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Registered at Stationers' Hall

Livery Luncheon Watermen's Hall

A memorable day was enjoyed by all present when the annual Livery Luncheon of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers was held at Watermen's Hall on Wednesday 24 April 1996.

The day had started early for Master Michael Bryer Ash, his Wardens and Court Members who had met earlier for Company business. This had included the election of officers for 1996/1997 and the installation into the Livery of Marc Searle and Caroline Innes.

At the conclusion of the Court Meeting the Master and Court Members, accompanied by the two new liverymen in their livery gowns, processed to St Mary at Hill to join other liverymen and their guests at prayer.

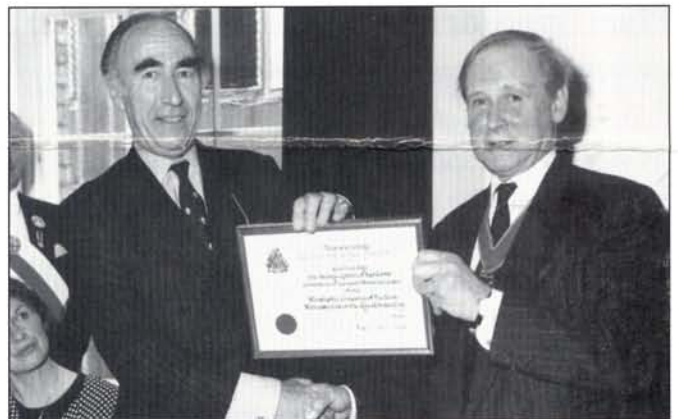
The principle guest and speaker at the Luncheon was former Lord Mayor of London Sir David Newall accompanied by Lady Newall. The occasion was a unique one - the opportunity was taken by Master Michael Bryer Ash to present a certificate to Sir David confirming the 'Honourary Freedom of the Company of Fuellers' which had been bestowed upon him during his Mayoralty.

In his address Sir David thanked



▲ *Master Michael Bryer Ash ready to greet the livery and their guests at the Livery Luncheon - Watermen's Hall 24 April 1996.*

▶ *Master Michael Bryer Ash presenting the Honourary Freedom Certificate to Sir David Newall - Watermen's Hall 24 April 1996.*



the Company for the honour bestowed upon him and welcomed the opportunity it gave him to help the Company with the extension of its membership and livery.

Following the last formal speech by Master Michael Bryer Ash, Captain David Newberry RN

outlined the history of the special relationship with HMS Daedalus.

He concluded by presenting the Master with a gavel and stand which had been specially manufactured in the HMS Daedalus workshops prior to its closure and amalgamating with HMS Sultan.

JOHN WESLEY'S CONVERSION PLACE MEMORIAL

Above Aldersgate Street, where James Hutton rented the rooms to which John Wesley came in the evening of May 24 1738, is the City Walkway.

Here, in a planted flower bed backed by a tall white brick wall, is the John Wesley Conversion Place memorial.

With the development of the Barbican it became possible to provide an appropriate setting to commemorate the conversion of John Wesley, the spiritual birth of Methodism, the methodist movement and the Methodist Churches of the world - one of the five large Protestant traditions.

The one and half tonne memorial stands nearly twenty feet from the ground and is cast in bronze in the likeness of the 'Wind and Fire of the Spirit' bearing on its breast the testimony of John Wesley as to his record of the events of the evening of Wednesday May 24 1738.

The testimony as to the events of 'about a quarter before nine' is cast in the form of a page of the First Edition of John Wesley's Journal, set in the original type face and in the original printers layout.

William Strahan was the original printer who later in life was the greatest English publisher and printer of the eighteenth century, friend of Dr Johnson, Adam Smith, Edward Gibbon, David Hume and Benjamin Franklin. Strahan used William Caslon's Long Primer One/Two fonts. Caslon's letter foundry, in nearby St. Luke's Parish, revolutionised the English printing industry.

James Hutton, the Moravian 'book seller', was the publisher of the original Journal and was also John Wesley's host in May 1738.

In one great cast 'document', to be found immediately adjacent to the main entrance to the Museum of London, the memorial combines the work of four outstanding men who lived and worked in its immediate neighbourhood.

Decisions of the Election Court Meetings - 24 April 1996

The following were elected to serve in office for the year commencing with the Installation on 9 October 1996

**Master -
C Edward Wilkinson CBE**

**Senior Warden -
Colin J MacLeod**

**Junior Warden -
David R T Waring**

The following were re-elected unanimously:

Clerk - Simon J Lee

**Assistant Clerk -
Mrs Frances Alger**

The following were elected to the Court of Assistants:

**Richard J Budge
Alan J Dunmore
F Brian Harrison CBE**

Subsequently the following Past Masters have been elected to the newly created 'Honourary Court' thus creating additional spaces on the Court of Assistants to be filled when suitable opportunities arise.

**Anthony J Cripps
Richard N Horne
Geoffrey S Stokes
Martyn R Wakefield**

New Liverymen & Freemen



New liverymen Marc Jonathon Searle and Caroline Mary Innes following their installation - Watermen's Hall 24 April 1996.

The following Liverymen and Freemen have been received into the Company since the publication of the last issue of 'The Fueller'.

LIVERYMEN

Marc Jonathon SEARLE
Caroline Mary INNES

FREEMEN

Nigel Patrick BYRNE
Michael Winston EVE
Allan Crawford A GRIBBEN
Mark John HOLLANDS

We look forward to meeting and welcoming them during our activities over the coming months.

City of London Liverymen's Course

From time to time the Corporation organises an interesting and informative single evening course specifically for the Liverymen of the various Companies in the City.

In addition to learning about the day to day affairs of the City, and viewing a special video produced specifically for this purpose, the course provides an excellent opportunity for Liverymen from different Companies to meet and exchange views in a convivial atmosphere.

While each course can accommodate 100 the demand is such that places are quickly taken up.

Application forms for the following dates can be obtained from the Clerk.

Tuesday 8 October 1996

Wednesday 27 November 1996

DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday 8 August	Visit to the Globe Theatre Supper at The Anchor
Wednesday 14 August	Hospitality & Entertainment Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings Bridge Wharf
Monday 30 September	Election of Lord Mayor Guildhall Court Meeting - Insurance Hall
Wednesday 9 October	Installation Ceremony & Installation Dinner Armourers & Brasiers Hall
Thursday 14 November/ Friday 15 November	Company Visit to French Nuclear Power Station with stay at Le George V Hotel/Restaurant
Thursday 12 December	Carol Service - St Mary at Hill

TRADITIONS OF CITY OF LONDON LIVERY COMPANIES

NUMBER 3 - THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WAX CHANDLERS

The Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers is twentieth in the order of precedence of the Livery Companies of the City of London.

The Company was originally a gild organising its trade, which was primarily the sale of beeswax candles and related

items, including the wax for seals, a fine example of which is that affixed to the Company's 1484 Charter. The first beeswax candles were made by monks and servants and it was not until the thirteenth century that there is any

mention of commercial manufacture. Beeswax candles, as distinct from the tallow ones, were in considerable demand by the Church prior to the Reformation. After the Reformation the Company gradually lost control over the trade and the advent of cheaper materials meant that by the end of the eighteenth century the making of beeswax candles had become a rarity rather than the flourishing industry which it had been when the Company received its Charter.

Today, the Company administers

charities and maintains strong links with beekeeping and the wax industries.

The Master is 'ex officio' Patron of both the British Beekeepers' Association and the Central Association of Beekeepers.

A prize is offered annually to encourage candidates taking the written examination of the former association. As well as supporting the International Bee Research Association, the Company sponsors the annual National

Honey Show.

As a permanent reminder of their original purpose the Company, in 1958, undertook to supply beeswax candles 'in perpetuity' to the new high altar in St. Paul's Cathedral. Although many members have interest in either beekeeping or the modern wax industry, membership is not restricted to these fields. Ladies have been admitted to the Livery of the Company since 1981, although the earlier records show that ladies were granted the Freedom of the Company up to 1799.



Crest of Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers

ALLAN EDWARD CROOK

(1930 - 1996)

It is with sorry that we record the death of Freeman Allan Crook in April.

Allan, a graduate of Sheffield University was originally a colliery manager with the National Coal Board and subsequently a member of the directing staff at their Staff College at Chalfont St Giles. His passing was mourned by his many friends and former colleagues at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire on 27 April 1996 where the eulogy was presented by Freeman Tony Hewitt.

We send our deepest condolences to Ann and her family.

STOP PRESS

With the permission of our Lord Mayor a special announcement was made to the Livery at Guildhall immediately following the election of the Sheriffs on 24 June 1996.

Support is sought for 'The Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomews Charitable Trust' which has recently been formed, with full Charitable Status, specifically to operate Barts Hospital.

All liverymen are encouraged to write to their MP, the Prime Minister and any other member, they have contact with, in either of the Houses of Parliament.

The object is to seek their support to encourage the government to hand the hospital over to the Charitable Trust so that Barts can continue to provide medical services to both permanent residents of, and temporary visitors to, the City and remain a centre medical research with its present superb international standing.

Please get your pens and paper (or your PC's and printers) out NOW and write to 'Save Barts for the City.'

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