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The Worshipful Company of Fuellers received its Royal Charter from His Royal Highness Prince Edward The Earl of Wessex at the Guildhall, London, on 16th March 2015

16th March 2015 – A Night to Remember



Mrs Julie Clark, Mr Jon Clark representing EY, The Lady Mayoress, The Lord Mayor, Master Fueller Neville Chamberlain, His Royal Highness Prince Edward The Earl of Wessex and the Mistress Fueller.

If ever 'It'll be alright on the night' was apt then it certainly was on the occasion of The Worshipful Company of Fuellers Royal Charter Banquet in the splendid medieval surroundings of Guildhall. Many months of planning and no little stress in the final preparations culminated in an evening of celebration, pomp and ceremony befitting this historic milestone for the Company.

The festivities began as Fuellers and their guests started arriving around 6.00pm and, after collecting their souvenir menu brochures, were directed towards the Old Library where the Master and Wardens and their consorts were waiting to welcome them with sturdy handshakes and warm words. Dress Code was White Tie for the gentlemen and long dresses for the ladies and these certainly would have graced many a catwalk and

added glamour to the colour and spectacle of the evening.

With over 300 Fuellers and guests attending, and having welcomed most of them by 6.30pm, the Master and Wardens and Consorts were directed by the Beadle to the Old Porch entrance to join IPM Woods and PM Cuttill and their ladies to welcome The Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor Alan Yarrow and the Lady Mayoress and the civic party, including the Sheriffs and their consorts. This allowed for a few moments of conversation before the arrival of our principal guest for the evening, HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex and Honorary Liveryman. He was greeted on arrival at Guildhall by The Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor and introduced to the Master, Wardens and the shrieval dignitaries and their respective consorts before being escorted by the Master to the Reception in the Old Library where, to the pleasing background of music by Harpists Elizabeth Scorch and Harriet Aide, he mingled and chatted easily with Fuellers and guests, which included the Masters, Prime Wardens, Past Masters and Clerks of over 40 Livery Companies. We were also most pleased to welcome guests from the Coal Meters and our military affiliates from



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The Master and Wardens and partners awaiting the principal guests.



The Master, Wardens and official guests.



Master Neville Chamberlain greeting Lord Mayor Alan Yarrow.



His Royal Highness and the Mistress receiving the salutes of the Carpet Guard.



The arrival of His Royal Highness.



The trumpet fanfare.

the RFA, 10 Squadron, HMS Sultan, Defence Strategic Fuels Authority and 152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC. Prince Edward then moved on to the Print Room to meet the principal guests and was there formally welcomed by the Master and by Jon Clark, EY EMEA Transactions Oil and Gas Leader, representing our principal partner for the evening.

Then the call to dinner by the Toastmaster and time for a few formal group photographs for the principal guests before the procession into the Banqueting Hall past the Carpet Guard provided by representatives from the City of London Sea Cadets and Army Cadets from Platanos College.

The Great Hall looked magnificent and the table settings and menu were chosen with extreme diligence and attention to detail by the Mistress Fueller and very much befitted the occasion. On the Toastmaster's cue the room rose as one for Grace by our Honorary Freeman and Honorary Chaplain, the Reverend Dr Peter Mullen, following which we were able to enjoy our starter in preparation for the main event. First the fanfare, then a few words of welcome by the Master and then the entrance of the Royal Charter with all the colour and ceremonial it warranted. Preceded by the Piper, Staff Sergeant Robert Green, 152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC and flanked by the colours of our military affiliates from 10 Squadron, HMS Sultan and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary the framed Charter was carried in by Yeoman Timothy Woods accompanied by The Father of the Company, Past Master Michael Bryer Ash and Senior Past Master of the Company, Past Master John Boddy.

After the Charter had been carefully mounted on an easel in front of Prince Edward he expressed his pleasure on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to be able to present the Company with its Royal Charter and pointing out that this was in fact our second Royal Charter, the first having been granted by King James 1 in 1605 but which we had to surrender in 1667, so this could actually be seen as restoration of that Charter and all its rights and privileges. However, a word of caution was also added with the caveat that to lose one Royal Charter is unfortunate but to lose two Royal Charters would be rather careless.

In his response and acceptance of the Royal Charter the Master assured Prince Edward on behalf of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers that we shall honour the obligations and commitments of the Charter and ensure that we do not lose it again. The Master then called upon the Honorary Chaplain to bless the Royal Charter as it passed into our governance.

Leaving the Royal Charter in its place of honour before a Prince and for all to see, the Charter party and Colours then departed with due dignity and aplomb to conclude the formal ceremony and the Banquet was resumed with all the usual efficiency associated with the Guildhall.

Following the excellent Banquet there was, as befits these occasions, the Sung Grace from the Laudi Spirituali – AD 1545 – and well sung it was too. There then followed the Loyal Toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, the Royal Family, the Lord Mayor, City of London Corporation and Sheriffs.

We were then treated to a magnificent rendering of the



Piper, Staff Sergeant Robert Green leads out the Royal Charter.



Yeoman Tim Woods displaying the Charter.



His Royal Highness's presentation speech.



His Royal Highness congratulating the Master and the Company.



Lord Mayor Yarrow adding his approval.



The toast, 'The Worshipful Company of Fuellers – root and branch – may it flourish for ever'.



Senior Past Master John Boddy and Mr Julian Boddy.



Past Master David Port and Liveryman Past Mistress Lynn Port.



Mr Ian Grundy, Mrs Shirlee Grundy, Past Master John Bainbridge and Liveryman Past Mistress Marilynne Bainbridge.

Post Horn Gallop by two gusty horn blowers of the London Banqueting Ensemble, who had provided a most enjoyable programme of background music throughout the Banquet under their Musical Director, Steve Fletcher.

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Alan Yarrow then proposed the toast to The Worshipful Company of Fuellers and congratulated the Master on a splendid evening and on the achievement of the Royal Charter, this being no less historic for it being a a Royal Charter and echoing the words of Prince Edward in that we had come full circle and that which we had once lost was now rightfully restored to us. He acknowledged the role of the Livery Companies as the City's strength and success in business and the particular role of the Fuellers in this respect, with a history that could be traced back to the 14th Century as Woodmongers and Coal Sellers, to the first Charter in 1605. That the Company is now flourishing as a modern Company with its members representing the many facets of the diverse energy industries of today is testimony to its virtues and resilience and is rightfully attributed to be the Energy Forum within the City.

The Master thanked the Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor for his kind words and responded with pride in the achievement of the Royal Charter and acceptance and understanding of the commitments and obligations but above all the due recognition of the Company that this bestows. He again assured all those present that having now got a new Royal Charter we would definitely not be losing this one.

He went on to acknowledge that evenings like this do not just happen and that a lot of people had put a lot of time and effort in over many months to ensure the right balance of occasion, festivity and ceremonial and to provide a memorable evening of celebration and history. As there were too many to thank personally he wanted to express his sincere thanks for everything they had done and that they most certainly had delivered and done the Company proud. He thanked EY for their continuing and generous support and partnership with the Company and especially so for the support on this historic occasion. He also thanked the Coal Meters for their generous contribution in sponsoring the actual preparation and production of the Charter. He then called upon all Fuellers to rise and join him in a toast to our Guests, which we did with pleasure and no little sense of reflected pride.

With a final thanks to all for contributing to such a memorable evening the Master invited all to join him in a Stirrup Cup in the Old Library.

The evening ended with a fond farewell to Prince Edward and to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and then a last toast of the Stirrup Cup before the Guildhall witching hour of 11.00pm. Guildhall time waits for no man, no matter the occasion, no matter the history but we were left with the memories of an evening that lived up to expectations and we can say with pride 'I was there when we received our second Royal Charter. Monday 16th March 2015 – a night to remember!'

- Senior Warden John Ingham



Father of the Company Past Master Michael Bryer Ash with Liliانا Oderstone and Liveryman Elena Oderstone.



Liveryman John Spence and Mrs Marjorie Spence.



Harpists Elizabeth Sorah and Harriet Aide.



Mrs Sindy Fortescue and Court Assistant Bill Fortescue.



Miss Caroline Miller, Mr Phillip Husband, Mrs Linda Dearing, Mr Stephen Dearing, Freeman Past Mistress Paula Husband and Past Master Mr Michael Husband.

Freeman David Stewart, Ms Lisa Burger, Mrs Margaret Cripps and Court Assistant The Hon. James Cripps.



Mrs Satomi Haines and Court Assistant Chloë Andrews-Jones.



Mr George Paton and Mrs Georgina Paton, Court Assistant Michael Shirley with Mrs Gill Shirley, and Mrs Kay Webb and Mr Mark Webb.

Freeman Mark Candlish, Mrs Emma Candlish, Mrs Di Lewis and Court Assistant David Lewis.



Gaining the Royal Charter

In June 2013, I was asked if I would assist Past Master John Bainbridge in the process of acquiring a Royal Charter for the Company. We quickly engaged with Keith Lawrey, Clerk to the Educators and a Barrister who has drafted many charters for Modern Livery Companies and other notable organisations.

Keith explained that we would need to originate a Royal Charter and Bylaws which would also require a reorganisation of our Ordinances as some of the clauses of our current document would now be included in the new Bylaws. We were also advised to seek support from fifteen prominent 'non objectors' to support our application and I would like to thank all those on the Court who helped gain the required names who included prominent figures in the energy industry and government ministers.

During the following weeks, I attended several meetings with Keith to originate the draft Royal Charter and Bylaws which were sent to the Court of Aldermen at the City of London for approval. At this time our Master and Wardens agreed to reschedule the Royal Charter Banquet to the new date of 16th March 2015 to allow time for the various permissions and approvals to be granted.

In March 2014, Sir David Howard and the Court of Aldermen

approved our draft documents which were sent to the Privy Council for further scrutiny. After a relatively short time, the Privy Council indicated that the draft Charter and Bylaws were satisfactory and these documents were then forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for final approval before being presented to Her Majesty The Queen at Privy Council.



Michael Shirley with the Royal Charter.

This process took time, but I was advised directly by the newly appointed Solicitor General that all was well and the Royal Charter and Bylaws were presented to and approved by HM The Queen at the October Privy Council Meeting.

The Privy Council nominated calligrapher, Tim Noad, scribed the front page of the Charter on vellum whilst an approved specialist printer originated pages 2-7 also on vellum, which is mandatory.

The printed materials were sent onward to the Crown Office for the Royal Seal to be attached. A Charter does not become official until the seal is attached. This process was completed quite quickly in February which allowed me to give the framing company, Frame, Set and Match, time to complete the production process. The special framing materials were on four weeks' delivery but I was

promised that it would be finished on time which allowed me to collect the splendid Royal Charter from them six days before the Banquet.

I would like to thank the Court and members for their constant support throughout the project and also barrister Keith Lawrey and Margaret Newell at the Privy Council for their proactive guidance which ensured that the Royal Charter arrived on price and in time for our celebratory Banquet at the Guildhall.

- Court Assistant Michael Shirley

Michael is too modest. Owing to my indisposition, I was able to provide him with only limited assistance and he bore, practically alone, the entire burden of liaising with the necessary bodies and obtaining the new Fuellers' Charter. He accomplished this task in a comparatively short time. Michael did a quite remarkable job and the entire Company owes him a great debt of gratitude.

The Worshipful Company acknowledges the Coal Meters Committee's generous sponsorship of the production of the Royal Charter.

- Past Master John Bainbridge

NEW FREEMEN AND LIVERYMEN

NEW YEAR COURT JANUARY 28TH 2015 ON BOARD HQS WELLINGTON

Freeman admitted by presentation
Suzan Moira Woods

Freemen admitted by redemption
Tracy Angela Chippendale-Holmes
Diane Dowdell
Latif Faiyaz
Prof. Michael Stephen Kennedy
David Ian Rose
Prof. Jack Alexander Simmons
Ashley Matthew Thomas
Anthony Jay Williamson

Freemen enrobed into the Livery
Victor Neil Atkinson
Prof. Dan Anselm Rieser

ELECTION COURT APRIL 22ND 2015 AT STATIONERS' HALL

Freemen admitted by redemption
Ian Anthony Cobban
Paul John Vincent Trimmer

Freemen enrobed into the Livery
William James Barr
Andrew Frederick Hugh Strawson

News from the Court

NEW YEAR HONOURS

The Court extends its congratulations and good wishes to Honorary Liveryman Fiona Woolf, late Lord Mayor, on being created DBE in the New Year Honours.

152 (NORTH IRISH) REGIMENT RLC

At the Installation Court last October, the Court agreed to affiliate with 152 (North Irish) Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps. Based in Belfast, Londonderry and Coleraine, 152 is a Regional Army Reserve Transport unit. The Regiment's role is to provide additional transport lift capability in support of the Regular Army, moving essential stores such as artillery ammunition, combat supplies, bulk water and fuel.

The Master and Lt. Col. Paul Smith, Commanding Officer 152, signed the Affiliation Agreement following the January Court Meeting, on board HQS Wellington. Lt. Col. Smith was welcomed as an Honorary Liveryman of the Company on signature of the Agreement.

10 SQUADRON

The Squadron celebrated its 100th Anniversary at Brize Norton on 30th January. 2015 marks not only the Centenary of the formation of the Sqn at Farnborough, but also the first year of full spectrum operations on the new Voyager aircraft. Report on page 22.

Rem Acu Tangere 10 Sqn. Hit the Mark.

DEFENCE STRATEGIC FUELS AUTHORITY

The DSFA achieved full operating capability on 1st April 2015. Commenting in the margins of the Royal Charter Banquet, Group Captain Guy Sawyer, Assistant Head of the Authority, said, "The DSFA is maturing quickly and is very proud of its link to the Worshipful Company of Fuellers. We look forward to developing a fruitful, mutually beneficial and enduring relationship". Report on page 22.

CITY BRIEFINGS

It is essential that any Liverymen seeking to be considered for election to the Court should attend one of the City Briefings. They are aimed particularly at new Liverymen and Freemen; partners are also welcome, as are Court Assistants and Liverymen of longer standing, who have not previously been to a Briefing, who are also encouraged to attend.

The Briefings give a short introduction to the work of the Corporation, especially the relationship with the livery companies. The presentation is given by an Assistant Town Clerk and a member of the Livery Committee. There is



The signing of the 152 (North Irish) Regt. affiliation document.

the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and the Briefing is followed by a light finger buffet, which provides the chance to mix with other Liverymen and Freemen.

The next courses are Wednesday 14th October 2015 and Monday 23rd November 2015. Booking and more information from www.liverycommitteecourses.org

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The Master and Wardens with the new Liverymen and Freemen on HQS Wellington in January.



The Fuellers' Annual Game Day - Kingswalk, 10th January 2015

After more than 10 years, the Fuellers game shooting enthusiasts decided it was time for a fresh challenge. The support for the Devon shoot had been dwindling, mainly due to the long drive and the necessity of two nights away.

In 2014, Nick Hazlett-Beard and James Hill tried a new shoot, Kingswalk, located near Goodwood. This is a driven pheasant and partridge shoot steeped in history with many royal visitors over the years, including King Edward VII after whom the shoot is named. Over 25,000 pheasants and 10,000 partridges are released each year, offering days of between 500 birds,

early in the season, down to 150 birds in January.

After the successful trial day in 2014, we decided to hold the January 2015 Fuellers Game Day at Kingswalk. We fielded a total of 7 guns, the balance of 3 guns being regular Kingswalk clients. This was billed as a 150 bird day but, despite the favourable weather, the birds were reluctant to fly and the day ended with a fairly poor bag of 86 birds.

Despite the disappointment of the low bag, which is down to luck on the day, we all had a very enjoyable day, included a very pleasant and sociable lunch at the local Inn and ended the day with a lovely cream tea before we



Back at the (poorly lit) Inn at the end of day. Court Assistant James Hill, Liveryman Archie Smith, Freeman Nick Hazlett-Beard, Mrs Mim Smith, Past Master Doug Barrow and Freeman Mark Candlish.

all departed for home. The consensus being that we book again for next year.

- Hon. Court Assistant James Hill

Fuellers compete in the Sixth Inter Livery Ski Championships

A selection of the finest Fuellers Skiers this year took part in January in the annual Inter Livery Skiing Championships, held in Morzine in the French Alps. This was the Fuellers second entrance into this competition and the spirits were kept high with great expectations of another fantastic event.

The event started with a few Vin Chauds at the bottom of our night slalom racing piste, some Fuellers may have decided that two would be better as it was a particularly cold evening and the slope was looking increasingly icy as the night rolled on. This year saw a record number of 146 skiers taking part, from over 20 different livery companies which is fantastic as the event is in only its sixth year.

As always the competition consisted of doing 2 timed night slalom races, which then places each entrant in the correct order of fastest first, for the larger downhill Giant Slalom course the very next day. The Fuellers Ski Team this year consisted of Yeoman Tim Woods (ski captain) Past Master Dennis Woods



On the slopes: Yeoman Tim Woods, Immediate Past Master Dennis Woods and Freeman John Lush.

and Liveryman John Lush, this year's team also had a fantastic support crew who helped nervous skiers to battle the treacherous conditions, they were Jessica Marshall (Mistress Ski Captain) Liveryman Paul Mott (first time skier), Freeman Suzan Woods and Mary Lush.

A separate mention has to be made of Paul Mott, who came on the trip and skied for his very first time. The whole group agreed that he did exceptionally well and rumours have been floating around the camp that

one day he will take the reins as ski captain and win the competition, something that the current ski captain has not been able to do in 2 years.

The whole weekend was filled with fun and giggles in such the beautiful environment at Morzine. Prizes for the weekend were given out at the impressive Championship Dinner, however I am sad to report that no prizes were awarded to the Fuellers for their skiing efforts and equally pleased that we were not awarded any jovial prizes for crashes, age or silly antics. The whole weekend was deemed a great success by all and one that is firmly in the calendar and looked forward to.

The Fuellers will be entering another team on 22nd and 23rd January next year and we urge everyone to come along. You do not need to be a skier to join in with the fun, we openly welcome everyone simply to spectate or perhaps to try this wonderful sport for the first time.

- Yeoman Tim Woods (Self-Proclaimed Fuellers Ski Captain)

New Year Court Dinner

Fuellers and guests boarded HQS Wellington, the home of the Master Mariners at her Temple Stairs berth, on 28th January for the New Year Court Dinner. It was a very chilly evening, but hardier souls stayed, and shivered, close to the refreshments on the Quarterdeck.

The meal was up to the usual high standard aboard the sloop. The Company's official guests were Captain Sam Judah MBE, Master of the Master Mariners; Bill Wright, Deputy Master of the Lightmongers; Captain Stephen Taylor, Chairman of The Wellington Trust; Honorary Liveryman Lieutenant Colonel Paul Smith, Commanding Officer 152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC and Johnny Ball, television personality and populariser

of mathematics. Senior Warden John Ingham proposed the toast to all the guests and Johnny Ball responded most amusingly before proposing the toast to the Fuellers.

Master Neville Chamberlain thanked Johnny Ball for being topical and entertaining, and invited the eight new freemen and two liverymen to stand and be introduced. He spoke of the first three months of his year and plans for future events; the most significant of which being the Royal Charter Banquet. He thanked all involved but particularly the Learned Clerk, Bill Walworth, for the arrangements for Bill's first formal Fuellers event.

- John Bainbridge



Freeman Jay Williamson and Mrs Lynn Williamson.



Freeman Neil Atkinson and Miss Mary Sandys.

Past Master Edward Wilkinson CBE and Past Mistress Freeman Joy Wilkinson with their daughter-in-law Mrs Nadya Wilkinson.



Past Mistress Liveryman Elinor Goldsmith and the Mistress with Captain Sam Judah MBE, Master of the Master Mariners.



Inter Livery Pancake Races in Guildhall Yard on Shrove Tuesday

It was a beautiful February morning with a blue sky and bright sunshine, albeit a little chilly. Perfect for running! And, for several Fuellers, watching!

Once again, The Fuellers turned out a full team, Master, Mistress, a Freeman (Paul Mott – actually a Liveryman but that counts) and a novelty race entrant, Steve Lloyd. Happily, all the Fuellers finished their heats without mishap but sadly, once again, without any prizes. Paul Mott did finish his heat in front but was disqualified! Liveryman Steve Lloyd was just pipped in his run-off having won his heat.

For the record, it was the Butchers, with a very fit, young team, that seemed to carry off all the spoils.

- The Master



Three of the team. The Master and Mistress with Liveryman Paul Mott.

Photo: Peter Holland Photographic Services

A convivial day at Stationers' Hall

On April 23rd the Company gathered for our annual Election Court Luncheon at the home of the Stationers, the City of London Livery Company for the Communications and Content industries.

After the excitement and pomp of the Charter dinner the day was a quieter affair. At the Election Meeting of the Court that preceded the lunch John Ingham was elected to serve as Master for next year with Janet Harrison to be the Senior Warden and Chloe Andrews- Jones was elected as an Officer of the Company for the first time, to serve as the next Junior Warden. Chloe has a lifetime of experience in the energy industries and is also Treasurer of the City of London Sea Cadets and, when time permits, she can be seen dog-walking and studies Tudor history in Buckinghamshire.

After the Election, the Court reformed as a Ceremonial Court and the Master formally installed two new freemen, Ian Cobban and Paul Trimmer, and enrobed two new members of the livery, William Barr and Andrew Strawson.

Then to lunch, after a brief pause for liquid refreshment, which commenced with grace by the Junior Warden. After victuals including asparagus and sea bass and wine from Europe and South America, the Senior Warden proposed the health of the guests on whose behalf Fueller Pete Waterman responded, stressing the importance of apprenticeships for the future of the economy based on his wide-ranging experiences as record producer, songwriter, and radio and television presenter, as well as president of the Coventry Bears rugby and a keen steam railway enthusiast.

In his concluding speech, Master Neville Chamberlain welcomed the new Freemen and members of the Livery and reviewed the Company's recent activities - and congratulated the Master and Wardens elect, wishing them all good fortune and happiness for the year from October.

- Court Assistant James Cripps



The Master and Senior Warden with the principal guests.



The Master and the guest speaker, Freeman Pete Waterman.



Mrs Jenny Ingham, flanked by Past Master David Bell and Senior Warden John Ingham.



Mrs Valerie Barr and Liveryman Bill Barr with their guests Mr John and Mrs Gillian Thornton.



Liverymen Patrick Helly and Ashutosh Shastri.



Pete Waterman speaking.

Photos: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

The Master's Review

I can hardly believe that I am already halfway through my year as Master Fueller. And yet, so much has happened. What a privilege it has been to represent our Company at City events, with Affiliates and at other Companies' events. It is very satisfying to be able to claim that our Company is so relevant to such an important aspect of economic life as energy. It is also so warming to be received among the family of the Liveries and the City wherever one goes as a Master.

One of the special internal challenges that we have faced this year is that we said goodbye to Sir Antony Reardon Smith, our Clerk of over ten years standing. We had a splendid reception in the Guildhall Club at which many Fuellers, fellow Clerks and other City representatives showed their personal appreciation of Antony's major contribution to our Company. I was delighted to be able to announce, to much acclamation, that the Fuellers had appointed Antony to be an Honorary Liveryman; this ensures that we shall continue to see Antony at our functions from time to time. Also, I was pleased to announce that Sue Reardon Smith, perhaps somewhat to her embarrassment, was to become an Honorary Freeman of the Fuellers in recognition of the support she had given Antony. I want to take this opportunity to repeat my sincerest thanks to them both for their contributions and to express my pleasure that we shall continue to see them in our Company.

Antony's retirement meant that we had the pleasure of welcoming a new Clerk to our Company. Bill Walworth was, of course, already well known to us through the association between The Fuellers and The Royal Fleet Auxiliary, which Bill Commanded with



Congratulations and welcome to our new Clerk at the Guildhall Club in December.



Mistress Joy Chamberlain with Past Mistresses Suzan Woods, Paula Husband and Clare Cuttill at the Guildhall Club.

such distinction. However, as Bill often pointed out to me, he had not been a Livery Company Clerk before, and I pointed out that I had not been a Livery Company Master before, so together we set out on quite an extraordinary learning curve.

This challenge was heightened by the prospect of organising perhaps the most significant event since the Company's formation, our Charter presentation. Fortunately, we were blessed with the support of a great working team, our Royal Charter Task

Group. Each team member undertook the lead on a different aspect of the event planning and it all came together on March 16th when over 300 attended our Royal Charter Banquet in the Guildhall. What a splendid occasion it was! In the presence of The Lord Mayor, his Sheriffs and many other dignitaries, our Honorary Liveryman, His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex made the formal presentation. The whole affair was accompanied by the appropriate level of pomp and ceremony and, of course, a wonderful dinner. I shall always remember with pride, looking out over so many white ties and beautiful evening gowns, in the splendour of Guildhall and having the immense privilege of accepting the Royal Charter from Prince Edward on behalf of our Company as it became fully fledged.

November and some a good mixture of pomp and jollity, like the Lord Mayor's Ball.

Another surprise to me has been the number of quite illuminating lectures that the various livery Companies organise. I now feel I can talk on so many new issues from the likelihood of London flooding to apprentice training in all sorts of industries! Never too old to learn!

"I can hardly believe that I am already halfway through my year as Master Fueller."

Our own livery events have been well supported and I am immensely grateful to all Fuellers who have either

Summer. Come and join us! And the sponsorship opportunity is still open!

One innovation I have piloted is our Fuellers' Buffets, informal get-togethers after work hours. No dressing up, no speeches. Just a drink and a snack, usually in a pub, at modest cost. It is an opportunity for all Fuellers to chat to the Master, Wardens and Court as well as other Freeman and Liverymen and their friends. In May, the buffet will be in Skinners' Hall so that members can view close up our new Charter and the Company's other regalia and silver. Hopefully, these buffets will also afford opportunity for Fuellers to introduce potential new members and so keep up our splendid recent record of recruitment, driving our membership up towards 300.

With several formal events to fit in this Summer as well as some interesting



Pancake Day in Guildhall Yard.



The Mistress was on form.



The Master presenting a Fuellers plaque to Fr Abbot at Buckfast Abbey early in his pilgrimage.

Naturally, much of my time in the last six months has been taken up attending various Livery events, many with Joy at my side. Some just fun, like the pancake races (again we didn't win!), some quite serious and moving, such as the Poppy Service at St Paul's in

joined us at events or supported various appeals. My main charitable effort is the Fueller's Pilgrimage which kicks off at the end of April with visits to all the Cathedrals and Abbeys in the South West. Wherever you live, Joy and I will be in your area some time this

industrial and general interest visits, the year still has much to offer our members. I look forward to meeting as many as possible on these occasions. Thank you, Fuellers, for your support.

- Master Neville Chamberlain CBE

Empowering energy customers



Almost a quarter of consumers switched gas or electricity supplier in 2014 according to EY's latest survey on consumer attitudes towards switching energy suppliers.

New entrants are the preferred choice for 37% of consumers that intend to switch compared to 24% who would move within the 'Big Six'...



We surveyed 2,000 consumers to assess attitudes towards switching gas and electricity suppliers and to identify which suppliers they would consider choosing, and to determine what would drive this change.

Our survey also reveals that the trend is likely to continue in 2015 with 22% of consumers stating that they are

likely to switch supplier. Of those consumers that changed supplier in 2014, more than eight in ten (81%) would consider switching again in the near future.

New entrants emerge as the winners from the appetite amongst consumers to secure a better deal for their energy supply. 37% of those consumers

thinking about switching said they would move to a new entrant. In contrast, less than a quarter (24%) of consumers would be likely to switch to one of the 'Big 6' energy suppliers (British Gas, SSE, Npower, EDF Energy, E.ON UK, Scottish Power).



39% of consumers responded that inaccurate bills would lead them to switch providers



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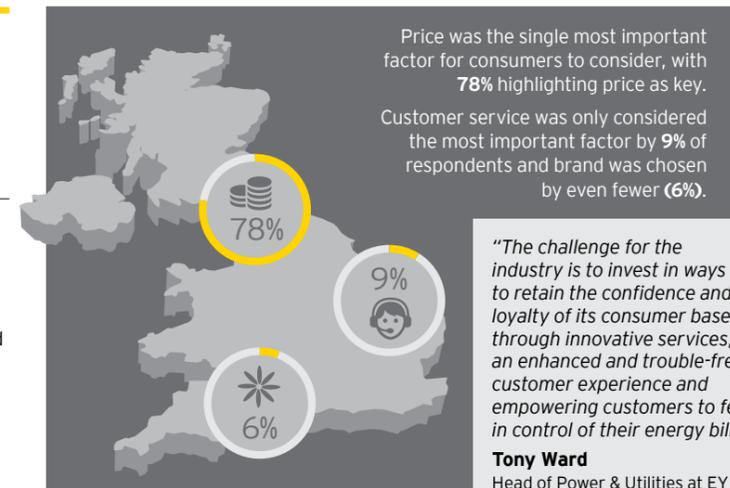
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Main drivers behind switching...

Asked what customer service elements would most likely cause them to decide to switch their energy supplier, 39% of consumers responded that inaccurate bills would lead them to take that decision. Unfriendly service when calling the helpline (16%) and long complaint processes (12%) were also among the top reasons that would trigger a decision to switch.



Price was the single most important factor for consumers to consider, with 78% highlighting price as key.

Customer service was only considered the most important factor by 9% of respondents and brand was chosen by even fewer (6%).

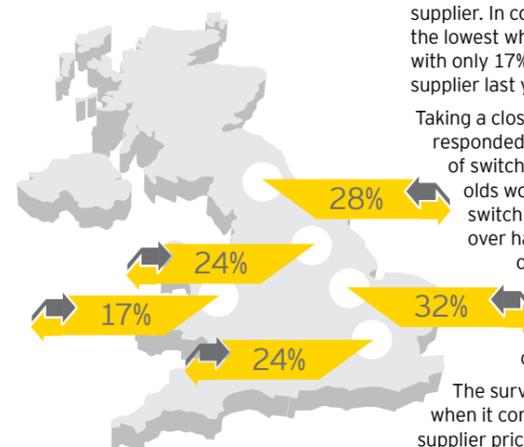
"The challenge for the industry is to invest in ways to retain the confidence and loyalty of its consumer base through innovative services, an enhanced and trouble-free customer experience and empowering customers to feel in control of their energy bill"

Tony Ward
Head of Power & Utilities at EY

Appetite for switching is strong across the UK

The survey found consistently high numbers of consumers that have either switched supplier or are considering doing so across the whole of the UK.

Consumers in the East Midlands lead the pack with almost a third (32%) having switched supplier in the last year. The North East and East Anglia (28%) as well as London (24%) also saw high volumes of consumers switching to a different energy supplier. In contrast, Wales scored the lowest when it comes to switching with only 17% of consumers changing supplier last year.

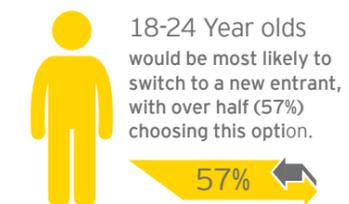


Taking a closer look at those who responded that they are thinking of switching in 2015, 18-24 year olds would be most likely to switch to a new entrant, with over half (57%) choosing this option. The over 55s were the least likely to switch to one of the 'Big 6', with just 11% choosing this option.

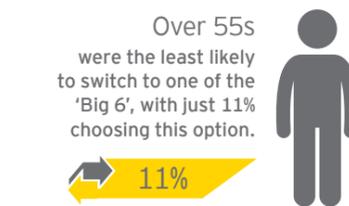
The survey also found that when it comes to choosing a new supplier price was the single most important factor for consumers to

consider, with 78% highlighting price as key. Customer service was only considered the most important factor by 9% of respondents and brand was chosen by even fewer (6%).

Attitudes towards suppliers vary amongst age groups



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Looking ahead over 35% of Londoners are considering moving to a different supplier for their gas and electricity in 2015. Energy consumers in the North West, West Midlands (24%) and the South West (23%) are the next most likely to change.



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The Industry Group

11th Fuellers Conversation Supported by EY

A bumper turnout of Fuellers and their Guests gathered in the most hospitable surroundings of the EY offices at London Bridge in mid-February to hear from Malcolm Webb CEO of Oil and Gas UK, the leading trade body for UK Offshore Oil and Gas Industry, address the 11th Fuellers' Conversation supported by EY. Malcolm gave a comprehensive exposition on the challenges facing the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) operations and a perspective on how the change of oil price is impacting upon world affairs.

Malcolm walked the audience through a reflection of the UKCS industry from his Oil and Gas UK perspective and also from his lengthy career within the industry involving senior roles at Burmah Oil, BNO and Petrofina SA. In particular Malcolm drew the distinction between the state financing of the oil industry as compared to the private funding of the gas industry. He suggested that the 1980s and 1990s could now be seen as a 'Golden Age' for the industry with its inherent lower levels of taxation and limited state intervention.

Nonetheless Malcolm believed it was right that the industry took time for a period of reflection and learning after episodes such as Piper Alpha. However what he thought was just as important to recall is how the financial backdrop to the industry has moved since that time and in particular how the various Governments irrespective of composition had adjusted the taxation applied to the industry in an upward only direction. He felt that this was the primary reason why the level of activity on the UKCS had fallen to such a degree when in the



Past Master Paul Cuttill clearly knows where he is going.



Liveryman Archie Smith (right) with his guest Jo Robinson and the speaker.

Photos: John Bainbridge

past some 40 wells a year were being developed whereas by 2011 this was down to 14 and he anticipated this to fall to single figures in the near future.

The future horizon is challenging and Malcolm said that there must be a combined and holistic response typified by more efficient, less complex and ultimately lower levels of taxation and regulation plus the industry responding by tackling own cost base and productivity levels. On the former Oil and Gas UK was working very hard with HM Treasury to ensure there is a comprehensive understanding

of how critical the industry is as regards not only direct employment but also the £35bn per annum supply chain industry supporting the front line activities. NB – Malcolm's work in this area paid off in the Budget after which he described the proposals affecting the industry as 'laying strong foundations for the future regeneration of the UK North Sea.'

An extremely lively discussion followed in the resulting 'Conversation' during which amongst many points covered was the use of oil as a tool of world politics and global influence, a

subject that ranged long into the more informal session that followed. All in all another cracking Conversation.

- Past Master Paul Cuttill



Fuellers' Conversations are facilitated by EY. EY are corporate members of the Industry Group

Fuellers join All Party Parliamentary Group on Energy Costs discussions

On 10th March 2015, a group of Fuellers – Past Master Andrew Bainbridge, Latif Faiyaz (one of the speakers), Michael Green, Michael Kennedy, David Lewis, Rex Rose, Michael Shirley and Andrew Buglass – visited the Houses of Parliament to view first-hand the workings of an All Party Parliamentary Group. APPGs, as the name suggests, bring together MPs and members of the House of Lords from across the political spectrum to discuss a subject of shared interest – in this case, energy costs. While APPGs have no official status within Parliament, they are often influential in forming opinion and providing an informal setting for members of both Houses to discuss specialised topics.

The APPG on Energy Costs has the stated remit "to examine costs relating to all aspects of energy, including cost to the consumer, the taxpayer and to the industry itself." The original plan was for the Group to hear from the Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee, Joan Walley MP on recent work of her Committee. However, as is always a risk when dealing with the

packed schedules of our Parliamentarians, a change to Ms Walley's diary forced a late alteration to the programme. The Group was able to arrange instead (at short notice) a presentation from Alfa Energy.

Alfa Energy's CEO Damir Ahmovic, and Head of Renewables (and fellow Fueller) Latif Faiyaz gave a presentation on their work, which includes demand side management, review of energy efficiency measures and energy cost management. In particular, they highlighted the significant savings achieved by clients who installed on-site generation. The introduction was followed by questions from the members of the APPG. The Fuellers present were invited to add their own questions and comments – this is where APPGs contrast with more formal Parliamentary committees, where the public are permitted only to listen and observe.



Subjects discussed included the cost reductions achieved in different technologies (solar having delivered savings of 57% in the past three years), as well as debating several aspects of current government energy policy.

Following the informative debate, several of the Fuellers adjourned to a local pub to continue the discussion more informally. Thanks are due to David Lewis for organising the meeting, and to our host Lord Haworth for the kind invitation.

- Freeman Andrew Buglass

The low oil price - Share or shelve the longer term oil & gas prospects?

We can all empathize with the nervousness in energy companies today. Who will be the next target and where will the jobs fall? How quickly will the Iranian agreement release an extra half a million extra barrels a day and will this push the oil price down further? Fields are being closed down and licences relinquished, yet there are huge exploration successes from Sussex to the Southern Ocean. The E&P companies who have already invested time and money in these projects want to find a way of keeping hold of them. They are negotiating changes to the licence agreements or work programmes and while this is generally permissible by law, it is also a political process which brings the risk of additional unwelcome changes. An in-depth knowledge of the local subsoil, constitutional and civil law are essential because it may be that a novel solution is required. The investor will also consider the geo-political reality and relevant energy strategy for the next 10 to 20 years.

The type of original licence award (competitive public tender, acquisition or direct negotiation) will frame the negotiation. Investors at the very start of negotiations for a new block may be asking for exclusivity and an option that will last a few years. During the E&P phase, reducing the work programme and increasing terms would be helpful as would bringing in a new partner to share the risk.

At any stage, the investor may relinquish a licence, 'buying out' the remaining well and seismic obligations. In the current circumstances, this will come with a high price and no right to enter back in if there is a later discovery on the same acreage, even by a former partner. Not many governments are receptive to an investor buying out of the licence or production sharing obligation, while also retaining an area of mutual agreement ('AMI') arrangement. Looking at the options for each stage and the pros and cons of each:

Options during early negotiations:

- The investor may want to summarise the current negotiations into a legally binding Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') with exclusivity, an option for 2 years at least, confidentiality and a basic international arbitration agreement.

Business advantages:

This exclusivity will hopefully last until the oil price rises and there is more funding or appetite for exploration.

Legal caution:

It is likely the host government will want the MOU to be governed by local law. This need not be a deterrent as good local lawyers can advise on the enforceability of the agreement and 'value' of both the option and exclusivity clauses. In times such as these, investors may find that there are parallel MOUs being signed up for identical or overlapping blocks and this is just a fact of the business environment to be investigated. There is an advantage in keeping the MOU fairly short, as anything too detailed can resemble an 'agreement to agree' allowing local courts in some countries to fill in the blanks without negotiation with the investor. This is particularly the case in civil law countries, including the former Soviet states.

- Reduce focus from those regions and sectors that are less welcoming of the extractive industry, where the local population is creating legal roadblocks and the company's legal and public affairs departments are shouldering an increasingly heavy burden with a reduced workforce. Such hostility may be directed towards new extraction methods with less well documented environmental impact such as shale gas in both mainland Europe and the UK, or national opposition to foreign investment, such as in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Business advantage:

The investor can save money and limit reputational damage in the increasingly impossible media battleground.

Legal caution:

The investor may prefer to keep the licences in place. Force majeure may be available to the investor where regulatory permits are delayed for political reasons. During this period, it is important that engagement continues between national or supra-national regulators with experienced investors to help develop a workable regulatory framework.

Options during the minimum work programme stage:

- Renegotiate the licence to provide for extensions, less wells or more time to establish a gas market or transportation.

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography



Tracey Chippendale-Holmes was admitted as a Freeman of the Company at the New Year Court.

Business advantages:

From the investor's perspective, longer-term opportunities provide future reserves so it is important they are kept in the portfolio. The host government would also prefer to agree changes to the work programme than see investors walk away.

Legal caution:

Support will be required from all relevant government departments to achieve a licence amendment, so a powerful NOC or ministerial supporter is necessary. The first concern is always for stability of the hard-negotiated, long-term agreements. Any 're-opening' of the deal might allow unwelcome changes and it might be less possible to obtain stabilization in the current political framework. Obviously companies will only risk this if the project budget has gone. Each jurisdiction will treat stabilization differently. In some, a presidential edict or decree can apply to an agreement even if amended. In others, the whole character of an approving parliament may have changed and a harsher investment regime might be in place. Bring partners in to share costs and risks. This can be at any stage in the life of project.

Business advantages:

The licence can be kept and there is a chance to offload operatorship if this is an added resource burden.

Legal caution:

Government or NOC approval is likely to be necessary unless the new partner takes a beneficial interest only and can sit behind the

project partner. The assignment and change of control provisions in the project agreements and applicable local law will need to be reviewed to confirm what consents, pre-emptions and processes are required.

Options during the development and production stage:

- Besides bringing in partners as proposed above, infrastructure sharing could be winning solution. There are projects which justify new pipelines, ports or other facilities to be constructed and some governments request them for reasons of independence or security. It is normally the case though that investors are encouraged to share existing infrastructure with neighbouring projects. Some investors refuse because they cannot maintain control (be it financial, reputational, technical or legal / compliance) but in any low oil price environment, infrastructure sharing is worth considering.

Business advantages:

The host government will generally be supportive because recoverable costs will be lower.

Legal caution:

There may be legal restrictions on partnering with a neighbouring field or operator and if this is cross-border, a treaty or at least intergovernmental agreement will be required. These latter instruments are useful for the extra stabilization they may provide to the project. Sanctions may apply to either the location or a partner with whom the investor would now be 'sharing' so would be a temporary hurdle. The legal documentation required will address:

1. the financing of expanded capacity, assuming the infrastructure is not underutilized;
2. ownership issues, will the new participants take title or just contract as a shipper or third party user;
3. maintenance and upgrade.

Whichever decision is made: to buy out remaining well obligations, to relinquish or to amend, extend or share, broad policy and legal support is required. The impact of a decision to exit an E&P agreement is profound for both the investor and the host country.

- Freeman Tracey A. Chippendale-Holmes
Senior Energy Lawyer and Arbitrator, Clyde & Co.

From the Affiliations

Defence Strategic Fuels Authority at full operating capability

The Defence Strategic Fuels Authority (DSFA), following in the footsteps of its antecedent organisations (Defence Fuels Group (2000-2011) and Defence Food & Fuel Services (2011-2014)), has a well-established relationship with the Worshipful Company of Fuellers.



Major General Angus Fay, flanked by Commodore Andy Kyte RN and Group Captain Guy Sawyer RAF, cuts a celebratory cake to mark DSFA Full Operating Capability on 1 April 2015.

The DSFA stood up at initial operating capability on 1 September 2014 and achieved full operating capability on 1 April 2015. The DSFA has been established in order to deliver improved and sustained coherence across the Defence Fuels (DF) enterprise. The Team is organised within the Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Logistic Operations) directorate; led by Group Captain Guy Sawyer RAF, and based at the MOD establishment at Abbey Wood in Bristol, the DSFA:

- Provides oversight of the UK Defence Fuels Enterprise.
- Controls and co-ordinates DF governance and assurance.
- Owns the consolidated DF requirement.
- Manages and arbitrates tensions in the DF supply chain.
- Ensures DF capability coherence.
- Sustains core fuels subject matter expertise for Defence.
- Provides an operational fuels planning capability.
- Provides a Defence Fuels Technical Authority (DFTA).
- Is reviewing DF training.
- Engages widely within the MOD, with other government departments, NATO and key allies, industry and professional bodies.
- Investigates options for fuelling Defence in the future.

- Oversees the UK's global DF supply chain, including the scheduling and tasking of the MOD's Multi Product Resupply Tanker, currently the MV Maersk Rapier.
- Contract manages the strategic resupply capability provided by the Government Pipeline and Storage System for the bulk supply of aviation fuel to military air bases in the United Kingdom.

The DSFA core establishment is thirty personnel and reflects the 'Whole Force', combining Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Civil Service and reserve manpower, as well as being supported by a number of contractors to provide elements of technical support.

- Honorary Liveryman Group Captain Guy T Sawyer
MA RAF Assistant Head Defence Strategic Fuels Authority

10 Squadron RAF Standard Presentation Parade

Suzan and I were honoured to represent The Fuellers at the Presentation of 10 Sqn's new Standard on 30th January, at a commemorative Parade held in the very large and impressive Voyager Hanger at RAF Brize Norton.



Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal presenting the new Standard to 10 Sqn.

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Parading the Standard.

This important milestone was attended by former squadron members including a large number of past commanding officers of 10 Sqn, many of whom had most illustrious service records. The Reviewing Officer was Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal who presented the new Standard; Guest of Honour was Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford KCB, CBE, Chief of the Air Staff.

The new Standard is adorned with 10 Sqn's battle honours from its 100 year history, from formation on 1st January 1915 at Farnborough and including The Western Front 1915 – 18 and the Second World War.

It has carried out operational service all over the world operating aircraft ranging from a BE2 biplane to the current air to air refueller, the impressive 'Voyager'.

Duties have included bombing missions, delivering paratroopers and troop transportation. More recently the long running Afghanistan and Falklands missions utilised the VC10 which was finally phased out last year and replaced by the Voyager.

In order to qualify for the award of a standard, two conditions were laid down by King George VI:

A sqn must have completed 25 years' service in the RAF; It must have the appreciation of a reigning monarch for especially outstanding operations.

The Fuellers are proud to be affiliated with 10 Sqn RAF. We were pleased to congratulate personally Wg Cdr Jamie Osborne and send the warmest wishes of The Worshipful Company of Fuellers.

We were particularly honoured when the Squadron brought their new Standard to our Royal Charter Banquet where it led in our Royal Charter for presentation.

- Immediate Past Master Dennis Woods

Army Reserve – Association Football Challenge Cup Final

On 25th April the Company's newest military associate, 152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC, played 71 Engineer Regiment in the Army Reserve Challenge Cup Final at Aldershot Military Stadium. At the invitation of Lt. Col. Paul Smith RLC, Immediate Past Master Dennis Woods led a party of supporters, comprising Senior Warden John and Jenny Ingham, Junior Warden Janet and Court Assistant Peter Harrison, and the writer, to Aldershot.



The Pipes and Drums leading the teams out.



One that got away.

The teams were led out stirringly by the Pipes & Drums of 152 Regt, 152 in blue and yellow and 71 in red and black, and were inspected by Major General Ranald Munro CBE TD, Deputy Commander Land Force and senior reservist in the Army. The match that followed was very competitive and entertaining; between two teams that had won the cup before and had each scored five goals to win their semi-finals. Sadly, 152 were unable to convert their chances this time. 71 generally had the better of the match and won the match and the Cup with two late goals. Making the presentations, the General awarded Man of the Match to goal scorer LCpl O'Neill. In his programme notes, Lt. Col. David Jones remarked that both teams had travelled from the far reaches of the United Kingdom to be there, highlighting that Army Reserve football is in a healthy state.

- John Bainbridge

Photos: John Bainbridge

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The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

GOVERNANCE

Dennis Woods retired as a Trustee at the General Meeting in December and I would like to thank him for his support as a Trustee and previously on the Advisory Panel. The Court has approved the Trustees' nomination of Brian Lott OBE as a Trustee, and he will be appointed at our next meeting. Brian has been doing sterling work on the Advisory Panel.

The original Trust Deed provided that there should be a maximum of four trustees and that one should retire each year and could stand for re-election ad infinitum. Subsequent Deeds have increased the maximum to eight. As a matter of good governance, the Trustees resolved in December to increase the number retiring annually to two and to limit the terms for which they may serve.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

I recorded the agreed change of investment management arrangements in the previous issue of The Fueller. Since then, Ruffer LLP has been carrying out an orderly liquidation of the portfolio, which contains a number of relatively illiquid securities. The funds realised to date have been invested in equal amounts with Baillie Gifford and Schroders.

PLATANOS COLLEGE MINIBUS

Further to my last report, the minibus is ready for delivery and we are discussing timing for the handover by the Trustees.

THE MASTER'S APPEAL

As anticipated, the Appeal benefitted all three charities in the amount of £850. We and the other two charities, London's Air Ambulance and the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are most grateful to the Master. We were pleased to facilitate the Appeal by claiming gift aid for all concerned, which is included in these sums. SVP runs soup kitchens two evenings a week and feeds over 100 men and women of all nationalities who are desperate for food and hot drinks, or in the Master's words: "Fuel for the Homeless".



London's Air Ambulance with London skyline.



Air Ambulance bottom view.

Photo: Nigel Pacquette

GRANTS

At our recent meeting, with minor changes, the Trustees agreed a schedule of prizes and grants made annually by the Trust. A grant was also agreed to Treloar's towards funding for the refurbishment of Evans House, which provides independence accommodation where students learn the skills they need to achieve the most independence possible when they leave Treloar's. Treloar's provides education for physically disabled young people. The Trustees also made a contribution in memory of Past Master "Mac" McCombe to an appeal by South Oxfordshire Archaeological Group.



Mistress Joy Chamberlain, the Dean the Very Rev'd James Atwell, the Master, Past Master Michael Bryer Ash and Liveryman Elena Oderstone at Winchester Cathedral. The first halting place on the Master's pilgrimage.

THE MASTER'S PILGRIMAGE

The Master and Mistress have recently set off on the pilgrimage, which began with Winchester and Salisbury cathedrals. They were joined at Salisbury by Past Master Michael Bryer Ash, Liveryman Elena Oderstone, Liveryman Colin Malan and Jocelyn and the Clerk, where they lunched together with Canon the Rev'd Ian Woodward in the refectory restaurant before pilgrims Neville and Joy moved on to the West Country.

- Past Master Michael Husband, Chairman

A Year of Anniversaries

It is perhaps inevitable that a nation with such a proud history as ours should have so many notable anniversaries each year. When they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our new Royal Charter in 2115, future Fuellers will share that year with the 900th anniversary of Magna Carta; the 300th of the Battle of Waterloo; the 250th of Alice in Wonderland and of the Salvation Army; the 200th of the W.I. and of the death of Rupert Brooke ("The Old Vicarage", "1914" and many others) and the 150th of the death of Winston Churchill. This is just a sprinkling of those with a 00 or 50 in their '15 anniversaries.

Very appropriate for a Company with its roots in coal, is this year's 200th anniversary of Humphry Davy's miners' safety lamp. The article that follows is reproduced courtesy of the Royal Institution of Great Britain from <http://www.rigb.org/our-history/iconic-objects/iconic-objects-list/davy-lamp>

- John Bainbridge

"Following a number of serious explosions in North East coal mines due to pockets of flammable gas known as 'firedamp', Humphry Davy was asked by the Rector of Bishopwearmouth (near Newcastle) to find a means of lighting coal mines safely. In an intense period of work from mid-October to December 1815, Davy made various prototype lamps. The final design was very simple: a basic lamp with a wire gauze chimney enclosing the flame. The holes let light pass through, but the metal of the gauze absorbs the heat. The lamp is safe to use because the flame can't heat enough flammable gas to cause an explosion, although the flame itself will change colour.

The lamp was successfully tested in Hebburn colliery in January 1816 and quickly went into production. The introduction of the lamp had an immediate effect, decreasing the



The Lamp Room at Cannock Chase coal mine, circa 1890.

Photo: Courtesy of John Bainbridge

number of fatalities per million tons of coal produced enormously and also increased the amount of coal produced as it allowed miners to mine deeper seams of coal. In this way it made a fundamental contribution to the continuing industrialisation of Britain and to many other mining countries during the nineteenth century.

At precisely the same time however George Stephenson, a mining engineer at Killingworth Colliery, was also working on the problem. He independently invented a remarkably similar lamp and soon the two inventors were locked in a bitter dispute over priority. Davy needed to differentiate his lamp from Stephenson's and therefore claimed that his invention was the product of scientific research, despite there being very little science in it - indeed the only science in the lamp is the discovery (made independently by Davy, Stephenson and Smithson Tennant) that explosions would not pass through narrow tubes. Davy won this battle of words going on to become President of the Royal Society, while Stephenson went on to invent the first steam powered locomotive for the railroad.

To help contradict Stephenson's claims Davy acquired some of his lamps to try to demonstrate how useless they were. These can be found on display alongside Davy's prototypes in the Light Corridor area of the Royal Institution's exhibition, on the lower ground floor."

- Frank A.J.L. James, MAE
Professor of the History of
Science University College
London The Royal Institution

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*The Editor apologises for the
erratum in Issue 47*

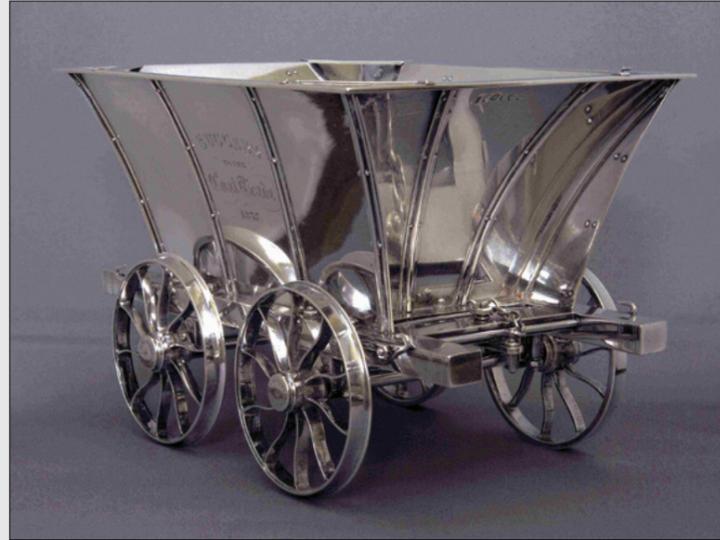
The Company's Possessions, no. 7 The Silver Chauldron

The Fuellers' silver chauldron is on permanent loan from the Coal Meters Committee. I am most grateful to their Clerk, Ralph Riley, for his diligent work in locating the relevant Meters' archival records relating to the chauldron and to Founder Fueller Frances Alger both for pointing me in the right direction initially and for securing the documentation when she was Clerk to the Meters. In October 1991, the piece came up for auction at Phillips. This was brought to Frances's attention as secretary to the Coal Factors' Society, which then formed part of the Coal Meters' Committee. Led by our Founder Master Charles Stephenson Clarke, the Meters acquired the chauldron at the auction. It is described in Phillips's catalogue thus:

"An early Victorian novelty table piece in the form of an 18th Century Newcastle coal wagon etc..... with a ladder chassis and four revolving spoked wheels (for running along rails) surmounted by a flared oblong container decorated with vertical studded straps and bracing to simulate iron reinforcing and rivets, 25cm. x 16cm. x 16cm., with hitches either end for linking up to other wagons, the wheel hubs inscribed "Reid & Sons, Newcastle", and the body inscribed with the initials "IBW" on one side and the words "Success to the Coal Trade 1837" on the other. By C. K. REID & SONS, Newcastle, 1837 - 54ozs."

Reids have confirmed that they made it and that they made several silver items for the local coal board, but they no longer have their ledgers of that time. While the chauldron's full provenance is not known, Past Master Michael Bryer Ash recalls being shown it by Lord Robens, at his home, before the Meters purchased it. I have yet to establish when the piece was loaned to the Fuellers.

For my Court Ladies Dinner in January 2010, Beadle Colin Smith brought the chauldron to Wax Chandlers' and set it before my place; I had not seen it before. Quite spontaneously, my guest and vicar,



The Chauldron.

Photo: James Hill

Beadle Colin Smith with the Chauldron at the New Year Court Dinner.



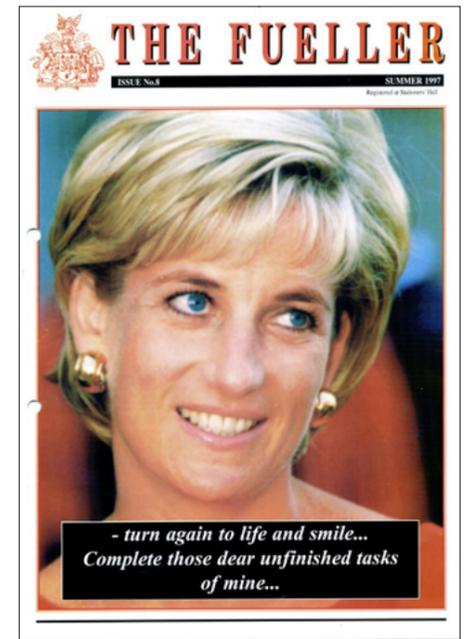
Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

18 Years Ago in The Fueller

Issue number 8 of The Fueller, Summer 1997, was the first since the previous summer. It was notable for devoting the cover to the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales. The editor, Roger Cloke, included most appropriate words from "turn again to life" by Mary Lee Hall (1847-1918). The poem was the First Reading at the Princess's funeral service at Westminster Abbey on 6th September 1997.

The issue also records a most interesting tour of London Docklands with lunch at The Dockmaster's House, built in 1807 as the Excise Office for the West India Docks. The party later visited the new development on the Royal Docks, where "the future of Docklands is only just beginning". Although originally used by an Excise Officer, next as an inn called the Jamaica Tavern and later as a Dock Manager's office, it was never the house of a Dockmaster. Situated in a small cul-de-sac at what is now Canary Wharf, the building is currently occupied by an Indian restaurant.

- Past Master John Bainbridge



The Company's Possessions continued...

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography



Past Mistress Liveryman Marilynne Bainbridge with the Chauldron collection at the New Year Court Dinner.

Canon the Rev'd Nigel Nicholson DL, proposed that we make a collection for the Charitable Trust by trundling the wagon around the table. This was very well received and I had hoped that it might become a tradition at the Ladies Dinners. I was therefore

delighted when Master Neville Camberlain and the Beadle resumed this in January at the Court Dinner and repeated it at the recent Election Lunch.

A chauldron (also chaldron or chalder) was an English measure of dry volume, mostly used for coal; the word itself is an obsolete spelling of cauldron. The chauldron was used as the measure for coal from the 13th century, measuring by volume being much more practical than weighing low-value, high-bulk commodities like coal. It was not standardized, and there were many different regional chauldrons, the two most important being the Newcastle and London chauldrons. Although used nominally until 1963, when it was abolished by that year's Weights and Measures Act, in practice it was used only until the end of 1835 when the Weights and Measures Act of that year specified that thenceforth coal could only be sold by weight.

- John Bainbridge

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Clerk has advised to expect an imminent Master's Weekend. The threat level has been increased to "champagne" to reflect the growing possibility of an invasion of sunburn, canapés and, in the worst case scenario, socks and sandals. Members are warned to remain vigilant.
(with acknowledgement to the ABF and 'The Wipers Times')

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

Thursday 11th June
RFA Affiliates Day – RFA Argus, Portsmouth

Monday 15th June
Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Wednesday 17th June
Mid-Summer Court & Ladies Dinner – Skinners' Hall

Monday 29th June
Annual Thanksgiving Service – St Olave'

Monday 29th June
Affiliates Prizegiving Lunch – Trinity House

Thursday 16th July
Visit to Hinkley Point

Tuesday 8th September
Fuellers 14th Annual Golf Day – Windlesham

Wednesday 9th September
River Thames trip and dinner – MV Salient

Wednesday 14th October
Installation Dinner – Skinners' Hall

The Fuellers' Shop

The Company has the following items for sale
– the prices are inclusive of post & packing and VAT.

Bronze Desk Crest	£90.00*
"Leadership in Energy" – the life and work of Lord Ezra of Horsham	£27.50
Woven silk striped tie	£21.00
Blue or Green Silk Tie	£21.00
Pink Silk Tie (Fuellers' XV Club)	£21.00
Gentleman's Cufflinks	£30.00
Gentleman's Lapel Badge	£10.00
Golf Umbrella	£23.00
Ladies Bar Brooch	£10.00
Ladies Silk Neck Scarf	£21.00
Fine China Coffee Mug with Company Crest	£9.00
Wall Plaque	£37.50
"The Fueller's Tale" - the History of the Fuellers	£27.50

*£75.00 if collected from New Pro Foundries, West Drayton.



The Bronze Desk Crest

Please send your order, together with a cheque for the correct amount made out to The Worshipful Company of Fuellers, to Honorary Court Assistant Jane Ayre, 68 Portway, Baughurst, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 5PE

Pictures of and up to date information on all items for sale may be found in the Members' area of the website www.fuellers.co.uk