

## 2000 Letter

Well, it has been quite a year so we have finally succumbed and am writing one of those letters giving the highlights.....

For Mikki, the job front has been a rather moveable feast! She thinks she had about four jobs during the year – ranging from ‘in danger of displacement’ (ie redundancy) about which she had mixed feelings, to communicating to senior leaders and finally settling (following yet another restructure) on a project role to look at how we can distribute information worldwide effectively. No small task! As some of you may know, Andrew was signed off work with stress from September 1999 but was signed back on in February, whereupon MAFF sent him straight home again! He finally went back to work in August having successfully applied for a job in another area – the Food Standards Agency. So far, so good.....



Sticking with the world wide theme we were delighted that our company was granted livery status in January and became No 101 in precedence. Andrew, having written the official petition was delighted to attend the formal signing ceremony at Mansion House. 100 freemen of the company attended another wonderful ceremony when we all became Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of World Traders.



We had two visits to another 'world' – Walt Disney World. The second visit was mainly to celebrate my 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was impossible to feel old



there! We were joined by Chris and Corinna Edge who helped make it a memorable trip! Drinking champagne on the balcony of our home away from home is a great way to celebrate any birthday.



Another highlight of the year was when we were able to undertake one of the 'mythical' rights of a freeman of the city – herding sheep over London Bridge! This was all in support of the Lord Mayor's charity – Barnardo's and a great time was had by all.



We couldn't leave the millennium year without visiting some of the sights. We went with Joan and Kenneth Young on the wonderful London Eye in May and in October we finally succumbed and used some free tickets to visit the dome. On that basis it was value for money (just)! We liked the journey zone.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.