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A pleasure which will last a life time

At 9.00am on Sunday 3rd June, the Master, the Senior Warden, Clare Cuttill and I met at Dove Pier ferry at Hammersmith terminal.

There was a real buzz in the crowd of people waiting to have their credentials checked before official ferries transported us to the *Thames Fueller*. Liveryman Nick Moulton MBE, our skipper, and Tony his mate gave us a warm welcome on board. Stuart and Paul donned their robes and gongs and Clare looked very fetching in her union jack dress despite the cold weather.

We spent the morning boat watching and had a formal ceremony of raising the Fuellers' flag on the stern of the boat. We got very excited watching the narrow boats pass by as they took up their positions behind us. What a colourful assortment they were. Then came the rowers to position themselves in front of us, already looking quite cold. They were then going to row the seven mile course in brief clothing and no cover at all. By the time we had had a fairly leisurely picnic it was time for the pageant to begin.

As we moved off and long before we reached the official start point, the crowds were lining the river banks, waving their union flags and shouting words of encouragement. Even when it started to get really cold and the drizzle turned into torrential rain the crowds never wavered. Our star was Clare, who hardly ever stopped her enthusiastic and cheerful flag waving.

Passing by the Queen on *HMS President* was our special moment of tribute to her and we all stood to attention. How wonderful she was, looking enthusiastic the whole time as the wind and rain blew around her.

The exhilaration of being there is unforgettable, something we shall always remember. A pleasure which will last a life time.

- Mistress Elinor Goldsmith



Raising the flag on *Thames Fueller* - the Master, right, with the Senior Warden



The royal barge passes crowds lining the river near the Houses of Parliament

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The morning before the pageant, Coronation Day, dawned grey for the opening of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee weekend and for the first of Master Stuart Goldsmith's weekend events. A party of 40 Fuellers gathered that morning by the fountain in the mellow red brick courtyard of Fulham Palace, the summer retreat of more than 100 Bishops of London for twelve centuries from 704 to 1973. Our private tour continued in the garden, overlooked by the restrained elegance of the Georgian façade. We then progressed to the Victorian chapel provided by Bishop Tait, built in the Tudor Revival style with murals added later following damage in WWII. Finally we entered the Palace itself, whose Tudor structure incorporates the Great Hall dating to 1495, where we were treated to a fascinating commentary on the changes affecting the Palace over the years.

We dispersed for lunch and then a larger group assembled at Westminster Pier to join *MV Salient* for our outing on Old Father Thames. We moved away upstream, passing under Chelsea Bridge before turning downstream. Bunting and flags fluttered along the banks of this most magnificent of rivers



Some of the party in the Victorian chapel at Fulham Palace

and as the sun came out to greet us we moved aft to enjoy the sundeck and the views of the river and the preparations for the following day's Royal Pageant. Below Tower Bridge we passed the Tall Ship *SV Tenacious* of the Jubilee Sailing Trust, a beneficiary of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund designed and built to enable people of all physical abilities to sail side-by-side as equals. Turning again at Greenwich, we made way back to Westminster after a most enjoyable trip.

In the evening, the Master and Mistress hosted 34 Fuellers



Photo: John Swannell/Royal Household/Camera Press



On board *MV Salient*. L to R. Rod Brown, Marilynne Bainbridge, The Master, Past Master David Bell, Mike Hogg

at a reception at their lovely home in Fulham, where we were able to enjoy the pleasure of their garden. A very short walk took us to Joe's Brasserie where time passed quickly in the usual most convivial company of fellow Fuellers until the early hours. For those who had been able to participate fully it had been a most enjoyable day.

- John Bainbridge

News from the Court Skinners' Hall

The long held aspiration that the Fuellers would once again have a permanent home within the City boundaries became a reality on 1st September 2012 when the agreement signed in July with The Worshipful Company of Fan Makers to share their office and associated facilities at 9 Dowgate Hill, provided by the Skinners' Company, came into force. The agreement extends further and allows the Fuellers to share the preferential rights and opportunities granted to the Fan Makers to use the facilities within Skinners' Hall next door at number 8 for Court meetings and dinners.

The formal completion of the agreement followed sustained action over many months by the Master, Wardens, Court, GPC and Clerk to establish what opportunities existed amongst the other livery companies for the sharing of office and associated facilities. This programme of work was prompted by the fact that, after a highly successful first 25 years, the Fuellers' Company has grown to over 200 members and thereby completed its first cycle of establishment and stability to a point where the natural next evolution is that it is becoming a mid size Company punching above its weight and becoming the energy voice of the City of London. To find a permanent home for the Company to operate from gave substance to this strategic goal whilst at the same time would facilitate a move to even more efficient administration of the Company and thereby provide a very sound basis upon which to manage the Company going forward.

At its Mid Summer meeting the Court, having considered a paper from the General Purposes Committee containing a unanimous recommendation to take up the offer from the Fan Makers, discussed the proposals in detail and approved the way forward. The Court asked the GPC to manage the implementation and see the financial action plan that accompanies the move duly actioned.

There is a more emotional aspect to this momentous move. It is after all nearly 350 years since the Woodmongers Communal Hall and ancient archives were destroyed in the Great Fire of London and whilst 'that building and the wonderful Coal Exchange of 1849 and evocative locations such as Seacoal Lane can be brought back to life' in print (*The Fueller's Tale*) we now have a physical manifestation of a home and what a home it is.

The offices at number 9 will serve us very well with storage and strongroom space enabling us to have our Court garments and regalia to hand, store records and archives plus the



The courtyard at Skinners' Hall

opportunity to show some of our artefacts in the Reception Hall display cabinets.

Even more impressive is the chance to use Skinners' Hall next door at number 8 with its beautiful courtyard and wonderfully appointed Court Room and Banqueting Hall plus committee rooms and library. Past Master Port had his Installation at Skinners' and when he, the Master, Wardens and I visited the Hall we were all struck by what an opportunity had presented itself to us.

The history of the re-birth of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers contains many steps of courage, enlightenment and determination to see the matter through to its conclusion. Whilst the move to Skinners' Hall does not in any way compare to the exercise of completing the livery reborn, the Court and in particular Members of the Hon Court reflected at the Mid Summer meeting that what the Society of Coal Merchants, the Coal Meters' Office, the Coal Factors Society and the newly emerging Fuellers themselves envisaged in 1970 has come to pass. The Company once again has a foothold in the City that will not only 'hardwire' the Company even further into the fabric of the Livery and The City as a whole but will also demonstrate that the Fuellers is a growing and influential Company which is going places – root and branch may it flourish forever.

Our first event at Skinners' Hall will be on 21st November 2012 when we will celebrate our new home at a Reception whilst hearing 'Antarctic Reflections' from Senior Warden (Elect) Dennis Woods.

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The Master's Year

– April to October

After the excitement of the Election Court Lunch the second half of my year included both the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee. The livery companies were not involved officially with the Olympics and we could not buy group tickets but we had visited the Olympic Park in March and I was invited to several receptions to hear about the successes and concerns of the detailed preparations.

The Jubilee Weekend was possibly the single most memorable time of the year for me. We arranged a number of events for Fuellers on the Saturday, including fitting as many as possible into our small house; we joined the other participants and spectators of the Pageant in getting very wet but happy on the Sunday and Michael Husband and I were enormously fortunate to represent the Fuellers at the lunch for Her Majesty on the Tuesday and to entertain some inspirational guests. All of these events are covered in more detail elsewhere.

Soon after the Election Lunch a group of us went to a Jazz evening at the 606 Club. The John East Project provided memorable music and songs while we enjoyed the food and wine. The latter has been something of a theme for my year as I also led a “research project” to Champagne in June.

Masters are fortunate in being invited to a range of events that are not necessarily connected to the livery companies. This year I went to the Installation of the new Dean of St Pauls – a wonderful display of pomp and ceremony – and also to the Founder's Day celebrations at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, when all the Chelsea Pensioners march past, some in their wheelchairs. Attending the Buckingham Palace Garden Party is also a great privilege extended to Masters – and we had a hot sunny day for it this year.

There are also a number of memorable events that are attended by most of the other livery companies. The best known is the Ironbridge Weekend, hosted by the Ironbridge Gorge Museums, when nearly all Masters spend the weekend together (at our own expense!). Given that this is where the industrial revolution started and the part played in that by coal – the museums are located at Coalbrookdale – this is very appropriate for Fuellers to visit. An unusual event is the Cartmarking of

the Worshipful Company of Carmen when a number of historic “carts” (commercial vehicles of all types, from coal lorries and steam rollers to ambulances and fire engines) parade in front of the Master Carman and Lord Mayor and are branded – historically this allowed them to ply for hire in the City, rather like taxis do today.

Charitable events also form a significant part of a Master's year. Collecting for the Red Cross on London Bridge is mentioned elsewhere but

Below: The Countess of Wessex on Founder's Day with Joe Brittain, the oldest Chelsea Pensioner



Below: The 606 Club



Below: The Lord Mayor, David Wootton, cart marking



Photo: The Carmen's Company

another Red Cross initiative is where a group of Masters are invited to coffee by the Lady Mayoress, only to be arrested by the “Livery Surveillance Squad” of the City of London Police and charged with a range of offences (information for which is supplied by the Clerks without their Masters' knowledge). The Masters are put into chains and then taken to the Tower in an antique bus to be met by the Yeomen warders with pikes and marched into the Tower – to the amazement of the many tourists watching. We are threatened with bread and water but offered the opportunity to be bailed (and receive a better meal) if a substantial sum is raised for charity. I am pleased to say that the generosity of the Fuellers raised £2,700 to secure my release, which was divided between the Red Cross and the Fuellers Charitable Trust.

Fuellers also like to make industrial visits that are relevant to our livery. This year groups of Fuellers have been to Dungeness Power Station and to Hurn Airport to see the new Air Tankers being fitted out that will be used for refuelling the fast jets. We are also invited to visit the armed forces units with which we have affiliations and this year have been to *HMS Sultan* (which houses the Royal Naval School of Marine Engineering and the Royal Naval Air Engineering and Survival School) and to *RFA Wave Ruler*, a Fast Fleet Tanker of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

Apart from all the happenings mentioned above, probably the most important development in the Fuellers' recent history is the decision to make Skinners' Hall our “home” and to share office accommodation there with the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers. Many – but not all – of our events will be held at Skinners' Hall in future and I look forward to being at some of them.

My last act as Master will be to install Paul Cuttill as my successor on 18th October and then attend his Installation Dinner – without my having to make a speech.

– **Stuart Goldsmith**

News from the Court

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Honorary Archivist

Liveryman and former Court Assistant Rex Rose will be retiring as Hon. Archivist at the Installation Court. The Court and the Honorary Court would like to take this opportunity to thank Rex for his work in maintaining and preserving the historical records of the Company since joining the Court in 2003, at which time he immediately became the first Hon. Archivist to the Company and he has given invaluable service in this vital role. Liveryman Iain Poole has offered to succeed Rex and also has the gratitude of the Court.

Fuellers Conversations

The first Fuellers Conversations evening will be on 24th October and the Guest of Honour will be Volker Becker, CEO of RWE npower. We are delighted to have secured the support of Ernst & Young for the conversations by providing the accommodation and nibbles at no charge at 1 More London Place. There will, however, be a small charge in support of the Charitable Trust Fund. Further details to follow.

Launch of New Fuellers Website

The new website www.fuellers.co.uk has received a lot of praise from members who have taken a look and used the new functions. The site designed and built by Yomp Marketing has a new modern look and feel. It also has new features such as the private members' log in area where Fuellers can access and update their own profiles, enter into on line discussion forums and check out future events.

There is an up to date news section designed to complement The Fueller and a section where all back copies of The Fueller can be viewed. The news section is open to anyone who enters the site. In the members' area the discussion section invites varied contributions from reports or debate on current energy industry events to Fuellers' favourite city dining experiences! Please log in and contribute!

To make the site a success we really need Fuellers to log in as soon as possible and check your profile and update your information. Uploading a photo of yourself will bring your profile to life. On first log in you will receive a numerical password which is easily changed by going into “My Account”. If you have any difficulty, email Yeoman Tim Woods and he will assist: email Tim@yomp.biz Junior Warden Dennis Woods is also happy to help; email: dennis@windlewoods.co.uk

– **Sir Antony Reardon Smith - Clerk**

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Coal as Part of a Balanced Energy Mix

The Energy Policy conundrum

The three fundamental objectives of energy policy are security of supply, affordability and low-carbon generation. It is not quite as simple as this. For example, security of supply must include the ability of the electricity generation system to respond rapidly to meet peaks in demand.

It is clear that these fundamental policy objectives are, to a significant extent, in conflict with each other. Policy makers have long sought to reconcile them to the maximum possible extent. It is equally clear that this can only be achieved by having available a balanced portfolio of different types of generation plant.

Each type of generation plant has advantages and disadvantages when its characteristics are analysed against the three fundamental objectives. But the policy debate has been characterised by the hyperbole of the proponents of each type of plant extolling its virtues and minimising its disadvantages.

Below: Coal face at Kellingley Colliery



Photo: UK Coal Mining Ltd

The advantages of Coal

Coal is relatively cheap, abundantly available from both UK and overseas sources, and can be easily stored to meet fluctuations in demand and security of supply concerns. In particular, coal-fired generation is highly flexible and can respond rapidly to changes in demand. It represents ideal back-up to intermittent renewables. Of course, none of these advantages is unique to coal but the combination that coal offers is perhaps unique. It 'does what it says on the tin'.

The disadvantages of Coal

Coal has one huge disadvantage. It is the most carbon intensive of all fuels. This can be addressed by the application of carbon capture and storage, albeit at high capital costs. Again these disadvantages are not unique to coal. For example, in a low carbon future, carbon capture and storage has also to be applied to reduce carbon emissions from gas and the capital costs of nuclear are also high.

Below: Restoration at Doe Hill surface mine



Photo: The Banks Group Ltd

Where does Coal stand today?

On a global basis, this is the age of coal. In the first decade of this century, the increase in coal consumption exceeded that of oil and gas put together, and this was the case in 2011 as well. It supplies 40% of the world's electricity. In the UK, coal normally supplies some 30% of the country's electricity, peaking at well over 40% in winter, but in the last year, the proportions have been much higher. Last winter, the proportion of electricity supplied by coal peaked at over 50% and was over 40% well into the summer months. The price of coal has been falling whilst the price of gas has remained stubbornly high. Currently, the fuel cost of generation at the spot gas price exceeds that from coal by 60%.

Where will coal be in the future? – The impact of Government energy policy

On a world scale, the construction of new coal-fired power plant in the emerging economies continues apace and the economic slowdown appears to have had little impact on the growth of coal consumption, coal production and world trade. But in the UK, Government policies will discriminate hugely against coal and result in a large-scale switch to more expensive gas.

Two measures in particular will have a pernicious impact. From April next year, Government will charge electricity generators with a new tax, known as carbon price support and based on carbon emissions, at an increasing rate through to 2030. Carbon price support will do nothing to promote low carbon generation as renewables, nuclear and carbon capture and storage will get guaranteed prices. All it will do is force electricity prices to rise and, at these higher prices, will result in a switch from coal to gas.

Secondly, the Energy Bill will introduce an Emissions Performance Standard which will prevent any new coal-fired plant being built, or even any conversion of an existing power station to higher efficiencies, without at least half the capacity of the plant being equipped with carbon capture and storage. At the same time, the EPS will allow new gas stations to continue unabated and to emit carbon until 2045. Not only will this lead to a new dash for gas, it will also make it very difficult to achieve the necessary reduction in carbon emissions.



Conventional coal-fired power station

What needs to be done?

First, the coal industry accepts that there can be no long term future for coal without carbon capture and storage. But the same must apply to gas. The need to get a commercial scale demonstration plant up and running is extremely urgent. It is now getting on for five years since the first competition for a carbon capture and storage plant was announced but still no contract has been awarded. Progress has been glacial.

Second, the EPS regime needs to be reconsidered with a view to ensuring equal treatment between coal and gas. Finally, Government should consider whether carbon price support really will promote low carbon generation or whether it is just a tax on electricity producers and consumers.

A balanced portfolio

Coal today is the fuel of choice but the coal industry does not seek it to be dominant. To continue to benefit from the advantages of coal-fired generation within a balanced portfolio of generation capacity, existing policies need to be urgently re-examined. To attain a secure, affordable and low-carbon generation mix, coal needs to be able to play its part in full.

**- David Brewer, Director General
coalpro (confederation of UK coal producers)**

Editor: I am most grateful to David Brewer and coalpro for this contribution and to Liveryman John Spence for his initiative. The views expressed above are not necessarily those of The Worshipful Company of Fuellers.

THE FUELLERS CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

From the Chairman

With this edition of the Fueller we have enclosed a copy of our new leaflet detailing some of the work of the Trust and, of course, how to donate. Shortly, you will be able to see more of the Trust's work on the Fuellers website. We will be using this leaflet extensively i.e. at the Fuellers' Lecture, our Dinners and of course for new Freemen.

Our biggest challenge remains increasing the number of regular donations, with this in mind we have made it even simpler for Fuellers to donate by just increasing the amount of their direct debit. The Treasurer will collect and pass on to the Charitable Trust.

I guess you have heard me say before that little acorns grow big oak trees, we have a number of very good projects calling on us for regular annual donations, but the Trustees are reluctant to proceed without a measure of security in our regular income. There has been progress and for those who now regularly donate, please accept my thanks and that of the Trustees.

**We look forward to hearing from you
Michael Husband**

TS Rebel provides RYA coastal and offshore training for members of the Sea Cadets. In 2011 it provided 500 training places with its students achieving 350 qualifications between them. The Trust supports the running costs of *Thames Fueller*.

Diamond Jubilee Lunch

It was with great excitement, anticipation and honour that the Master, myself and eight guests from our beneficiaries assembled at Westminster Hall at the lunch given for Her Majesty the Queen by the City of London and its Livery Companies on 5th June.

Our guests included Judette Tapper CBE, Head Teacher, Stockwell Park High School; student Melissa Branco; cadet trainee leader and Trustee Bill Wilkinson representing TS Rebel; David Mead, the 2009 winner of our annual award representing City University; Ben Ferard our current Arkwright Scholar. From our military and RFA affiliations, nominated by their units for outstanding service, were Chief Petty Officer Amy Burns from *HMS Sultan*, currently leading the engineering training for the Daring Class; Sergeant Phillip Abraham from 216 Squadron RAF, heavily involved with 'Bear for the Boys' which has been extended to support troops with a break in Cyprus before returning to the UK; and Captain Chris Clarke MBE, RFA who is the Commanding Officer of *RFA Wave Knight*. Chris Clarke was in command of Wave

Below: *Thames Fueller* on her way to the Thames. Early morning passing Essex Marshes



Photo: TS Rebel

The Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant

We were grateful for the support of TS Rebel in deploying *Thames Fueller* to London to participate in Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Pageant, providing a platform for the Master, Senior Warden and their ladies. TS Rebel had a number of other instructors involved with the Pageant including the skippers of Trinity House No 1 Sea Boat with Her Royal Highness Princess Anne aboard, the MCA patrol boat *Hunter* and the historic lifeboat *James Stevens*.

The Principal at TS Rebel, Nick Moulton, said "We were delighted to be able to provide an opportunity for members of our sponsors to enjoy the Pageant on the water." He added "Although this was quite a hard working four day deployment it was great to meet lots of old friends, and make new ones, in a very happy atmosphere."

Knight when she went to the rescue of the Chandlers who had just been taken by pirates and, quoting his Commodore, "performed exceptionally that night, making very difficult decisions that were proved right when they were released."

At 12.45, a fanfare heralded the entry of Her Majesty accompanied by The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Henry of Wales. A welcoming speech was given by the Master Mercer, Mr. Thomas Sheldon. This was followed by an excellent lunch prepared by Anton Mossiman. After the National Anthem and the Loyal Toast, the Queen departed by the North Door and travelled by carriage down the Mall to Buckingham Palace.

The event was hugely enjoyed by our guests, one of whom, Melissa, said 'I will be able to tell my children and grandchildren about the lunch on the 5th June 2012'

- Chairman, Past Master Michael Husband

Below: L to R: Judette Tapper CBE, David Mead; The Chairman; Sgt Phillip Abraham; The Master; CPO Amy Burns; Ben Ferard; Captain Chris Clarke; Melissa Branco; Bill Wilkinson



Below: Melissa Branco enjoys the lunch



Stockwell Park High School Parade Day

On 14th July, a group of Fuellers, led by our Master, was greeted warmly at Stockwell Park High School, to take part in the School's Annual Parade Day. The rain that morning meant that the whole event was moved to the vast School Hall, to which the participants adapted seamlessly. This event is fast becoming a tradition at the School, with an excellent turnout of parents, teachers, Governors and pupils.

The Parade included St John's Ambulance Cadets, Army Cadet Force, Girl Guides, Scouts, and was accompanied by performances from a Gospel singer as well as a South African Zulu dancer. The Fuellers were given pride of place as guests, with our Master, Chairman of the Charitable Trust Fund and Learned Clerk all involved in presenting prizes to the very worthy pupils. The Master spoke of the Fuellers' association with the School, the history of the Livery Companies, and commended the participants on the hard work they had put in to make the day a success.

Through participating at the Parade Day, the Fuellers have once again shown their commitment to the School, and to the excellent work carried out through the Charitable Trust Fund to further links with the staff, pupils and parents of Stockwell Park High School.

In September, the school was renamed Platanos College. Platanos is Greek for "a grove of plane trees"; planes are the most common genus of tree in the grounds of the College. Timing was considered appropriate for this change following achievement of academy status and with an entirely new building and remodelled campus.

- Liveryman and Trust Advisor Shравan Joshi

Below: The Learned Clerk in action at Stockwell Park



“A Day without Champagne is a Day Wasted”

On Monday, 2nd July 2012 a small group of Fuellers took the Eurostar to Paris for a three day trip to Rheims to visit four premiere Champagne Houses and to enjoy some excellent food. Our Master Stuart Goldsmith and his wife Elinor were there to greet us together with our ‘guide’ for the trip, Jane Parkinson, a young freelance wine journalist. On arriving in Paris we all enjoyed an excellent lunch at Brasserie Terminus Nord before our short journey to

levels, the deepest having a constant temperature of 9 degrees which allows the champagnes to evolve slowly and consistently. The Cuvee Sir Winston Churchill was first produced in 1975 as a tribute to the famous man and is still regarded as superb champagne predominantly; we believe it to be mostly Pinot Noir with an addition of chardonnay. After a fascinating tour of the cellars we were treated to a tasting and then a quite superb lunch. Pol Roger

supplied the champagne for the Royal Wedding of which our host was very proud.

In the afternoon we motored to Mareuil-sur-Aÿ where we visited the cellars of Billecart-Salmon – established 1818 and still owned by the original family with the marriage of Nicolas Billecart and Elisabeth Salmon. After a tour of their cellars we enjoyed another tasting in their garden of the very special champagne aged in oak barrels – using oak barrels is a trend which seems to be returning.

The evening was spent attending a short concert and then dinner for those who were still able to stay awake!!

Wednesday morning dawned and off again to visit the house of Taittinger in Rheims. We met our hostess, Dominique Garréta who told us the company was founded in 1734 as Champagne Fourneaux when in the 1930s it was bought by the Taittinger family then sold on but was eventually bought back by the family of which they are now very proud. The cellars were 4th century chalk mines before becoming 900 years later part of Saint-Nicaise Abbey where corridors, crypts and vaults were used to separate the champagne which the Benedictine monks traded. The Abbey was destroyed during the French Revolution leaving only the cellars. We descended down to the cellars 17 metres below ground, housing many, many bottles of champagne, and the process of riddling (turning the bottles to slowly work the yeast deposit towards the neck of the

bottle) was explained to us, and then disgorgement. The chalk walls of the cellars store wine in perfect condition, being both optimum temperature and the optimum humidity level all year.

A wonderful gourmet lunch among the vineyards in their recently restored bottling plant. followed another considerable tasting!

We then returned to Epernay to visit our final champagne house – Perrier-Jouët established in 1811 when a Perrier married a Jouët! We started with a tour of their Art Nouveau house – Maison Belle

Epoque – quite stunning – now a museum housing over 200 pieces of arte deco where we saw a Rodin sculpture – one of the highest ever valued. A great treat. Then across the road to see the unusual cellars and distinctive, famous Champagne bottles of Belle Epoque, decorated with white anemones by Emile Galle – we ended with a tasting!

Sadly the weather turned to rain halting our walking tour of Epernay although some managed a walk around the gardens and then supper in a local restaurant.

Thursday before our departure

back to London we all had a chance to explore Rheims and visit the Cathedral. We ended with an excellent final lunch before we all said our goodbyes – some going back to London – others staying in France.

Our thanks go to our Master for his excellent organisation and our tour guide Jane Parkinson for all her help.

Just remember – a quote from Patrice Noyelle – Pol Roger – A Day without Champagne is a Day Wasted!

- Liveryman Pam Boddy

Below: The group before lunch at Taittinger. L to R: Helen Poole, Suzan Woods, Pam Boddy, Junior Warden Dennis Woods, Steve and Lynda Blackwell, Neville Chamberlain, Past Master John Boddy, Mistress Elinor Goldsmith, Joy Chamberlain, The Master, Senior Warden Paul and Clare Cuttill, Iain Poole



Photos: Pam Boddy

Rheims, where dinner at Brasserie Flo enjoying each others' company concluded an excellent day of travel.

Tuesday morning we boarded our coach to Epernay for our morning with Pol Roger where we were met by our host, President, Patrice Noyelle – a very charismatic Frenchman.

Pol Roger was founded in 1849, owns 87 hectares of vineyards, has cellars that run for 7km on three



M. Patrice Noyelle, President of Pol Roger, with the Master

Dungeness B nuclear power station and the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Steam railway

A party of 18 Fuellers and guests enjoyed a visit on 4th September to Dungeness B nuclear power station. The day started with an optional visit to the local 1/3rd scale Steam Railway at Romney, dating back to 1926. I had been able to arrange the opportunity for the party to each take a turn at driving a steam train. This was a real treat, and everyone's cameras were hard at work.

The party broke for a particularly good lunch with real ale at the Britannia Inn, the only pub in Dungeness.

In the afternoon, the now-enlarged party moved on to the power station. It is the first of seven “AGR” (Advanced gas-cooled reactor) reactors which were constructed as the Energy Minister preferred this approach to the procurement of American pressurised water reactors. Construction started in 1965. Visually, Dungeness B is stunning, quite unlike the “box” building design of the later AGRs. Being so ahead of its time, commissioning to a state of reliable and high availability took many years, but has been fully accomplished over time. The station's 2 reactors send out 1040 MW of electricity – enough to power over 1.5 million homes. The current operating period ends in 2018 with the company considering lifetime extension in line with normal processes nearer the time.

After viewing the top of the reactor – the “pile cap”, the turbine hall, and taking in views over the area from higher up, the visit ended with an inspiring talk in the training simulator. It was clear that safety is built-in at many levels, and that the station is a good employer of mainly local staff.

- Liveryman Paul Mott



Paul Mott stoked up on the footplate on the R H & D R



The party in the Simulator at Dungeness B

The Fuellers 10th Annual Golf Day

The Fuellers 10th Golf Day, once again organised by yours truly, was held at the magnificent 18th century Wellingborough Manor House in Northamptonshire in September.

This year numbers were down with only six teams but the competition was keenly fought. In a close finish, Fuellers Team A won the Fuellers Trophy by a single point. The Fuellers prize as usual had a number of players in the hunt but in the end James Cripps came out as this year's winner of the Fuellers Cup for the second year running; runner up was Steve Blackwell. Our Master Stuart Goldsmith presented prizes following dinner in the Manor House.

Best Guest and best player overall on the day was Jill Shirley. 2nd Place went to Nigel Woods

Whilst the golfers tackled the rigors of their game five non-golfers including our Master and Mistress, Stuart and Elinor Goldsmith, were warmly welcomed at nearby Canons Ashby by Mistress Cutler Caroline Traill who is a volunteer at this venerable National Trust property.

Suzan Woods had organised a private tour of the beautiful house - all that remained of the very large Priory, one of the first 'dissolved' by Henry VIII. The house became the much loved home of generations of a hard working family whose grocery business acumen propelled them to high ranks in the City of London.

The tour was of course followed by tea and an opportunity to go shopping - for Past Mistress Marilynne who came away with a lovely plant for the Bainbridge garden in Cranleigh. The group then returned to Wellingborough in time for the celebration dinner following the golf.

Many thanks to all those who supported the day and special thanks to John Hughes who has been attending as a guest for many years. Unfortunately John was not able to make it this year but very generously sent a donation towards the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund. All surplus income from the golf day is also passed to the CTF.

Keep an eye open for the date of next year's golf day to ensure you get it in your diary at the earliest opportunity.

- Junior Warden Dennis Woods



James Cripps driving towards the Fuellers Cup

Photo: Dennis Woods



Winners of the Fuellers Trophy, John Bainbridge, Jill Shirley and Michael Shirley, with the Master

Photo: Suzan Woods

Prizewinners 2012

Nearest the Pin:	Michael Shirley	Fuellers Team A
Longest Drive:	John Bainbridge	Fuellers Team A
Lady Winner:	Helen Giachardi	Horners Team
2nd Team Overall:	The X Men	Nigel Woods
		Matthew Woods
		Andy Humphries
Fuellers Trophy		
1st Team Overall:	Fuellers Team A	Jill Shirley
		Michael Shirley
		John Bainbridge
Fuellers Cup		
Best Fueller	James Cripps	

Best Guest and best player overall on the day was Jill Shirley. 2nd Place went to Nigel Woods

The 2012 Fuellers Energy Lecture

Tuesday 25th September 2012 saw Fuellers, guests and representatives and clients of the International City law firm SJ Berwin, sponsors of the Lecture, gathering for the 8th Annual Fuellers Lecture. The Lecture was hosted at Saddlers' Hall and was given by David McKay FRS, Professor, Department of Physics at Cambridge University and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

The Annual Lecture is the centrepiece of the Company's programme of educational events and the series was originally instigated with the kind support of the former Chairman of the National Coal Board, Derek Baron Ezra of Horsham.

Upwards of 180 were present to hear Professor McKay's remarks and such is the interest in the energy agenda the Fuellers welcomed some 45 Masters or senior representatives from other Livery Companies. Such a fine turnout is also testament to the Fuellers' increasingly influential reputation within the City for providing up to date and relevant events for all to be informed and entertained by.

Professor McKay centred the lecture, entitled 'Keeping the lights on in 2050 - can we do it and what will it cost?', on the principle that having become tired of poor thinking and analysis he felt that the time was now right for there to be a grown up conversation about the energy challenges facing the UK and rest of the world backed up by transparent and clear data that are actually meaningful, relevant and understandable. Professor McKay highlighted the work undertaken by DECC to design and bring forward the '250 Pathways Calculator', a tool that has taken the input of hundreds of experts and produced 42 separate but linked sectors that can have their parameters and assumptions set at different positions to produce outcomes that quantify the picture of energy demand and supply, the mix and consequences of fuels used for generation and production and the cost of the pathway followed.

Professor McKay explained that the cost per person per year for a pathway that embraces a lower carbon emissions strategy is the same as for the 'business as usual' pathway. In some cases the cost of a lower carbon future is better, albeit with higher initial costs but lower running costs thereafter. So ultimately he maintained that the lights can be kept on and within affordable cost ranges.

A lively question and answer session followed and then those present retired for a buffet reception and the opportunity for further discussion. All in all a terrific lecture and an occasion enjoyed by everyone.

- Senior Warden Paul Cuttill OBE



The Master with Professor McKay



Guests Kevin Dodman and Bill Lake of Ditton Consultants with Court Assistant Patrick Helly



Sponsor and Fueller Neil Upton with guest Andreas Zapf, MD of Rhone Consulting, and Past Master Andrew and Liveryman Marianne Bainbridge.

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From our Affiliations

RFA Wave Ruler hosts the Fuellers at Portsmouth Dockyard

On a rare sunny day in mid July, nine Fuellers led by Senior Warden Paul Cuttill joined a group including members of the Carmen and Cooks Companies to enjoy the excellent hospitality offered by the officers and ratings on board *RFA Wave Ruler*.

After a genial reception, we were split into two groups to tour the ship. This included the engine control room, medical quarters, the huge aft deck, armaments and of course the bridge which is a very sophisticated environment indeed.

An informal lunch was taken on the bridge with Hon. Liveryman Commodore Bill Walworth OBE RFA and several captains in attendance to answer many questions and provide information on the neighbouring ships which included *HMS*

Ark Royal and *HMS Endurance*.

We were then invited to the wardroom to receive briefings from various captains and senior officers. The RFA have 13 ships which provide several support roles around the world. Typically the ships maintain a constant presence in the Caribbean, South Atlantic, and East of Suez in the Gulf where they demonstrate great versatility. In the Caribbean the primary function is to counter the illegal narcotics trade and to support island populations during the hurricane season whereas the role East of Suez includes acting as the major refuelling source for the RN



RFA Wave Ruler replenishes a Royal Navy frigate at sea

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and carrying out other duties.

Captain Bob Allan thanked the Fuellers for our continued support and for the Awards which we present to the RFA each year.

- Liveryman Michael Shirley

216 Squadron RAF - Beer for the Boys

'Beer for the Boys' is a campaign set up by 216 Sqn in 2008 with the aim of providing a beer on the Tristar for all service personnel returning from Afghanistan. The Worshipful Company of Fuellers has a long association with 216 Squadron and were approached though the fund's founder and Fueller Elect, Wing Commander Steve Chadwick, to see if they could help the fund in any way. The Fuellers were very quick to see the merits of this extremely worthwhile campaign and we were enormously thankful when they added our fund to their long list of supported good causes. They continue to be a vociferous supporter of the campaign and regularly raise funds for the cause.

Due to the hard work of the fund

organisers, the public's imagination was soon stimulated and donations started to flood in. In due course, national and international breweries caught wind of the campaign and offers of beer donations began arriving. The donated beer resulted in public donations no longer being required to purchase the beer, thus allowing the fund to expand its reach. This enabled 'Beer for the Boys' to start providing a further beer for returning troops that go through decompression in Cyprus. Decompression is: 'a friendly environment that allows returning troops time to start 'winding down' after an operational tour prior to rejoining friends and family in the UK'. At the start of 2010 the fund had

grown to the extent that we were able to start offering money to returning Regiments, Squadrons, Brigades and any other serving units returning from theatre to supplement their home coming celebrations.

At this moment in time, the fund organisers are looking at the possibility of providing families of repatriated servicemen with some refreshment as they visit the RAF Brize Norton area. This is something that we feel will resonate well with the public whilst still upholding the fund's original intentions and ethos.

- Chief Technician Phil Abraham, 216 Squadron, Brize Norton

Liveries Day at HMS Sultan, 4th October

On a beautiful autumn morning three Fuellers, including our Master, arrived at *HMS Sultan* in Gosport along with representatives from six other Livery Companies. After mustering for refreshments, we were heralded into a lecture theatre.

Honorary Liveryman Commodore Mark Slawson RN took command of *HMS Sultan* in March 2010. Welcoming us to "the best training establishment on God's earth", he described the evolution of the facility.

I confess to being overwhelmed by the number of acronyms used, but as several of these had changed only three days earlier, so were the majority of our hosting team!

A crash course on different training (primarily mechanical and aeronautical engineering) was followed by a great advertisement when two warrant officers described their career histories, which had been enhanced by frequent visits to *HMS Sultan*.

Attention shifted to the Royal Navy

in general as we learned how more than 8,000 people and 40 craft are deployed worldwide to protect and promote the UK worldwide. A superb presentation, it should be broadcast on national television.

A convivial lunch preceded Steam Lorry propelled visits to the schools of mechanical and marine engineering, and the machine shop. A thought from WO2 Adey Shepherd: "If flying was hard, engineers would do it!".

- Court Assistant Chloë Barrow

In brief

City Flag Day

Our Master, Senior Warden and Learned Clerk joined their peers representing 18 of the City Companies who gathered on London Bridge through the day on Friday 11th May to shake buckets in aid of the British Red Cross. £3748 was raised in total and Lady Brewer, President of the British Red Cross London Area, said "this is a truly magnificent result and, as always, we are indebted to you for the unstinting support and friendship of so many Livery Companies in the City". On the evening watch, the Fuellers trio contributed £302 to the total.

- John Bainbridge



Some of the collectors at the Mansion House that evening

Fuellers XV

On 1st September, Master and Mistress Fueller led a party of 15 Fuellers and friends to the opening of the Aviva Premiership at Rugby HQ after enjoying the usual pre-match 'light refreshment' at The Red Lion, Isleworth.

The rugby started with an outstanding game where Harlequins (the current champions) beat London Wasps 42 - 40 only in the last minutes having at one time been 20 points adrift. The result brought smiles to the faces of many in the party including Junior Warden Dennis Woods.

This was followed by a somewhat one-sided match between Saracens and London Irish. The high light of this game, to the delight of Past Master Michael Byrne, won by Saracens 40 - 3, was undoubtedly the Saracens defence which will serve them well during the season.

- Hon. Court Assistant Roger Cloke



The response to the Company's Loyal Address

Vera Stokes

27th September 1929 to 13th September 2012

We are saddened to report the death of Freeman Vera Richmond Stokes who passed away peacefully in the Leicester Royal Infirmary on 13 September 2012 in her 83rd year.

Vera, the widow of our late Past Master Geoffrey Stokes, was one of the first to receive Freedom by Presentation on 5 April 2001 – in her instance for the support she gave Geoffrey when he was our Master in 1991/1992. During Geoffrey's Mastership they hosted a memorable and enjoyable garden party for the Fuellers at 'Grey Lodge' - their family home in Desford. The Court ladies luncheon at the Farmer's Club, Whitehall was another delightful occasion during the year where the gathering enjoyed good food, good company and memorable views over the Thames.

Geoffrey was one of the 75 founder members of the Fuellers who supported our initial petition in 1982 to the Court of Aldermen and the Lord Mayor for the then Company of Fuellers to be recognised by the City as a Company without Livery – the first step to us becoming a City Livery Company.

Both Vera and Geoffrey were stalwart supporters of the Coal Trade Benevolent Association in the East Midlands – Geoffrey eventually serving the CTBA as its national Chairman in 1975.

Vera will be long remembered for her warm smile and support for Geoffrey in all that he did. Our condolences have been sent to their son Liveryman Michael Stokes.

Forthcoming Events

2012

Thursday 18th October

Installation Dinner at Haberdashers' Hall

Wednesday 24th October

Fuellers Conversations evening at 1 More London Place

Sunday 4th November

Fuellers Sunday at St Michael's Church.

Lunch at Coq d' Argent

Saturday 10th November

The Lord Mayor's Show

Wednesday 21st November

A talk on 'Reflections on Antarctica' by Senior Warden Elect Dennis Woods at Skinners' Hall, to be followed by a Reception

Wednesday 12th December

Fuellers Christmas Lunch at Butchers' Hall

Friday 14th December

Carol Service to be held at St Michael's Church with supper to follow

2013

Tuesday 22nd January

New Year Court at Skinners' Hall followed by Court Ladies Dinner

Monday 18th March

Annual Livery Dinner at Skinners' Hall

Thursday 18th April

Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's Church and Election Court Lunch at Skinners' Hall

Friday – Sunday, May 3rd to 5th

Master's Weekend in West Sussex

Wednesday 12th June

Mid Summer Court Dinner at Skinners' Hall

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

A Fuellers' Memoir on Founder Member The Lord Ezra

Many Fuellers will be aware of the huge debt the Company owes to Lord Ezra, former Chairman of the National Coal Board, for his major role in the re-formation of the Company, and for his subsequent funding and inauguration of the Annual Fuellers' Energy Lecture.

The Court has now decided to bring together a collective memoir about the life and work of this most distinguished Fueller who, even today at 93, contributes regularly to public debate across a wide range of energy and industrial issues. This Memoir is being edited by Roderick Braithwaite, well-known to us as the author of our corporate history, "The Fueller's Tale", in close association with Dr Paul Glover and two other Past Masters; Michael Bryer Ash and Edward Wilkinson. This Working Party is extremely keen to hear from anyone with personal views or anecdotes about Derek Ezra. Please telephone Roderick Braithwaite on 01787 237946.

- John Bainbridge



Lord Ezra presenting the inaugural lecture in 2005

Photo: James Hill