



# THEFUELLER

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Registered at Stationers' Hall

## Dennis Woods installed as the 30th Master Fueller at Skinners' Hall

Dennis has enjoyed a successful business career, building a small oil delivery business into one of the largest independent fuel distributors in the UK. He went on to become CEO of GNE Group, which owned and operated the second largest chain of independent petrol filling stations in the UK. Dennis sold this business in 2009 and is now an energy consultant and is involved in running a number of different companies. He is Non-Executive Chairman of Top Up Fuels, DCM Surfaces and Fisher Productions as well as a director of a number of private family owned businesses. He is also an after dinner speaker and motivation coach.

Dennis was a member of the TA Airborne Forces, winning his red beret and parachute wings whilst still in his teenage years. He went on to make over 30 military jumps and on one occasion took part in the largest parachute drop since World War II. Dennis left the Airborne Forces and continued to skydive at a civilian freefall centre where he met Suzan. Dennis and Suzan bought the parachute school and operated a freefall display team and competition team with Dennis making over 1,000 skydives and on one occasion leading his team on a display into Tottenham Hotspurs' ground at White Hart Lane before the kick-off of an FA Cup Semi-Final.



The Master and Mistress Fueller toast each other

Subsequently, Dennis played rugby for Chobham Rugby Club taking up the sport and playing his first match at the age of 43. One of his proudest moments was running out on the pitch and playing in the same team as his sons Richard and Tim. He has gone on to run marathons, take part in triathlons and is a member of Wentworth Golf Club. He is also a very keen downhill skier.

In March 2008 Dennis trekked to the North Pole with good friend Alan Bussey. They flew to the Arctic ice and spent 17 days trekking, covering over 150 statute miles and enjoying the experience of a lifetime. In November

2011 he joined a team sledging 1,100 kilometres attempting to arrive at the South Pole in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scott arriving in January 1912. After 45 days and 540 miles Dennis was taken seriously ill and was evacuated and flown to the South Pole. Upon returning to England he was diagnosed with a heart problem and had major heart surgery in July 2012. Now fully fit Dennis has taken up skydiving again.

Dennis, 60, and Suzan are married and live in Windlesham, Surrey. They have three children: Richard 30 and married to Cara, Tim 29 and Jennifer 25.

# News from the Court

The Master, Wardens, Court and Honorary Court are delighted to welcome the second "Fueller" Lord Mayor, Honorary Liveryman Fiona Woolf CBE. They also congratulate Fiona on becoming only the second lady Lord Mayor. The first having been Lady Donaldson, who presented the Company with its Letters Patent in 1984.

## THE COURT

Past Master Michael Husband retired from the Court at the Installation Court and was appointed to the Honorary Court. Jane Ayre and Gerard Strahan also retired from the Court and Jane was elected to the Honorary Court in recognition of her services to the Company. The four new Court Assistants elected at the Election Court, Dr Edward Libbey, Professor Averil MacDonald, Iain Poole and Michael Shirley, were welcomed to their first Court Meeting.

## INDUSTRY GROUP

Following Court approval of the Terms of Reference for the Group, it will meet for the first time early in 2014. Under the Chairmanship of IPM Paul Cuttill, members of the Group already include Court Assistants Bill Fortescue, David Lewis, Edward Libbey and Averil MacDonald. Ernst and Young (EY) have also accepted an invitation to join. Fuellers with backgrounds in Coal /Solid Fuel, Nuclear and Trading sectors are now being sought to complete the line-up. Further news in the next edition.

The outgoing Master and Wing Commander James signing the 10 Sqn Affiliation Agreement



Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

## 10 SQUADRON RAF

As anticipated in the last issue of The Fueller, an Affiliation Agreement with 10 Squadron RAF was signed at the conclusion of the Installation Court by the outgoing Master, Paul Cuttill, and OC 10 Sqn Wing Commander Daniel James RAF. Accordingly, Wing Commander James became an Honorary Liveryman of the Company on the signing of the Agreement.

## ROYAL CHARTER

With the assistance of Keith Lawrey, barrister, satisfactory progress has been made with the preparation of the Draft Royal Charter and the Petition. At the time of writing the Draft Royal Charter is with the Court of Aldermen at the Corporation of London awaiting their approval.

## LORD EZRA MEMOIR

As announced in the October 2012 issue of The Fueller, the Company will be publishing next year, with help from the Coal Meters Committee, a definitive memoir on the life and work of Liveryman Lord Ezra, former chairman of the National Coal Board, and one of the founders of the Fuellers. The Company is offering copies of this important 150 page, fully illustrated book to all Fuellers at a special Advance Subscribers' price of £21.50. The enclosed flyer provides all the details. Make sure you do not miss the deadline for orders – February 28th, 2014.

## OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY 2013 - 2014

**Master**  
Dennis Woods

**Senior Warden**  
Neville Chamberlain CBE

**Junior Warden**  
John Ingham

**Clerk**  
Sir Antony Reardon Smith Bt GCLJ

**Beadle**  
Colin Smith MBE BEM

**Honorary Assistant to the Clerk**  
Lady Susan Reardon Smith

## CITY BRIEFINGS

It is essential that any Liverymen seeking to be considered for election to the Court should attend one of the City Briefings. They are aimed particularly at new Liverymen and Freemen and their partners. Court Assistants and Liverymen of longer standing, who have not previously been to a Briefing, are also encouraged to attend.

The Briefings give a short introduction to the work of the Corporation, especially the relationship with the livery companies. The presentation is given by an Assistant Town Clerk and a member of the Livery Committee. There is the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and the Briefing is followed by a light buffet, which provides the chance to mix with other Liverymen and Freemen.

The next courses are Wednesday 19th February 2014 and Thursday 1st May 2014. Booking and more information from [www.liverycommittee.org](http://www.liverycommittee.org)

## ERRATUM IN HISTORY

Owners of the Company's History "The Fuellers' Tale" may wish to note an error on page 149. The occasion at which the photograph of Richard and Cherry Horne was taken was the Installation Luncheon at Mansion House on 19th October 1987.

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The Master and the new Freemen and Liverymen. L to R: Alan Dowdell, AVM Paul Atherton RAF OBE, Gary Weston, Barbara Vest, Colin Maund and William Lake



Photos: Michael O'Sullivan Photography

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Full details of events are circulated by the Clerk. Your attention is drawn in particular to the following:

- Monday 20th January**  
New Year Court Dinner at Cutlers' Hall
- Tuesday 11th February**  
6th Fuellers conversation
- 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
- Thursday 12th March**  
Annual Livery Dinner at Armourers' Hall
- Thursday 10th April**  
7th Fuellers Conversation
- Monday 14th April**  
Election Court Lunch at The Mansion House
- Friday 16th – Sunday 18th May**  
Master's Weekend in Windlesham

The Clerk did not get wet? (See comment, first paragraph page 6)



## FREEMEN ADMITTED BY REDEMPTION AT THE INSTALLATION COURT OCTOBER 17TH AT SKINNERS' HALL

William John Lake  
Colin James Maund  
Barbara Anne Vest

## FREEMEN ENROBED INTO THE LIVERY AT THE INSTALLATION COURT

Air Vice-Marshal Paul Ashley Atherton RAF OBE  
Alan David Dowdell  
Gary Martin Weston

# Fuellers refuelled at the Installation Dinner

After a buzzy reception, we were post-horned into the magnificent Skinners' Hall - our new home.

Court Assistant Jim Bellew read a very apposite grace and we sat down to a splendid dinner including the tenderest Rack of Highland Venison. As wine glasses were regularly refuelled the noise level rose and 100 Fuellers and 50 guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves - except for two stuck on the A34 behind an overturned truck of pickled onions.

In his toast to the Guests, Senior Warden Neville Chamberlain congratulated new Master Dennis and Suzan on Dennis's installation and PM Paul Cuttill and Clare on an amazing year during which they had built closer links with industry and established the Fuellers' Conversations.

He welcomed our RAF re-fuelling and Brize Norton guests and looked forward to a long and happy association with 10 Squadron when 216 Squadron stands down in 2014, thanking them all for their services. He then introduced Guest Speaker Alan Huckle, the recently retired Governor of the Falklands.

Alan outlined the three "hats" a Governor wears and also described his plumed hat which had to be put on gently so the bolt attaching the swan (not ostrich) feathers did not cause a trickle of blood down the forehead! To be considered a "safe pair of hands" was the ultimate FCO accolade - to be accused of "having gone native" was the worst. The success of hydrocarbon exploration in the Falklands had heightened tensions with Argentina, so Malbec was off his wine list. Alan described the spectacular wildlife;



The "buzzy" reception for the Dinner

the elegant albatross mates for life but the elephant seal behaves more like the human male - and penguins do not fall over backwards when the RAF flies by! The Falklanders receive no aid from the UK, except defence, and he forecast a boom in investment with the prospect of commercial oil and gas by 2017. On that note he proposed the Fuellers' toast.

Master Dennis Woods responding ran through his long list of "thanks" and recalled that Paul had approached him to become a Junior Warden over a meal in the Old Fire Station at Waterloo whilst the year before Paul had been entertained at the Carlton Club - clearly times



Posthorned in to Dinner

were hard! In thanking Alan Huckle for his entertaining speech he recalled their meeting in the Falklands where he spent 10 happy days before sailing to Antarctica and remembered the touches of kindness shown to him when he was Medivaced off Antarctica.

The Master welcomed the new Liverymen, Freeman, Court Assistants and John Ingham, the

Photos: Michael O Sullivan Photography



The Master, Wardens and principal guests muster before their entrance



The Master responds to the toast to the guests

Photos: Michael O Sullivan Photography

Junior Warden. He thanked 216 Squadron for the flight they arranged for students and staff of Platanos College which had thrilled and inspired them. The Charitable Trust would be the main focus for his year and he was arranging a weekend of

tandem parachute jumping, inviting Liverymen and their guests to participate and obtain sponsorship.

It promises to be an historic year when we will have the first Fueller since 1660 to become Lord Mayor and also, hopefully, our Royal

Charter will be granted.

The Master closed the traditionally lengthy ceremonies and the hardy souls gathered for one last toast in the stirrup cup.

- Court Assistant Brian Lott OBE

## Deluge at the Lord Mayor's Show failed to dampen spirits

The day dawned fair enough but we knew the weather forecast was dire. However, the excitement was palpable as we prepared to celebrate a new Lord Mayor and a Fueller at that.

The Fuellers party started to assemble for coffee at Stationers' Hall while the marching members comprising the Master and his Wardens went in search of the Fuellers' float, and the man who quietly ensured we all did what we should, Float Master Learned Clerk Antony and his assistant; Court Assistant Chloë Andrews-Jones. Our float comprised a vintage paraffin tanker, courtesy of Mitchell & Webber all the way from Cornwall and a coal lorry supplied by John Spence's Alford Coal company. Add to these our various military affiliates from 216 Squadron, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, our largest group from HMS Sultan, Defence Fuels & Foods plus our affiliated cadets from Platanos College and a very impressive "float" was assembled.



The Master and Wardens salute the Lord Mayor at The Mansion House

Photo: Photoshot



Photo: Photoshot  
Liveryman John Spence's Alford coal lorry at The Mansion House



The Lord Mayor's coach stopped at St. Paul's for the blessing

And “float” rapidly became the right term as the heavens opened just as the procession was about to move off. So great was the deluge that some of our Fuellers’ party declined to take to their stand seats and sought some sort of shelter at the kerbside. All to no avail as, inevitably, everyone ended the morning soaked (except, strangely, the Learned Clerk!). But did that dent the spirits? Not a bit! All of our float team had a great time, especially the cadets and our supporters from Cornwall and Lincolnshire!

It is quite remarkable just how everyone kept smiling and waving. There is something truly uplifting to see bystanders responding to a wave and a smiling face, especially the children. And suffused through everything was the succession of drumbeats from the sequence of such hugely varying bands. Most encouraging of all was the occasional shout of “Well done the Fuellers!”

We couldn't have done any of it without our sponsors, CPL and BP; many thanks to them.

Perhaps the most significant moment came when the Lord Mayor's coach stopped at St Paul's, right in front of our stand. What an omen for Fueller Fiona Woolf's year as Lord Mayor! For as she stepped from the coach to kneel to receive the church's blessing, the rain paused, only to resume again the moment she reboarded her coach. One thoughtful touch by the clergy was the way they kept the kneelers dry for the Lord Mayor and



The Fuellers returning along Queen Victoria St. with vintage paraffin tanker at rear

her consort, by hiding them under their robes until she arrived. I guess they have seen wet Lord Mayor's Shows before!

Some 45 Fuellers and friends returned to Stationers' for a very satisfying lunch. As the afternoon weather improved, everyone was treated to a dazzling fireworks display, a prelude to the finale for most of our party at the Swan Restaurant in the Globe Theatre with a champagne treat from the Master followed by a very convivial dinner.

Hot baths and a good night's rest soon ensured that only the joyful highlights of a long, happy day would linger.

Well done, the Fuellers!

- Senior Warden Neville Chamberlain CBE

# The Lord Mayor's Energy to Transform Lives

I am honoured to be promoting the City of London this year as the 686th Lord Mayor (and only the second woman since 1189). I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from the Fuellers and am so grateful for their contribution to the creation of my gold '686' brooch – the ultimate souvenir of my year as Lord Mayor!

The brooch has been designed and made by my friend and Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, Grant MacDonald. Grant, who also designed my intricate shrieval badge, has encapsulated style and symbolism in this beautiful brooch, which is set with 68 pink diamonds. I will wear it with pride!



The "686" brooch presented to the Lord Mayor

When asked about the thinking behind this brooch, Grant explained, 'I suggested that we use Pink diamonds which are very feminine, very special and exceptionally rare, just like Lady Lord Mayors. Throughout the year ahead the brooch will shimmer and sparkle, hopefully bringing lightness to the lapel that covers the shoulders bearing the weight of Office of our Lord Mayor.' It is so lovely to see some of my Lord Mayor's Appeal supporters also wearing the gold plated version of the 686 brooch, which can be bought through the Lord Mayor's Appeal to help support its benefitting charities.

## *The Reference to Energy*

The theme of my mayoralty will be “The Energy to Transform Lives”, which reflects my long association

with the City as an energy lawyer specialising in global electricity industry reforms at CMS Cameron McKenna to bring cheaper and cleaner energy to more people. The title refers to my conviction that the City of London has the energy and talent for innovation necessary to serve the needs of society and the environment. All of my mayoral programmes are based on three themes which I feel are critical to our resource-constrained society: sustainability, diversity and charity. The four programmes are:

## **The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2014:**

We have abolished the “shut down and start up from scratch approach” to the Lord Mayor's Appeal by the creation of a permanent charity to provide a long-



The Lord Mayor's coach passes the crowds

running platform for the Appeal. This year the Appeal is supporting four community-based charities that all have “the energy to transform lives”: Beating Bowel Cancer; Princess Alice Hospice; Raleigh International; and Working Chance. Fundraising is at the heart of the Appeal programme but there is also a strong commitment to mentoring, helping to raise the profiles of these charities and opening up new sources of funding for the future.

## **Charity Leadership and Social Investment:**

Led by my husband Nicholas, this programme will shine a light on charity chairmen and how they can be better supported in their own development and in recruiting and leading effective boards.



Photo: Photoshot

The Lord Mayor arrives at the Mansion House, clearly thoroughly enjoying her day

### The Power of Diversity:

This programme of five breakfast seminars and two conferences will highlight and discuss the critical steps that businesses must take to maximise the energy that diversity can bring to business. All proceeds from the programme will go to The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2014.

### Tomorrow's City:

A programme of events and dialogue which focuses on how the City can best ensure its future success by enabling long-term value creation for an increasing urban population that is conscious of society and the environment more than ever before.

I hope that within these mayoral programmes there will be something of interest for everyone. If I have a single objective, it would be inclusiveness and Liverymen have so much to bring to the party.

### How You Can Get Involved:

Please contact my Lord Mayor's Appeal team on 020 7332 1582 if you would like to be involved. There are lots of fun and affordable events and we are determined to reach a wider audience!

- The first ever Lord Mayor's Appeal Day will be taking place on 15th May 2014, which I hope will engage City

workers and all of the Livery Companies in widespread fun and fundraising.

- Enter a Fuellers football team for a day of football fun on 13th June 2014 in Guildhall Yard. Show off your football skills and beat your rivals all the way to the trophy.
- Join me for a special concert, titled "Strong Women", by world-famous soprano Nelly Miricioiu, the starry mezzo Nino Surguladze and the Chelsea Opera Group. The performance will be conducted by Gianluca Marcianó.

- The Lord Mayor's Ball in the Guildhall on 21st October 2014 will be a unique opportunity for all of the Livery Companies to come together under one roof for a glamorous evening of food and dancing.

I hope the Fuellers will join me on what are guaranteed to be memorable occasions!

**- Alderman Fiona Woolf CBE**  
**The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of London**

*For more information on my programmes, including sponsorship opportunities, ticket purchases and to make a donation visit [www.thelordmayorsappeal.org](http://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org) or call +44(0)20 7332 9308 (Registered Charity Number: 1148976).*

## Actuarial Risk Management techniques for the Upstream Oil and Gas industry

Looking at current theory and practice in the Upstream Oil and Gas industry from an actuarial perspective, it is clear to a mathematician that many of the problems to be solved, for example in reservoir estimation, resemble problems common in the Insurance world. However, the two industries describe and analyse their problems using completely different language, which obscures the common ground so it is not yet well explored.

A dialogue between the two industries ought to lead to valuable insights for both sides. If uncertainty and risks in the Upstream industry could be analysed using mathematical and quality assurance methods familiar to actuaries, this could lead to greater confidence, hence a greater appetite for risk in the Insurance market, and lower premiums.

Reservoir evaluation is enormously complex, and it is difficult and expensive to acquire the necessary subsurface data to estimate with sufficient accuracy, for example, industry-standard quantities such as Hydrocarbons Initially In Place (HCIIP) or ultimately recoverable Reserves.

The fundamental problem here is how to deal with the uncertainty inherent in the physical, natural and very complex subsurface world, and the large operational and financial risks associated with that uncertainty. As a typical approach, data will be gathered (for example using seismic surveys and test wells) for each component of the overall model.

This data will then be simplified for modelling by calculating a single, representative estimate such as an average, or, more commonly, fitting a curve (probability distribution). Many components (for example reservoir volume, saturation, porosity) will then be combined mathematically to produce a composite result such as HCIIP, which has its own point estimates, or probability distribution.

None of this can be precise; petroleum economists and financial practitioners will use results from modelling the physical world for further calculations and decision making, but uncertainties arising from the natural world, the inaccuracy of tools used to survey, and the approximation involved in the

mathematical modelling all remain.

The statistical problems involved in such models are intractable, and the both the methods used, and the results, can be difficult to understand in non-numerical, descriptive terms. Very sophisticated mathematical tools are available to both reservoir modellers and financial practitioners, although the theory tends to be well ahead of the practice, certainly on the financial side and in smaller Exploration companies. Not surprisingly, recent research for Schlumberger has shown a positive relationship between corporate performance and the sophistication of modelling tools used, but best practice is not widespread outside the Supermajors.

For example, petroleum economists and financial practitioners may use output from the "physical" model in simplified form. Oil (STOIP) and Gas (GIIP) components of HCIIP may be expressed just as High, Best, and Low estimates (P10, P50, P90) only, which does not really express the nature of the uncertainty.

The consequences of this can be significant: it is not uncommon for the amount of oil ultimately extracted from a reservoir to be more than double (or, more often, less than half) that estimated as initially in place.

Modelling uncertainties such as these is a basic part of actuarial practice. The mathematical problems are similar, but the techniques used differ from those in common practice in the Upstream industry. For example, actuaries' use of copulas to model complex variables such as HCIIP, and "catastrophe modelling" to model extreme values (which are by definition unlikely to occur, but often have the greatest financial consequences) can give a much better understanding of the risks involved. The underlying uncertainty can be assumed away, or ignored, but it will always be there.

**- Court Assistant Iain Poole**

*Editor: Iain was constrained in this article by space considerations. Those wishing to contact Iain to discuss his subject may contact him at [EUCLEvents@gmail.com](mailto:EUCLEvents@gmail.com)*

# 5th Fuellers' Conversation

A goodly gathering of 35 Fuellers and Guests were treated to a tour de force by Angela Knight CBE, Chief Executive of Energy UK, at the 5th Fuellers' Conversation on 5th December, once again generously supported by EY. Angela leads the trade body for generators and retailers in the energy industry – some might say a thankless task given the regular opprobrium heaped on it but then Angela has form for taking on the toughest of challenges given her years as an MP and CEO at the British Bankers Association!

Angela majored on explaining what she saw as the disconnect between energy policy and the



Angela Knight CBE

practicalities of delivering it. She regretted the perception that to profit from the retailing of energy

was a bad thing but accepted 100% that the industry had lost trust and needed to rebuild this and greater brand loyalty.

Notwithstanding the so called trilemma of achieving security, affordability and lower carbon emissions, Angela explained why the super critical issue today is around the question of security of supply between now and 2020.

Angela was an entertaining and informative Speaker and engaged in the 'conversation' with much enthusiasm. Another great event raising some £400 for the CTF.

**- Immediate Past Master Paul Cuttill OBE**

## In Brief

### 216 Enthusiasts Day

The VC-10 having been retired and the TriStar and K model Hercules to be withdrawn, Honorary Liveryman Wing Commander Peter Morgan, OC 216 Squadron, organised a fund-raising event allowing the public to see these aircraft types together, up close with their crews, for the very last time. The event was planned and supported by volunteers from 216 Sqn as well as crews from 47 and 101 Sqn's. The day was a huge success, both for the RAF Benevolent Fund and the enthusiasts. Over £7,000 was raised for the charity, along with £156 for 216 Sqn's charity "Beer for the Boys".

### The Coal Trade Benevolent Association ("CTBA") Festival Dinner

A number of Fuellers supported Past Master John Boddy D.L., Chairman of the CTBA, by taking a table on 1st December at the Dinner, which celebrated the CTBA's 125 years. The Rt. Hon. Charles Hendry MP, former Energy Minister and speaker at the 2010 6th Fuellers' Lecture, introduced the toast to "the CTBA its branches and its Chairman" which was proposed by Patron and

President His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh K.G., K.T. The response to the Chairman's toast to the guests was given by the BBC Rugby Commentator Ian Robertson. He was hugely amusing and tremendously entertaining with many rugby anecdotes. Ian then ran an auction which, like the evening, was highly successful.

### Fuellers' XV

Thursday 12 December - Master and Mistress Fueller led a party of 20 members and friends to Twickenham to enjoy the annual Varsity Match between those eternal enemies - Oxford and Cambridge.

Once again the convivial atmosphere of Cole Court in the morning, with friends both old and new greeting and teasing each other about the expected result, set the scene for the rest of the day. It was a great pity that the Light Blues didn't live up to expectation (writes your contributor) as Oxford ran out convincing winners.

Regardless of the result - a good time was had by all with the day ending with pledges to meet again in 12 months' time.

## The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

It has been a very active year for the Trust (CTF), with possibly the highest levels both of personal donations received and of grants and awards made since CTF's inception. The increased level of regular donations (now some 25% of the Company) helps provide certainty for the Trustees over future funding. Full details of the £19,055 given are shown in the table.

Each Master is allowed £1,000 to allocate to his chosen charity or charities. Immediate Past Master Paul Cuttill considered it appropriate, with a Fueller Lord Mayor, that his allowance be added to our regular donation of £1,000 to the Lord Mayor's Appeal; giving the total of £2,000 shown.

### GRANTS MADE IN 2013

<b>Educational</b>	
City University	1,500
Platanos College	4,000
T.S. Rebel (Thames Fueller)	2,000
<b>Health</b>	
Childrens' Air Ambulance	1,000
<b>Services Affiliates</b>	
Brize Norton Welfare Fund	1,000
HMS Sultan Amenities Fund	2,500
Prizes	500
<b>City of London</b>	
Jail and Bail (British Red Cross)	1,000
The Lord Mayor's Appeal	2,000
The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch (Army Benevolent Fund)	500
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	250
RNLI (Tower lifeboat)	2,000
Swan Lifeline Trust	500
United Guilds Service	125
<b>Other</b>	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,055</b>

A one-off grant was made to The Swan Lifeline Trust which operates on the Thames at Windsor. The Trust had cause to deal with up to 150 swans that were coated in waste oil. This tragic result of illegal dumping near to the Windsor – Eton Bridge, meant all the volunteers trained by the Trust were called out to help the stricken birds. Fortunately, due to a quick and skilled response none suffered for a prolonged period although a few weaker birds did not pull through. The CTF Trustees were very pleased to provide support for the Trust. A cheque was presented by the Master and Mistress at the end of October.

Another new recipient was The Childrens' Air Ambulance, which is the UK's first and only dedicated



The Master presenting the Fuellers award to the successful Arkwright Fuellers Scholar; Aidan Smith

helicopter emergency transfer service for seriously ill children and babies, flying them from one hospital to a specialist unit, alongside their clinicians; a journey otherwise made by land. The service operates a dedicated paediatric transfer service from hospital to hospital across the whole of the country.

The Master attended the Arkwright Scholarships Trust 2013 Awards Ceremony in London on 1st November. Arkwright awards Engineering Scholarships through rigorous selection to high-calibre students from all educational backgrounds to support them through their 'A' levels and Scottish Highers. The Scholarships consist of an annual financial award to each Scholar and to his/her school, and a range of activities, such as mentoring and industry visits, that enhance a Scholar's experience of engineering. Arkwright Engineering Scholarships are highly regarded by universities and industry and help to create a pipeline of top talent into the engineering profession. The energy industry is desperate for well qualified engineers.

I am most grateful to Trustees Jan Harrison and James Hill for their recent work on the CTF section of the Fuellers website and strongly recommend a visit to see more information on CTF's activities.

Following the retirement of Nigel Draffin in December 2012, Shravan Joshi was appointed as a new Trustee in May and Neville Brown became a new Advisor to the Trust in September. At our December meeting, Past Master John Bainbridge and I retired by rotation and were re-elected by our fellow Trustees, for which we are both grateful. At that meeting we considered some very interesting proposals for 2014.

**- Past Master Michael Husband, Chairman**

# 18 Years Ago in The Fueller - 4

Although there was no issue of The Fueller between January 1995 and Spring 1996, the latter issue covered the Installation Luncheon at The Mansion House in October 1995 which saw the installation of Michael Bryer Ash as Master. Addressing the gathering, after the luncheon, Master Bryer Ash indicated that his primary aim during his year of office was "to expand the Livery, its fellowship and activities."

The issue also contained a very interesting article on the area of the City known as the Barbican where the population had declined before the war and small businesses and warehouses then lined the streets. Then, on the evening of 29th December 1940, wave upon wave of enemy planes dropped incendiary bombs on the City of London. By the following morning the Barbican was a forty acre bomb site.

The article records the history of the building of the existing Barbican Centre from 1959 when the City Corporation, meeting at Guildhall, gave the go-ahead for a unique experiment. The first flats were completed in 1968. The Guildhall School of Music and Drama was officially opened by Lord Mayor Commander Sir Robin Danvers Penrose Gillet on 25th October 1977 and The Barbican Centre was opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 3rd March 1982. The range and quality of activity taking place under one roof is unrivalled. The Barbican Centre continues truly to live up to its description as "The City's Arts Gift to the Nation."

- Past Master John Bainbridge



## The Fuellers' Shop

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

### NEW!

Gentleman's Cufflinks – new design	£30.00
Woven silk striped tie	£21.00
Blue or Green Silk Tie	£21.00
Pink Silk Tie (Fuellers' XV Club)	£21.00
Bar style Cufflinks (in short supply)	£15.00
Gentleman's Lapel Badge	£10.00
Golf Umbrella	£23.00
Baseball Cap	£14.00
Ladies Bar Brooch	£10.00
Ladies Silk Neck Scarf	£21.00
Fine China Coffee Mug with Company Crest	£9.00
Wall Plaque	£37.50
The Fueller's Tale, the History of the Fuellers	£27.50
Bronze Desk Crest	£155.00*

\*£140.00 if collected from New Pro Foundries, West Drayton.



Honorary Court Assistant Jane Ayre with her display at the Reception before the Installation Dinner at Skinners' Hall

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

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