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## An interesting, enjoyable and varied weekend

Our base for the Master's Weekend in May was the delightful Millstream Hotel in the historic harbourside village of Bosham in West Sussex – famous for the story of King Canute and the incoming tide.

We planned to get there early, relax and change leisurely for dinner but the traffic thwarted our plans and we were running late. A 'Where are you?' phone call from the Master encouraged us on and we managed a first in giving our dinner choices over the phone whilst competing with the SatNav instructions. Consequently, we missed the Pimms reception but did receive a warm cheer from some 25 hungry Fuellers and partners awaiting dinner. Thus, based on hearsay, the warm spring evening superbly fitted the occasion as the reception extended outdoors to include the manicured gardens. The Master welcomed those present with his usual warm and pithy prose setting the tone of organised conviviality for the coming weekend. After a full and interesting day of visits to nearby Chichester and Fishbourne, Saturday evening was less rushed and the Champagne reception an excellent reviver. Our numbers had now swollen to 39 and the Master warmly thanked those present for supporting him and Mistress Fueller over the weekend. There followed an interesting interlude on the Atlantic Convoys from that well known seagoing



Dinner at the Millstream on 4th May

double act of Bellew and Brown and the Senior Warden offered thanks on behalf of all present to the Master and Mistress Fueller for their attention to detail in hosting such an interesting, varied and enjoyable programme.

- *Court Assistant John Ingham*

Early Saturday morning saw the BBC spies hunting for evidence of triathlon training in Bosham (N. Brown, A. Bainbridge and Cloke!).

A "speedy" breakfast despatched, we boarded the coach for Chichester. Meeting our guides outside the magnificent cathedral, homage paid to St. Richard, we circumnavigated the wet and windy walls learning much of archaeological hypothesis and historical skirmishes. Some then wandered in the cathedral (three briefly joining the hymnathon) whilst others visited the Novium where a very modern building houses a very modern approach to display, by

category rather than age of object. On the ground floor, the remains of Roman baths that would have been heated using wood-burning furnaces; Roman Woodmongers!

A snack at Fishbourne's café preceded a fascinating guided tour of the Roman remains. Built between 80-120 AD, the rectangular palace was surrounded by formal gardens. The displayed north wing housed the guest suites; other wings having been reburied for preservation post excavation. The palace houses a large collection of early mosaic floors. The early black and white designs were overlaid by more colourful makeovers including the beautiful cupid on a dolphin. The palace was destroyed by fire around 270 AD.

Back to Bosham for drinkies or a rest!

- **Court Assistant Chloë Andrews Jones**

Those seeking the essence of English history could hardly have wished for a better venue than Arundel Castle, which for nearly 1,000 years was at the epicentre of intrigue, skulduggery and both noble and dastardly deeds. This great castle, situated in magnificent grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex and built at the end of the 11th century by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel provided an excellent backdrop for those participating in Master Paul Cuttill's weekend. In the glorious sunshine almost certainly arranged by Mistress Clare the group arrived by charabanc (or coach for those less romantically inclined) into this picturesque village and the shadow of this formidable edifice. With the oldest structure dated 1068 the estate evolved over the centuries as fortunes ebbed and flowed until the middle of the 1800s when



Rod Brown in full flow

Photo: John Bainbridge



The Master and Mistress with a gift of a teapot presented to them by the group in the Swan Hotel, Arundel

Photo: Suzan Woods

the heroic Victorians undertook a restoration that was completed around 1900 and includes the Fitzalan Chapel and splendid formal gardens.

Our group was treated to the sparkling commentary of Carole who brought alive the past with anecdotes and fables. A significant feature of Arundel Castle is that it has been the seat of the Dukes of

Norfolk and their ancestors for over 850 years and, although Carole had been an official guide for only the last 15 of these, one felt that she had at least been there in spirit to share the dramas and crises of this Catholic family as it made its way through the turbulent times of the Reformation and beyond.

- **Court Assistant Jim Bellew**

# News from the Court

## INDUSTRY GROUP

With the increasing and diverse nature of the links the Company has into the various industries and sectors from which members come, the Court has approved the formation of an Industry Group as a Sub-Committee of the Court. We have been very successful in growing our membership by offering a combination of the traditional attractions of being part of a City Livery Company and innovative initiatives aimed at demonstrating relevance and a modern approach to what Fuellers are looking for in terms of industry links, information, participation and networking.

Master Paul Cuttill has agreed to chair the Group, membership of which will be drawn largely from outside the Court, for its first two years. Amongst the Group's first tasks will be to establish its terms of reference and lines of communication.

## RAF BRIZE NORTON – 216 AND 10 SQUADRONS RAF

Our affiliated RAF squadron, 216 Sqn, is to be stood down after 97 years of operations and will draw to a close by March 2014 when use of the TriStar for air-to-air refuelling comes to an end. Two other squadrons based at Brize, 10 and 101 Sqn, will then be flying the Voyager aircraft for air-to-air refuelling. It is proposed that a new Affiliation Agreement be completed with 10 Sqn and be signed following the Installation Court on 17th October.

The affiliation with 216 Sqn has been out of the top drawer and we are extremely grateful to all those Officers Commanding, staff and crew from whom we have received such tremendous support over the years since the Affiliation Agreement was signed in 2001.

## CHANGE OF COMMAND AT THE ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY

Commodore Bill Walworth CBE RFA retired in September. Bill has given the Fuellers great support over the years in many ways, not least his highly entertaining report on the 2011 Installation Dinner for The Fueller. We pass him our greatest respects and good wishes. Captain Rob Dorey RFA succeeded Bill as both Commodore of the RFA and an Honorary Liveryman of the Company on 1st October.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

During our splendid Thanksgiving Service held in St Faith's Chapel at St Paul's Cathedral in April, the Master asked that the collection taken should be donated by the authorities at St Paul's as they saw fit. We have received advice from The Reverend Canon Mark Oakley that we raised the sum of £542 which has been donated to the Tower Hamlets Mission. The Mission is a charity committed to working with people suffering from alcohol and/or drug dependency, who are either homeless, in danger of becoming homeless or are receiving state benefits. The charity's aim is to enable them to break the cycle of chronic addiction definitively and to rebuild purposeful, stable lives through the provision of high quality, comprehensive residential therapy and rehabilitation.

## RELOCATION TO SKINNERS' HALL

It is intended that the Clerk's office relocate to Skinners' Hall from Monday 14th October. Revised telephone and fax numbers will be circulated in due course.

- Sir Antony Reardon Smith – Clerk

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### New Fuellers Cufflinks

These very attractive new cufflinks are now available from the website and will be on sale at £30 a pair at the Installation Dinner at Skinners' Hall on 17th October.

# A very fine bill of fare at Skinners' Hall

The Midsummer Court Dinner was held at Skinners' Hall on 12th June

Following what was widely praised as one of the finest menus prepared recently for the Company, Junior Warden Dennis Woods welcomed Fuellers and proposed the toast to the guests. It was a great pleasure to have the company of Captain John Hughes, Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, who had studied at the Reardon Smith Nautical College.

Commodore David Elford RN had stepped in to represent Captain Gulley RN. Cdre Elford had recently assumed the role of Commandant of the Defence College of Technical Training under which Captain Gulley sits as Commandant of Defence School of Marine Engineering (DSMarE) in addition to being Commanding Officer of HMS Sultan.

As Deputy Director at Tate, our principal guest Alex Beard CBE, was responsible for Tate's business activities, overseeing Tate's income generation, resource management and audience development functions. Alex had recently been appointed as the new chief executive of the Royal Opera House.

Responding for the guests, Alex took as his subject London's huge strengths in the world of the arts. He argued that it is one of if not the best city in the world in which to live. In support he cited Japan's Mori Foundation which each year publishes the most authoritative account of individual cities' influence and power in the world. London for the first time in 2012 overtook New York to hit the number one spot. The principal reason for this was the strength of London's cultural offer and the vitality of cultural interaction in the city.

London's success was not all a result of its cultural vibrancy. There is the rule of law, the language, the place in the world's time zones, and the influx of talent from successive waves of immigrants. All this leads to a critical mass of advantages. But culture is certainly one of those advantages and plays a leading role in the rich drama that is London life. He closed with a plea "not to lose the plot". Support your theatre, visit your local gallery, encourage your children to learn an instrument, and maybe even try to persuade Government to sustain its investment.



Above: The Master and Mistress with PM John and Liveryman Marilynne Bainbridge and their guest, now Sheriff Elect, Adrian Waddingham CBE.

Below: Liveryman and Hon. Archivist Iain Poole and Helen Poole with new Freeman Dr Dan Rieser





Commodore David Elford RN with Past Master David Bell

Adding his own welcome to all present, including the official guests, Master Paul Cuttill particularly welcomed Adrian Waddingham CBE Citizen and Actuary who would be standing for the ancient office of Sheriff at Common Hall later in June. He was pleased to report that we had another strong line up at the Ceremonial Court before our dinner at which we admitted five new Freemen and enrobed two new Liverymen. At the Court meeting earlier four new Court Assistants were elected: Edward Libbey, Averil MacDonald, Iain Poole and Michael Shirley.

We were now only a matter of months away from hopefully the first Fueller Lord Mayor since Sir Richard Brown, a Woodmonger Lord Mayor installed in October 1660. The Master urged Fuellers to capitalise upon the opportunity this creates to step up to provide the very nuclear centre of the voice of energy in the City and to work with him and the Company in the new Industry Group approved today by the Court that will lead and manage our industry links and execute the many ideas that come forward. He exhorted Fuellers to carry forward the Company's message and intent through individual and collective energy, determination and enthusiasm so that we can truly say that the Fuellers' voice is the energy voice.

- Past Master John Bainbridge



Above: Principal Guest Alex Beard CBE responding to the toast to the Guests

Below: The Master exhorted Fuellers to ensure that the Company becomes the voice of energy in the City



# Energy shortages in the UK: Could the lights go out?

There has been increasing debate over the past few years about the potential of an energy shortage in the UK. Recent media commentary suggests that the UK is destined for a future of brown, if not black, outs, where power to homes and businesses is cut to ensure a continuous supply to essential services, such as hospitals. In response, Ofgem has said that additional demand-side measures and investment in power generation is needed to protect consumers.

## *Beyond storage*

Although media coverage has suggested a perceived lack of energy reserves for the UK, the truth is more complex than a matter of storage. Whilst being able to store fuel, particularly gas, is important, issues such as network capacity, network failure, innovation and fuel shortages are arguably more critical to understanding not only why the UK is potentially heading towards brownouts as a way of life, but also what can be done to alleviate the predicament.

When it comes to storing energy, the UK historically has relatively low storage levels by international standards largely due to the fact that we have our own indigenous supplies of oil and gas in the North Sea. Furthermore, March 2013 saw the country coming out of a particularly cold winter - a time of year that ordinarily sees gas storage levels at a low point. However, it is also important to note that the UK benefits from a diverse variety of supply sources (indigenous and imported) which helps to minimise reliance on any one source.

## *A question of capacity*

So storage is important but the bigger question is does the UK have the distribution network it needs? Can the existing networks handle the demand placed upon them by an ever more energy-hungry population?

The answer can either be ‘Yes, if...’ or ‘No, but...’. Yes the UK has the network it needs, if the way we consume energy changes. No it does not have the appropriate network, but wholesale, “rip and replace” investment is not the answer.

## *Managing demand*

It is really a matter of capacity versus demand. Technically, the existing energy supply networks are capable of handling the UK’s total power demand (including businesses, public services and households) – in fact, there is capacity to spare. The issue is that we have short bursts of peak demand (at either end of the working day and at lunchtime) when the pipes and wires are hit hard and when that spare capacity disappears. There are many who

are calling for investment in networks that can handle this ever increasing demand. However, outside of those peak hours – e.g. for a large proportion of the night as the majority of the population sleeps – there would be even more waste capacity than before.

The solution has already been touched on by Ofgem. In June it suggested that paying major energy users to operate outside of peak hours of demand could help ease the burden on the network. The philosophy behind this suggestion is known as demand management, and is one that is being proposed by a number of energy suppliers. It makes sense for domestic and commercial consumers – there is the potential for energy prices to drop if demand drops off during peak hours – and it is one that suppliers are looking at with some of their biggest customers. For a major manufacturer spending millions of pounds on energy every year, a shift in operating hours that could yield hundreds of thousands in savings could be extremely attractive.

## *A generation shortfall*

Demand management is a way of managing what we have, and a route to not requiring as much energy in general. What it doesn't do is completely solve the issue of fuel shortage, or generation. It is now widely accepted that we are heading towards a lag between the decommissioning of older fossil fuel and nuclear power stations – and the bringing online of replacements (whether new nuclear or gas facilities or renewable energy sources). The combination of a shortfall in generation coupled with sustained levels of demand run the strong risk of creating a problem that earlier commitments and actions may well have avoided. Ultimately, at the moment the long term solution for this generation shortfall is to replace what we decommission with the equivalent in alternatives. What those alternatives are, whether increased investment in nuclear, a whole hearted embrace of renewables, or a realisation of the potential of shale gas, matters less than the acceptance that it is required. At DONG Energy we are focussing on investments in offshore wind and traditional oil and

gas as part of the future mix for the UK and Northern Europe and last month we opened the world's largest offshore wind farm, the London Array off the Kent coast.



## *Innovation for the future*

If, however, as an industry we succeed in managing demand away from peak hours, then filling the gap becomes less critical. It won't be easy: it will require a change in behaviour from consumers and a change in data, billing and transparency from

suppliers. Without the latter, the incentive for the former is harder to realise. Whether or not this is a viable solution remains to be seen, but it is clear that that demand side management should be tackled through trusted partnerships between the suppliers and the customers working with the industry to create the right market conditions and incentives.

Nonetheless, as a society, there is always going to be a requirement for significant amounts of power and having sustainable sources of energy is critical in meeting that requirement. However, technological innovations have the potential to make more of the energy we have. From the likes of combined heat and power plants, electric vehicles and smart technology, these innovations could unlock a more secure way of using energy which, when combined with effective demand management, could mean that talk of energy shortages and low levels of storage become distant memories.

**- Liveryman Mike Hogg,  
Managing Director,  
DONG Energy Sales**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **2013**

**Thursday 17th October**

Installation Dinner at Skinners' Hall

**Sunday 3rd November**

Fuellers' Sunday at the Tower of London Chapel, lunch at Butler's Wharf Chop House

**Saturday 9th November**

The Lord Mayor's Show in which the Company will have a float. Lunch at Stationers' Hall, dinner at the Globe Restaurant, South Bank

**Monday 9th December**

Carol Service at St James Garlickhythe. With Christmas Supper at the Old Doctor Butler's Head.

**Wednesday 11th December**

Fuellers' Christmas Lunch at Butchers' Hall

**Thursday 12th December**

Fuellers' XV at the Varsity Match

### **2014**

**Monday 20th January**

New Year Court Dinner at Cutlers' Hall

**Tuesday 4th March**

Pancake Races at Guildhall and private tour of St Paul's

**Thursday 6th March**

Industrial visit to Grundons Waste Management Company at Heathrow

**Wednesday 12th March**

Annual Livery Dinner at Armourers' Hall

**Friday 4th April**

United Guilds Service. Lunch at a City Livery Hall

**Monday 14th April**

Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's and Election Court  
Lunch at The Mansion House with guest of honour the Lord Mayor

# The Master's Year

- May to October

In my Mid Review I spoke that the change back to BST meant that Mistress Fueller and I were moving towards the more fine weather events in the year and so it has proved.

We have been lucky that just about everywhere we have been the sun has shone – the only exception being at the start of the Master's Weekend when at 09.30 on the Saturday we were on the Walls Walk around Chichester in frankly pretty chilly conditions. The weekend is reported elsewhere but Clare and I are once again so grateful for the terrific support we had. When we sat down as 39 for the Saturday night dinner it really was quite a humbling experience in that so many had made the trip down to Sussex to share it with us.

No sooner were we settled back from the weekend than we were into preparations for our Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and then I was Jailed and Bailed in Aid

of the British Red Cross and the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund. This speed of transition between events set the tone for the months of June and July which on reflection have turned out to be the busiest in the year for both of us.

The terrifically enjoyable Ironbridge weekend for all of the Masters came and went in a blur of friendship, fellowship, food and flippin' nice wine and, given that we had been to Brize Norton two nights before and that we would be at the Midsummer Court dinner just a short time afterwards, we were living out of a suitcase for a couple of weeks. Of course if I had taken my lead from Mistress Fueller I could have had a different outfit for each event and then the dinner suit would not have spent so many days in the dry cleaners that it now knows its own way to the shop!

Amongst all of this some 40 Fuellers had a great time attending

Beating Retreat on Horseguards Parade in early June. We gathered for a splendid reception at the Guards Museum on Birdcage Walk organised by the Household Division and to which we had been directed by the Master Chartered Secretary and Administrator. We had a bit of a moment actually trying to get onto Horseguards given the crowd and general crush plus some 'curious' directions from the soldiers in charge of admission. For a moment I feared the worst but the ever intrepid Fuellers plunged on and we sat down in a multitude of different areas just in time to see a splendid display by all 'on parade'.

We endeavour to put on a Woodmongers Event with the Carmen each year and this year Master Carmen Neil Coles and I decided to go for a joint visit to the Tower of London in late July for a tour and to witness the Ceremony of the Keys. We were 60 strong and after a brief shower at the start we were treated to a rather balmy evening brilliantly hosted by our Beadle Colin Smith and all of the other lovely people in the Wardens' Mess.

It remains a most fascinating place to visit and experience and it reminded me that a visit to the Tower was my very first Fuellers' event when, in PM Andrew Bainbridge's year, Clare and I pitched up knowing just about nobody but found ourselves quickly swallowed up into the legendary Fuellers' fellowship and friendship.

There was genuine conviviality between the Fuellers and Carmen with much sharing of tables for the delicious buffet supper. We raised a

Master Paul Cuttill OBE and Mistress Clare with host Capt. Nigel Torp-Petersen Grenadier Guards at the Guards Museum, with Master and Mistress Chartered Secretaries and Administrators



goodly sum for the CTF and Master Carmen and I were delighted with the whole evening.

The sun shone once again when 16 Fuellers and friends visited Chiswick House and Gardens in mid August. We were treated to guided visits to the House before a lovely lunch in the award winning cafe and then in the Gardens for a delightful post repast stroll and further information and education. The whole experience was delightful and very insightful given the history of the House and its owners but also the fact that the grounds are a public park. it was very much in use the day we went with many parents, children and dogs making great use of this terrific open space.

Clare and I have been entertained by other Companies at many fantastic events during the summer and it is invidious to try and pick out highlights. However we particularly enjoyed the Concert by Musicians of IMS Prussia Cove at Mercers' Hall when we were treated to some amazing Mozart and Beethoven and a delightful supper. Clare also was treated to lunch at Barber Surgeons' when the putative Pearls' Association of Past Mistresses (30th Livery visit to Ironbridge) got underway whilst tucking into a Ceviche of Salmon and Sole plus Summer Berry Pavlova. Alright for some I say!

My Past Masters' Association has also taken shape and the Great 13 (2013 being our year) will have its inaugural meeting in late November. Master Dyer was particularly thrilled to be able to report back to his Court to say that in his year after centuries of trying the Great 12 had become the Great 13. I am not sure that is quite how the 12 saw it but that would be churlish!



The bands of the Guards Division beat retreat to "Thistles of Helmand", composed during Operation Herrick 17 where the 1st Battalion Scots Guards was based in Forward Operating Base Ouellette in the Upper Gereshk valley

Photo: John Bainbridge



The Fuellers party at Chiswick House

Photo: Rod Brown

I have spoken about viewing one's year as a musical performance and if it were an Oratorio we are not quite yet at the 'Amen' but the Choir is definitely on its feet for the final Chorus. It has been a marvellous year and I have felt very honoured throughout to be your Master and

hope that with Clare we have done a good job for you all. Thank you again for all your support and please carry that forward into the next year for Dennis and Suzan. God bless and see you all very soon.

**- Master Paul Cuttill OBE**

# The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

At its meeting on 18th April 2013 held in the Wren Room at St Paul's Cathedral, the Court of The Worshipful Company of Fuellers received notification from the Hon Secretary of The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund to the effect that a donation of £20,000 had been received from Derek, Baron Ezra of Horsham in pursuance of his renewed support for the Annual Fuellers Lecture which hence forth will be styled as being Inaugurated by Lord Ezra.

On receiving this notification The Court resolved to ask the Master and the Chairman of the Charitable Trust Fund to send their most heartfelt and sincere thanks to his Lordship for this magnificent gesture of support for the Company and its work.

## **Intrepid triathletes**

Sadly, rib injuries forced the Master to withdraw from the Super Sprint Triathlon at Eton Dorney in May. However, three intrepid Fueller triathletes completed the course in what, after a cloudy start to the day, turned into another afternoon of searing heat. 30 plus degrees is not ideal for the triathlon but they did a fantastic job in completing the task at hand. They are pictured before they set off to the start with their hearty band of Fueller supporters on hand to give them every encouragement.

The Woods family had the latest episode of their internal competition with Yeoman Tim getting home before the Senior Warden but Dennis then pulled it back by being first in his age range. Chloë came in having left a good number in her wake which for a first time attempt is fantastic. They all deserve your congratulations, not least for raising £825 for the Trust.

## **Platanos College**

Parade Day this year was on Saturday 20th July. The College's Army Cadets, Girl Guides, Scouts and St. John Ambulance were on parade and a series of presentations and performances were given by pupils and other groups. The Fuellers were represented by Senior Warden Dennis Woods and Suzan Woods, Court Assistant Jan Harrison and Liveryman Peter Harrison and the Clerk, Honorary Secretary to the Trust.

## **TS Rebel**

Cadets from London and Southern Areas are well on the way to completing their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award following a very successful sailing expedition in August.

The cadets had to plan and execute the 4 day expedition, including all navigation and pilotage issues, prepare and produce their own menu, plan and carry out research objectives, and, of course, sail and complete all the necessary manoeuvres of their yacht. Safety cover for the expedition was provided by TS Rebel's motor vessel *Thames Fueller*.

The cadets are using the opportunities at TS Rebel and the Sea Cadets for the other requirements for the Gold Award including: Sailing Instructing for Volunteering, Navigation for Skills and Physical. Over the last 12 years TS Rebel has supported the achievement of 33 Gold Awards by cadets, all of which in a maritime environment.

## **Fund raising**

It has been a good period for fund raising on behalf of the Trust. In addition to the Triathlon contribution, the "Conversations" raised some £915, Jail and Bail £800 in addition to contributing £1,000 to the Red Cross, the Master's Chiswick visit £240 and the Golf Day £1,000.



Ready for the start at Eton Dorney

Photo: Suzan Woods



The RFA prize crew on the captured "go-fast"

### **RFA Wave Knight August update**

*Wave Knight* deployed overseas again very early in the New Year – but this time west to the Caribbean rather than our normal stomping ground out in the Middle East. Early months were predominantly occupied by visiting the UK's overseas territories (Bermuda, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, Turks and Caicos Islands and Montserrat) and a number of other islands which have strong historic UK connections. This work is in support of the UK government's reassurance and security of the UKOTs.

The ship deployed some 6 months early, a factor of programming pressures elsewhere in the fleet. Early work included disaster relief exercises and briefings for a myriad of audiences – including an FCO sponsored seminar in Miami. The ship was also fortunate enough to assist directly in the seizure of a fishing vessel carrying narcotics up the Windward Islands – the culmination of brilliant joint work with the Serious Organised Crime Agency, in-theatre joint-intelligence community and the ship's own US law enforcement detachment. The fishing vessel's crew have been charged by the Venezuelan authorities and their vessel remains impounded.

Since my own re-joining in late May, the ship has started a more meaningful counter-narcotic stint of some 4-months length interspersed with monthly port visits for logistic and repair purposes. The counter-narcotic work may be long and monotonous but it is only

persistence and patience that brings reward in the end.

We of course stand by for the inevitable hurricane season to really get going. We've had 3 small tropical storms already (with another brewing as I write) but nothing seriously to affect the region. As the weeks drag on, so the probability of hurricanes will increase. We all remember how devastating these events can be – especially for the small or low-lying islands that often have an immature infrastructure in place – invariably driven by lack of finance. With DFID and RN emergency stores onboard, we stand by ready to be diverted at short notice.

We have had 2 further drug successes since I rejoined – a captured 'go-fast' vessel after they were seen ditching drugs at sea (the picture shows an RFA prize crew on the go-fast) and a recent disruption of 300kg of cocaine. As of today, we believe that we have probably disrupted over a ton of cocaine since the ship arrived on station. Any disruption is of course a team effort as all sorts of people are involved in the process but we have at least a ton to our name (all ditched over the side).

Finally can I once again pass on my sincere gratitude for all that you do in support of the ship and RFA Service? I have been most fortunate to be involved in a number of your festivities / events now; they've been great fun and I've met some amazing people.

**- Chris Clarke Captain and Commanding Officer RFA Wave Knight**

# The 9th Annual Fuellers' Lecture

An audience of some 170 Fuellers and guests gathered in the splendid setting of Drapers' Hall on 12th September for the 9th Annual Fuellers' Energy Lecture, inaugurated by The Lord Ezra MBE and supported by S J Berwin. The Company was treated to a tour de force by Mr Bob Dudley, Group Chief Executive of BP plc, who spoke to the title of 'Certainties and Surprises – the unfolding 21st Century Energy Story'.

To set the scene, Bob reflected on the fact that Draper's Hall was designed in the 1860s and as such is much the same age as the oil and gas industry following the first oil strike in 1859. Over the same period the world population has grown from around 1bn people to 7bn and 1 trillion barrels of oil have been produced.

The energy industry evolution has been equally dramatic with the ever increasing rise of consumption in the 20th century developed world but with the vast majority of future growth (perhaps some 93% of an estimated 4bn tonnes of oil equivalent from 2011 to 2030) coming from non OECD countries as millions of people move out of poverty, into homes and jobs, enjoying heat, light and mobility to improve their lives. This also reflected the increasing influence of China, India, Russia and Brazil. The big talking points in the

energy industry today are not only the US shale story and the events in the Middle East but the huge long-term deals being made between companies from Russia – the world's number one producer of oil and gas – and China – the number one consumer of energy.

Bob made the critical point that we must recognise that a 36% rise in energy use is likely to mean a 26% rise in carbon emissions and that the challenge is therefore to enjoy all the benefits of energy while using it even more efficiently and also trying to shift the energy we do use towards the lower carbon end of the spectrum.

To sum up he set out some key tenets of his approach to the energy industry in the 21st century. These are that we operate in a sector where some things are predictable but others are not. That should lead us to do several things:

- prioritise safety and systematic operations in the industry;
- create strong collaboration in innovation between private and public sectors;
- and build foundations for investment such as those which have driven the transformation of America's energy and its economy.

Finally Bob felt there was a crucial point to make in that we all have an obligation to explain to young people – and indeed everyone – that the work we do is critical, exciting and innovative. We need to advocate that our work is a real force for good in the world. The energy, heat and light we generate are critical in the economic development of the world and to providing a better standard of living for its growing population.

- Master Paul Cuttill OBE



Above: Speaker Bob Dudley addresses a full Banqueting Hall

Below: The magnificent venue



Below: Gordon Jones, Master Spectacle Maker asks a question of Bob Dudley



# Fuellers Air Refuelling Sortie with 216 Sqn RAF, RAF Brize Norton

Monday 5th June was a warm breezy Cotswold summer morning. RAF Brize Norton was continuing business as usual, except into the workings slotted a visit of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers. The Company membership includes characters from various backgrounds that deal with fuel of all kinds. As the Project Officer for the visit, I spoke with many of the guests on the day, all of whom were very interesting. I spoke with a chap who had spent his life travelling the world working out how to get oil out of tight spots under ground. He told me all about the controversial fracking process. Then I spoke with a member of the Coal Board from the 1970's who carefully explained why 'Maggie' had to close the pits! In return we showed them our operation.

With any formal visit, the ultimate goal for a Project Officer is to get the visitors flying. During the planning phase a request will be made into the tasking system to factor in the visit on the flying program. In our case we had been allocated to a flight, but in the run up to the day the flight timings had come forward and our program had to be adjusted accordingly. This worked in our favour as it allowed us to show the Fuellers a KC30 Voyager as it prepared for flight – a very smooth move by Sqn Ldr Latchman (our KC30 host).

The Fuellers maintain close links with many organisations. Most of them are connected to fuel in some way. However, they also have links to a College in Stockwell, South London, called Platanos. The Company saw the day as a learning opportunity for the College and offered its students places on the visit. As a result the Fuellers had a group of 20 students and teachers with them.

After the visit to 10 Sqn and the newness of the KC30, we headed off for a standard issue RAF curry in the newness of the Junior Ranks Mess Function room. Flt Sgt Scott Walkingshaw and his team put on quite a spread for the visitors and we all dined in style, as members of 216 Sqn sat and mingled with the Fuellers swapping stories. During the meal, Wg Cdr Pete Morgan, OC 216 Sqn and Honorary

Liveryman of the Fuellers, stood up and gave an address to the guests, covering the history and current activities of the Sqn.

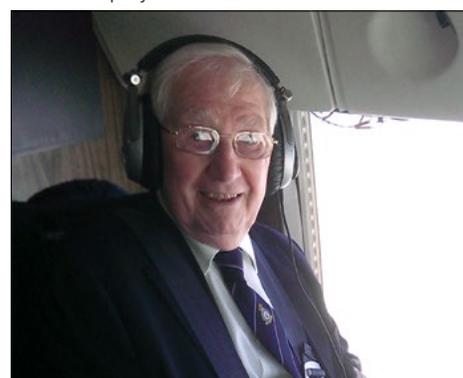
Once OC 216 had said his goodbyes the visitors got on the bus and headed for the terminal. Police Flight whisked them through Air Transport Security and MT bussed them to the waiting TriStar. After a brief photo opportunity they boarded the flight where a total of eight 216 Sqn hosts were waiting to take them on a 4 hour Air Refuelling Sortie. Planning complete and takeoff time approaching, Flt Lt Paul Sexton and Flt Lt James Beattie taxied the aircraft to the runway and got ready for takeoff. A couple of the pupils on the visit had never flown on an aircraft before but they were excited rather than worried.

Once airborne on a refuelling trip the TriStar will climb to approx 20,000ft where it will begin its 45 min transit to the North Sea to one of the 14 UK Air Refuelling areas. During the transit two of the non-flying 216 Sqn AAR pilots took the school pupils through the planning cycle for the day's sortie, showing them how the maths and physics that they learn at school translate directly into working life. The pupils did a good job of following the planning process despite the noise levels in the TriStar. They were helped by the volume of the pilots running the tuition who could shout. Speaking to some of the students, they said coming from their background, they had no idea UK forces engaged in such activities, let alone that they could join the RAF themselves and get involved.

After the planning exercise, the flight arrived over refuelling area 7, where it was due to meet Typhoons and Tornados. The Typhoons turned up en-mass and immediately the aircraft windows were filled with smiling faces waving vociferously at the Typhoon pilots, who waved back when they could. Unfortunately the Tornados cancelled. Throughout the flight, groups of visitors were marshalled through the flight deck by Flt Lt Mike Howell. In the course of



The Fuellers party with the TriStar



Former Lancaster Flight Engineer, 218 Gold Coast Sqn, Ron Warburton DFM. Ron flew 22 sorties and for one of those the pilot received a DFC and the crew all received DFMs. He was based in Chedburgh

these visits it became apparent one of the Fuellers had brought his father who was an ex-Lancaster Flight Engineer. He was doing his best to hide his excitement but it was obvious he was having a great time. The flight deck crew requested he be on the flight deck for the approach. He enthusiastically obliged and it made his day.

The flight landed without incident and the passengers made their way back through the Squadron where OC 216 presented them all with copies of a print that the Fuellers had funded in 2006. The Master of the Fuellers thanked the Sqn and proffered a very generous cheque donation from the Fuellers' charity to the Squadron's "Beer for the Boys" fund and its support for repatriation. Most of the visitors made their way home but some of the Fuellers stayed on the station and were hosted at the Annual Formal Reception, which provided a suitably extravagant end to a fun filled day.

- Flt Lt Kurt Baldwin 216 Sqn. RAF

# Richard Horne JP

## Father of the Company, Master 1987/88



PM Richard Horne and Cherry at the Installation Dinner on 19th October 1987 at Mansion House. Between them is the Daedalus Trophy on display for the first time

We record the sad death of the Father of the Company and our fourth Master, Richard Horne JP, who passed away peacefully at home in Richmond, North Yorkshire, on Sunday, 30th June.

Richard Horne was born on the 18th of November 1926. The son of Old Eastbournian Lester Horne, Richard joined Gonville House at the College in 1940 and spent all of his schooldays in exile at Radley, leaving in 1945. He was a talented sportsman playing 1st XV Rugby, 2nd XI Cricket, Fives, Shooting, Squash, Rowing, Gym and Running – all for school teams. He was a wing threequarter in the College rugby team which beat the all-conquering Radley side 4 – 3 in November 1944.

He served until 1947/48 as an Ordinary Seaman with the RNVR on HMS Venus in the western Mediterranean. Then he studied Maths and Physics at Worcester

College, Oxford. On leaving Oxford he proceeded to have a distinguished career in the fuel oil, coal and quarrying industries. He was recruited by Thomas Black Limited to join Boddy Industries Limited in 1950 and was swiftly promoted to Manager of the organisation's largest quarry. Over the next thirty years, he progressed to become Director and Divisional Chairman, leaving in 1981 as a Business Consultant for Petrofina on coal, and the Executive Chairman of a fibre-optics company in Leeds.

No less active in his own time, Richard contributed very much to wider society. He was High Sheriff of South Yorkshire in 1984-85, Vice President of the Coal Trade Benevolent Association from 1977, a Sheffield City Magistrate for 27 years and a school governor of St. Elphins School in Derbyshire where all three of his daughters were educated. He was also a Trustee of the Cavendish Hip Foundation, undergoing no less than seven hip replacements himself.

The Horne family can trace its origins in the coal trade back to the early 1700s and were members of the Woodmongers' Company until it lost its charter in 1667. It was thus appropriate that Richard was active in reviving the Woodmongers and Coal Sellers Company, resulting in the formation of The Fuellers' Company, of which he was Master in 1987-88.

Richard had a full and happy family life. He married Cherry Jean Scott Davidson on 31st March 1951 and together they raised three daughters, Sally, Debbie and Judy

who, in their turn, presented Richard and Cherry with six grandchildren. They enjoyed living at Jasmine Cottage, in Baslow, a small village in Derbyshire, all their married life; and Richard continued to live there for many years after Cherry died in 1997.

They took Baslow to their hearts, taking part in every aspect of village life. Richard joined the rugby and cricket clubs, playing for both; he was heavily involved with St. Anne's Church and was Church Warden for many years; he and Cherry worked hard with the local community to raise funds to rebuild the village hall. His hobbies included game shooting at Gratton and fly fishing at Cressbrook. He was passionate about both clubs, and served many years on the club committees assisting in creating and maintaining a vibrant, proactive membership in both.

Richard spent the last 3 years of his life with his daughter Judy in North Yorkshire and passed away quietly in his home with some of his family around him. He made many close friends throughout his career and through his wide variety of interests and together with his family, they will miss him.

A cremation service was conducted by Reverend John Chambers on 8th July at Darlington Cemetery, County Durham and was attended by the Master, Paul Cuttill, accompanied by Past Master Edward Wilkinson, who conveyed the Company's sincere condolences and best wishes. A Thanksgiving Service was held on 5th August at St Anne's Church.

## In Brief



### Freemen Admitted by redemption

at the Midsummer Court June 12th  
at Skinners' Hall

Mark Henry Joseph Askew  
Nigel Garth Carter  
Peter Richard Franklin  
Dr Dan Anselm Rieser  
Gaurav Seth

### Freemen enrobed into the Livery

at the Midsummer Court

Elinor Rose Goldsmith  
Dr John Sydney Sheldrake

**The Coal Meters Committee** attended the National Coal Mining Museum at Wakefield on Tuesday 4th June to witness the opening of an exhibition entitled "The Hidden Lives of the Coal Traders". The presentation was selected from the Meters Collection of artwork and artefacts which is now in the care of the NCMM and offers a glimpse of the coal trade from mining and loading in the north east, through shipping to the Port of London, then unloading at the dedicated wharves and distributing to customers. Historically The Meters collected tax dues on this traffic, however in the past thirty years or so they have concerned themselves with the support of The Fuellers and the custody of valuable memorabilia.

Liveryman Liz Lockley made a splendid short speech on behalf of The Meters, (who have recently built up a strong relationship with the management at The Museum) at the opening ceremony, which was well received.



**Above:** With Lord St. Oswald (centre) are Meters attending the NCMM: Ralph Riley (Clerk), Debbie Phipps, Jane Heginbotham, David Port, Liz Lockley, Edmund Stephenson Clarke, Peter Stafford and Michael Bryer Ash

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

**Saturday 7 September**

Twenty seven Fuellers and friends enjoyed the London Double Header at Twickenham where they saw the opening games of the 2013/2014 Aviva Premiership.

The party included supporters of all four teams - some went home happy, some breathing sighs of relief and others disappointed but all thoroughly enjoyed the company and the day.



**Left:** Alan Dowdell enjoyed the hour and a quarter during which he was the "youngest freeman" at Guildhall

# Royal Fleet Auxiliary Livery Day

It was with typical Naval cheeriness and efficiency that twelve Fuellers together with members of the Cooks, Carmen and Master Mariners met at Portsmouth's historic naval dockyards one scorching day in July.

After an impressive briefing by no fewer than five Captains of various vessels including an update on our own affiliated Wave Class refuelling ships, we boarded *RFA Diligence* for a buffet lunch on the Forward Bridge and the chance to mingle with fellow liverymen and our naval hosts of all ranks.

In exercise or in battle *Diligence* is fully defended by her sister ships as without a fully functioning repair and submarine relief vessel a battle could not be fought over a prolonged period. Recognition of the vital part that the support plays is part of the strategy of modern warfare.

Particularly interesting was *Diligence's* role in supporting the submarine fleet. From its sophisticated Dynamic Positioning facility, a 'parking sensor' system that allows a vast submarine to come alongside at sea and in all weathers to be 'gripped and held steady' ready for repair or maintenance, to the facility of pumping 'fresh' air around the submarines system to give the vessels own systems a break.

Many Fuellers also took an opportunity to talk to two 'salts' on the deck who were whipping the ends of ropes and tying them into boy scout style bowlines to ensure they did not fray. The ropes were huge, the task immense but carried out so skillfully all were impressed.

- Suzan Woods

# Welcoming hosts for Fuellers' Golf Day

On an autumnal morning 42 golfers arrived at Windlesham Golf Club to play in the 12th Annual Fuellers Golf Day. This was the first time we had used this course and Windlesham proved welcoming hosts.

There were teams entered from WCO Carmen, Marketors and two teams from the Horners who played against Fuellers and friends, some of whom are prospective members of our Company.

Play started just before midday and we were all back in the clubhouse in time to enjoy a splendid three course dinner.

Master Fueller was in attendance to present the prizes, the most notable being the The Fuellers' Cup, which was won by Anthony McClelland from the Horners Company, and the Team Cup won by Horners B team with a combined score of 87 points just 2 points ahead of their nearest rivals. Nearest The Pin went to Senior Warden Dennis Woods who also achieved the Longest Drive.

A raffle had been arranged to gain funds for the Charitable Trust following which the Master congratulated Court Assistant Michael Shirley and his wife Jill for organising a most enjoyable day.

Suzan Woods, our Senior Warden's wife, took a group of 13 non golfers to Highclere Castle, home of



The winning Horners' B Team of Jack Bunyer, Anthony McClelland and Colin Richards with the Master

the Carnarvon family. It was a very full afternoon where they not only enjoyed the Castle and the Egyptology Exhibition but appreciated walking through the rooms used in filming the TV series *Downton Abbey* finishing with a welcome cup of tea in the lovely Capability Brown styled gardens.

- Liveryman Michael Shirley and Suzan Woods

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