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The Worshipful Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers of London

Master's message

The upbeat assessment of the future for the Ford Motor Company on



its UK centenary, which Edsell Ford II delivered at the automotive industry dinner last month, was one positive note to offset the general media gloom about the state of the economy. His optimism matches the spring growth bursting out all around us in the countryside at this time of year. This always lifts the spirits, and so will the strong programme of Coachmaker events in the spring and summer. You will pick the ones that suit you best, but could I especially seek your support for our Charity Banquet at the Guildhall? It will be a great evening packed with entertainment, and all in aid of our Charitable Trust. I do hope you will bring a group of friends and enjoy an evening to remember.

Tim Laurence



Have you got your tickets yet?

The Gala Banquet takes place on 1st June 2011 at Guildhall, and the banquet committee is delighted to report we have seen strong ticket sales for what is going to be a memorable evening.

The City of London Sinfonia will play during our Champagne reception followed by a majestic Beating Retreat and Ceremonial Sunset performed by the band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines in the Guildhall courtyard.

Embracing our aim of helping young people, Emily Garland, a student soprano, will sing us into the Great Hall for dinner with a medley of songs accompanied by her pianist. Dinner is served at 7.30pm, followed by entertainment from the BBC *Strictly Come Dancing* team, Anton du Beke and Erin Boag, who will meet and greet guests after their performance.

Our impressive list of lots for the silent auction include:

- A personal flight with land speed record holder Andy Green.
- Two VIP tickets for the Goodwood Festival of Speed 2011, including lunch at Goodwood House.
- A dinner party for eight people prepared in your home by Sam Walker, executive head chef at caterer Seasoned Events.

These are just a few of the items up for auction. You can start bidding from the moment you arrive using our touch screen pods. A full list of prizes will be available to view on the Coachmakers website a week before the event.

Tickets are still available for this event, there is just one platinum table and three gold tables left with a sprinkling of diamond seats – so send in your application form today. If you have any questions please contact sarah@427tsl.com or call 07734 101427.

Sarah Adams-Diffey Assistant to the Court, Chairman of the Livery Committee & Gala Banquet 2011



Fun & funding

Membership of the 100 Club now stands at 84 – only 16 places left so please contact Liveryman John Pearl johnwpearl@hotmail.com to guarantee a place before the Club is complete. This is a fun (and potentially personally rewarding) way to help fund our charitable endeavours. Since it was launched £6,220 has been transferred into the Charitable Trust Account and a similar amount distributed in prizes. At the Automotive Dinner in March, Suzanne Kimber won the first prize of £600 and our gallant Clerk won the second prize of £300.

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We are about to unveil the revised Coachmaker website. The key change will be that Liverymen will be able to book and pay for dinners and events online. Delays in getting this facility in place have been caused by the fact that we are not a company in the normal commercial sense, having been created by Royal Warrant sometime before HMRC was in existence! When the new site is launched, please pass your comments about content and functionality to the Clerk.

CLERK'S NOTES

The London Horse Harness Parade is at the Ardingly Show, West Sussex, on



Easter Monday, 25th April 2011, and the Coachmakers' Company is proud to be a sponsor.

Details are available from the organiser at

jackie@edenbridge-show.co.uk

The annual British Driving Society show at Smith's Lawn is on Sunday 19th June 2011, so why not bring the family and a picnic? The annual Coachmakers' award will be presented at midday. To reserve a ringside car pass, please contact Assistant Michael Kimber at: michael@tsauction.co.uk.

The Election of Sheriffs takes place at Guildhall on Friday 24th June 2011, and those who became Liverymen before 31st May 2010 are entitled to vote. It is a contested election with four candidates, whose CVs will be displayed on the website when received. Liverymen who wish to attend should apply to the Clerk for Common Hall passes. A limited number of places are also available for lunch at Tallow Chandlers' Hall after the election. As it is a contested election it is anticipated there will be a second round of elections which will be on Friday 8th July 2011.

The Clerk,
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