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The Master Fueller

Michael Franklin Byrne was born in Gillingham, Kent into a Royal Naval family, travelling extensively prior to settling in Plymouth where he was educated at Plymouth College.

The Master started his professional career in town planning, both in local government and private practice and went on to become experienced in property development while based in London's West End from the early 1970s. Since then he has been involved in all aspects of land assembly, planning and implementation of commercial and residential development. Following partnerships in a multi-discipline practice and then a residential agency and commercial property consultancy, in the 1990s he became a property consultant and finally Managing Director of a Development Company.

Michael was elected as a Councillor for Hertsmere Borough Council in 1988, serving on several committees, including as Chairman of the Planning Committee. In 1990 he became Leader of the Council and was also Director of the Direct Works Organisation and a member of the South Eastern Planning Conference. On moving to Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, he became a Parish Councillor.

He was introduced to the Fuellers by his brother, Liveryman Nigel Byrne; becoming a Freeman in 2001 and taking the livery in 2002. he became a Court Assistant in 2004.

Michael married Mary in 1971, they have two married sons Simon and Matthew and three grandsons. Mary continues to work as a school finance secretary

The Master's outside interests include climbing, sailing, rugby and cricket.



Above: 20th October 2010 – Master Michael Byrne and Mary at Drapers' Hall

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan photography

Officers of the Company 2010 -11

Master - Michael Byrne

Senior Warden - Stuart Goldsmith

Junior Warden - Paul Cuttill OBE

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Installation Dinner - 20th October 2010

Magnificent Drapers' Hall in Throgmorton Street was the setting for the 2010 Installation Dinner.

At the earlier Court Meeting the retiring Master, John Bainbridge, handed over the chain of office to his Senior Warden, Michael Byrne. The new Master then in turn installed Stuart Goldsmith as Senior Warden and Paul Cuttill as Junior Warden.

Prior to this ceremony, the Company had been pleased to welcome Group Captain Nigel Arnold, Malcolm Barrington, David Marsh and Robert "Buff" Norgren as Freeman. Subsequently, Geoffrey Bunting, John Daniel, Adam Janikowski and Colin Malam took the livery. Finally, Marilynne Bainbridge was admitted a Freeman by Presentation in recognition of her support to the Master during his year.

A record number of 204 Fuellers and guests were welcomed by the Master, Wardens and their ladies attended by cadets from Stockwell Park High School, impeccably turned out as usual.

Following an excellent dinner and Loving Cup, Stuart Goldsmith proposed the toast to the guests, many from fellow livery companies including John Robinson, Master Engineer. Amongst our military affiliations, Commodore Mark Slawson and his wife Clare joined us from HMS Sultan along with Wing Commander Al Green and his wife, Sheena from 216 Squadron. Bob Russett and his wife, Jane came hotfoot from their own Installation Lunch where he became Master of the Carmen earlier in the day.

Unfortunately our guest of honour was unable to attend the dinner, but Terry Winter, Past Master of the Launderers, stepped into the breach with good humour at short notice remarking that this confirmed there is no such thing as a free lunch. His response ended with the toast – "The Worshipful Company of Fuellers – root and branch – may it flourish for ever".

The new Master, Michael Byrne, then congratulated the outgoing Master, John Bainbridge and his wife, Marilynne for their outstanding efforts during the 25th Anniversary Year of the Company. Michael outlined some of his forthcoming events including a charitable dinner on HMS Victory in the summer, a tour of Kings College, Cambridge followed by Choral Evensong. He undertook to strive to raise the profile of the Fuellers Company not only through membership but



Above: Newly installed: Senior Warden Stuart Goldsmith and Elinor; Master Michael Byrne and Mary; Junior Warden Paul Cuttill OBE and Clare

Photo: James Hill



Above: Terry Winter steps into the breach

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan photography

also through new initiatives to strengthen links with energy-related institutes. With this in mind, a debate and dinner has been arranged next March in Chester and the Master thanked Neville Chamberlain and Past Master, David Bell for their efforts in helping to organise this event.

At the end of the evening, Fuellers and guests joined the Master before their journey home to share in a Stirrup Cup.

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO

Our Clerk was pleased to announce on 4th November that His Royal Highness has graciously accepted the Company's invitation to be enrobed as an Honorary Liveryman of the Company.

The Court believes that the Earl's wide experience in, and knowledge of, charitable matters will be of particular value to the Company and expects that his involvement will also enhance further our strong relationships with our affiliations with the Services.

The Prince Edward is the third son and youngest child of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh. His Royal Highness married Miss Sophie Rhys-Jones in St George's

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Above: The Earl of Wessex in the uniform of Commodore-in-Chief the Royal Fleet Auxiliary

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Chapel, Windsor on 19th June 1999. On his marriage he was created The Earl of Wessex. The Earl and the Countess of Wessex have a home at Bagshot Park in Surrey, and have two children, Louise born on 8th November 2003, and James, Viscount Severn, born on 17th December 2007.

In 2002 he announced that he and The Countess would now concentrate on helping the Royal Family shoulder some of the increasing workload into the future, by supporting those organisations, charities, individuals and companies who deserve recognition for their effort, initiative and entrepreneurship.

His Royal Highness is heavily involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award both as a UK and International Trustee, and as Chairman of the International Council, the operating authority which controls the programme and standards in 130 countries. In 1999 he established the International

Special Projects Group to provide a capital fund to broaden the reach of the Award by supporting young people at risk around the world. Among his military appointments The Earl of Wessex is Commodore-in-Chief the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, itself one of the Fuellers' affiliations with the Services, and Patron of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

The Earl's interests include music, the performing arts, horse-riding, sailing, skiing, and the unusual game of Royal or Real Tennis. The latter he took up at university when he was forced to give up rugby through injury. His patronage of organisations reflects these interests as well as his support for opportunities for the young, including several theatrical and musical organisations, both amateur and professional, especially those supporting youth in the performing arts.

The Fuellers' Sixth Energy Lecture

The 2010 Lecture was presented by Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State for Energy, at Drapers' Hall on 29th September 2010. The lecture attracted an exceptional audience; including many Fuellers, the Masters and Wardens of a number of livery companies and representatives of all parts of the energy industry and associated business. The Minister spoke about the future of the UK's energy and the coalition government's dedication to achieving

MaHer, thanked the Minister and noted his unusual level of understanding of the energy market for which he is responsible and welcomed his engagement. He did, however, point out that on the basis of the Minister's thoughts it was hugely unlikely that anything like the £200bn. of future investment by 2020 would be achieved unless the Minister included positive steps towards reshaping the position in the electricity and gas supply markets and extending the

for staying for a lengthy period to receive and respond very fully to questions. The Master then presented the Minister with a memento of the evening.

After the lecture, David Goddard, Master Baker, commented: "Charles Hendry gave a most interesting lecture with plenty of meat for his audience to get their teeth into. It was good to know he has been responsible for his Party's policy on energy for long before he became a Minister in the



Above: Neil Upton responds to the Minister



Above: Past Master Edward Wilkinson poses the Minister a question



Above: The Master, now Past Master, presents Charles Hendry with the Fuellers' Energy Lecture "Oscar"

Photos: Michael O'Sullivan photography

a comprehensive international deal on climate change and commitment to reducing the UK's carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.

The Minister discussed all energy resources including Nuclear, Renewables and Carbon Capture Storage. In conclusion, he stated the coalition's commitment to a low carbon future and the need to look ahead to 2050 and beyond.

Neil Upton, the Head of Energy at the sponsors, Greenberg Traurig

concept of supplier obligations similar to the Renewables Obligation. Neil felt, however, that the Minister was the best hope for a joined up and sensible Energy Policy in the UK since privatisation in 1989.

The Master thanked Neil Upton for Greenberg Traurig Maher's generous sponsorship of such a remarkably successful evening and for his own most significant contribution. He then thanked the Minister for his eloquence in his speech and

coalition. We were able to talk at some length with him about what he had said. It is not often that ministers stay on long after they have spoken so it was very gratifying to find him still there at the end of the evening."

- John Bainbridge

NB: The full text of Charles Hendry's lecture is available on the Fuellers' website: www.fuellers.co.uk or from the Editor.

HMS Sultan's Affiliated Livery Companies Day, - 27th October 2010

It was a great pleasure to see our new Worshipful Master Michael Byrne present a trophy on behalf of the Company to ETME Paterson in recognition of his work achievements on his Initial Career Course (ICC) at HMS Sultan Royal Naval School of Marine Engineering, in front of members of attendant Companies. Arriving at HMS Sultan in wet conditions we were soon warmed by our welcome from the Commodore HMS Sultan, Cdre Mark Slawson, assisted by Captain Watts and Commander Juckes, who all contributed to an overview of the aims and work carried out at the establishment, specifically marine and air engineering.

We were then taken by our guide for the day, Lt Mike Abbotts, to Watt Hangar and introduced to many types of diesel engines which are used by the apprentices in their training. From there we were greeted by Lt Paul Atkins and ferried in the Sentinel steam lorry, which we sponsor and supported us in the 2009 Lord Mayor's Show, to Newcomen Hangar and spoken to by Lt Brown, whom we awarded the Fuellers' Medal earlier in the year in recognition of his high standard of tuition, and taken to the 'Flight Deck' classroom with hi tech facilities.

After a pleasant buffet we were steam driven with Lt Abbotts to his specialised area of air engineering training some of which is carried out on decommissioned aircraft and helicopters. It was there we said goodbye to Lt Atkins who stressed his appreciation for our £2000 funding of the lorry which costs over £3500 a year to maintain. Our final stage was in the Daedalus building which houses the machine shop and the largest number of lathes in the country. A pleasant day wound up by the Commodore with a question and answer session, followed by the prize giving. We all were assured from the visit that the Royal Navy retains its high standards and that as well as technical training personal training is an equally important part of the curriculum. - **Gerry Yockney**



Above: Warrant Officer 2 Trevor Roland, 764 Sqn WO, demonstrating the utility of the "Pennant" hand skills trainers



Above: The Master presents the Fuellers Prize to ETME Lee Paterson

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Members' News

Professor Averil MacDonald PhD MA BSc (Liveryman) has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by her alma mater, The University of York, in recognition of her significant contribution to society through her communication of science with the public and also her work supporting women in science.

Air Commodore Paul Ashley Atherton OBE (Freeman) has been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff Headquarters Air Command, from December 2010.



Above: Professor Averil MacDonald PhD MA BSc after receiving her Honorary Doctorate

The Fuellers Charitable Trust

- Your Trust needs your help!

I will in the next few months be writing to all members of our Company concerning regular donations to the Charitable Trust. The Trustees have done much to bring its affairs up to 21st Century standards over recent years, including ensuring the best management possible to maximize growth of our capital funds. This recently concluded with the appointment of Ruffer, an organization with an outstanding performance pedigree. You will all know the challenges provided by see-sawing equity markets and the current prolonged period of low interest rates.

The other key part of the Trustees' work involves awarding funding to requests received, within the terms of the Trust Deed. Four years ago there was a paucity of suitable requests received, so the Trustees endeavored to meet suitable longer term funding needs of appropriate organizations. This has led to regular annual donations to a wide range of worthy organizations including Stockwell Park High School, TS Rebel via the Thames Fueller, Sentinel - H.M.S Sultan's steam lorry which was the magnificent centre piece to our entry in the 2009 Lord Mayor's Show celebrating our 25 years. This longer term funding is greatly appreciated by these organizations for the certainty it provides them.

The poor performance of equity markets and low interest rates have reduced the funds available to distribute. This, together with the regular outgoing awards outlined

above, means that we are now very tight for free funds to donate to other appropriate appeals.

Currently very few members of the Company make regular donations to our Trust. I do understand that many of you donate to many other charities, but my letter will ask you to consider seriously donations to your own Charitable Trust. Please read it and respond positively.

- Michael Husband. Chairman

Below: The Master at Drapers' Hall with the honour guard of cadets from 77 detachment, The Rifles, Stockwell Park High School



Photo: Michael O'Sullivan photography

Beer for the Boys featured in the previous issue of *The Fueller*, which enclosed a flyer seeking your support for the efforts of 216 Squadron. We have since received the following update.

"Beer for the Boys is continuing apace and we have in the past week reached £50,000 in donations since the campaign started, with the vast majority of that arriving in the past 14 months. I am very proud of this achievement and would like to thank the Worshipful Company of Fuellers for your very significant part in it."

- Flt. Lt. Paul Tolley, 216 Squadron, RAF Brize Norton, 22 November 2010

Arkwright Scholarship

The Trustees of the Charitable Trust have for the past four years sponsored a student in this scheme. The scholarships are usually for 'A' level students in the areas of Engineering and Design. Our sponsorship costs £2000 for two years per student. There follows a write up provided by Adam Hill, our sponsored student in '09/10'. - **Michael Husband**

Receiving an Arkwright Scholarship at the beginning of 6th form benefited me greatly throughout my final two years at Aylesbury Grammar School and has certainly contributed to the achievement of my university place – Architecture at Portsmouth.

The first thing that helped me was the process of selection that students go through before receiving the scholarship. This experience of specific examinations, interviews and portfolio work is very similar to what I found myself going through when applying to a number of universities and the fact that I had done this before was extremely valuable and increased my confidence. Second is the prestige that the scholarship holds amongst people who are aware of it. This has benefited me twice during my schooling career, firstly by significantly strengthening my university application and secondly it boosted my application to the Engineering Education Scheme that I was fortunate enough to become a part of in my first year of 6th form. The Engineering Education Scheme was a wonderful experience that for my team involved working with the RAF to solve an engineering problem over the course of a year. At the end of the scheme our team received a Gold Crest Award for our efforts that further strengthened my application to university.

With the £500 that I received from The Worshipful Company of Fuellers, I bought a laptop and design software which I used throughout my A-Level Graphic Design Course. The software allowed me to portray both 3D and 2D views and plans of my project far beyond the capabilities of the school computers and definitely contributed to my high coursework grade. The £500 that went to my school was used to buy graphic products. In conclusion, the Arkwright Scholarship has supported me throughout 6th form and through the Engineering Education Scheme has provided some unforgettable experiences that have both opened my mind to the engineering world and left me with life long friends and for that I am very grateful. - **Adam Hill**

Editor's Note: Adam's article has been edited slightly on grounds of space.

New Liverymen

The following Freeman were enrobed into the Livery during 2010

April 13th at Drapers' Hall

Brigadier Ian Wallace Abbott OBE
Stephen Dennis Hodge
Antony Roy Nicholls
Dr Shamil Midkhatovich Yenikeyeff

October 20th at Drapers' Hall

Geoffrey Cooke Bunting
John Charles Daniel
Adam Andrew Janikowski
Colin Malam

New Freeman

The following new Freeman were admitted during the year

January 14th at Wax Chandlers' Hall

By presentation:
Mrs Paula Gay Husband
By redemption:
Michael Andrew Cawthorne Chapman
John Charles Daniel

April 13th at Drapers' Hall

By redemption:
Nigel Jeremy Izod Haigh
Adam Andrew Janikowski
Colin Malam

June 16th on HQS Wellington

By redemption: Aloysius Ray

October 20th at Drapers' Hall

By presentation:
Mrs Marilynne Ailsa Bainbridge
By redemption:
Group Captain Nigel Arnold RAF
Malcolm John Barrington
David Charles Vince Marsh
Robert Lewis Norgren

Diary of Company & City Events

Correct at 1st December 2010 - Please examine the company web site for the latest revisions: www.fuellers.co.uk

JANUARY

Friday 7 - Fuellers' 10th Game Day, Chagford, Devon

Tuesday 18 - New Year Court followed by the Master's Court Ladies Dinner - Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 16 - City Briefing – Innholders' Hall

Thursday 24 - World Traders' "Tacitus Lecture" - Guildhall

MARCH

Thursday 3 - Visit to Defence Fuels Group, West Moors, Wimborne, Dorset

Tuesday 8 - Poulterers' 8th Pancake Day Races - Guildhall Yard

Thursday 10 - Charitable Trust Fund Trustees' meeting and General Purposes Committee meeting at the Little Ship Club. Followed by the Annual Livery Dinner at the Little Ship Club

Thursday 17 - Fuellers' Northern Dinner - Chester

APRIL

***Friday 1** - 69th Service of the United Guilds of the City of London, St Paul's Cathedral followed by luncheon at Pewterers' Hall, Oat Lane

Thursday 14 - Election Court at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street. Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's Cornhill followed by the Election Court Luncheon at Merchant Taylors' Hall

tba - Visit to Kings College, Cambridge to include luncheon and attendance at Evensong

MAY

Thursday 12 - City Briefing - Innholders' Hall

tba - Presentation on Airbus A330 - Air Vice Marshal Keith Filby - RAF Brize Norton

tba - Charitable Trust Fund Trustees' meeting

tba - General Purposes Committee meeting

Tuesday 17 - 357th Festival of Sons of the Clergy, St Paul's Cathedral

Wednesday 18 - Inter-Livery Clay Shoot, Holland & Holland, Ruislip, Middlesex

JUNE

tba - 'Jazz in an English Garden' - Dame Cleo Lane and National Youth Jazz Orchestra - Wavendon

tba - Mid-Summer Court

***Friday 24** - Midsummer's Day - Common Hall - Election of Sheriffs at Guildhall

* Event open to Liverymen only

City Briefings are open to all Liverymen and spouses, Freemen are also welcome. It's essential that any Liveryman seeking to be considered for Election to the Court should attend one of these briefings. Booking and more information from Georgina at clerk@waxchandlers.org.uk

For further details of Company Events, please contact The Clerk to The Fuellers, Sir Antony Reardon Smith Bt GCLJ, 26 Merrick Square, London SE1 4JB. Tel/Fax: 020 7234 0760. Email: clerk@fuellers.co.uk

The Fuellers' Shop

The Fuellers' Company has items for sale – the prices have been reviewed in the light of the Chancellor's new VAT rates and are inclusive of post & packing and VAT.

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| The Fueller's Tale, the history of the Fuellers | £27.50 |
| Blue or Green Silk Tie | £22.00 |
| Pink Silk Tie (Fuellers XV Club) | £22.00 |
| Cufflinks | £11.50 |
| Gentleman's lapel badge | £5.00 |
| Golf Umbrella | £22.00 |
| Baseball Hat | £11.50 |
| Brooch for ladies | £6.00 |
| Lady Liveryman's brooch | £73.00 |
| Wall Plaque | £31.00 |

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