

# MASTER'S IMPRISONMENT REAPS ITS JUST REWARDS

Earlier this year, your Master was enjoying a quiet cup of coffee in the Mansion House, in the company of the Lord Mayor, when the conversation was interrupted by the appearance of "Inspector Cluseau" and three officers of the Metropolitan Police! All of the party, including a number of other Masters, a Sheriff's Lady and the Manager of The Goring Hotel were summarily arrested on a variety of trumped-up charges. These ranged from "back-seat driving of the Lord Mayor's limousine" to the Master Vintner having been observed "quaffing Spanish wine". The entire party was driven off to The Tower of London where the individuals were fingerprinted, photographed and incarcerated, whilst bail of at least £1,500 was secured. The alleged culprits were informed that the proceeds were to be donated to The Red Cross.

As a result of the generosity of Members of the Fuellers' Company, the total bail lodged on behalf of the Master amounted to £2,835, which was one of the largest sums raised that day. In the event, the Red Cross received nearly £30,000 as a result of the mass arrest!

The Master wishes to acknowledge the generosity of everyone who contributed to his release from The Tower. Despite his surprise at being arrested, it proved to be a great day, which generated a great deal of money for a very worthwhile charity.



The Master is interviewed by "Inspector Cluseau"



The Master in the charge of two "Beefeaters"



Alderman Colin Hart and the Master discuss how they might free their ball and chains

Photographs by Tanya Loyd

## Some first thoughts on next year's programme

Your incoming Master, Cyril McCombe, is currently putting together his programme for next year. The content will, in some ways, reflect his own involvement in the energy industry. Even so, there will be, hopefully, something to engage the interest of the entire Company. The history of power generation will form the focus of a weekend touring working windmills and watermills in the West Midlands. The event will include a dinner featuring a presentation by an expert speaker on wind and water power in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. Later in the season, there will be the opportunity to participate in a weekend in Bath, viewing many of the sites in and around this popular tourist destination. There will be at least one, if not two, excursions in London, including a visit to the Docklands Museum.

The tradition of energy-related "works visits" will continue. It is intended to visit Thames Steel on the Isle of Sheppey, where the Fullers' party will see 120 tonnes of fragmented automobiles reduced to liquid steel in 20 min and equally quickly transformed in to concrete reinforcement rod, bound for Saudi Arabia. The plant is the largest consumer of electricity in South East England. It may also be possible to tour the primary aluminium smelter operated by Anglesey Aluminium at Holyhead. This works accounts for 12% of the energy generated in Wales.

## CITY AND COMPANY DIARY OF EVENTS 2005

Month	Day/Date	Event	Venue
September	Monday 5	Woodmongers Dinner (Court Members only)	HQS Wellington
	Tuesday 13	General Purposes Committee	t-b-a
October	Wednesday 5	Installation Dinner preceded by Installation Court	Vintners' Hall
	Sunday 16	Fuellers' Sunday	St Michael's Cornhill
November	Saturday 12	Lord Mayor's Show	City of London
December	Thursday 1	Carol Service	St Michael's Cornhill

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## Carpenters' Hall was venue for Election Court Luncheon

A highlight of the Fullers' calendar was the holding, earlier this year, of the Election Court Luncheon. The event, and the Election Court which preceded it, was held in Carpenters' Hall. The building is the latest of several halls owned by the Carpenters' Company. Opened in 1960, it replaced the previous edifice destroyed by enemy action in 1941. It contains excellent examples of modern carpentry.

The Court saw the election of Cyril McCombe MBE, as incoming Master, Nigel Draffin as Senior Warden, and Air Vice Marshal John Price, CBE DL as Junior Warden. A nice touch was the award of the Freedom of the Company by presentation to Mrs Chloë Barrow, the wife of the Immediate Past Master, Doug Barrow, for the tireless support of her husband during his year in office.

The Court also witnessed the admittance of three new Freemen, namely Paul Boardman, Stephen Blackwell and Patrick Helley. Four Freemen were also clothed in the Livery — Russel Warburton, Brian Miller, Timothy Lines and Rodney Brown.

The ceremonial proceedings completed, the Court processed to the Church of St Michael Cornhill to take part in Divine Service conducted by the Company's Chaplain, the Rev'd Dr Peter Mullen.

The lunch which followed was attended by 120 people, including Fuellers' and their guests. The guests included the wives of three previous Masters, Christine Wakefield, Margaret Pugh and Doreen McGechan. The Company were also honoured by the presence of three representatives of other City Liveries, The Master Carman, Roger Cullimore; The Master of the Guild of Air Pilots & Air Navigators, Captain Peter Bugge and the Master of the Water Conservators, Dr Marrion Carter. The Fueller's service affiliations were represented by Captain Jonathan Woodcock, Director of the Royal Navy School of Marine Engineering (HMS Sultan); The Commanding Officer of 216 Squadron, Wing Commander Robert Daft, and his colleague, Lt. Gavin Baldry, and the Company's latest link with the armed forces, Air Commodore Andrew Spinks, Director of the Defence Fuels Group.

The toast to the guests was proposed by Cyril McCombe, the Senior Warden and the response in the form of a witty and amusing address was given by the principal guest, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon GCB, CBE, FRAeS. The final response was given by The Master, David Port, who concluded the proceedings by presenting this year's Fuellers' Prize to Chief Petty Officer Air Engineering Artificer (Electrical) Gareth Rees of HMS Sultan.



The Beadle, Mr Tony Parker, escorts the Master David Port and his wife Lynne to the Church of St Michael Cornhill.



Ladies who wear hats! — Lynne Port and Roz Budge photographed at the Election Court Luncheon



Past Master Edward Wilkinson and his wife Joy in conversation with the Clerk, right, Sir Antony Reardon-Smith

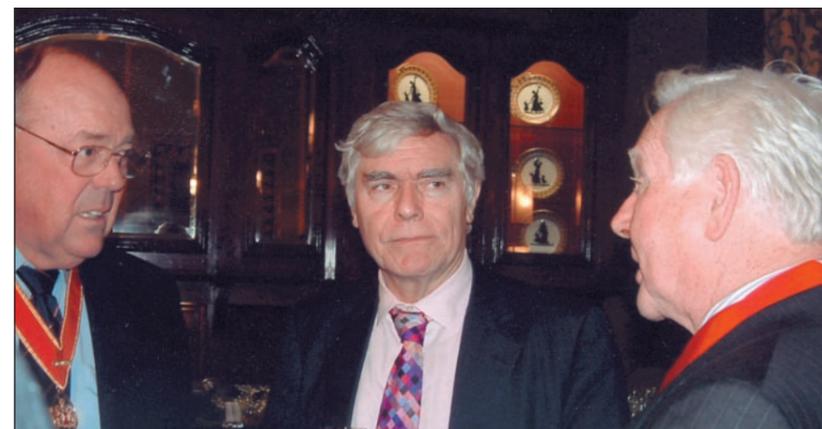
# City of London Club was venue for Livery Dinner

One of the earlier functions this year was the Livery Dinner, held in the City of London Club in Old Broad Street. A new venue for the Company, the Palladian-style club house dates from 1833. The club was originally intended for bankers, merchants and shipowners, and now only "principals" of firms or the sons of existing members qualify for membership. It is said that the combined entrance and annual subscription fees are the most expensive in London.

In the event, 34 Liverymen were in attendance. On this occasion, the table places were drawn by lot and the Master, and the Senior and Junior Wardens circulated from table to table during the course of the evening. The Guest of Honour was the Lord Mayor's Swordbearer, Brigadier Neil O'Connor. He revealed that he had been an officer of the Lord Mayor's Household for the past 11 years. The content of his address included a series of amusing anecdotes relating to his duties in the City.



Participants in the Livery Dinner were, left to right, James Hill, John Bainbridge and Past Master Andrew Bainbridge.



Photographed at the Livery Dinner at the City of London Club were, left to right, Past Master, Richard Budge, Stuart Goldsmith and Junior Warden Elect, Air Vice-Marshal John Price.

## Master hosts the ladies of the Court

One of the earliest of this year's functions to be recorded in this issue of "The Fueller" was the Saint Valentine's Ladies' Court Dinner, held on this occasion on HQS Wellington, moored off the Embankment. This ship is the floating livery Hall of the Worshipful Company of Master Mariners. The event is different from the Company's normal social events, in that, traditionally, the wives and partners of Court Members are the personal guests of the Master.

The Court, which preceded the Dinner, witnessed the Admission and Enrobing of Marianne Bainbridge, the wife of Past Master Andrew Bainbridge into the Livery of the Company.



Marianne Bainbridge, the wife of Past Master Andrew Bainbridge is Enrobed as a Liveryman by the Clerk, Sir Antony Reardon-Smith



In conversation, left to right, were Pamela Boddy, Joy Wilkinson and Lynne Port



Guests included, left to right, Janet Harrison, Claudie Bellew-Rebaud and Roz Budge

# FUEL FOR THOUGHT

## Recent licence applications to the Coal Authority

The UK Coal Authority has recently published the latest of its series of notices relating to applications for exploration licences. They include the following: East Ayrshire, National Grid References E 243150, N 612900 (radius 0.75 km); E 256740, N 612770 (radius 0.83 km); E 258070, N 612870 (radius 1.0 km); E 244400, N 614050 (radius 0.55 km); E 245550, N 612800 (radius 0.80 km); E 244700, N 611450 (radius 1.1 km); E 255640, N 613380 (radius 0.78 km); E 256330, N 614670 (radius 0.78 km). West Lothian, E 297710, N 659280 (radius 1.7 km). Dumfries & Galloway, E 279460, N 609330 (radius 0.7 km). Fife, E 302800, N 690550 (radius 0.3 km). Northumberland, E 424000, N 588300 (radius 0.65km); E 424600, N 590700 (radius 0.84 km). Yorkshire E 444200, N 428250 (radius 1.0 km). Neath Port Talbot, E 273680, N 21145 (radius 0.45 km). Operating licence applications (opencast) have been received for Neath Port Talbot, E 284900, N 207500 (radius 1.0km) and Northumberland, E 421910, N 576480 (radius 0.35 km). The Authority has also had an application for access for the purpose of coal bed methane extraction for Dumfries & Galloway, E 34000, N 57000 (radius 14.14 km).

## Government to allocate £40 million to emerging carbon abatement, hydrogen and fuel cell technologies

The Government recently published a new report entitled "A Strategy for Developing Carbon Abatement Technologies for Fossil Fuel Use". It outlines a pioneering plan to tackle climate change by capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants and storing it safely in depleted North Sea oil and gas fields. The Carbon Abatement Technology Strategy is said to be worth £ 25 million. It will advance all forms of carbon abatement technologies, including improving the efficiency and co-firing of existing power plant with low-carbon alternatives, such as biomass. However, the demonstration of carbon capture and storage is the most radical of the options and sets the new strategy apart from the previous Clean Coal Technology programme.

The Government has also announced a Hydrogen Strategy, worth a further £15 million. This will include demonstration programmes for hydrogen and fuel cells and the establishment of a Hydrogen Coordination Unit. Previous disparate efforts on research and development in the context of hydrogen and fuel cells will be brought together for the first time within an overall strategy.

**North Sea bids hit 30-year high** Applications for the UK's latest offshore Oil and Gas Licensing Round have hit a 30-year high, with firms applying for a

record 279 blocks, the largest number applied for since 1972. The 23rd Licensing Round offers three types of Licences for exploration and development of the North Sea, including the "Frontier" licence which has helped spark interest in the relatively unexplored areas North and West of the Shetlands Islands.

To underpin the licensing regions, the Government and industry forum — known as PILOT — set up to secure a long-term future for the industry, has launched the Stewardship Initiative. This aims to set an industry standard to ensure that firms make the most of their opportunities in the United Kingdom Continental Shelf. The intention of "Stewardship" is to unlock potential reserves of between three and five billion barrels of oil equivalent from existing fields and make certain that operators are making the most of their licences. This will be done in two stages: First, to help monitor progress, producing fields will compile data for The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Second, if any improvements can be identified, the DTI will meet the relevant operators to discuss the situation and, under the licence the operator can be requested to carry out the necessary improvements.

## UK and Norway agree on cross-boundary oil and gas developments

A new agreement, signed in Oslo, between the UK and Norwegian Governments, could eventually secure up to 20% of the UK's future gas demand. The document will allow oil and gas companies in both the UK and Norway to develop further cross-boundary oil and gas deals on a much clearer and faster basis. The new Framework Treaty covers a wide range of potential cross-boundary oil and gas developments. In addition to the Langedale South pipeline project, the new Treaty will cover the development of future oil and gas fields that straddle the maritime boundary between the two countries, and the use of offshore structures on one continental shelf to explore for, and develop an oil and gas reservoir on the neighbouring shelf.

## UK Government reaffirms renewable energy targets

The new UK Energy Minister, Malcolm Wicks, recently confirmed the Government's determination to press ahead on renewable energy. He pointed to three projects of especial importance. First, the approval, following a public enquiry, for the Scout Moor 26-turbine wind farm in Greater Manchester, generating enough energy to power 30,000 homes. Second, the allocation of £ 2.68 million of Government funding for Newcastle-based SMDHydrovision's "TideI" tidal energy prototype, to be developed and tested at Orkney's

European Marine Energy Centre. Third, £ 1.35 million funding for 14 new solar installations across the UK, bringing total funding for medium-and large-scale solar projects since 2002 to £ 18.80 million.

## Report says that diverse fuels are key to UK's energy future

A recent report published by the Council for Science and Technology (CST) says that investment in low-carbon large-scale sources of electricity — from tidal to nuclear to clean coal — are key to future energy policy in the UK. The report, "An Electricity Supply Strategy for the UK" makes a number of recommendations: **1** Immediate investment in large scale, low-carbon, energy generation facilities to meet the Government's carbon dioxide reduction targets; **2** keeping the nuclear option open and placing more emphasis on carbon sequestration and tidal power; **3** Government investment in research and development should be aimed at new and renewable fuel sources, energy management, storage and improving the supply and training of skilled workers in the UK, and **4** development of the transmission network, its protection mechanisms and metering systems to facilitate distributed and diverse generators, ranging from commercial to domestic units, and the need to address the regulatory issues arising from this form of generation.

## RUSAL and Tajikistan revive mammoth hydroelectric project

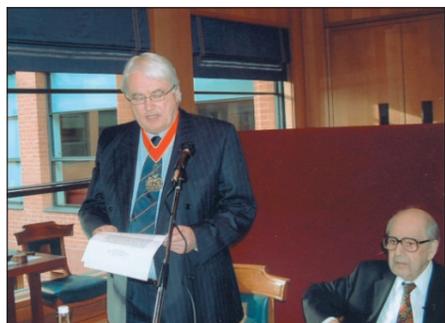
RUSAL, Russia's largest producer of aluminium, and Tajikistan's Ministry of Energy have selected Lahmeyer International of Germany as the contractor for a bankable feasibility study for the first phase of the construction of the Rogunskaya hydroelectric project in Tajikistan. Construction of the Rogunskaya power station is a part of a recent agreement between RUSAL and the Tajikistan government on cooperation in energy and the aluminium industries. After its launch in 2010, the first four billion kW/hour phase of the Rogunskaya hydro station will be one of the largest electricity production projects in the world, supplying Tajik consumers and stimulating economic growth in the Republic. The station is also expected to produce energy for export. Construction of the Rogunskaya power hydro station, situated 110 km from Tajikistan's capital, Dushanbe, at the Vakhsh River, with projected capacity of 3,600 mWt, was begun initially in 1976. For financial, as well as social and environmental reasons, construction was delayed and ultimately was suspended following the collapse of the Soviet Union and subsequent civil disturbances in the Republic.

# The Fuellers' Lecture — an event to be remembered

The Fuellers' 2005 Lecture, the first in the series, was held several months ago at Haberdashers' Hall, West Smithfield. The Fuellers' Annual Lecture has been made possible through the generosity of one of our most respected Liverymen, The Lord Ezra, MBE. Derek Ezra is also an Honary Liveryman of the Haberdashers' Company. Not suprisingly, Lord Ezra was invited to present the first of the lectures. The event drew an audience of 160 people of which nearly half were Lord Ezra's guests from the Energy Industry, and his friends and colleagues from Parliament and Westminster. The assembled throng also included no fewer than 18 Masters of City Liveries, apart from 14 members of the Haberdashers' Company.

Lord Ezra took as his subject his active involvement in the energy sector since 1947, when he joined the newly-formed National Coal Board. He also spoke about the development of energy policy during that period, and into the future. His presentation was followed by a series of pertinent questions and answers.

Before the guests adjourned for pre-supper drinks, the Master, David Port, thanked Lord Ezra for his munificence in making such an event possible, and for his most thought-provoking and entertaining lecture. He then took the opportunity of presenting Lord Ezra with an inscribed silver bowl, on behalf of the Fuellers' Company, to mark the occasion.



The Master, David Port, introduces Lord Ezra to the audience at Haberdashers' hall

Lord Ezra presents the Fuellers' 2005 Lecture

Court Member David Bell photographed with the Master's wife, Lynne Port

## Court Dinner proved enjoyable occasion

The Fueller's Company held a Court Dinner, during June, at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The occasion provided The Master, David Port, with the opportunity to present the awards to the Company's educational prize winners for 2005.



Photographed at the Court Dinner were, left to right, David Bell, John Byrne, John Sharp and James Bellew



Enjoying a summer occasion were, left to right, Roger Cloke, Group Captain Paul Atherton and Michael Byrne

## The Great Pancake dash

It seems a long time ago now, but 15 Livery Companies participated in this year's Pancake Race at Guildhall Yard, including the Fuellers' Company. Sadly, our team, which comprised The Master, Junior Warden Elect, Air Vice-Marshal John Price, John's wife Ilse and Liveryman Paul Mott were not amongst the victors. The only contender who came remotely near to winning any of the races was Paul who came second in a handicap event wearing Wellington boots.



Participants in this year's Pancake Race were, left to right, Ilse Price; The Master, David Port; Air Vice-Marshal John Price, and Paul Mott

## Fuellers look back to the past

With a history extending back to the Fourteenth Century, it is not surprising that there have been moves afoot to produce a definitive book on the Company's origin and subsequent achievements over the years.

Past Master Edward Wilkinson has been investigating the possibility of producing a well researched, readable, history of the organisation. However, he warns that the costs might be of the order of more than £ 5,000 for the research and writing, plus £8,000 for production, depending on the quantity of colour illustrations. It might therefore be contingent to allocate £15,000, for a run of 500 good quality books. This would include project management, editing, proof-reading, design and layout. Warehousing, sales and distribution, invoicing and credit control services would also need to be taken into account. Sales of the publication to members of the Fuellers' Company and interested parties at around £30 per copy would obviously reduce the overall cost. Edward suggests that a Member's firm, or an individual Fueller might consider sponsoring all or part of this ambitious project.

## Fuellers race ahead

One of the more unusual ventures for the Fuellers' Company was an opportunity to spend a day at Newcastle Races by courtesy of Liveryman Gordon Banham whose company, Hargreaves (UK) plc retains a private box in the Brandling House grandstand overlooking the course. In the event, 19 members of the Company and their guests took advantage of the invitation.

Each participant made a contribution to the Company's Charitable Trust Fund, a sum which was augmented by the raffling of a bottle of Champagne donated by the Master. It proved to be a most enjoyable day, with a great deal of sunshine.



It's a racing certainty — left Richard Budge and right Edward Wilkinson provide advice to Mrs Catherine Hobbs.

## Romance in the Livery

Readers of "The Fueller" will be pleased to learn of the engagement, earlier this year, of our youngest Liveryman Carrie Marsh, to David Vince. They plan a wedding locally at St Martins Church, East Woodhay, Berkshire. It is rumoured that Carrie intends to drive her man away from church in an oil tanker owned by the family firm HC Marsh (Newbury), Limited. Carrie and David are both keen on amateur dramatics and met each other through the Kennet Amateur Theatrical Society.



Carrie Marsh and David Vince photographed in the lunch break on HQS Wellington, whilst taking part in the Lord Mayor's Show, last year.



Michael Byrne, left and James Bellew place their bets on the most obvious horse to win the race.



The Hargreaves Box was sited, top centre, in Brandling House overlooking Newcastle upon Tyne Race Course

# Fuellers ride a 280-tonne excavator

The Fuellers' Company seems to be setting a tradition for enjoyable and stimulating "works visits". One of the latest manifestations was a day in Ayreshire, viewing the opencast coal mine operated by ATH Resources plc. A group of Fuellers flew up to Prestwick Airport early one morning in April to be collected for their visit to the company's Garleffan opencast site, where they were met by the Master, David Port, the organisation's Chairman. The party were subsequently given a presentation on the company by Alistair Black, the Group Operators Director. It was learned that ATH Resources was set up in May 1998 to extract coal from a site at Skares Road. In 1999, ATH purchased the Garleffan site from Law Mining. This operation currently produces over 20,000 tonnes of coal per week. The 130-m deep excavation had exposed 12 different coal seams, some with dirt partings. The seams averaged 350 mm thick, although one was 1.2 m deep.



The Master, arm outstretched, explains the operation of the Garleffan opencast site to Paul Mott, left and Jane Ayre and Dennis Woods, right



An excavator loads a 100-tonne-capacity dump truck at the Garleffan opencast site.

ATH is continuing to expand its activities and is currently developing a large site in Fife and two more in France.

After an enjoyable lunch, the participants were taken on a tour of the site, a highlight being the opportunity to climb on board an RH120 excavator. The 280-tonne machine, equipped with a 15 cu m bucket, was loading a 100-tonne-capacity dump truck in four passes.

Later in the afternoon, the Fuellers' party were returned to Prestwick Airport for the flight to Stansted. All agreed that it had been a most enjoyable and instructive day.

# Milford Haven was venue for two-day visit

One of the most enjoyable events in the Master's programme was a two-day visit to Milford Haven in Pembrokeshire, South Wales. The itinerary included, on the first day, a visit to the Texaco oil refinery, West of Pembroke. The participants were first given a presentation on the production process. It was explained that the refinery operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and employs more than 400 people, plus additional fixed term contractors. It is one of the largest producers of petrol in North West Europe, manufacturing 15.75 million litres (3.5 million gallons) per day. It was further shown that the company had recently carried out work to enable it to process a heavy acidic, high-calcium-content crude from the Doba oil fields in Chad. The more technically-minded in the party absorbed the technical intricacies of the fractionating column and the catalytic cracker in the production of petrol, diesel and heavy fuel oil.



The Fuellers' party toured the complex oil refinery in a bus.

The Fuellers were subsequently driven around the 223 hectare site by bus, during which a guide pointed out the more important aspects of the manufacturing process and explained the role of the various items of plant. A highlight of the visit was an opportunity to view the central control room.

The participants spent the night at the Lamphey Court Hotel, before assembling next morning at the head office of the Milford Haven Port Authority. Here, the group was split in two. Alternatively, each party was taken by pilot cutter on a tour of the Haven, and provided with the opportunity to visit the state-of-the-art control tower overlooking the Haven. It was explained that Milford Haven is the fourth largest cargo-handling port in Britain, with a throughput of 38.45 million tonnes in 2004. The visitors saw impressive evidence of this in the serried ranks of oil tankers moored against the refinery jetties.

The morning's visit completed, the party then travelled the short distance to Milford Haven's marina to board the Jubilee Sailing Trust's tall ship "Tenacious". Here, the members were shown around the vessel and shown, in detail, how the various items of equipment enabled disabled crew members to participate fully in the sailing of the ship. The tour was followed by lunch on board.

In the afternoon, the Fuellers' party returned to the offices of the MHPA where they listened to a presentation by Chief Executive Ted Sangster and Harbour Master Mark Andrews on the business



Walking down to the jetty at the Milford Haven Port Authority headquarters were, left to right, John Littleton, Assistant Harbourmaster (Conservancy); Paul Mott; Marjorie McCombe; Rod Brown, and Jane Ayre.



Jane Ayre, Immediate Past Master Doug Barrow and Master David Port listen to a description of the workings of the control room in the Texaco Refinery.



Sharing a tall story were, left to right, the Captain of the "Tenacious", Immediate Past Master Doug Barrow and James Bellew

structure and responsibilities of the Authority. The audience was especially interested in the new developments which would enable the Haven handle imports of liquified natural gas.

This concluded what had been a most enjoyable and informative two-day event.

# Fuellers attend Modern Companies' Dinner

Earlier this year, the Master, David Port, and the Senior Warden, Cyril McCombe attended the Modern Companies Dinner at Watermans's Hall, the home of The Company of Watermen and Lightermen. A highlight of the event was an address by Dominic Reid OBE, the City's Pageantmaster.