



The Quill

*A periodic Newsletter for Distribution to the
Members of the Three Rooms Club*

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From the Editor

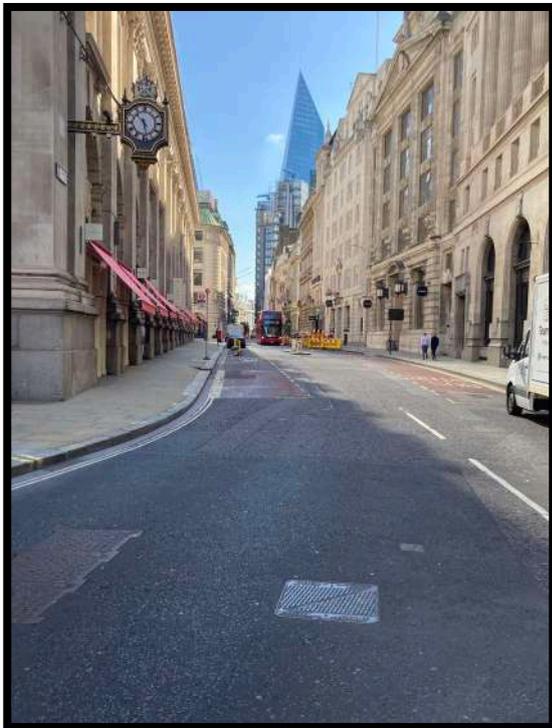
Welcome to our Autumn Edition of the Quill...

2020 has probably been one of the strangest years many of us can remember, the City has moved from being a bustling hub of activity in early March to what can best be described as a ghost town. Lloyd's reopened the Underwriting Room on 1st September, on my journey to London on 1st September the high-speed train journey from Kent to was very quiet, only 3 of us in the carriage and there was a similar experience on the Underground. Emerging from the Bank tube station the ghost town was evident, the picture below (The Royal Exchange, Leadenhall Street) was taken at 10:29 on 1st September 2020 and the following picture at 10:42 in Leadenhall Market.

It was very quiet in Lloyd's but with everything well sorted by the security team and the Liveried Staff.

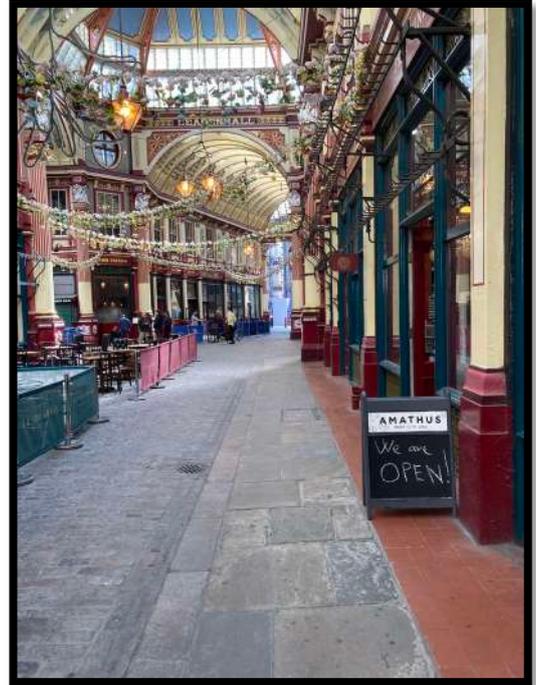
Lloyd's and the London Insurance Market has of course continued to operate despite the absence of our market colleagues attending their offices thanks to the electronic trading systems in place in the market. However, for those of us who have grown up with the "Face to face" market it was quite a shock to view the City in such a state.

After a brief visit to the office Don Coombe and I retired to lunch, for some inexplicable reason it was quite difficult to find a venue that could accommodate us. To my surprise although the "Eat Out to Help Out" scheme had finished the restaurant was still offering the discount. Not quite the London streets are paved with gold but it was gratefully received.



The Royal Exchange, Leadenhall Street 1st September 2020 at 10:29

Leadenhall Market 1st September 2020 at 10:42



I'm sure you have received many Covid related cartoons and images, many of which are far from suitable for publication in the Quill, here's one clean and topical example.



Best wishes to you all and please stay safe.

Martin Robinson
Editor of the Quill

In this edition of the Quill.....

Membership Matters

Three Rooms Club Charitable Trust Donation

100 Years commemorative book published

Please note: The Three Rooms Club Get Together that was scheduled for 12th November 2020 has been cancelled. Events in Lloyd's have been suspended due to Covid19 and are not expected to resume until 2021, the earliest lifting of the restriction will not be before the close of January 2021.

Due to the cancellation of our November 2020 Get Together we have decided to defer our AGM. We will continue to review the opportunity to conduct the AGM but for the time being our members patience is appreciated. In the absence of the AGM if you have any matters that you wish to bring to the attention of the club committee please make contact with our Club Secretary, Tim Willens, secretary@3roomsclub.london

Keeping in Contact

Our website aims to keep members up to date with club news. However, we have very few member email addresses, if you have an email address please do let Tim Willens know your details. Email to secretary@3roomsclub.london

Publishing Member Changes of Address

It has been our practice to include member changes of address in the printed edition of the Quill. The circulation of the printed edition is only issued to club members, however, once delivered we have no control over any further circulation of the Quill by our members. We also publish the Quill on the 3 Rooms Club website and before doing so we remove changes of address because the website is in the public domain. The publicising of changes of address does enable members to keep in touch, however, we are conscious that we cannot stop the address information being circulated.

When members advise of a change of address we will require a positive advice that the new address may be published in the Quill. If the explicit approval is not given then we will amend our club records but we will not publish the address change in the Quill.

Articles and Pictures for Future Editions

We are in need of stories and pictures from the past please do send any content for the Editor of the Quill:

martinbrob@gmail.com

Membership Matters

New Members

M. Jack McILDUFF

Notification of Deceased Members

Mr. Howard N. HIGGINS – Life Member No. 00107, Died November 21st, 2019.
Mr. Geoff LUDBROOK – Life Member No. 00953, Died August, 2020
Mr. Kevin J.T. MURPHY- O’CONNOR – Annual Member No. 01024, Died July 11th, 2020.
Mr. Roger J.F PARMENTER – Annual Member No. 1448, Died July 25th, 2020
Mr. Alan B. JOHNSON – Life Member No. 00704
Mr. J (John) C. CARTER – Life Member No. 145
Mr. Keith RAYMOND – Life Member No. 00036
Mr. Gerald William WHITE – Life Member No. 00943

Officers and Committee

Bruce Carnegie-Brown	President
Don H Coombe	Hon. Life President ~ Mobile: 07980009758
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Martin Robinson	Deputy Chairman ~ Mobile: 07717487953
Vernon Ashford	Treasurer
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A Three Rooms Club Charitable Trust Donation Face Masks for Frontline Workers

Duncan Coombe is the grandson of Don Coombe our Hon. Life President.

At the outbreak of the pandemic Duncan turned over his company 3D printing machines to making face shields for our frontline workers. The Three Rooms Charitable Trust made a donation to the fund raising campaign to enable Duncan to purchase the supplies to print the masks. A report from Duncan is below along with some pictures of the grateful recipients.

Well done to Duncan and his team for taking the initiative to help out during these difficult times.

Martin Robinson, Deputy Chairman, The Three Rooms Club

Report from Duncan Coombe

To date, we managed to supply more than 8500 x 3D printed and laser cut face shields all over the UK. We have had many letters/emails/calls back from doctors/nurses/paramedics etc. saying how much of a difference it made to their safety at work and equally as important, their mental health, knowing they had some sort of barrier between them and the unseen dangers which come with working in their field.

I am really grateful for the support you all offered. You all really made a huge difference and I am absolutely certain you directly saved the lives of those battling on the front line.

I am pleased to say that now demand has subsided, I have turned the 3d printers off and given them a well needed rest!



We delivered masks to:

Kent Ambulance Trust, Kent Hospital Trust, Greater London Ambulance Service, Kent Fire and Rescue NHS London, Kent, Sussex & Norfolk Search And Rescue, Kent and Greater London Fire Service amongst many others.

Thank you for your donation, Duncan Coombe

Commemorative Book For Sale

A book to commemorate the Lloyd's fallen in the Great War is now available. The book records 100 years on from the end of the Great War and the activities of the Lloyd's Motor Club members and their guests who travelled to France and Belgium in June 2018. The book records the detail, not previously published in print, of those from the Lloyd's Market who fell during the conflict. We give our sincere thanks to our market colleague John Hamblin for providing the detail of the Lloyd's fallen.

100 copies of the book have been printed, each book has been numbered.

There are a few copies of the book available for sale at £25.00 each (plus £6.75 postage & packing to a UK address). There will be no post and packing charge if you are able to collect a copy of the book from Lloyd's, Lime Street.

If you would like to apply for a copy of the book please send an email to

Martin Robinson martinbrob@gmail.com



The commemorative book of the fallen from Lloyd's in the Great War

Background to the Commemorative Book by Martin Robinson

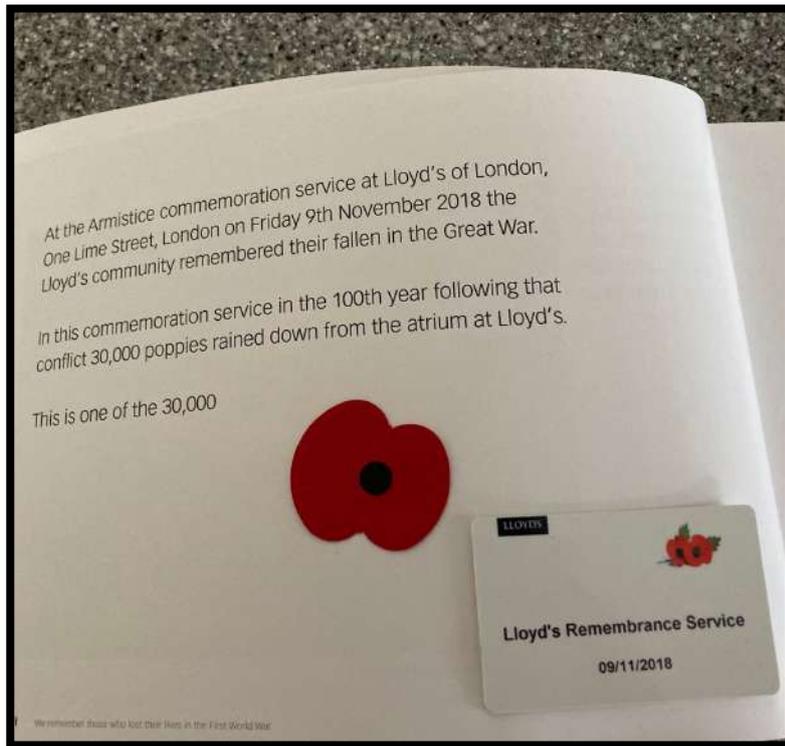
In 2017 members and guests of the Lloyd's Motor Club (LMC) attended a battlefields tour in France. A walk in the forest on the final day of our trip sparked a conversation with two of my LMC colleagues Graham Faggetter and Giles Schofield about the significance of 2018, 100 years after the end of WW1 and the possibility of conducting an LMC commemorative event in 2018.

There was a compelling need to undertake an event in 2018 and on returning to London attention turned to exploring the possibilities.

The discovery of unpublished book compiled by John Hamblin, one of our Lloyd's market colleagues, brought the whole idea of an event together. John's book chronicles the Fallen from Lloyd's of London in WW1, the books detail includes the resting places of the Lloyd's Fallen and it formed the perfect basis for our event.

As a result, In June 2018, fifteen cars and thirty six LMC members and their guests travelled to France and Belgium to lay commemorative crosses on the resting places of the Fallen from Lloyd's of London in WW1. In addition, crosses will be laid at the resting places of the Lloyd's Fallen throughout the United Kingdom in Germany, Greece, Italy, Iraq, Egypt, Israel, Palestine and Gaza.

John's original unpublished book is incorporated in the publication and the book has been funded by the Lloyd's Three Rooms Charitable Trust. This book has been limited to 100 copies and gifted to the participants on the 2018 trip with the remainder offered for sale in aid of our chosen charity the Not Forgotten Association.



Each book is numbered and includes one of the poppies that rained down from the atrium at Lloyd's on 9th November 2018

The book foreword by Bruce Carnegie-Brown, Chairman of Lloyd's

