



# THEFUELLER

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## Never a more interesting time to be a Fueller?

By kind permission of the Lord Mayor of the City of London, the Right Honourable Alderman Fiona Woolf, CBE, Honorary Liveryman of the Fuellers' Company, the Election Court Luncheon was held this year in the superb surroundings of the so-called Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House on 14th April.

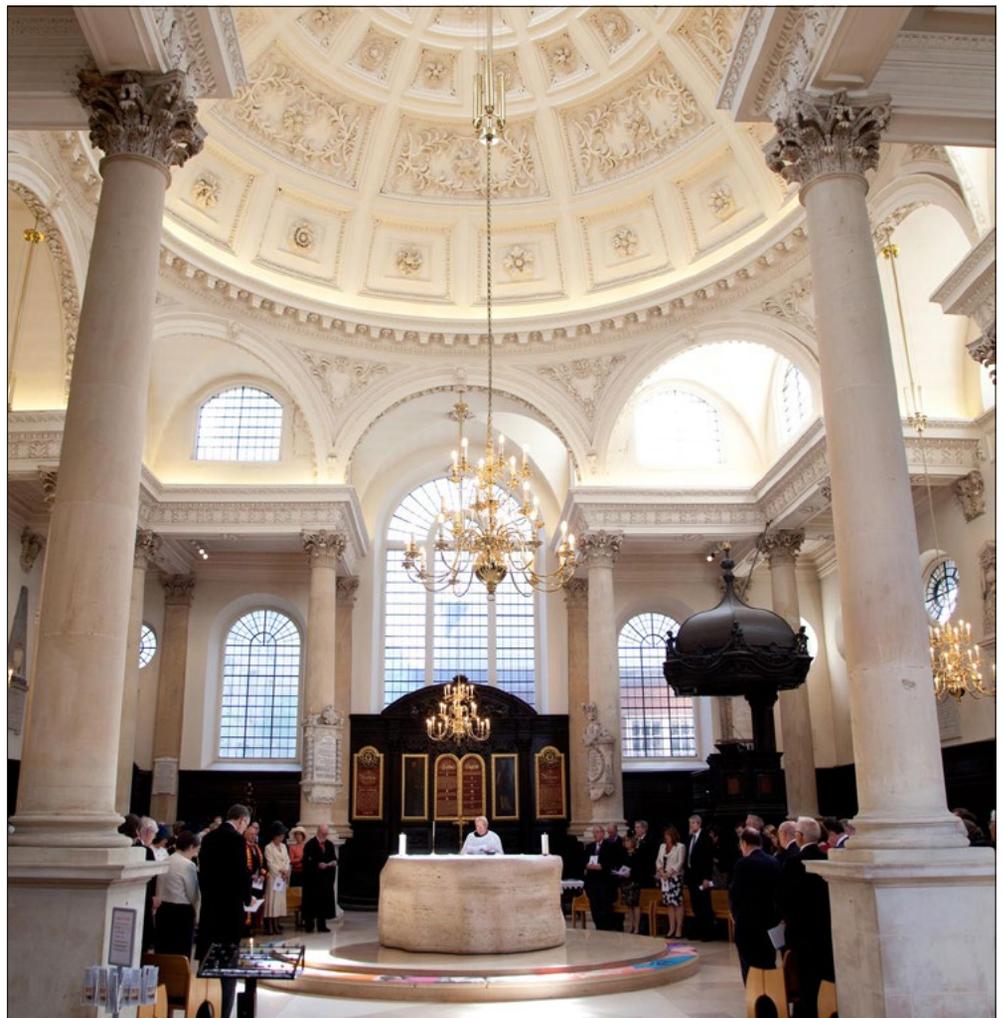
The Company was honoured by the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, Honorary Liveryman.

In a break from custom, the Thanksgiving Service which preceded the Luncheon was held, not at the church of St. Michael Cornhill, but at St. Stephen Walbrook, adjoining the Mansion House. This beautiful Wren church is distinguished by the nave being topped by a dome, and a striking renovation in recent years provides a central stone altar beneath the dome with the congregation seated around it in a three-quarter circular arc.

Within the Mansion House a noteworthy feature was artwork provided by the pupils from London schools. This artwork is displayed in a rolling exhibition sponsored by the Lord Mayor for the duration of her term of office.

The Luncheon was attended by over 200 Liverymen and Freemen and their guests, believed to be the largest number of attendees at any social event of the Company since its re-founding.

In welcoming the Principal Guests, who included five Masters of other



The service at St Stephen Walbrook

Livery Companies, the Master remarked that it was perhaps hardly appropriate to describe the Lord Mayor as a "guest", in her own house!

The luncheon menu was enhanced by well-chosen wines from France.

On behalf of the Company, the Lord Mayor presented Fuellers' Prizes to the following recipients: Linn Taylor, City University, London; PO

David Ferguson, RFA Wave Ruler; CPO Mariesa Dryhurst, HMS Sultan; Andy Scraggs, Defence Fuels and Food Services and 10 Squadron RAF, Voyager Force Operational Training Team.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by the Master, as was the toast to the Lord Mayor and to the City of London Corporation.

The toast to the Guests was proposed by the Senior Warden, Neville Chamberlain CBE.

In responding to the toast, the Lord Mayor expressed her congratulations and particular pleasure that, this day, the Company had, for the first time, elected a woman as one of its Wardens, Mrs. Janet Harrison having been duly elected to serve as Junior Warden of the Company for the ensuing year from October.

The Master, in his closing remarks, expressed his thanks to the Lord Mayor for allowing the use of the Mansion House for the event, commented on the need for diversity in the forms of provision of fuel and said that, in his view, there had never been a more interesting time than the present to be a Fueller.

- Liveryman John Sharp



Processing to the Mansion House



The Master, Mistress, Senior Warden and his lady and the Junior Warden and his lady



The luncheon in the Egyptian Hall



The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor's speech



The Mistress with the Master Air Pilots Dorothy Saul-Pooley

Photos: Michael O Sullivan Photography

# News from the Court

## PAST MASTER BRIAN HARRISON CBE

Brian Harrison, Master 2000/2001, died suddenly on the 16th January. The Court expressed sincere condolences to Peter and Janet Harrison and their family. Brian made a great contribution to the Company as a member, Master and Past Master and as a former Chairman of the Charitable Trust. Brian's obituary appears on the following page.

## FATHER OF THE COMPANY

Following the loss of Richard Horne last June, Past Master Michael Bryer Ash was confirmed on 20th January by the Court as the new Father of the Company. As previously, the decision was taken on length of service as Liverymen of the Company. Four Fuellers have served as such from November 1984: Past Master Bryer Ash, Past Master John Boddy, Liveryman Peter Stafford and Past Master Edward Wilkinson. In view of this, the final recommendation of the General Purposes Committee was based on seniority in years.

## 216 SQUADRON RAF

The disbandment parade of 216 Squadron took place on 30th March at RAF Brize Norton. The parade, attended by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford, also saw the retirement after 30 years of distinguished service of the TriStar aircraft. The Master and Clerk represented the Company at the parade. The disbandment brings to an end a notable 96 year history of 216 Squadron, which for the last ten years has been a vital part of the air transport "Airbridge" to Afghanistan, and transport & air-to-air refuelling aircraft to the Falkland Islands. The Tristar is replaced by the RAF's new Voyager fleet operated currently by Squadrons 10 & 101. Voyager will guarantee the RAF's Strategic Air Mobility into the future



216 Sqn standing down parade

## 10 SQUADRON RAF

Wing Commander Daniel James, Officer Commanding 10 Squadron RAF when the Affiliation Document with his Squadron was signed, has recently been posted to Permanent Joint HQ Northwood. The Wing Commander accepted the offer of Freedom by Presentation of the Company and was admitted

at the Mansion House on 14th April. In succession, Wing Commander Jamie Osborne, the new O/C 10 Squadron, has become an Honorary Liveryman of the Company.

## ELECTION COURT

At the Court Meeting held on 14th April, there were elected to serve from the Installation Court in October: as Master, Neville Chamberlain CBE; as Senior Warden, John Ingham; and as Junior Warden, Janet Harrison.

## SKINNERS' HALL

A new lease has been signed with the Skinners' Company under which the Company now has sole use of a larger office at 9 Dowgate Hill.

## FUELLERS' LECTURE 2014

The Tenth Fuellers' Energy Lecture, inaugurated by The Lord Ezra MBE, will be held at Drapers' Hall on Thursday 11th September. The Speaker will be Mr. David Gray, Chairman of OFGEM.

- Sir Antony Reardon Smith – Clerk

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Full details of events are circulated by the Clerk and available on the website. Your attention is drawn in particular to the following:

**Wednesday 11th June**  
Court Ladies Dinner at Skinners' Hall

**Tuesday 24th June**  
Election of the Sheriffs at Guildhall \*

**Saturday 12th July**  
Platanos College Parade Day

**Tuesday 29th July**  
Visit to DONG Energy, Brightlingsea

**Friday 15th August**  
Visit to HM Naval Base, Faslane, Scotland

**Friday 29th August**  
Fund raising event on HQS Wellington for The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

**Tuesday 9th September**  
Fuellers' Golf Day at Windlesham Golf Club

**Wednesday 17th September**  
Livery Dinner at The Little Ship Club

**Monday 29th September**  
Election of The Lord Mayor at Guildhall\*

**Tuesday 14th October**  
Installation Dinner at Skinners' Hall

For the dates of Fuellers Conversations refer to page 10.  
\* Qualifying Liverymen only

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## Past Master Brian Harrison CBE

6th March 1927 – 16th January 2014

Brian lived life to the full right until the sad and unexpected heart attack in London on 16th January 2014. He was returning home to St Albans on the train from a good lunch and a few drinks with friends when this occurred. Brian was born in 1927 in Burnley, Lancashire and met his future wife Margaret when he was just 17 at a local Drama Group. His national service curtailed his studies and, returning to the UK, Margaret and Brian were married in 1950 after he qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

Brian's brilliant career in the Coal Industry started in the early 1950's with the National Coal Board. After a period working in Edwinstowe and Bolsover, he moved to the NCB Coal Products Division in Harrow. He then became the Finance Director on the main board of the NCB at Hobart House in central London and worked closely with Lord Ezra. His work included extensive international travel supported by Margaret. He often talked about the challenges of working closely with the Government, the Miners' strike and the decline in the coal industry. However, he was very proud to be awarded a CBE by the Queen in 1982 for services to the Fuel Industry.

During all of this time he was also a devoted husband and family man as well as a very keen supporter of the theatre and the arts. Brian retired from the National Coal Board in 1985 in order to support Margaret through her illnesses. She sadly passed away in 1995. From the late 1980's Brian and Margaret particularly enjoyed their second home in Naples, Florida where they made many friends and would visit three or four times a year.

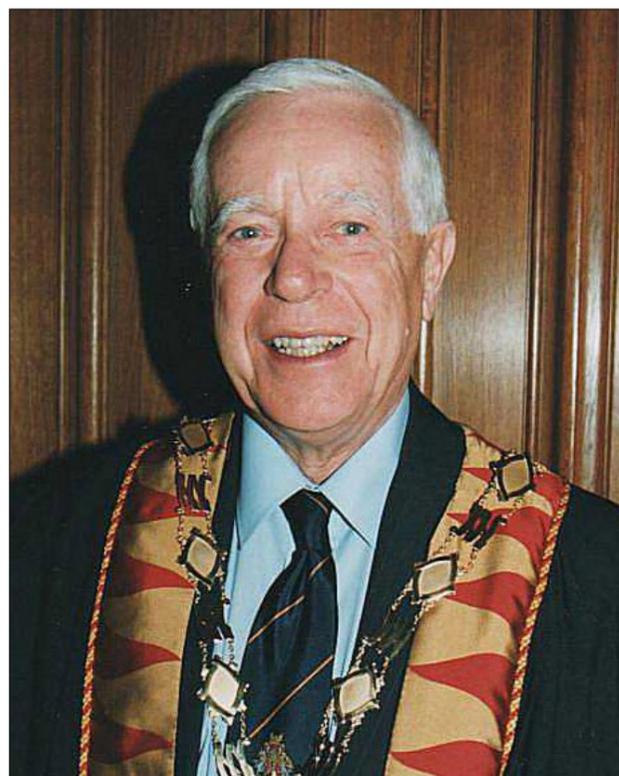
A major part of Brian's post retirement life has been his devotion to charitable causes. Brian's first Livery Company was the Chartered Accountants, of which he was Master in 1994/95. Meanwhile, he had become a Fueller in 1985 and he became the 17th Master of the Company in 2000. Some examples of his charitable fund raising activities for the Fuellers, perhaps some crazy ones, included a freefall tandem parachute jump, abseiling down a London building, performing at a Gala Banquet at the Guildhall London and singing at a Plaisterers' Hall Charity event he also organised. Perhaps even more crazy were his plans to abseil down the Shard Building in London and doing a wing walk for his 90th birthday! Brian raised many thousands of pounds for

charities including for the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund and he generously presented the Fuellers with a new Master's Chain of Office in 2001.

Brian thrived on the camaraderie and fellowship of friends and family and all aspects of London City life including the Fuellers and Chartered Accountants Livery Companies, The Lancastrian Society, The Royal Society of St. George, United Wards, New Millennium Masters, the Coal Industry, Company of Ten theatre group in St. Albans, Henley Management College and his St Albans neighbours.

As to his family, Brian is survived by his two sons, David and Peter, and he was devoted to his daughter in law, Peter's wife Janet, who worked hard for the Fuellers as the Mistress during his year as Master Fueller. He enjoyed his two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Brian's funeral was held on the 3rd of February in Hertfordshire and was very well attended with over a hundred and fifty people, including a very impressive and extensive representation from the Fuellers including many Past Masters and the Clerk, to bid Brian farewell.



Brian wearing the Chain of Office that he presented to the Company

## Cutlers' Hall 20th January

This lovely Hall was the venue for the New Year Court Dinner. Completed in 1888, it has been described as a Country House in the City and was fortunate to survive the great fire bomb raid on December 29th 1940. The following morning only St. Paul's Cathedral and Cutlers' Hall stood virtually unscathed amongst the devastation.

Following a lovely meal and the Loyal Toast, Liveryman Alan Chalmers made a presentation to the Company of a silver Davy Lamp, described in detail in a later page. Rising to propose the toast to the Guests, Senior Warden Neville Chamberlain CBE congratulated the Immediate Past Master on his year and the Master on his installation and thanked Alan for his most generous gift. He then introduced Guest Speaker Colonel Billy King-Harmon CBE who, after a distinguished career in the Royal Artillery, had been until recently City Marshal to the Lord Mayor. He further congratulated the Beadle, Colin Smith MBE BEM, on his election as Chairman of the Beadle's Company and he welcomed the Master Broderer.

In responding for the guests, Colonel Billy claimed to be "as nervous as a Somerset badger with a chest infection". This was not apparent from his fluent words. He spoke of his twelve years serving thirteen Lord Mayors and fondly of "the City that never sleeps". He urged the livery companies to advertise themselves and their good works better.

Master Dennis Woods expressed all Fuellers' condolences to Peter and Janet Harrison on the sudden and very recent loss of Peter's father Past Master Brian Harrison CBE. He



The Master and Mistress with their guests



Peter and Janet Harrison with guests Neil Harrison and Miss Catherine Snowdon



Guest Speaker Colonel Billy King-Harmon received a copy of The Fuellers Tale from the Master

echoed the Senior Warden's thanks to Alan Chalmers then introduced the new Freeman and Liveryman admitted earlier at the Ceremonial Court, mentioning in particular Clare Cuttill's admission by presentation as a Freeman in recognition of her support for the Immediate Past Master in his year. He wished Liveryman and Past Mistress Marilynne Bainbridge a very happy birthday and thanked the Guest

Speaker for a very entertaining and enjoyable speech.

The Master spoke about the challenges facing a variety of sectors of the energy industry and encouraged Fuellers to become involved in the discussion forum on the Company's website. He then invited all present to join him for the traditional stirrup cup.

- Past Master John Bainbridge

# Father of the Company

As reported in News from the Court, Past Master Michael Bryer Ash was acclaimed as Father of the Company in January.

Michael was educated at Durlston Court Prep, Hampshire, and Bryanston in Dorset. He did his 2 years National Service and was commissioned, before his 19th Birthday, into an Infantry Regiment. In his own words: “probably the biggest mistake that the army ever made, but they did teach me how to salute, and to say ‘Carry on Sergeant’. My Goodness I was fit – ten mile bashes were nothing.”

After the Army, Michael was conscripted into the family coal business; his grandfather had 360 coal wagons – the coal retail company traded as the “Wessex Coal Merchants”. He was sent to work with Hinchcliffes at Harrow as a coal delivery man. Coal sacks in those days weighed 224 lbs (2 cwt.) and although very hard work it was very valuable experience when he later had responsibility for a company operating in eleven counties, with 65 depots and 700 lorries.

As coal declined, the Group purchased over 130 companies and diversified; Michael had responsibility for a number of companies in the Service Industry, two Builders Merchants Companies, and Garden Centres, a Skip Hire Company, a Transport Company and Shipping.

He felt “very privileged to work alongside, and with, some very special people”.

Michael is justifiably proud of the strong links his

mother’s family had with the Royal Family, and also the City, through Lord Cecil, Queen Elizabeth the First’s closest advisor. Further down the family line was Sir Crispin Gascoyne, the first Lord Mayor of London to reside in The Mansion House following rebuilding in 1753.

In 1975, Michael was made President of The Coal Merchants Federation of Great Britain when there



A Bryer Ash coal wagon



Father of the Company Michael Bryer Ash, Master 1995/96

were 7,500 Coal Merchants; now there are barely 500. He was Chairman of the National Fireplace Council 1980 – 1982 and Chairman of the Charity for the industry, The Coal Trade Benevolent Association in 1981. He is a Governor of Godolphin School, the second oldest Girls’ School in the country, and Chairman of the Finance and Management Committee 2002 – 2012. Michael was on the Appeal Committee for St. Luke’s Hospital for the Clergy 2004 – 2008, where £2.5 million was raised for refurbishment.

In 1995, Michael was installed as the 12th Master of the Company in The Mansion House. It was a very special moment for him, sitting next to The Lord Mayor knowing that his forbears had resided there.

- John Bainbridge

# The Fuellers visit Grundon’s Energy from Waste plant

Members were greeted on arrival at the spectacularly located lakeside education centre by Norman Grundon.

Norman gave a brief history of the family business and enterprise, from his grandparents owning a successful London horse drawn bus business, and his father Stephen’s adventurous forethoughts that led to Grundon being what it is today; a company developed from a local aggregate supply business into a collective group with national and international interests in waste collection and disposal; incineration; recycling and recovery; aggregate extraction, processing and supply; technological solutions to industrial waste management problems; contract management; estate management; leisure and amenity services.

In following in his father’s tradition of innovation and enterprise Norman Grundon became Chairman in 1993



Fuellers being chauffeured by the facility’s owner

and his son Neil is now a Director of the Company.

Today, the company may be the largest privately owned waste management operator in the UK, but in many ways it continues as a typical family-run business.

Following a full H&S induction the group, equipped with hard hats, high visibility jackets and appropriate foot wear, visited the recycling centre on the ‘golf buggy bus’ driven by Norman himself to the company’s newest facility, the Tanhouse MRF Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs or ‘Murfs’ – as the staff call them) for the separation of mixed recyclables, one of three that is operated by the company.

The Tanhouse plant was rebuilt in 2011 following a serious fire, and our group was shown how the state-of-the-art ‘Redwave’ near-infra red spectroscopy auto sorters extract a wide range of different material types based on

the wavelength of reflected light. Additional materials recoverable using this technology include clean, clear plastic film; mixed plastics including polypropylene, and ‘Tetrapak’- style laminated cartons. Whilst this state-of-the-art technology is used there is still the requirement of the human element in hand picking and sorting. All product received in the plant is recycled, with the final residues going to the company’s adjacent Energy from Waste plant - along with the group and guests for the next part of the visit!

Grundon’s Energy from Waste plant (EfW), costing £160 million, was opened officially by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in 2010. The plant receives over 400,000 tonnes of residual waste per year that in the past would have gone to land fill.

This waste is extremely suitable for energy recovery



Inspecting where waste is turned to heat

and is burnt to raise steam, drive turbines and is constantly producing around 35MW of electricity that is enough to power around 50,000 homes.

Even here there is no actual waste air pollution or residues; the final residues are turned into carbon-negative building blocks.

The Grundon family has demonstrated to the Fuellers and guests that it can show the world that this plant is one of the most practical and environmental cost effective solutions for waste and a sustainable option for energy recovery.

Thanks go to Norman and his staff for a most interesting and technical visit.

- Liveryman Steve Hodges

# Master's half-year Review

It seems like only yesterday, but it was six months ago that Suzan and I welcomed Fuellers and guests to Skinners' for our Installation Dinner. Now we have concluded our halfway point with the most successful, immensely enjoyable and well attended Election Court Lunch. I expected to attend a total of 150 events in my year but up to Easter find I have attended 101

Sanctuary in Eton followed, to present a cheque from the Fuellers Charitable Trust. (We look forward to repeating this visit with fellow Fuellers as part of our Master's Weekend.)

November was my busiest month, with 24 events it beat March by one! Fuellers' Sunday was a wonderfully sunny day attending the Royal Chapel in The

traditional Silent Ceremony followed by Presentation of Gifts at which Fuellers gave her the 686 brooch she has worn often. The next day was the incredibly wet Lord Mayor's Show where we had our own float, lunched at Mansion House, watched fireworks and then entertained Fuellers, guests and sponsors overlooking the River and St Paul's at the Globe Theatre.



The Master with Jim Lovell at the GAPAN Dinner



Fancy Hats ready for the Christmas lunch at Butchers' Hall

already. This comes as no surprise as I seem to be working on, or going to, something related to the Fuellers nearly every day of the week. Here are a few highlights.

In October, Mistress Fueller and I shared the top table at the GAPAN Annual Awards Dinner at Guildhall with the Master, HRH Prince Andrew and Jim Lovell: the only man to have flown to the Moon and back twice, on both Apollo 8 and Apollo 13. A memorable visit to the Swan

Tower of London, then 32 Fuellers walked over Tower Bridge for lunch in the Chop House. I accompanied our Arkwright Scholar Aidan Smith onto the stage at the Arkwright Awards to receive his scholarship. Aidan has since joined us on the Grundon Visit courtesy of our Charitable Trust and invited me to watch him perform in Guys and Dolls at his college in March

Who could forget we installed a Fueller Lord Mayor in November. Suzan and I attended the ancient

The Coal Trade Benevolent Fund celebrated their 125th Anniversary at a Dinner in December attended by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Past Master John Boddy is President and spoke. Good to see there is life after Mastership. Suzan and I were invited to a private lunch with Nicholas Woolf in the Lord Mayor's apartment in Mansion House. A wonderful lunch with lots of interesting conversation. The Fuellers' Carol Service took

place at St James Garlickhythe for a change and Dinner back at the Old Doctor Butler's Head; a great success.

We held our New Year Court Meeting and Dinner at Cutlers' Hall with Billy King-Harman the recently retired City Marshal as our guest speaker. Things then hotted up as Mistress Fueller, Yeoman Tim Woods and a team of Fuellers headed to Morzine in the French Alps to take part in the Inter Livery Ski Competition. We are very grateful to Colin Maund who invited us all us to stay in

Fuellers enjoyed a tour of Roman Londinium with a curator of the Museum of London after seeing the Cheapside Jewellery Hoard exhibition.

On to March, when we combined entering the hilarious City Pancake races with a tour of St Paul's Cathedral. What fascinating places are behind the scenes there. Then back to The Old Bailey where we sat in the dock and enjoyed a theatrical evening. Our visit to Grundon's Energy from Waste Plant was fully subscribed and proved to be very educational.



The Master and Mistress beside Roman foundations of the City Fort Gate



The Master with Liveryman Tim Woods on the slopes at Morzine



The Master was in fine form and did not "pancake" at Guildhall

his most convenient and spacious apartment.

Sadly, in February we had to attend Past Master Brian Harrison's funeral, a sudden and sad loss.

Suzan and I were both invited to have lunch with the Judges at the Old Bailey: a fascinating and very interesting event. We were both also invited to The Lord Mayor and Skinners' Company Dinner at Skinners' Hall which was a very special event and prestigious. The

We are very grateful to Norman Grundon for his wonderful humour and hospitality.

Fourteen events already to date in April and it is only the 20th as I write. The white tie dinner at Mansion House for Masters and Partners was a wonderful occasion that will stay in our memory and of course that now brings me back to our own Mansion House Lunch on a day filled with highlights from the Election Court itself, Thanksgiving at St Stephen Walbrook and after

lunch drinks at the Counting House until well into the evening.

I hope you have enjoyed this brief whistle stop summary. I am trying to update the website as often as possible with the latest news but due to the sheer number of events I am falling a little behind with this task.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Fuellers' events in the second half of my Master's Year.

- Master Dennis Woods

# Industry Group

Under successive Masters we have been following a path of greater connection to and with Industrial, City and Professional partners to deliver the simple goal of the Company becoming the 'Energy Voice of the City'. Arriving at the direction is one thing but aspirations must become actions to achieve reality. It was for this reason that the creation of an Industry Group was approved by the Court in 2013.

The Group is tasked to lead and manage all of the initiatives existing and contemplated to enhance the increasing and diverse nature of the links the Company has into the various industries and sectors from which members come and with whom we wish to engage.

Two meetings have been held to date and membership of the Group has been extended to two corporate partners with whom we have existing connections – EY (Ernst and Young) from all of our work on Fuellers' Conversations and Energy & Utility Skills whose (successful) bid for more than £30m of Government funding under the Employee Ownership of Skills initiative the Company supported in March 2013.

Much of the initial work of the Group has been to identify what connections currently exist, how they can be further enhanced and better managed and where gaps exist. New areas of activity have been identified including how the Company might make a more consistent contribution to thought leadership within the energy sector, including how we respond to calls for contributions to consultation exercises.

The Group manages the Fuellers' Conversations programme and this wider access to potential Speakers has already borne fruit in that the next three Conversations are already set.

*22nd May – Robert Davies, CEO Areva UK 'Is new nuclear energy a myth or reality?'*

*2nd July – Neil Robertson, CEO EU Skills 'Employee Ownership of Skills'*

*28th October – Raphael Vermeir, President and MD Nigeria Conoco Phillips 'A view on energy in the developing world'*

The most recent Conversation was held in early April and was the first staged away from London. Held in the Leeds offices of EY, Fuellers had a most engaging and informative conversation with Leigh Hackett, CEO of Capture Power Ltd, the JV between Alstom, Drax and BOC, formed to take forward



Mr Leigh Hackett, CEO Capture Power Ltd, in Leeds with the Immediate Past Master

the White Rose Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) Project. White Rose is one of the two preferred bidders appointed by the UK Government to test the commercial viability of CCS.

The plant is planned to be located at Drax in Yorkshire and will be a 426 MW (300MW net) Oxyfuel Power Plant using a 90:10 mixture of coal and biomass, producing enough energy to power the equivalent of 630,000 homes. The CO<sub>2</sub> will be recovered and piped at a pressure of 120 bar c100 miles (45 miles on shore and then 55 miles under the sea) to be stored in a deep saline strata formation some 2km below sea level.

Leigh explained that White Rose is not seen as a test plant/environment as such a plant has been underway in Schwarze Pumpe Germany since 2008. He believes that if the plant passes its Final Decision to Invest (FID) towards the end of 2015 it will herald and stimulate a new industry – a renaissance of (abated) UK coal powered electricity production going forward.

It was a terrific event and Leigh has promised to make a return visit in late 2015 to provide an update on the Project.

- Immediate Past Master Paul Cuttill OBE

## The Company's possessions no. 4

As reported on page 5, Liveryman Alan Chalmers made a splendid presentation to the Company at the New Year Court Dinner.

Alan's early background is old coal, and more specifically South Wales Coal. His grandfather, Herbert Merrett, joined Cory Brothers early in the 20th century as a 13 years old office boy and, 50 years later, retired as chairman of both Cory Brothers and Powell Duffryn. He was also chairman of Guerrett Llewellyn and Merrett, which in the 1930s was the largest colliery owner in South Wales and a major exporter of coal through Cardiff docks mainly to the USA.

Herbert Merrett was a passionate promoter of safety down the mines at a time when unfortunately too many miners all over the country were dying as a result of gas explosions.

Way back in 1815, Humphrey Davy had invented his safety lamp mainly as a means of lighting the galleries. The miners had been used to going down the mines bearing naked flames which had the propensity to ignite the gases. Davy discovered that if the naked flame were contained behind a mesh screen, methane and other flammable gases would not pass through and ignite, but if flammable gases were present, the flame would burn higher and with a distinct blue tinge, warning the miners of the danger. This invention has saved countless lives amongst the miners.

Conscious of the unique place the Davy lamp held in coal mining history, Herbert Merrett commissioned a small number of beautifully made scaled down examples, and gave them to members of his family and to other close colleagues in the industry.

Alan's example has, he regrets to say, lain in a cupboard for decades and was recently rediscovered. He immediately thought that it might make a welcome addition to the Fuellers' collection and was delighted when the Master agreed to accept it. What better resting place could this iconic coal mining artefact have?

- John Bainbridge

At the Election Court Luncheon on 14th April, the Fuellers Salver was presented for the first time to 10 Squadron RAF. The Salver was given to the Company anonymously by a senior Liveryman; to be awarded annually.



The presentation by Liveryman Alan Chalmers



The model Davy Lamp

## In Brief

### Inter Livery Pancake Races and St Paul's Cathedral - Tuesday 4th March

The weather was better than usual for this year's races in Guildhall Yard on Shrove Tuesday and valiant efforts saw the Fuellers team come tantalisingly close to the winners' enclosure. As usual, some competitors ignored the Referee's advice not to run on the cobbles between the paving and to try to avoid launching themselves at speed at the line and thence into the Art Gallery. A number sadly measured their lengths accordingly.

Following the races a small group of Fuellers took a private tour of St Paul's Cathedral. Among the highlights recalled by Mistress Fueller were the library – "a wonderful part of the Cathedral seen by very few people"; the staircase which appears as the "Divination Stairwell" in Harry Potter's Hogwarts Castle; and meeting the seamstresses making very fine repairs to the Gowns, Altar Cloths and clothing worn by the Clergy or used in the Cathedral. Also, the spot where a WWII bomb exploded in the Cathedral causing major damage and incredibly lifting the dome and dropping it back on its pillars.

- John Bainbridge



Paul Mott - Flying in true Hogwarts style

## NEW FREEMEN AND LIVERYMEN

### NEW YEAR COURT JANUARY 20TH AT CUTLERS' HALL

**Freemen Admitted By presentation:**  
Clare Alison Cuttill

**By redemption:**  
Timothy Nicholas Beckh  
Philip Simon Hurley  
Robert Martin Limb  
Stephen Kingsley Lloyd  
Elena Oderstone

**Freemen enrobed into the Livery**  
Ewan Neill Robinson

### ELECTION COURT APRIL 14TH AT THE MANSION HOUSE

**Freemen Admitted By presentation:**  
Wg Cdr Daniel James RAF

**By redemption:**  
William James Barr  
Andrew Clive Buglass  
Timothy John Hipperson  
John David Kirby  
Hilarie June McNae JP  
Frances Mary Williamson

**Freemen enrobed into the Livery**  
Mark Henry Joseph Askew  
Elena Oderstone  
Barbara Anne Vest

### Visit to McLaren –Tuesday 29th April

Over a convivial lunch, it was agreed the morning's visit to the McLaren Technology Centre had been an absolute privilege; imagine standing just 25 feet away from the cars that will soon race in Barcelona!

The history of the cars, the evolution in design and structure, the incorporation of new technology (and the application of those technologies in other walks of life, including medicine) were fascinating. In an average season, a car may change by up to 70%; teamwork between all concerned key to a car's success.

"Fuel Fact" – in 2014, cars are limited to 100kg of fuel per race and quality is tightly controlled by frequent sampling.

- Court Assistant Chloë Andrews-Jones  
P.S. Please may I have a McLaren P1 for Christmas?

## The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

### Exciting News!

At the Charitable Trust's meeting in December a review of the year was carried out, so that we could assess progress and identify areas of further work in 2014. The last edition of The Fueller updated you on our donations during the course of the year, which overall the Trustees are happy with but we have been looking for a while to make a significant donation to a suitable worthy cause. The simple reason for this is that there is no point in raising funds just to make the fund grow larger.

During the year our investment funds passed the £500k mark, which was a significant landmark. This was in principal achieved by our decision three years previously not to withdraw any investment income following the appointment of Ruffer as our fund manager. In order to do this we knew we had to make significant progress on regular donations to the Trust from members of the Company. I am pleased to advise that in part this has been achieved with now some £10,000 pa being donated on a regular basis. Thank you to all of you who have helped the progress. These donations gave us greater certainty about being able to fund our regular donations. In recent years the Masters have all made great strides in holding an event or events in their year to help the Charitable

Trust which has also assisted us enormously.

Now to the exciting news, we had during the course of the year become aware that Platanos College were in need of a new minibus for moving their students around to various events including the various Cadet groups which our donations to the College principally support. Indeed those of you who had the good fortune to attend the Fuellers' last flight in a TriStar with 216 Squadron will recall the poor state at of their transport which delayed their arrival at Brize Norton. Since then, we have been progressing discussions on what type of vehicle they were seeking, so that we could assess whether the Trust could assist. The Trustees at the meeting unanimously supported the proposal to fully fund the purchase of a new vehicle (£25,000 circa) which will be suitably endorsed with the Fuellers Crest and appropriate words. This is the first time such a fully funded donation has been made and a significant landmark for the Trust and of course the Company. We plan that the vehicle will be ready for handover at the College's parade day in the summer.

- Chairman, Past Master Michael Husband

At the Election Court Luncheon on 14th April, the Master presented the Lord Mayor with the Trust's donation to her Appeal and a further cheque for £1,000 to her consort, Nicholas Woolf, for Beating Bowel Cancer, being the discretionary amount allowed each year to the Master by the Trust for charitable giving of his choice.

Also at the Luncheon, the Master presented prizes on behalf of the Trust. The winner of the Charles Stephenson Clarke prize for a City University student was Linn Taylor, whose letter of appreciation follows:

"As the fortunate receiver of the Fuellers prize 2014 for my dissertation on the future outlook for small-scale renewable energy and low carbon technologies in the UK I would like to share with you how I intend to spend the prize money.

"Firstly, I am getting involved with the local community in Hackney to promote and engage school children in science and maths. I live in a council estate and I see many children who have a lot of potential but perhaps do not receive enough support from home or in school to realise themselves in an academic sense. I believe having people invest

time in these children and supporting them will make them believe in themselves and make them realise they can achieve great things. What we need for the future are more people who do great things, both in science and elsewhere.

"Secondly, I want to take part in a field study in Africa in

conjunction with the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency. They have previously done research on alternative energy sources in for example Kenya. Future projects are under way and I would love to be a part of one of their projects, something the prize money would be well invested into.

"Essentially, the school project for Hackney Council will not be costly but the prize would mean I could spend more time to get involved with it and the field study would only partly need to

be funded by myself which is why I have decided on two different investment options.

"I would like to extend a thank you to The Worshipful Company of Fuellers again for giving me this great opportunity and prestigious award."



The presentation to Linn Taylor

*The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund (Cont...)*

**The 2014 prizewinners from our Services affiliations are:**

**CPO Mariesa Dryhurst - HMS SULTAN.**

**Winner of the Daedalus Trophy**

CPO Mariesa Dryhurst is currently assigned in one of the pivotal roles as a professional Divisional Officer on 764 Initial Training Squadron within the Royal Naval Air Engineering & Survival Equipment School (RNAESS). Throughout her tenure she has provided an unwavering level of charitable support to the wider community at HMS Sultan, demonstrating an outstanding level of commitment, dedication and loyalty. The consummate professional, CPO Dryhurst is well regarded throughout HMS Sultan due to her dedication and commitment, imparting an excellent community spirit through her provision of support to all personnel. Thoroughly deserving of this award she is held in the utmost regard by Senior Management across HMS Sultan and is an indispensable asset to the RNAESS.



The presentation to CPO Dryhurst

**PO (E) David Ferguson - RFA WAVE RULER.**

**Winner of the Fuellers Rose Bowl**

PO Ferguson was appointed to RFA Wave Ruler between Oct 13 – Feb 14, taking part in Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST), pre-deployment preparations and subsequent deployment to the Middle East. During the Operational Sea Training period Ferguson was singled out by FOST Staff as the 'strength' within the Marine Engineering Department. He also gave valuable support to the new incoming Chief Officer who had no previous experience in the class of ship. During a recent flooding accident, Ferguson immediately took charge at the scene and ensured the incident was dealt with in a professional and timely manner limiting collateral damage to other compartments and high voltage electrical propulsion systems.



The presentation to PO(E) Ferguson

**Mr Andy Scraggs - Defence Fuels & Foods Services**

Mr Andy Scraggs is a shining example of a highly professional and dedicated civil servant. He is the expert on the Navy's marine fuel supply chain and works in Defence Fuels and Food Services. Andy has been involved in planning for numerous humanitarian and disaster relief operations carried out by the Royal Navy; the 2006 Beirut humanitarian evacuation, 2011 Benghazi humanitarian evacuation and the most recent was supporting HMS Illustrious in 2013.



The presentation to Mr Andy Scraggs

**10 Squadron RAF - The Voyager Force Operational Training Team**  
**Winners of the Fuellers Salver**

The 10 Squadron training team were stood up in spring 2013 with the aim of preparing the entire Voyager force for the demands of flying, operating and sustaining the airbridge to Afghanistan. They identified, designed and implemented briefings and simulator scenarios that familiarised Voyager crews with defensive aids suites, Afghan airspace tactics and safe approach and departure lanes into airfields in Afghanistan. They have absolutely succeeded in preparing the Voyager force to take over the critical airbridge from the TriStar; were it not for their efforts the force would not be experiencing the excellent reputation it is currently enjoying. The Award was accepted, on behalf of the team, by Flt Lt John Gooding.



The presentation to Flt Lt Gooding

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# From the Affiliations

## RFA Wave Knight and Wave Ruler - Making Waves

Both affiliated Wave class Royal Fleet Auxiliaries have been away from home, working hard contributing significantly to international maritime security.

*Wave Ruler* resumed her duties as the East of Suez station tanker during Nov 13. This followed an extensive refit and regeneration period in the UK. Her work is in direct support to the Coalition Maritime Forces contributing to the stability of the region and countering illegal narcotic, smuggling and piracy activity. This work has seen *Wave Ruler* operating from inside the Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and as far south as the Equator. Since arriving in November 13, fuel has been issued to the ships of eight different nationalities with many more to follow. Day to day is seldom routine with a range of training onboard to make sure that all is ready for that contingency be it anything from defending ourselves from hostile acts to humanitarian assistance and everything in between. Locally our charity work continues and we are currently raising money in support of the Renal Unit at Sunderland Royal Hospital.

*Wave Knight* is coming to the end of a 16-month deployment to the Caribbean providing support and assurance to the UK Overseas Territories. The past six months have seen the ship concentrate on counter-narcotics operations with considerable success. Working closely with the US Coast Guard as part of a multi-national effort, over 1.5 tonnes of cocaine and 1.75 tonnes of marijuana with a combined UK wholesale value of around £80M (street value significantly more) have been seized and 18 people detained. In January, the ship became the first non-US unit to embark an armed USCG helicopter which was instrumental in forcing two of the cocaine smuggling boats to stop and submit to inspection by the USCG Law Enforcement detachment on board. The ship also completed a rare, high-profile Defence Engagement visit to Cuba during December.



Wave Knight & US Coast Guard Helo

## 10 Squadron RAF - Joined-up Thinking

Flying the TriStar and VC10 legacy fleet you would get delayed for any number of reasons, which just don't exist with Voyager - that is good for the reputations of 10 and 101 Squadrons, for the Voyager Force and for the RAF. Without watering down a strong sense of individual identity, the two Squadrons have adopted a joint manning strategy, which sees flight and cabin crew from each, operating side-by-side on individual flights. We cannot justify any duplication in the roles that we perform. Air transport, air-to-air refuelling (AAR) and training are being run jointly across the Squadrons as the most effective route to delivery. The coming months are going to be so important in developing our capability. To get up to 30 flight deck crews by the end of this year we're going to have an influx of people, some with a lot of experience, others with less.

Voyager began flying to and from Camp Bastion in support of the Afghan air bridge via Akrotiri and Minhad on 8th December. Having 'proved its salt', delivering high levels of reliability, it has also picked up a regular service direct to Camp Bastion and via Akrotiri, to accommodate statutory theatre decompression. The aircraft's reputation



Wing Commander Jamie Osborne

for reliability is being noticed, in particular by the end user, the UK military. On a recent flight returning from Akrotiri I engaged a Brigadier in conversation.

He was totally satisfied because his people were totally satisfied; the only downside being that there was one less thing to banter the RAF about!

The important thing now is to sustain capability and to remember that this is a marathon not a sprint – our progress has to be sustainable. That said it is an incredibly exciting time for the Voyager Force, we have a very capable aircraft and we are exploiting that capability to the advantage of the UK's military forces.

- Captain Duncan Lamb

- Wing Commander Jamie Osborne

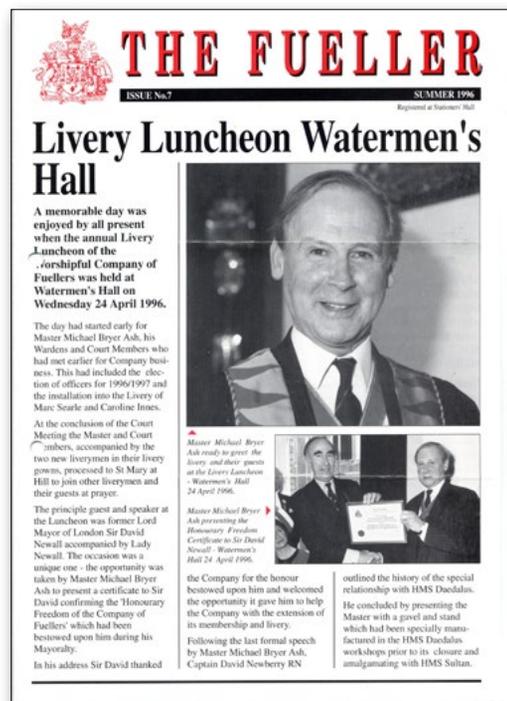
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# 18 Years Ago in The Fueller - 5

Issue No. 7 came out in Summer 1996 in the Mastership of Michael Bryer Ash, and reported the presentation to the Company of a gavel and stand which had been specially manufactured in the workshops of HMS Daedalus prior to its closure and amalgamation with HMS Sultan.

The issue also saw the fourth and strangely the last in a series of articles on Traditions of City of London Livery Companies – on this occasion the Wax Chandlers Company. Previous subjects were the Watermen & Lightermen, the Bakers and the Butchers. Support was sought for the Save Barts for the City campaign and the newly formed Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomews Charitable Trust. Liverymen were encouraged to write to their MP, the Prime Minister and any other member they had contact with in either of the Houses of Parliament. Thankfully, the campaign was successful.

- John Bainbridge



## The Fuellers' Shop



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Ladies Bar Brooch	£10.00
Ladies Silk Neck Scarf	£21.00
Fine China Coffee Mug with Company Crest	£9.00
Wall Plaque	£37.50
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Bronze Desk Crest	£155.00*

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