



# THEFUELLER

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Registered at Stationers' Hall

## Magical Setting for Election Luncheon at Merchant Taylors' Hall

Flagged as “a magical setting at the Heart of the Square Mile”, the Merchant Taylors' Hall was indeed an ideal venue for our Fuellers Election Court held on Thursday 14th April. The following were elected to serve for the year commencing 26th October 2011: as Master: Stuart Goldsmith; Senior Warden: Paul Cuttill OBE; Junior Warden: Dennis Woods. Liverymen Steve Blackwell and James Cripps were elected as New Court Assistants from that date.

The Court had convened at 09.30 after which we witnessed the Declaration and presentation of Freedom by Redemption Certificates for four new Members; followed by the Enrobing and presentation of Livery Certificates to Alec Ray and Michael John Shirley.

After this short ceremony, we were led (*through the back door and a short cut*) by the Beadle and the Master to the Church of St Michael Cornhill for a Service of Thanksgiving.

Reverend Dr Peter Mullen led us in Prayer and we remembered Past Master Mac McCombe and Liveryman and first Assistant Clerk Mary Chandler. Peter's thought-provoking Address was focused on the Lord's Prayer and, after pondering the depth and impact of its first eight words, we were promised there may be more to come!! Many in the congregation commented on the high quality of the



The Master and Mistress with Sheriff Mr Richard Sermon MBE and Rosemary Sermon

Choir. Levels of familiarity with four well-chosen hymns came through with some gusty renditions by Fuellers and their families; no doubt warming up for their lunch.

Back safely at Merchant Taylors' the Election Court Luncheon, held in the Grand Hall, was a splendid affair, attended by a total of 97, including 15 guests. They included Master Fanmaker Jim Moore and Master Water Conservator Roger Hewitt. The quality of the food and wine was of a very high standard (*vive leur Morandé Pinot Noir 2009 !*). Senior Warden Stuart Goldsmith welcomed the guests and Sheriff Richard Sermon MBE replied on behalf of the Lord Mayor (*who was away on a Trade Mission* (cont...))



Liveryman Alec Ray, the first to be enrobed in the new livery gown, receives his livery certificate from the Master

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan photography



Liveryman Kay MacLeod, Adrian and Caroline Frost and Eileen Pretswell at the reception

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan photography

in China). Our Master, Michael Byrne responded to the Sheriff's toast to our Company.

During the proceedings Prizes were presented to Lt Scott Mitchell RN of HMS Sultan (*the Fuellers Trophy*) and Mian Langellier of City University, London (*the Charles Stephenson Clarke Prize*).

An altogether enjoyable event.

– Neville A. Brown JP



The choir in St Michael, Cornhill

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan photography

## Worshipful Company of Fuellers' Annual Game Day Devon, 8th January 2011

This was the Fuellers 10th Game Day. An annual event held on the first available Friday in January and takes place at Coffyns Farm in Sprayton, Devon. The weather this year however was a considerable improvement on 2010 when heavy snow caused a cancellation, although we had some concerns due to the conditions earlier on in December.

This is a very special event and is restricted in number. Our aim is for a team of minimum 8 and maximum 10 guns, these are all ideally Fuellers but, if the opportunity presents, guests are welcomed. This year we fielded 8 guns and it was a perfect event.

The game is billed as a 100 bird day – for those unfamiliar with the term, this means we are supposed to shoot 100 birds between the 8 to 10 guns. This may sound simple enough – being an average of only 10 birds each during the course of a whole day. However, in the past we have never managed to hit the target (no



Mid morning break for the guns and beaters.  
Left to right, Peter Pybus, Vaughan Williams, Susie Gatehouse, James Hill, Charles Pybus, Nick Hazlett-Beard, Archie Smith, Alex Hazlett-Beard, Patrick Latham

Photo: James Hill

pun intended), usually falling short by 10-15 birds. This year however, we were pretty much on the button with a  
(continued opposite...)

# CIS Gala Dinner

On Wednesday 9 February 2011 Master Michael Byrne and friends from the Fuellers' Company supported the Gala Dinner organised at the National Railway Museum, York by the Coal Industry Society to mark their 500th meeting since their inception in 1929.

The Coal Industry Society, originally called the Coal Trade Luncheon Club, first met at the Hotel Metropole in London on 6 May 1929 and their programme of luncheons has continued ever since, except for a break between 1939 and 1945.

From its inception the club grew rapidly in popularity. In 1932 the original limitation of 100 members was seen to be inadequate and the club was reconstituted to become The Coal Industry Society. Women were admitted as guests to the luncheon for the first time in 1967 when Barbara Castle, then Minister of Transport, also became the first lady guest speaker.

The 500th Gala Dinner Speaker and Guest of Honour was former Labour Minister Tony Benn who had previously addressed the CIS in 1976, and again in 1977, as Secretary of State for Energy.

The Champagne reception prior to the Dinner concluded with the unveiling ceremony for a Freightliner Heavy Haul Class 70 Diesel Locomotive number 70004 named 'The Coal Industry Society' to mark the occasion.

– Roger Cloke



Nick Martin, Kay MacLeod, John Holt, Master Michael Byrne, Lynn Port, Roger Cloke, Nigel Byrne, Colin Brinkman, Linda Holt and Past Master David Port enjoying the Dinner



Freightliner Heavy Haul Class 70 Diesel Locomotive

total count of 101. Our best to date!

The weather was not perfect but it was still wonderful. It could probably be summed up as April shower weather, with sun one minute and then a light shower the next, although the last drive before lunch was in slightly more persistent rain, so we were a bit soggy going in for lunch but dried out sufficiently for the afternoon.

For the past few years we have stayed at the White Hart Hotel in Moretonhampstead, which is about 20 minutes from the shoot but it is a nice friendly hotel and suits us perfectly. We all stay at the

hotel, enabling plenty of opportunity for socialising, particularly over a pint of the local ale. We also dine together and as usual invite the shoot captain and shoot owner to join us with their wives, to thank them for their wonderful hospitality during the event.

This is a fantastic event and a great social opportunity. It is not for shooting novices but it is an excellent introduction to live game shooting for those with at least some shotgun experience. Watch out for the notice advertising next year's event, which normally goes out in October / November.

– James Hill

# Somali Pirates

It had been a typical summer's day just a few degrees south of the Equator; a splendid background to a relaxing day at sea in the Indian Ocean. Our ship, the Spirit of Adventure, was making steady progress and those of us who were regular travellers on the ship were looking forward to a champagne reception to which we'd been invited by the Captain, Frank Allica, a former gunship Commander in the Royal Australian Navy. The sun had set about 6.30pm that mid-January evening and, by the time we were close to completing our starters, it was already very dark some 100 miles off the East African coast. Little did we know that the relaxation and conviviality of the evening was about to be disturbed by an announcement Capt Allica would shortly make. He'd been called up to the Bridge where the ship's radar showed that we were being borne down on at great speed by an unidentified boat. Over the public address system he advised us of this and that attempts were being made to identify the boat. He would advise again if we needed to take further action...

Five minutes later we were told all 317 passengers were to proceed to the ship's lounge where we would "be locked in for our own safety so that should our boat be boarded, no passenger could be taken hostage". We should keep well away from the windows in case the pursuing boat "came alongside and attempted to fire into the lounge area". Meanwhile, the ship's crew took up their positions at Action Stations.... We realised that we were in the midst of a genuine attack by Somali pirates who had ventured further south than ever previously and, equally surprisingly, were attacking a passenger cruise ship rather than their usual merchant shipping targets.

There was no panic. People refer to the Dunkirk and Bulldog spirit and it was certainly on display in abundance that evening. As soon as we were in the lounge the pianist began playing Rule Britannia and everybody joined in. The Cruise Director regaled us with some of his easy humour and it was amazing how quickly the hour passed before the captain was able to make his next announcement. Unbeknown to



Steve and Linda relaxed on Reunion before the attack

us, there had been quite some action, although little of it made it into the press. One of the half dozen Ghurkhas in the crew had cut through the wire of a grappling iron thrown on board to prevent any Somalis using it to clamber on board; water cannon had been blasted at the pirates' boat but what saved us were the wires being trailed off the rear of our ship. Inspection of these on our arrival in Zanzibar the following morning showed damage to one of the wires commensurate with its having become entangled around the Somali boat's propeller. The damage to their propeller caused by the wire had stopped their progress allowing our ship to leave them trailing as we sped forward at top speed. Just 15 miles away from where we were attacked that same night a large container ship was attacked and boarded; its crew are now being held by pirates until a substantial ransom is paid. As we contemplate these and other facts – 40 ships and more than 800 crew held captive – we realise how lucky we were that our "adventure" ended happily. It could have been so very different...

– Steve Blackwell

*Editor: Welcome back Steve and Lynda, and congratulations to Lizzie on your new grandson Finlay John who arrived on 27th April!*

# Northern Dinner

The Fuellers' Northern Dinner was held on the 17th March at the 5 star Grosvenor Hotel in Chester, with the express intention of attracting potential new members from an area rich in energy businesses. Eighteen Fuellers and their partners attended with approximately 40 guests. The event was graced by the attendance of Cheshire's Lord Lieutenant and the Vice-Chancellor of Chester University, Canon Prof Timothy Wheeler. Pop icon, Pete Waterman was the guest speaker.

The evening started with a champagne reception. The Beadle called everyone into dinner and the Top Table made a grand entrance to a trumpet fanfare. When everyone was seated with a glass of wine, the Master gave a brief welcome and acknowledgement to the sponsors before Mr Peter Nelson, Assistant Town Clerk to the City of London Corporation, gave a presentation on the Corporation and its relation to the Livery Companies. Senior Warden Stuart Goldsmith then introduced the Fuellers and outlined the activities and role of the Company. All the guests had been given an envelope into which they were invited to insert a simple register of interest in joining the Company.

After grace by Canon Wheeler, dinner was served. Prepared by star chef Simon Radley the meal comprised an exquisite Goat's cheese tartlet, accompanied by a fine Cotes de Gascogne, followed by a superb Coq-au-Vin with an excellent Malbec. Dessert was a delicious chocolate genoise. As Edward Wilkinson later observed, "...an excellent meal and too much wine, but it was good and kept coming!"

After The Loyal Toast and the Loving Cup, new to many present, Junior Warden Paul Cuttill proposed a toast to the guests and Pete Waterman responded in his own bouncy style, regaling us with his railway stories and the rest. He ended with a promise to seek membership of the Company. Just the sort of plug we needed.

The Master rounded off the evening and everyone retired to the bar to reflect on a very enjoyable night.

The Fuellers are grateful to Urenco Ltd who kindly sponsored the dinner and AMEC Nuclear who sponsored the reception. The Fuellers who attended each paid a £50 contribution so that there was no cost to the Company for the event.



Peter Nelson

Photo: Peter Holland Photographic Services



Pete Waterman OBE DL

Photo: Richard Wintle / Rex Features

– Neville Chamberlain CBE

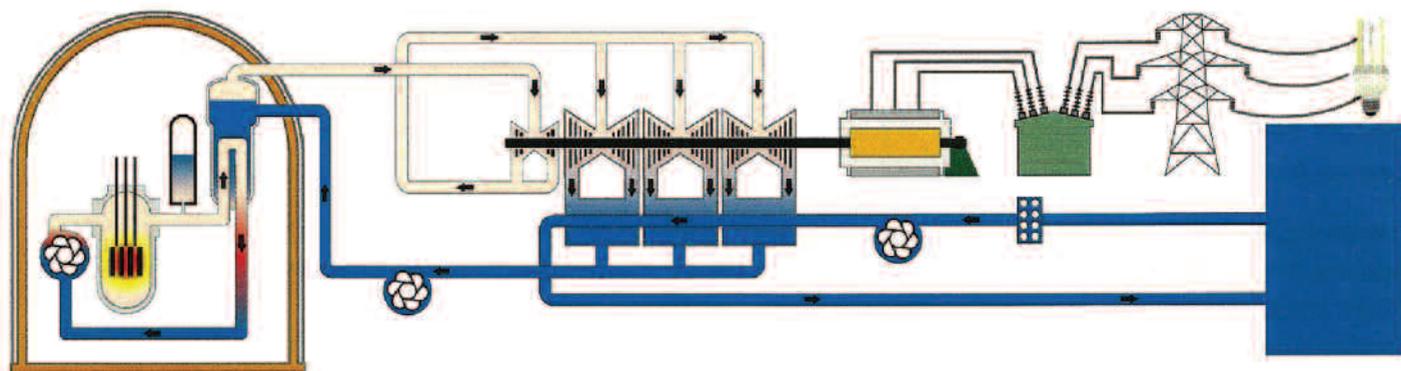
*Editor: The Company's thanks are due to Neville for the inspiration behind and organization of this excellent occasion*

# Visit to Sizewell B Nuclear Power Station

## 29th March 2011

A party of Fuellers, led by Master Michael Byrne, visited the Sizewell B Nuclear Power Station on 29th March 2011. The plant, which is located on the Suffolk Coast north of Ipswich, is one of 8 nuclear stations owned by EDF in the UK and is the only pressurised water reactor (PWR) in the nuclear fleet. The power station has a capacity of 1,188 MW; it was commissioned in 1995 and is due to remain in service until 2035.

### How a pressurised-water reactor works



Courtesy of British Energy

The group of Fuellers were warmly greeted, by the Station Engineer and senior staff. A technical and safety briefing were followed by a two-hour site visit in full protective clothing. The group was especially privileged to inspect the nuclear fuel store, seen by very few visitors, which required two further stages of searching and dosimeter checks, before it was permitted to enter. The fuel rods are located at the bottom of a “swimming pool size” tank, inside a massive steel and concrete protective container. The group then went on to visit the steam turbine and electrical generator sections where 3% of the UK power is produced. It was pointed out that this share of the nation’s energy was produced in the absence of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and with no effect on global warming.

Security and safety are the overriding themes throughout the facility and the openness and sincerity

with which these issues are managed at Sizewell was striking. All incidents, however minor, are investigated thoroughly, emergency procedures are rehearsed regularly and the “time off work” accident record at the site was first class.

The visit, although planned before the Japanese nuclear emergency, was timely, as the safety record at Sizewell and other nuclear power stations in the UK is very good and the senior staff were keen to impress the influential Fuellers of this record. This is important as the consultation and initial planning of a new nuclear power station, Sizewell C is already underway.

– Dr Michael Green

# TriStar to Bastion!

With work on Camp Bastion's runway completed, March saw the first 216 Sqn crews landing at Camp Bastion as part of a change to the Op HERRICK Airbridge. At the end of February OC 216 Sqn, along with STANEVAL (Standards and Evaluation) and Training Flt, flew 'prover sorties' to Camp Bastion. This validated the planned procedures and paved the way for future Sqn crews operating into the airfield. As of the beginning of March 2011, all TriStar Op HERRICK flights will fly into Bastion as opposed to Kandahar whilst continuing to route via RAF Akrotiri.

The change has largely arisen owing to the UK's shifting Area of Responsibility in Afghanistan, with the majority of UK Service personnel operating in Helmand Province. Camp Bastion is situated in Helmand, as opposed to Kandahar Airfield that sits to the East in Kandahar Province. Other advantages should also arise; there will be less pressure on intra-theatre Air Transport, freeing up aircraft, such as the Hercules, for other tasking. Aero medical evacuations involving the TriStar should also be made easier. The TriStar, in conjunction with the C17, is responsible for air lifting injured troops out of theatre, generally with the C17 transporting the more critically ill patients. Because the main field hospital is already based at Camp Bastion, patients can be placed directly onto the aircraft, as opposed to having to be flown to Kandahar first. Flexibility on arrival times may, potentially, be increased. Kandahar can be an extremely busy airfield, accommodating a large amount of civilian traffic as well as military aircraft, meaning flights are restricted to particular 'slots'. The TriStar should not be subject to such restrictions at Camp Bastion.

For Sqn crews certain challenges arise when operating into a different airfield. There are terrain issues, as with most Afghan airfields and hence differing ATC procedures to get to grips with. In terms of facilities, Sqn members should experience a benefit as they will be accommodated in two-man rooms as opposed to the six man type at Kandahar, hopefully reducing the effects of cumulative fatigue.

In terms of 216 Sqn's preparation for the move, the Sqn has combined local night training sorties, to prepare for the relative lack of cultural lighting at Bastion, along with Simulators replicating the expected approach profiles. Despite low availability of aircraft, the Sqn engineering section has successfully generated aircraft to maintain the Airbridge as well as these additional training tasks. This is a remarkable achievement and whilst their efforts are often only viewed in the background, the Sqn could not have completed their preparations without their support.



Landing



Bastion



Camp Bastion Field Hospital

*Editor: This article first appeared in the March issue of Global Gateway, the magazine for RAF Brize Norton and RAF Lyneham. OC 216 Sqn is of course Honorary Liveryman Wing Commander Alistair Green RAF.*

## Lord Mayor's Show



Dave Marsh leads out the Master and Senior Warden

Master Michael Byrne and Senior Warden Stuart Goldsmith were among the 6,000 people who took part in the annual parade which this year also featured 71 floats, 21 carriages, 150 horses and 20 marching bands.

Members of the Company, in their St Paul's grandstand seats (dry this year), watched with pride as the 683rd Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Michael Bear, passed by in the 253-year old gold State Coach on his way to the Royal Courts of Justice where he took his oath of allegiance to the Queen.

Once the parade had passed the Fuellers adjourned to The Little Ship Club where they were joined by their Master, Senior Warden and their ladies for the usual light lunch. After further excitement watching an autumn rugby international on the club's wide screen television, the party adjourned to the embankment to round off the day watching the outstanding firework display that concluded an enjoyable occasion for all.

– Roger Cloke

## Livery Dinner

The annual Livery Dinner is an opportunity for members of the Livery to meet with the Master, Wardens and Court Assistants in pleasant surroundings and to discuss in particular any questions they might have concerning the Company itself or the work of the Court.

All Liverymen interested in being considered for election to the Court should consider attending this dinner.

There are normally no guests other than a guest speaker. This year's dinner was held at The Little Ship Club on 10th March where the speaker was one of our own Freeman; Air Commodore Paul Atherton OBE RAF. Paul spoke very cogently under Chatham House Rules. It was an excellent evening in very good company.

– The Editor



Air Commodore Paul Atherton  
OBE RAF

## Pancakes

The Master and a team of Fuellers participated in the Poulterers' 8th annual inter-livery pancake races in Guidhall Yard on Shrove Tuesday. The weather was fine but performance like the pancakes... a bit flat on the day.

– The Editor

The Master racing in a fetching outfit with matching accessories



Photo: Rod Brown

## Ceremony of the Keys



Beadle Colin Smith in full flow on a less dark and dismal evening

On a dark and dismal evening in the 59th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, a significant cluster of Fuellers led by the Master were enticed into the dungeons of The Tower of London by their Beadle, Beefeater Colin Smith. Not only were they driven into seeing where they may be executed, but also were grouped into witnessing themselves being locked up at "The Ceremony of The Keys". However, being stalwart Fuellers, they did raid

the Yeoman Warders' Club and Bar with such success on fine fare and intoxicating wine that they had to be escorted to The West Gate and dispatched into the dark night of The City. (Fortunately the District Line was still operating.)

– Rod Brown

## Bridge

Stuart Goldsmith, the Senior Warden, and his wife Elinor represented the Fuellers at the 29th Inter-Livery Bridge Competition held on 7th March organised by the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards in the attractive surroundings of Drapers' Hall. There were 64 pairs competing so the Senior Warden was pleased that the Fuellers' team emerged almost exactly half way in the rankings; it was won by the Tax Advisers. Not all the players were regular duplicate bridge players but it was a friendly evening and any Fuellers who have an interest in bridge are invited to contact the Clerk or Senior Warden.

# The Charitable Trust

## Stockwell Park High School

I am pleased to report that the School has recently achieved Academy status. Previously I have written about further enhancing our support for the School and this was recently discussed at a meeting with them. Our current support, which has been in place over the past four years, is principally based around the Army Cadet Force and Girl Guide Group. The support has included a weekend event on the sea cadet training vessel Thames Fueller based at Walton on the Naze, which has been a great success with the students involved.

Due to the excellent progress these groups have made in team building, leadership and specialist life skills the School is keen to expand them to other areas. They are therefore shortly going to start a St. John's Ambulance Group and Air and Sea cadets. All these groups will have a Fuellers Parade Day, starting this July, as a celebration of their progress for both the students and parents.

In order to finance these activities, the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund has significantly increased the funds it is making available. The school is very appreciative of our support and the positive effect it is having in raising the pupils' aspirations beyond the local community.

**Michael Husband, Chairman**

## Prizewinners

### HMS Sultan

From HMS Sultan, the 2011 winner of the Fuellers' Daedalus Trophy and Fuellers Medal was Lt Scott Mitchell RN.

As a member of the Royal Naval Air Engineering and Survival Equipment School (RNAESS) since December 2008, his service has been exemplary; he has used his significant experience in Lynx and Commando Helicopter operations to extremely good effect to rationalise and improve the course content of all of the senior courses currently delivered at Sultan. As Air Engineering Training comes under scrutiny for a potential joint solution, Lt Mitchell's contribution has ensured the credibility and confirmed the excellent training reputation of the Fleet Air Arm.

The results he has achieved demonstrate the value his technical and leadership experience has in the training environment and his infectious enthusiasm motivates the students and his fellow officers alike.

A keen supporter of charities, he is secretary for the Portsmouth region of the Quart Club, has undertaken the Keswick to Barrow Walk, is actively involved with the Sultan Summer Show and has completed a number of cycling challenges for good causes.



Lt Scott Mitchell RN receiving the Daedalus Trophy from Master Michael Byrne at the Election Court Luncheon. Flanked by Commander Martin Jukes RN and the Learned Clerk

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

### City University



The Master and Trust Chairman Michael Husband present the Fuellers Prize to Mian Langellier at City University

The Fuellers' Charles St G Stephenson Clarke Prize for Energy and Environmental Technology and Economics postgraduates was presented to Mian Langellier this year, following a presentation competition between four students.

Mian's proposal was for an iPad app to share information, ideas and best practice about energy efficiency in buildings. He intends to use the £1,000 prize to assist in generating awareness of energy efficiency in buildings. Mian subsequently attended the Election Luncheon at Merchant Taylors' Hall for the ceremonial prize-giving.

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# The Charitable Trust (cont...)

## Three Peaks Challenge

To raise funds for the Charitable Trust, the Fuellers have entered a team of four to complete the national Three Peaks Challenge. This involves climbing the three highest peaks, respectively, in Scotland, England and Wales within 24 hours. The event will take place on the weekend of 6th and 7th August 2011.

The challenge will be led by Liveryman John Daniel, with Master Michael Byrne, Junior Warden Elect Dennis Woods and Immediate Past Master John Bainbridge. The mountains to be climbed are Ben Nevis (4,409 ft), Scafell Pike (3,209 ft) and finally Snowdon (3,560 ft). In all the challenge involves some 26 miles of ascent and descent, with total travel approaching 475 miles.

Fund-raising will be aimed principally, but not exclusively, at companies in the energy industry. Please ask

your company to consider a donation (however small) to the Trust in recognition of the team's efforts and commitment to complete the National Challenge. The team's entry is fully funded so that you can be assured that 100% of all donations will go to the Charitable Trust and be passed on by the Trustees in support of appropriate appeals.

Individual donations will also be very gratefully received. The Trustees hope that Fuellers will donate generously and encourage their companies to participate. Cheques should be made out to The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund and sent to the Clerk, the Fuellers, at 26 Merrick Square, London, SE1 4JB (from whom a GiftAid form is available) or alternatively your donation can be made online at

[www.charitygiving.co.uk/fuellers\\_trust](http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/fuellers_trust)

– John Bainbridge

## Members News

### Freemen and Liverymen

#### New Freemen

The following Freemen have been admitted by redemption since the previous issue of The Fueller

#### January 18th at Cutlers' Hall

Michael John Shirley

#### April 14th at Merchant Taylors' Hall

Michael James Hogg  
Dr Edward Thomas Libbey  
Christopher John Murray  
Andrew Michael Turner

#### New Liverymen

The following Freemen have been enrobed in the Livery

#### January 18th at Cutlers' Hall

Marilynne Ailsa Bainbridge  
Nicholas Andrew Martin

#### April 14th at Merchant Taylors' Hall

Aloysius (Alec) Ray  
Michael John Shirley

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography



The Master with the new Freemen and Liverymen at Merchant Taylors' Hall

Photo: The proud father



Sophia and Hermione leave hospital

### Congratulations

... to Liveryman Carrie and Freeman Dave Marsh on the births of Hermione Danielle and Sophia Elizabeth on 9th February. Two potential new Fuellers!

Dave sent the following message at the six week stage:

*"All is well with us; well, nothing a few more hours of sleep wouldn't cure. The girls are growing and changing day by day, we really can't believe how quickly time flies by. Carrie is doing well, and looking forward to coming back to work in the afternoons for some adult conversation (she's obviously been away too long, we rarely have adult conversation here at work), while I look after the girls, which is the plus side of being quieter in the summer and being in a family business."*

# Obituaries

## Liveryman Mary Chandler

19th October 1928 – 3rd January 2011

Mary Chandler was heavily involved with the formation of the Company and became the first Assistant Clerk of the Company from its beginning. She was at that time Secretary of The Coal Factors Association and also served the Coal Meters as their Clerk for some years.

Mary was directly involved with the recording of the Fuellers' affairs and also assisted the Founder Clerk, Arthur Puttock, with briefing the Fuellers' solicitors; drafting our petition; seeking a member of the Court of Aldermen to support the petition and drafting the first Standing Orders for the Company and the terms of reference for The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund.

Founder Master Charles Stephenson Clarke having proposed that all who formed the Court of Assistants of the Company of Woodmongers & Coal Sellers should become Liverymen on the Court of The Worshipful Company of Fuellers when we were granted Livery status, Mary as a result became, our first and very proud Lady Liveryman.

Mary has watched with interest our Company grow and was an avid reader of The Fueller. She loved music, dancing and nature and was greatly involved in the local community in Effingham. She leaves daughters Jane and Joanna and four grandchildren.

Mary's funeral took place on Thursday 13th January 2011 and was attended by the Master Michael Byrne, Immediate Past Master John Bainbridge and other members of the Company.



## Liveryman John Charlton

4th September 1931 - 13th April 2011

John Charlton was admitted as a Freeman in 1994 and enrobed into our Livery a year later. John came from a coal family – his father was manager at Cortonwood Colliery, Rotherham and John followed him into

mining engineering. He became general manager at Rossington Colliery near Doncaster where he acquired a reputation for man management which led to his appointment to the directing staff of the NCB Residential Staff College at The Vache, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

His funeral was held at Holy Trinity Church, Potton End, Berkhamsted Hertfordshire on 3rd May 2011 and was attended by friends from the Company. He leaves a widow Sandra, two daughters Anne and Louise and four grandchildren.



## Lady Ezra

16th July 1910 - 28th January 2011

Lord Ezra, Liveryman and one of our Founders as well as benefactor and instigator of the Fuellers Energy Lecture, and Lady Julia were married in 1950 and enjoyed their diamond wedding anniversary on 23rd June last year. Lady Julia celebrated her 100th birthday the following month.

In accordance with her wishes, Lord Ezra hosted a private gathering in Belgravia to remember her life. Five Past Masters were privileged to be part of the gathering: Paul Glover, Michael Bryer Ash, Edward Wilkinson, Andrew Bainbridge and John Bainbridge; together with Joy Wilkinson, Marianne Bainbridge, Malcolm and Yvonne Edwards and Sarah Carr.

Lord Ezra spoke most charmingly of three phases of their life together: war service, the National Coal Board and his subsequent political career. He spoke superbly, particularly about his jousts with Arthur Scargill. In one instance, a Daily Mail reporter rang Mrs Ezra, as she then was, and, after various innocuous questions, slipped in a lethal one: "Do you have any sympathy with the miners?" "Oh yes I have", she admitted. When Lord Ezra saw next morning's headlines – Coal Board Chairman's Wife Backs Striking Miners – he realised it was time to advise Lady Julia to follow his example and try and avoid tricky journalists!

# Diary of Company & City Events

Correct at 10th May 2011. Please visit the company website for the latest revisions. [www.fuellers.co.uk](http://www.fuellers.co.uk)

## JUNE

**Monday 6** - Edinburgh University Club Lecture and Dinner at The Caledonian Club

**Wednesday 8** - Charitable Trust Fund Trustees' meeting, Mid-Summer Court and Court Dinner on HQS Wellington

**Thursday 16** - 'Jazz in an English Garden' with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra - Wavendon, Buckinghamshire

**Friday 24\*** - Midsummer's Day, Common Hall, Election of Sheriffs at Guildhall. Luncheon at Butchers' Hall

**Tuesday 28** - Inter Services Twenty20 Trophy at Lord's

**Wednesday 29 - Thursday 30** - Visit to RAF Brize Norton to include a presentation by Air Vice Marshal (Ret'd) Keith Filbey CBE FRAeS on the new 'Voyager' air-to-air tanker and transport aircraft based on the Airbus 330 airframe

## JULY

**Tuesday 19** - Fuellers' Charity Dinner on HMS Victory, Portsmouth

**tba** - Visit to West Burton coal fired power station in Nottinghamshire

## AUGUST

**Wednesday 3** - Visits to CityGen and the Charterhouse, Smithfield

**Saturday 6 - Sunday 7** - Three Peaks Challenge in aid of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

## SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 3** - Fuellers XV Club - The London Double Header, RFU Twickenham. Luncheon at 'The Red Lion', Isleworth

**Monday 12** - Fuellers' 9th Annual Golf Day at Wellingborough Golf Club

**Tuesday 13** - 7th Annual Fuellers' Energy Lecture at Drapers' Hall. Speaker John Cridland CBE - Director General, CBI

**Wednesday 14** - Charitable Trust Fund Trustees' meeting and General Purposes Committee Meeting at Butchers' Hall

**Monday 19** - Visit to TS Rebel and the Thames Fueller in Harwich

**Monday 26** - Wardens and Court Assistants all day course at Drapers' Hall. To apply go to [clerk@waxchandlers.org.uk](mailto:clerk@waxchandlers.org.uk)

## OCTOBER

**Monday 3\*** - Common Hall, Election of Lord Mayor at Guildhall. Luncheon venue tba

**Wednesday 5** - HMS Sultan - Liveries visiting day

**Wednesday 26** - Installation Court and Installation Dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall

\* event open to Liverymen only

# City Briefings are open to all Liverymen and spouses, Freeman are also welcome. It is 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](mailto: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](mailto:clerk@fuellers.co.uk)

## The Fuellers' Shop

The Fuellers' Company has items for sale - the prices are inclusive of post & packing and VAT.



New Woven Silk Stripe Tie - as illustrated	£20.00
Blue or Green Silk Traditional Tie	£20.00
Pink Silk Tie (Fuellers XV Club)	£20.00
Cufflinks	£11.50
Gentleman's Lapel Badge	£5.00
Lady Liveryman's Brooch	£73.00
Ladies' Bar Brooch	£6.00
Golf Umbrella	£22.00

Baseball Cap	£11.50
Wall Plaque	£31.00
The Fueller's Tale, the history of the Fuellers	£27.50

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