

ELECTION COURT LUNCH WELCOMES CAB GUIDES AND NEW FREEMEN

The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers held their Election Court Lunch on 21st May at The Guildhall. Just prior to the lunch, Andrew Overton, Master of WCHCD, was delighted to present the latest group of students to complete the Cab Guide Course run by the Company with their certificates. The course continues to be a popular choice for taxi drivers and the next course is scheduled to begin in September. Anyone wanting details should contact course co-ordinator Graham Woodhouse, himself a taxi driver and a guide. Please get in touch with Graham by telephone, on 07968-791117, or e-mail him at cabguide@sky.com and he will be pleased to tell you more. The Master congratulated the students saying: "The standing of the London cab trade is only ever enhanced by your excellence and professionalism and we salute you today for your efforts." New freemen were also welcomed to the Company. They are John Carter, Paul Collins, Richard Kerlin, Clive Kilmartin, Vincent Walshe and Brian With.



Cab Guides

At the lunch, guests joined liverymen and freemen. As the Company continues to grow, so do its charitable works. Andrew Overton was pleased to announce more details of an affiliation which has been ratified with the Royal Docks Community School, where the Head teacher is Ruth Martin. One of the guests at the lunch was Dorina Pop who is the contact between

WCHCD and the school itself. The Master was delighted to be able to present Dorina with a cheque to enable the school to purchase book prizes for the pupils who have made the most academic progress in each of the year groups in the school. He said: "We are delighted to make this first of what we hope will be many gestures to the school and its pupils."

The guest speaker at lunch was Simon Imbert who is Master of the Security Professionals. Like the WCHCD, the Security Professionals is also a young Livery Company and so the two have much common ground. The Security

Professionals also undertake charitable works and in the past WCHCD has assisted them in bringing young students from the East End to the City to see the opportunities afforded to them for their future working lives. Similarly, the Security Professionals offer support to the Magical Taxi Tour each year. Simon Imbert has an uncle who is a London cab driver and so he understands the demands the job entails.



Andrew presents cheque to Dorina

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