

The Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners held their annual dinner to celebrate the inauguration of the new Master Barrie Torbett. Essex Chordsmen were invited to sing for the evening's entertainment which was held at the Mansion House in the City of London in the magnificent splendour of the famous columned Egyptian room.

In keeping with custom Grace was sung by all and enhanced by the addition of the Chordsmen's authoritative rendition with harmonic overtones. This was followed by the National Anthem and a toast to the queen and the Royal family.

After dinner the Chordsmen returned and the fun really started, beginning with a rousing rendition of 'When I'm Sixty-Four'.

Company and guests enjoyed a series of well-known songs and in particular our strong interpretation of 'Do You Hear The People Sing'.

To thunderous applause, after which we made to depart, there were calls to stay and for an encore we gave an animated performance of 'Is This The Way To Amarillo' which, if truth be told, was sung together with the entire company!

With rapturous applause and two standing ovations the evening was a great success and truly a night to remember! The following testimonials speak for themselves:

In all the years I have attended events at Mansion House I have never seen top table guests singing and possibly other guests who all thoroughly enjoyed your performance. Please pass on my thanks to all concerned.

Barrie TorbettMaster, WC-EC

I know Barrie has already sent you an e-mail, but may I also add my personal thanks to you and the number, and it was great to have people who really knew how to sing leading the Sung Grace and enjoyed coming to Mansion House, and will certainly look forward to hearing you again in future.

Matthew JohnsonClerk of the Company WC-EC

