300106 or click [www.lordmayorshow.org](http://www.lordmayorshow.org). Lunch is also available afterwards at Tallow Chandlers' Hall; please apply to the Clerk.

If you receive Coachmaker information in the post but have an email address, please let me know so we can save on postage and printing costs. The Clerk,  
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