



The Master (centre right) at the Livery Dinner with (left to right) Alderman Peter Estlin, The Lord Mayor Andrew Parmley and Alderman William Russell

## Message from the Master

### Alistair Gregory-Smith reports:

It is a great honour and privilege to be elected as Master and I follow a long succession going back to Thomas Warham, who became the first Master of the Carpenters' Company in 1456. Our educational and charitable activities today follow a very similar path to the activities of the original trade guild some 700 years ago. Like most of the previous Masters I suspect, my time is heavily committed in representing the Carpenters' Company at many events run by

the City Corporation and other livery companies.



206 - 214 High Street Stratford as it will look on completion (Courtesy Alumno)

After almost ten years of negotiations one of our old sites in Stratford, East London, is now being developed, with completion due in 2018. The resulting 26 storey tower at 206 - 214 High Street will be used predominately for student accommodation, with some commercial units on the lowest floors. Once completed, the development will be of significant long term benefit to the Company.

In recognition of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's