

## “WHEN YOU GO HOME, TELL THEM OF US AND SAY, FOR YOUR TOMORROW, WE GAVE OUR TODAY”

Alan Parker, Master of the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers, attended the Opening of the Garden of Remembrance Service at St Paul's Cathedral on Monday 5th November.

Organised by The Royal British Legion this annual service was conducted by The Dean of St Paul's. Following The Last Post and The Silence, The Lord Mayor, Alderman John Stuttard planted the first cross on behalf of the citizens of London. The Sheriffs, other City dignitaries and the Masters of

the 107 Livery Companies of the City of London planted further crosses.

The Master said: “Having stood silent we paid our respects to the very brave men and women that sacrificed their lives in order that we can live in peace to day. The sun shone and the early autumn leaves fell, a very sombre experience, one that I was inwardly moved to have been part of. We did ‘remember them’ and long may we do so.”

## LCDC HOLD MEETING AT LDA OVER ETHNIC KNOWLEDGE

Subsequent to the LCDC's demonstration held on October 10th at the London Development Agency's (LDA) offices at Blackfriar's Road, the Deputy Chief Executive, Sarah Ebanja, the Chairman of the LCDC, Alan Fleming, along with Courtney Connell were invited to attend talks at the LDA on the 2nd November. The LCDC were also represented by Counsel, Mr Ryan Clement, who is a black barrister and believes that the scheme as it is being implemented falls foul of the Race Relations Act. The meeting discussed the various issues that the scheme has brought about and the LDA stated that they would reply to the LCDC with regard to these matters. However, it appeared that the LDA were still of the resolve to continue with the scheme as it stands. The LCDC will give further details as appropriate.

## CRUSHING BLOW FOR ILLEGAL MOTORISTS

Figures from the Association of British Insurers show record numbers of uninsured vehicles are being seized and crushed. The use of automatic number plate recognition technology by the police has led to over 100,000 uninsured vehicles being seized by the police in roadside checks so far this year, compared to 78,000 during 2006. Of these, some 45,000 have been crushed.

Nick Starling, Director of General Insurance and Health of the Association of British Insurers, said: “Uninsured drivers are a menace. They often drive unroadworthy vehicles, and the cost of compensating their victims adds an extra £30 a year to premiums paid by honest motorists. These figures show that the determination of the insurance industry, and the police to drive them from our roads is beginning to bear fruit. However we need to ensure that the penalties they face reflect the seriousness of this crime.”

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