

THE FUELLER

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A memorable occasion at Mansion House

On Friday 20th April, 161 people awoke in the knowledge and anticipation that they would be attending the annual Election Lunch to be held in the magnificent Egyptian Room of the Mansion House. A small number were also aware that an early start was required in order to attend, firstly, the Election Court and, secondly, the Annual Thanksgiving Service at Saint Michael Cornhill before lunch could be enjoyed.

Our Master, Stuart Goldsmith, conducted the business of the Election Court with efficiency and humour. The Master read out a Loyal Address to Her Majesty the Queen offering the Company's most loyal and hearty congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth year of her reign, to be delivered

The Loyal Address



subsequently to Buckingham Palace. Senior Warden Paul Cuttill O.B.E. was elected Master for the year ensuing from October, Junior Warden Dennis Woods was elected Senior Warden and Neville Chamberlain C.B.E. was elected Junior Warden. Good luck to them all in their year of office.

Security issues required a change from normal procedures and, rather than remain on the ground floor until the



St Michael Cornhill

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

appointed hour at which the receiving line would commence, we were encouraged to proceed to the first floor upon arrival. Having been advised that, once there, refreshments of the type much loved by Fuellers would be available, the stampede commenced.

Luncheon was served after the Master, Wardens and principal guests, including Honorary Liveryman His Royal Highness the Earl of Wessex and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, had been received in the usual way. Our Chaplain, Honorary Freeman the Rev'd Dr Peter Mullen, said grace which was relevant, witty and, as is always the case, in his own individual way. Lunch and service were up to the standard regular visitors to the Mansion House have come to expect.

After the Loyal Toast what is, I believe, the most difficult Toast to give, 'The Guests', was proposed by Senior Warden Paul Cuttill OBE. After an extended and amusing introduction Paul gave an excellent speech in an exemplary manner introducing the principal guests before asking the whole Company to rise and toast all of our guests.

The response on behalf of the guests was given by the Lord Mayor in a manner one would expect of someone who has achieved his position. His speech and references to Shepherd Neame, Wottins Wallop and 216 Squadron's Beer for the Boys campaign, which the Fuellers were involved in from its inception, were all well received. The Lord Mayor then presented the Master with a British made pen and the Learned Clerk with an equally appropriate gift. At the end of his speech the Lord Mayor proposed the toast to the Company 'root and branch' and, with the Master, presented prizes to the recipients from our services affiliations and City University who are recorded later in The Fueller.

Following the presentations the response was given by the Master, Stuart Goldsmith. He firstly welcomed the new Freemen and Liverymen asking them all to stand. During the response he

made reference to some of the upcoming events including the Fuellers' participation in the Queen's Jubilee River Pageant and a wine tour to the Champagne District. He concluded by thanking the Learned Clerk, the Senior Warden and the Mistress, Elinor.

As the attendees left the Mansion House everyone could

reflect on a memorable occasion comprised of excellent food and wine, jovial company, interesting, amusing and varied speeches and, possibly most importantly, the continued development of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers.

- Court Assistant Russel Warburton

The Master welcoming Hon Liveryman HRH the Earl of Wessex



The Lord Mayor offering his gift to the Clerk



The Senior Warden's amusing speech

Photos: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

Peter Mullen's Grace

I have some questions for expert men
Can you answer them – and when?
Does the coming of these windmills
Loose upon us new found ills?
Are we kind or are we cruel
If we criticise fossil fuel?
As for power thermonuclear,
The outlook seems at best unclear
And when it comes to climate change
I want to know what is the range.
So let me turn to a happier case
For food and fellowship, say Grace.



Annual Game Day at Coffyns Farm

A small group of Fuellers headed back to the West Country for our 11th Annual Game Day, held on the 1st available Friday in January at the lovely Coffyns Farm in Sprayton, Devon. We aim for a team of between 8 and 10 guns. These should all ideally be Fuellers but, if the opportunity presents, guest guns are welcomed, walking (non shooting) guests are also welcome. This year we fielded a total of 9 guns.

Despite miserable weather in the week running up to the event, the day itself was absolutely beautiful. Blue sky, sun, no wind and warm – not at all what one would expect of a January day in Devon!

Unfortunately the excellent weather had an adverse effect on the birds. We saw only a single bird on the first drive and just a handful on the second. However, matters improved and we were presented with some really good and challenging birds by the end of the day. I emphasise the ‘challenging’, as our conversion rate was not quite up to the previous year’s

standard. The total number bagged was at the poorer end of our previous results, with 87 birds compared to the 101 birds bagged last year with just 8 guns. Despite this, everyone really enjoyed the day and had plenty of tales to tell over dinner.

We again stayed at the White Hart Hotel in Moretonhampstead, which suits us perfectly. Enabling plenty of opportunity for socialising, particularly over a pint or three of the local ale. The new owners have made some changes which, I have to say, have made it more homely and welcoming. We dine together at the hotel and entertain the shoot captain, shoot owner and their wives, to thank them for their wonderful hospitality.

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 without the airs & graces normally associated with the more formal shoots, so it is ideal for those who want to gain live experience without the fear of

being patronised. Watch out for the notice advertising next year’s event, which normally goes out in October / November.

- Court Assistant James Hill

Mid morning break for the guns. L to R: James Hill, Peter Pybus, Archie & Mim Smith, Patrick Latham, Nick Hazlett-Beard, John Weust, Alex Hazlett-Beard and Vaughan Williams.



Photo: James Hill

Burns Night Charity Dinner

On a crisp January evening, 80 members and guests foregathered at the historic Carlton Club to enjoy the Burns Night Charity Dinner in aid of the Fuellers Charitable Trust.

The Club has been located at its present address in St James’s Street since the war following bomb damage to the original clubhouse in nearby Pall Mall. Fortunately most of the priceless paintings and valuable possessions survived, so it was in these elegant surroundings that we enjoyed a very convivial champagne reception in Cad’s Corner.

The Master welcomed everyone to his club and shortly afterwards three pipers were setting the scene for the formalities of the evening. One of these was none other than our own Liveryman, Colin Malan, who was in full Highland Dress which is his right. Councillor Jonathan Glen gave a

faultless ‘Address to the Haggis’ after which we processed to the Churchill Room for the ‘Selkirk Grace’ delivered by Sharon Glen.

After an excellent traditional repast including Haggis with Neeps and Tatties, the Master offered the ‘Toast to the Immortal Memory’ when he recalled the first time he celebrated Burns Night 40 years ago was in Belize as a guest of the Army when working with them. Despite the heat it was an unforgettable occasion! He concluded with one of his favourite Burns poems ‘No Churchman Am I’ which recommends that a stiff drink is a cure for most misfortunes.

The ‘Toast to the Lassies’ was proposed by Deputy Doug Barrow CC. Doug paid tribute to Margaret Thatcher before focusing on Rabbe Burns and the women in his life and quoting the famous poem dedicated to his first true love Nelly Kirkpatrick ‘O Once I lov’d a bonnie lass’. He continued by paying tribute to the ‘three lassies on the Court’; Jane, Janet and Chloë who play such an important part in the Fuellers.

Chloë responded with the ‘Toast to the Laddies’ and mentioned that she could well be a descendant of the great man through her maternal line. She echoed Doug’s earlier support of women by quoting

Margaret Thatcher and the first verse of ‘The Rights of Women’ and other situations where it’s clear that men seem to require improvement. All of this was delivered with great humour and timing.

After supper we adjourned for a stirrup cup in the bar which proved to be a fitting finale for a wonderful event.

- Liveryman Michael Shirley

Liveryman Colin Malam piping in the haggis



Photo: Michael O’Sullivan Photography

The Master's Review

The Election Court Lunch is held at the mid-point of the Master's year but this edition of the Fueller gives me the opportunity to give an account of some of the many functions that the Master attends or even arranges, often accompanied by the Mistress or the Clerk.

The start of my year was of course the Installation at Goldsmiths' Hall, reported in a previous Fueller. Each Master may choose the venue for his installation and, as my name is Goldsmith, this was something of a no-brainer! The sight of hundreds of candles in the livery hall is one I shall not forget.

After that, the period up to Christmas is always busy, with some 30 different functions and meetings in that period alone. There was a well attended Fuellers' Sunday, with lunch at Coq d'Argent nearby. The City Remembrance service at St Paul's brings all the livery companies together – with a very serious Sergeant-Major to marshal us in order of precedence. Then the sad occasion of Marjorie McCombe's funeral, attended by a large number of Fuellers in tribute to the long and loyal service that she and Mac had given to us.

Elinor and I were invited to the final Mess Dinner of the Defence Fuels Group at West Moors in Dorset, before their move to Bristol and I can report that the services have lost none of their reputation for hospitality. This was closely followed by the Lord Mayor's Show – my second appearance alongside the Modern Companies' float and third and last appearance in the Show and the only one with good weather. A few days after that the new Lord Mayor held a briefing meeting for Masters and Clerks to explain his priorities: David Wootton is keen that we should tell people about the charitable and industrial work done by the livery companies with very little publicity and I am using every opportunity to do so – in total the companies donate over £40m every year.

There are many opportunities to meet other livery companies and Masters are invited to a number of receptions and dinners. Slightly less expected was the large number of invitations to interesting lectures – on themes usually related to the activities of the company concerned. A flavour of the diversity can be seen from these examples: Sheriffs Past and Present; Is the Protest Group "Occupy" right; The Future of Digital; Is Plastic Fantastic; UK Energy

Policy, Can It Deliver – and that was by the Engineers!

In late November I was pleased to be invited to lunch by the Coal Meters, a little known industry body but one that was very involved in the formation of the Fuellers and which has been generous to us since. I was able to tell them how important their support has been to our development.

December events included the Christmas lunch at Butchers' Hall, when Elinor's hard work in making us all Christmas hats led to winning the prize – but Jane Ayre produced a wonderful individual example – and we also generated rousing choruses of the carols. A small group of us went to the Varsity match – a regular event for some Fuellers but the first time I had been since my son played in it. Then there was our own carol service – very well attended and an enjoyable supper afterwards at a local restaurant.

It is not well known but one of the duties of the City of London Sheriffs is to procure guests to have lunch with the Old Bailey judges each day – so most livery Masters receive an invitation and, apart from a pleasant lunch, find out that judges are actually fun and interesting. This was my first New Year engagement. The high spot of January though was the Burns Night dinner that I arranged at the Carlton Club to raise funds for the Fuellers Charitable Trust. The traditional speeches were performed with great style, particularly by Chloë Barrow and Doug Barrow – the latter in highland dress – and over £4000 was raised.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races round Guildhall Yard have become traditional and we fielded a full team; one of us would actually have won but was disqualified and the others were firmly in the middle of the field! Soon afterwards there was a curry

Curry Lunch on HQS Wellington. L to R: The Clerk to the Master Mariners, Master Master Mariner Captain Terry Jewell, the Master, Past Master Michael Byrne and the Clerk



lunch on HQS Wellington for a small group of enthusiasts followed by a capacity crowd for an evening at the Magic Circle when the close magic baffled us all – in one case to such an extent that the removal of a watch during a card trick was not noticed. Then the Master and Mistress represented the Fuellers in the inter-Livery Bridge Tournament in March and were pleased to come in the middle third of the field (just!); the standard is high and the tournament is usually won by the Actuaries or Tax Advisers.

The Livery Dinner in March is the only opportunity in the year for all liverymen to dine together without guests so that we can

get to know each other better and discuss the future direction of the company. As we grow in size it becomes ever more important that the Court, Master and Wardens have the views of all liverymen. This year the dinner was at the Carlton Club where we heard a very amusing address from Honorary Liveryman, Commodore Mark Slawson RN, Commanding Officer HMS Sultan.

Later that month the United Guilds Service is another opportunity for all the livery companies to meet together and sing gustily; in our case it is followed by lunch at Pewterers' Hall with several other companies. Soon after that a group of Fuellers visited

the Olympic Park area to see what the re-development of that area has produced; our guide impressed us by pointing out the (not very beautiful) purpose-built Energy Centre.

The final event of the half-year is of course our Thanksgiving Service and Election Court lunch. This is reported elsewhere and is a suitable high point to conclude this brief account of your Master's activities in his first six months. The next six months will include the Master's Weekend and the Diamond Jubilee Pageant when I hope to meet as many of you as possible.

– Stuart Goldsmith, Master

The Master at the Pancake Races commiserating with Yeoman Richard Woods.



Photo: Suzan Woods

The Master Butcher toasting the very winning Mistress Fueller



Photo: John Bainbridge

Past Master wins top energy award



L to R: Tim McManan-Smith editor of Water, Energy & Environment, Past Master Andrew Bainbridge and host, comedian Simon Evans.

Past Master Andrew Bainbridge has won the coveted EMAP 'Outstanding Contribution to the Energy Industry' Award. Andrew still works full time as Chairman of the Major Energy Users Council (MEUC) which was formed nearly twenty-five years ago on the advice of Lord Derek Ezra who played a leading role in bringing the Fuellers into being.

Asked how he felt about winning the most coveted award of the evening he said "This could not have been achieved without the wonderful support of the very talented MEUC team." He added "I was really astonished as there are so many people who have worked hard over the years to build an exciting energy industry and the award was a wonderful surprise. The support has been amazing."

The Case For Nuclear Power

Nuclear Power is safe:

Not a single death reported from a nuclear accident in the UK in 55 years' operation. In the three major international incidents, at Three Mile Island, USA, the safety system worked and the community was not affected; the Chernobyl (Ukraine) disaster in 1986 has so far cost some 56 lives, according to the UN, though there have been several thousand cases of treatable thyroid cancer; and at Fukushima (Japan) no significant radiation injuries have so far been attributed to the 2011 disaster caused by an unprecedented tsunami following a massive earthquake that separately killed more than 15,800 people. The 40-year old reactors shut down automatically in the earthquake but the tsunami swept away sources of back-up power for cooling, creating a major emergency that destroyed the reactors.

Nuclear is reliable:

Over the past 55 years nuclear has generated up to 30% of the UK's electricity, though it is less than half that now and falling as ageing nuclear stations are closed. Current plans up to 2025 envisage building reactors to replace 16,000MW of current baseload nuclear capacity, just under a quarter of current peak demand. Nuclear is still the largest source of electrical power in Europe.

Nuclear is clean:

On the Government's own figures, nuclear produces the least carbon emissions in power generation, taking everything from mining uranium to decommissioning and waste management into account. It emits half the CO₂ from wind power, 100 times less than gas and 200 times less than coal. It is just what the doctor ordered to combat global warming.

Nuclear is economic:

A succession of studies across the world has established nuclear power over the years as the cheapest source of electricity,

again taking into account all costs from uranium mining to decommissioning and managing waste. The 2011 projections from the Department of Energy and Climate Change give the following "lifetime" cost estimates: nuclear - £66MWh - £74MWh, depending on whether the first of its kind or one of a series; gas - CCGT £78MWh; onshore wind £90MWh; advanced supercritical coal with flue gas desulphurisation £95MWh; coal with carbon capture and storage (CCS) £110-£137MWh; and offshore wind £135MWh.

New generations of reactor have been designed with decommissioning in mind - unlike the first two generations in use in Britain. They will also produce only about 10% of the intermediate and high level waste arising today.

Nuclear has other advantages:

Nuclear is vastly more economical in its use of land than wind or solar. Existing nuclear sites where new stations are to be built are linked to the National Grid, thereby minimising transmission investment. The nuclear industry also enriches remote communities economically and culturally and puts Britain on the leading edge of high technology. It is seen as a major future employer of highly educated and trained staff.

Nuclear has no problems with its waste:

Britain's nuclear industry has been managing its waste since commercial power operations began in the 1950s. There are three categories - low, intermediate and high-level. More than 90% is only lightly radioactive and goes to a concrete store in West Cumbria. Intermediate level represents only about six per cent of the total waste volume. It is immobilised in concrete or bitumen in special steel drums to await eventual disposal. The high-level waste - only 4%



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of the total - is stored to allow the waste to decay and then cast into glass blocks to immobilise it and reduce its volume prior to eventual disposal. Government policy is eventually to dispose of the higher level wastes in a deep repository.

Nuclear has no problems with its fuel:

Uranium is about as prevalent in the world's crust as tin. Supplies are plentiful. Moreover, by reprocessing "spent fuel" from reactors about 96% of the uranium and the small amount of plutonium produced can be recycled as fuel in reactors. Reprocessing thus makes available a vast store of cheap power, reduces the amount of waste going for eventual disposal and enables plutonium to be burned up in reactors, thereby minimising proliferation risks. Longer term fast reactors now being revived can get 60 times more energy out of the same quantity of fuel as existing reactors - and minimise waste.

Nuclear has a major fuel price advantage:

While nuclear power stations are more costly to build, they are cheap to run. This is because, unlike coal or gas, nuclear's fuel represents only at most 20% of its costs. Its advantage is thus substantially protected from fuel price escalations - the major cause of the rise in fuel bills.

So where is nuclear's competition?

While security requires a mix of power sources, nuclear is at worst highly competitive. When the cost of dealing with CO² is taken into account, it is out on its own. This explains why countries across the world, and especially in Asia, are building or planning new nuclear plants on top of the 430 or so already operating internationally. They see nuclear as the future. It is also because renewables – wind, waves, tide, solar, biomass etc. – are either dilute, intermittent or unpredictable sources, or all three. Eliminating energy waste and increasing energy efficiency are important, but the potential savings are hard to realise

because of the required changes in human behaviour. And it has yet to be proved that CCS to remove CO² from gas and coal-fired stations' waste output can be scaled up to lock the CO² up for all time



Photo: David McGlynn/Getty Images

in strata under the sea.

But even if it can, it could double the price of electricity from fossil-fuelled stations.

So, nuclear is the poor man's friend?

Yes. It is the most reliable, cheapest and "greenest" source of electrical power. It is the best way to combat global warming – and rising fuel poverty. It is a "must".

Editor: *This paper was produced by the Supporters of Nuclear Energy [SONE], the task being led by Sir Bernard Ingham, and has been submitted by Court Assistant Neville Chamberlain CBE in response to my request for energy related articles. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers.*

From our Affiliations

We are pleased to welcome two new Honorary Liverymen from Defence Fuels and Food Services and 216 Squadron:

Group Captain Andy Killey RAF has been appointed Officer Commanding Defence Fuels and Food Services and has become an Honorary Liveryman.

Wing Commander Alistair Green RAF relinquished command of 216 Squadron RAF on 1st March. **Wing Commander Peter Morgan RAF** has succeeded him as Officer Commanding 216 Squadron and as an Honorary Liveryman of the Company and has said:

"For 216 the next two years will be a welcome change as we return to our fuelling roots and take up more air-to-air ops. With the demise of the VC10 in 3/13 and delays in getting the Voyager fully into service, we are being called on to do more tanking in place of troop movements, which has been the main part of work for the last six years. A change is as good as a rest and the Squadron is looking forward to this final chapter of the TriStar in 216."

Wing Commander Green is now at the Main Building (Whitehall) dealing with the Capability of Equipment, Logistics and Support (Cap ELS), where he is responsible for capability for all air transport and air-to-air refuelling aircraft looking forward well into the future.

In February, 216 Sqn included a new airfield in the Op HERRICK Airbridge as Macedonian troops were flown from 'Alexander the Great Airfield' in Skopje to Afghanistan. The TriStar's amended routing took it from Brize Norton to Skopje and from there on to RAF Akrotiri before flying direct to Camp Bastion. The airfield itself provides crews with a scenic approach as Skopje is surrounded by mountainous terrain, reaching heights of over 8000'.

Meanwhile at Brize, on 8th April, the first Voyager aircraft took to the skies for her maiden flight under the command of an AirTanker crew, to signal the commencement of the Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft (FSTA) service to the RAF. The aircraft took off from RAF Brize Norton for a training sortie around the United Kingdom to allow the AirTanker crew to familiarise themselves with the aircraft and achieve the first part of the Voyager crew training schedule. The next 12 months will see the Voyager team conduct planned procedural activities ensuring the aircraft continues through its intensive programme to be ready for future operational environments.

South Pole Centenary Treck

- In Scott's Footsteps

Explorers and legends gathered at St Paul's Cathedral last month for the City of London's Centenary Commemoration of Captain Robert Falcon Scott's Antarctic Expedition. Few Livery Companies were able to include one of their own amongst this august company but the Worshipful Company of Fuellers is proud to have been represented by Junior Warden Dennis Woods fresh from his own expedition across Antarctica from which he returned in January. Thank you to Past Master Deputy Doug Barrow who facilitated the valued invitation to St Paul's.

The expedition south began on the coast of Antarctica at Hercules Inlet; 750 statute miles from the South Pole. Dennis was part of a six man team intending to walk the whole distance; each towing two supply sledges. (If one walked from London to Madrid the distance covered would be 779 miles.)

The start to this season's Antarctic summer was peppered with gale force freezing winds, lots of snow and plummeting temperatures replicating the conditions faced by Scott and Amundsen a century ago. However, by November 25th the weather moved into a more settled pattern of 24 hour blue skies, and



At the Ceremonial South Pole with the Fuellers' Plaque. This is an area located a short distance from the Geographic South Pole. It consists of a metallic sphere on a plinth surrounded by the flags of the Antarctic Treaty signatory states

temperatures ranging from a balmy -15 degrees to -30 degrees.

The journey took them from sea level to 9000 feet at the South Pole. Much of the time they walked on the permanent two mile thick ice which covers the huge continent of Antarctica (twice the size of Australia), circumnavigating crevasses and the usual geological features you would encounter on a journey across Europe except of course only the tips of mountains were on display.

Life settled into an ordered pattern dominated by the continual trudge across the flat, featureless and silent landscape interspersed with the need to eat to add calories and energy and to melt snow to provide water to drink and cook their dehydrated rations. By Day 17, December 17th, the shape of the transantarctic range of mountains appeared on the horizon – this was the half way point. On Christmas Day they had reached them. The resupply, reached on Boxing Day,

was a major treat and provided a real boost in spirits – especially as it included Christmas Pudding baked at home by Dennis's mother and sent out to provide some British humour and tradition.

New Year at the 500 mile point was celebrated with crackers and bunting in the tent. Telephone calls recorded a team in good spirits, weary but unbeaten. Sadly, a week later at the 540 mile point, altitude exhaustion, malnutrition and atmospheric conditions caught up with Dennis. His pace had slowed considerably and for days he could not sleep and struggled for the slightest breath. He had to evacuate and thanks to the technology of the modern world a plane came to collect him.

The plane continued to the Scott Amundsen South Pole base where Dennis was able to use a flushing WC at last and inspect the gym, the heating and the general western world facility. Later the same day he flew back to Hercules Inlet and when the doctors pronounced him fit he returned home – just in time for the Master's Burns Night,

Dennis says; "It was an exhilarating, exciting, exhausting and ultimately overwhelming challenge that was nevertheless one of the most enjoyable and physically satisfying yet draining experiences I can ever have imagined.

"I would like to thank all of you who followed my expedition blog. I cannot tell you how much help your messages and support have been over the last 3 months. It was a major incentive knowing so many of you were following my blogs and keeping in touch with Sue. Messages were passed to me in Antarctica from our base camp and were often received at times when I needed a boost to help me on my way."

Including Gift Aid, Dennis raised £1,966 for the Fuellers Charitable Trust, £2,007 for Help for Heroes and £2,310 for Beating Bowel Cancer.

- Suzan Woods



Dennis pulls his sledges over a Sastruga - a sharp irregular groove or ridge formed on snow surface by wind erosion and deposition

Members' News

Wedding congratulations

Past Master Vaughan Williams and Susie Hyde Smith married on 8th July last year in Henley Register Office. A Service of Blessing was held later in the local church in Ipsden (where Vaughan has been a churchwarden for 18 years), and a Reception in October.

Vaughan has particularly requested not to be placed in the Obituary column instead of Marriages as the Old Rugbeians did to him last autumn.



Court Assistant Brian Lott OBE and Judith Crichton Maitland were married on 24th February 2012 at the Chelsea Register Office. The ceremony was followed by a champagne reception and lunch at Daphne's Restaurant in Chelsea.



New Liverymen

Freemen enrobed into the Livery
April 20th at the Election Court

Malcolm John Barrington
David Arthur Cooke
Alex Brian Rogers Woodfield

New Freemen

Admitted January 25th
at the New Year Court

By redemption:

Jeffrey Todd Altman
David Arthur Cooke
Michael John Vickars
Dr Peter Alan Waterman OBE

April 20th at the Election Court

By presentation:

Mary Jane Byrne

By redemption:

Victor Neil Atkinson
Dr Sebastian Eyre
Matthew John Gordon
Robert Edwin Perrin
Basil Scarsella AM
David Mark Smith
Ian Smyth
Neil Antony Upton
Edmund Arthur Wallis

The Worshipful Company of Fuellers is a relatively young and growing Livery and welcomes applications for membership from interested people. For further details, 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 Charitable Trust

I and my fellow Trustees would like to congratulate and thank Master Stuart Goldsmith and Junior Warden Dennis Woods for their fundraising efforts for our charity. The Master's Burns Night Dinner raised in excess of £4000 and the Junior Warden's heroic efforts in Antarctica nearly £2000. We were also very pleased that the army cadets from Stockwell Park High School were able to provide the honour guard at the Mansion House for the Election Lunch.

I would particularly like to draw your attention to the school's Parade Day on Saturday 14th July, 10.30 to Noon. The army cadets, girl guides, scouts and St John cadets will parade for Fuellers, governors and parents. If you are interested in attending please contact the Clerk. Details of our prizewinners at the Election Lunch are set out below.

- Michael Husband, Chairman of the Trustees

HMS Sultan

WO1 (AEM) David Pottle joined HMS Sultan in 2011 as the WO1 within the Royal Navy Air Engineering and Survival Equipment School. WO1 Pottle's exceptional interpersonal skills and his embodiment of the Core Naval Values with the highest military standards mark him out across all of the organisations located within HMS Sultan. Outside of the RNAESS arena, WO1 Pottle organises the St Dunstan's charity week, where blind ex-servicemen and their carers are provided respite through a range of residential activities at HMS Sultan.



The Prizewinners at the Mansion House - L to R: Sgt. Clyde Whyte RAF, Josephine Hutton, WO1 (AEM) David Pottle, Sarah Parker, Second Officer Ian Johnston MBE RFA

216 Squadron RAF

Sgt. Clyde Whyte RAF is awarded the Fuellers Cup for 2012 for his sustained outstanding performance working in the Maintenance Planning Cell at 216 Squadron. This has allowed 216 Squadron to continue to achieve their ongoing operational commitments in support of Op. HERRICK, the Afghanistan Air-Bridge, and more recently Op. ELLAMY, operations over Libya. The forward planning skills he consummately employs every day in highlighting forthcoming maintenance requirements on an aircraft that is approaching 40 years of age, cannot be underestimated in the maintenance of flight safety on the TriStar. Sgt. Whyte is an exceedingly worthy recipient of the Fuellers Cup.

RFA Wave Knight

Second Officer Ian Johnston MBE RFA is RFA Wave Knight's recipient of the Fuellers Award. RFA Wave Knight has been regularly deployed East of Suez for logistic supply and maritime security operations and regularly involved in counter-piracy, counter-terrorism,

counter-narcotics and people trafficking operations. Ian Johnston performs his role as the Ship's Communications Officer in a wholly professional, competent, and proactive way. His deep professional experience has enabled the ship's mission to continue where others may have failed. He rightly deserves the plaudits and credit that comes from his 'whole-ship' approach to work and people. Award of the prestigious and coveted Fuellers' Prize and RFA Silver Rose Bowl is fully deserved.

Defence Fuels & Food Services Group

Miss Josephine Hutton has been employed as a Defence Fuels Supply Chain Manager since August 2010, faced with the task of ensuring that packed fuel stocks got through to UK Operations in Afghanistan. More recently Jo has been the de-facto Project Manager for the Defence Future Lubricants Project, a £60 million pound project to ensure supply of Defence lubricants, oils and greases for the next four years. In addition to her work with the Fuels Team she has



Sarah Parker receiving her award at the Mansion House

Photos: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

also gained a qualification as a sports remedial massage practitioner and raised her grade level in Martial Arts. Jo Hutton has a demonstrable record of excellence and achievement within the Defence Fuels Team that makes her a worthy recipient of the 2012 Fuellers Prize.

City University

Mrs Sarah Parker was one of five finalists in this year's City University Fuellers competition with her mini project paper "A Nation of 'Energy Champions', Behaviour Change and its role in the UK's transition to a low carbon economy". The subject area of behaviour change and engaging communities is one which the UK faces and the government is beginning to recognise. Sarah has the potential to play a major role in helping to raise the profile of the need and to engage with delivering the solutions, as she has already started to do. Sarah is a well deserving winner of the 2012 Charles St G Stephenson Clarke Prize for Energy and Environmental Technology and Economics postgraduates.

The Company's possessions

No.1. The Fenton Tankard

This splendid tankard was presented to the Company on permanent loan by the Coal Meters Committee some years ago. I have chosen it as the first of our possessions to be featured in a series, as it was not included in our recent History: "The Fueller's Tale". The tankard was donated to the Coal Meters in 1962 by Sir John Charrington.

The tankard is featured in "Drinking Vessels of Bygone Days" by G. J. Monson-Fitzjohn, published in 1937, which was most kindly brought to my attention by Beadle Colin Smith. Unfortunately, the author gives no indication of in whose possession the tankard was at that time or where he saw it. However, in stating the lady to be a mine owner and the miners to be Yorkshire miners, the author appears possibly to have known more of its origin than the Coal Meters Committee did in 1962 or than I have been able to verify since.

Colin Smith has recently taken the tankard to Goldsmiths' Hall and we have been advised that the mark is R.B for Richard Bayley, and the date letter is 'T' for 1734/5. Richard Bayley was apprenticed in 1699, became Free in 1706 and Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company in 1751. There follows an extract from the book.

"Presentation cups are plentiful, but surely there is not another silver tankard bearing such an interesting inscription as that one given by some Yorkshire miners to their lady mine owner, which comes as a refreshing change after perusing the newspapers of the present day. The tankard, holding about a quart of liquor, is fitted with a lid.

'A nipperkin' to which these grim but excellent sons of Pluto refer, means literally a small nip (this tankard held a quart of liquor, mark you!). The word is also mentioned by Ashton in his Social Life in the Reign of Queen Anne. In writing of beers of different strengths, he says from a penny nipperkin of molasses ale to a pint costing fivepence."

– John Bainbridge



Photo: James Hill

The "Fenton" Tankard presented to the Company on permanent loan by the Coal Meters. Inscription below.

To
 Their most gentle Mistress
 RACHEL FENTON
 The goodly crews, the crew called COLLIERS
 The dirtiest but not the most ungrateful of all cattle
 And now in high spirits, being about to be turned
 into fresh pasture commonly called BOTTTOM COAL
 To her Who has often Ramd their Rops and Whetted
 their Whistles, These grim sons of Pluto, living always
 in greater fear of Thirst than Firedamp have with
 inimitable politeness and address presented this
 nipperkin of a Tankard
 A.D. 1735.

Forthcoming Events

Stockwell Park High School Parade Day

Saturday 14th July at the school.

The Fuellers' Golf Day

Monday 10th September. The 10th Annual Fuellers Golf Day at Wellingborough Golf Club.

Election of the Lord Mayor

Monday 1st October at the Guildhall.

Lunch venue to be arranged.

More information on the above events is available from the Clerk.

City Briefings

City Briefings are open to all Liverymen and spouses; Freemen are also welcome. It is essential that any Liveryman seeking to be considered for election to the Court should attend one of these briefings. The next two courses are 9th October and 19th November. Booking and more information from www.liverycommitteecourses.org

Bronze Desk Crest

Court Assistant Patrick Helly, Managing Director of New Pro Foundries which produces the UK's premier Film and Television award, the BAFTA, has created this magnificent cast bronze replica of the Fuellers' armorial bearings (pictured below) for sale by the Company. Orders can be given at Company functions or sent, together with a cheque for the correct amount made out to The Worshipful Company of Fuellers, to Mrs Jane Ayre at the address below. The cost is £140, including vat, if collected from New Pro Foundries in West Drayton, or £155.00 if delivered.

LIVERYMAN JOHN MARTINS

11th September 1929 - 18th April 2012

John Martins first worked for Reuters in India, subsequently in London. He then joined the marketing department of the National Coal Board (subsequently British Coal) eventually being their sales manager for London North.

He was admitted as a Freeman of our Company on 10th May 1990 and enrobed into our Livery on 2nd April 1992.

John was also a member of Carbon Lodge and an active supporter of the Coal Trade Benevolent Association for whom he was National Chairman in 1996 and their long serving Hertfordshire Branch Chairman. Until the loss of his wife Cicely in 2009, John was a very loyal and regular supporter of our major events. His funeral was held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, East Barnet on 1st May 2012 and was attended by many Fuellers and other friends and former colleagues.

The Fuellers' Shop

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

Woven silk striped tie	£21.00
Blue or Green Silk Tie	£21.00
Pink Silk Tie (Fuellers XV Club)	£21.00
Cufflinks	£15.00
Gentleman's Lapel Badge	£6.00
Golf Umbrella	£23.00
Baseball Cap	£12.50
Ladies Bar Brooch	£7.00
Lady Liveryman's Brooch	£85.00
Wall Plaque	£32.00
The Fueller's Tale, the history of the Fuellers	£27.50



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

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