



The Affiliates' Luncheon and Prizegiving

The Affiliates' Luncheon and Prizegiving was held on 25th July, again in the beautiful Trinity House. Trinity House was erected at the end of the 18th century as the HQ of the Trinity House Brethren, who have controlled the lights and buoys around our coasts for five hundred years. The luncheon followed the Annual Thanksgiving Service at St Olave in Hart Street, one of the few City churches the Great Fire passed by, at which Hon. Chaplain the Revd. Dr Peter Mullen was on top form.

Senior Warden Jan Harrison welcomed our guests to the luncheon, including those from our affiliations, and introduced our principal guest: Admiral the Right Honourable The Lord West of Spithead GCB, DSC, PC; formerly First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff.

Following a good lunch, Junior Warden Chloe Andrews-Jones introduced the Prizegiving Ceremony. As she announced the individual winners and read out their citations, they each approached Lord West and were presented with their awards by him, Past Master Michael Husband, Chairman of the charitable trust, and the Master. Lord West responded to the toast to the guests proposed by the Senior Warden, noting how the occasion



Peter Mullen at the Thanksgiving Service



The Master with The Lord West of Spithead GCB, DSC, PC

illustrated the closeness of livery companies to the services. He spoke of the crucial significance of coal in both world wars and the neglect of nuclear power. He believed a strong military protects us against war and considered the current shortage of assets a national disgrace.

The Master welcomed Lord West, speaking of the 14 ships he had served

on, two of which as captain, and the DSC he had won on HMS Ardent in the Falklands War when he was the last man to leave the sinking ship. Finally, the Master congratulated all the prizewinners and our Arkwright Scholar and thanked the Hon. Chaplain for his forthright and straight talking service.

- Past Master John Bainbridge

The Affiliates' Luncheon (cont...)



The Lord West with Charitable Trust Chairman Past Master Michael Husband, the Master and Wardens



Liveryman Brigadier Ian Abbot with Prize-winner POAET Steven Munday and Lt Cdr Dave Bartlett



Master Carmen Mr Mark Griffiths, Mrs Andrea Rose, Liveryman David Rose, Mrs Joan Cobban and Mrs Wendy Smith



Mrs Heather and Mr David Harrison



Senior Warden Jan Harrison welcoming the guests



The Lord West responding on behalf of the guests

News from the Court

THE PETROLEUM TROPHY

At the recent Affiliates Lunch, Past Master & Mistress Dennis and Suzan Woods presented the Company with a cast bronze model of a petroleum tanker in recognition of their year in office and as a thank you to the members for giving them the honour of being Master and Mistress in 2013/14. It was also their request that the Bronze should be known as The Petroleum Trophy and presented each year to the prize winner from 152 (North Irish) Regiment RLC during the time the Regiment is affiliated to The Fuellers.

The bronze is based on a model of an actual tanker in Dennis's old fleet when he owned an oil distribution company. It was cast through Court Assistant Patrick Helly's foundry. Dennis made the wooden base from Cherry and Walnut in his home carpentry workshop. The total weight is approx. 13kg.

Photo: Michael O'Sullivan Photography



The presentation of The Petroleum Trophy

TACTICAL SUPPORT WING RAF

An affiliation document with Tactical Support Wing RAF (TSW) will be signed at the Installation Court.

EDITOR

Freeman Niki Eyles has very kindly offered and agreed to become editor of The Fueller, commencing with the next issue. The Court extend to her their gratitude and very good wishes.

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; partners are also welcome, as are Court Assistants and Liverymen of longer standing, who have not previously been to a Briefing, who are also encouraged to attend.

The next courses are Wednesday 30th November 2016 and Wednesday 8th February 2017. Booking and more information from www.liverymencommitteecourses.org

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View from the crow's nest - the Clerk's spot

The Fueller is full of the many activities of the Company, however there's plenty going on in the background as well. To be an effective Livery Company we need more members to reflect the breadth and depth of the industry, and resources for charitable donations and professional development opportunities. Consequently Court and the General Purpose Committee have started two sub-committees, one to look at Membership and another for Donations and Sponsorship. The former will focus on attracting new members and

retaining current ones, the latter will look at sponsorship from businesses in the sector, which other livery companies have instituted with some success. We will be looking at how best to harness the experience and opinions of members on both topics.

Many of you are aware we have approached Honorary Liveryman His Royal Highness the Earl of Wessex to invite him to consider being Master in the year 2019 – 2020. The work done to support the proposal required a fairly fundamental review of the company, our purpose and future. A core factor

is that any plans for the year have to be enduring. A committee has been formed, chaired by Past Master Paul Cuttill, to coordinate the work, and the review may form the basis of the future for the Fuellers for the next few years.

Master Elect Jan Harrison is in for an interesting year and I look forward to supporting her and helping the Fuellers flourish. I am always happy to answer questions or pass them to someone who can.

Yours,

Bill

Richard John Budge

Master 2001 – 2002

Richard Budge was born on April 19, 1947. He died on July 18, 2016 at a hospice in Retford following a spirited nine-year battle with prostate cancer. His funeral took place on August 9, 2016; cremation at Sherwood Forest Crematorium, Ollerton following a service at St Swithun's Church, Retford.

Entrepreneur, businessman, philanthropist, a leader of men and a loving family man. Just some of the tributes paid to Past Master Richard Budge, the man crowned "King Coal" after he successfully spear-headed the purchase of State-owned British Coal's mining and property assets in England when the industry was privatised over 20 years ago.

The congregation at a packed Parish Church heard the Revd. David Henson say how proud he had been to have spent time with the man who orchestrated the purchase of 17 deep mines, over 400 million tonnes of reserves and nearly 50,000 acres of land from the government when the coal industry was privatised in 1995 after almost half a century of State control.

There were almost 1,000 deep mines and a million employees when the industry was nationalised in 1947, the year Richard was born.... but only 17 deep mines when RJB Mining of which he was Chief Executive paid the government £815m - with £700m paid on completion and the remaining bank acquisition debt paid off within two years.

Not that mining was in his blood line. Lincolnshire born, he went to Boston Grammar school and then on to Manchester University to study Fine Arts. He left to join the Retford-based civil engineering and surface mining company AF Budge owned by his late brother Tony and from which, in 1992, he bought the coal and plant division with venture capital backing for £103m.

Richard rescued three mines which British Coal determined had no part to play in a five-package sell-off of the main assets, of which he bought three, making RJB Mining the biggest independently owned coal production business in Europe. With the aftershocks of the 1984-5 miners' strike still resonating in an industry divided by its outcome, he and his team took on the challenge of changing the culture of a business where more than 10,000 employees had previously had one employer - British Coal.

He launched a personal hearts-and-minds campaign,

convincing employees and movers and shakers in an industry where tribal loyalties were rock solid that he was in it for the long term. There was investment in both deep and surface mines, new machinery accessing millions of tonnes of reserves and determination to maintain and improve health and safety standards.

A slump in energy prices in the late 90s as coal supply contracts were being renegotiated dampened the appetite for the investment needed in an industry typically facing a four-five year pay-back and Richard resigned as the company's Chief Executive in the summer of 2001.

Unmoved in his conviction that coal had a future, he invested his energies and much of his personal wealth in securing a future for Hatfield colliery, near Doncaster, a mine with substantial reserves and the potential to pioneer carbon capture technology seen as an environmental life-line for coal. He secured foreign investment, but little was forthcoming from the EU or the UK government which by then was promoting "renewable" energies as the way forward.

Richard paid a heavy personal price for his loyalty to coal, a loyalty acknowledged by the Company in April when his lifetime contribution to the coal industry was recognised by his elevation to Honorary Liveryman. In the words of Master John Ingham, "no one has worked harder to promote coal as an

essential component of UK electricity generation"

He served in both regional and national capacities as Chairman and President of the Coal Trade Benevolent Association; provided support and was Chairman of the Coal Industry Society Welfare Organisation and helped many organisations and activities popular with traditional mining communities. He served as trustee of the National Coal Mining Museum and for many years, with Nottinghamshire Enterprises, a job creation agency helping regenerate one of the coalfields hit hard by pit closures. He was the driving force behind the foundation of the Confederation of UK Coal Producers, a campaign group which for the first time gave independent producers a voice in the corridors of power.

Richard was a man who lived life in the fast lane, both at work and at play. Yet for a man with such a high profile, he treasured his privacy, the love of wife Ros, their sons Grant and Kurt and their five grandchildren.



David Bell

Master 2007 – 2008

David Bell was born in 1935 in Harrow-on-the-Hill, London. He had one brother, Norman, and two sisters Sue and Valerie. The family lived in Rayners Lane in a house that his parents occupied for 50 years. David died on Sunday, 14th August with dignity in a peaceful place with his family around him.

David was educated at Longfield school and passed to Acton Technical College where he studied for 2 years. On leaving he gained an apprenticeship as a Cabinet Maker. The company closed and he transferred his apprenticeship to that of a patternmaker which led him to the National Foundry College, based in Wolverhampton.

In his youth David was a keen Boy Scout and was presented with the Queens Scout Award. David cycled to Spain where he practiced his language skills. On his return he professed that his Spanish skills were so good that the locals thought that he was a native. As none of the family spoke the language they could not argue with him. When David came home they all had a great time – he was the adventurous one, the witty one, always doing something different. Life was never dull when he was around.

When David left the Foundry College he took a job with R J Hunt Foundry in Birmingham, and moved to Birmid Qualcast in Wolverhampton, to Glynwed and finally Dyse, a Danish Company that manufactured casting machines.

Dyse sent him to Persia, to commission machines. Whilst he was there, a coup took place to overthrow the Shah. David had to leave rather quickly by train (the airports were closed). He always complained that he had to leave his boots behind.

He was a Founding Member of the Albrighton & District Rotary Club and was President in 1998 and again in 2005. He also joined Idsall Masonic Lodge and was a joining Founder Member of the Shropshire Round Table Lodge, of which he became Worshipful Master in 1997. He was also a Founder of Albric Festival Lodge in 1995. He had a great interest in politics and became Chairman of the Albrighton Branch of the Conservative Party, in 2012.

His greatest pride was of being a member of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers which he joined in 1999. He was made a freeman of the City of London, joined the Court in 2002 and became Master of the Livery in 2007. I remember seeing him, wearing his Livery Cloak, leading the Company in the Lord Mayor's Show.

Above all David was a family man. He and Jessica had four children, Nicola, Caroline, Matthew and James. Nicola, sadly, died a few days after birth. Caroline is married to Stephen Belcher and has 2 children Abbey and Ben, and 2 step daughters Emma & Lucy. Matthew has 3 children, Jessica, Joshua and Daniel, and also David's Great Grandson Oliver.

David and Jessica moved to the House on the Hill, Boningale, which has a very steep drive. Not Good when leaving after one of the Bells' alcohol fuelled parties. When Jessica, sadly, died in 2008 David stayed at the house where he still entertained (with Caroline's secret help) in his usual charming manner.

David wrote on the back of a Cigar Packet a selection of hymns with the instruction that they should be sung at his funeral service.

David had the warmth of a naturally charismatic leader. He was a very kind, generous man, a true gentleman, good company and we are all better people for having known him. He will be sorely missed.

From the eulogy written and given by John Hallett at David's funeral



Memories of Past Master David Bell

David Bell joined the Company in 1999 and became Master in 2007/2008.

Air Vice Marshall John Price was to become his Senior Warden, but due to having a serious stroke was unable to continue. At fairly short notice it became my good fortune to be David's batman. John Bainbridge joined us as Junior Warden and a wonderful trio formed and we were lucky to have each other on our journey through the Chair of the Company.

David could seem a bit distant when you first met him, but inside was a wonderful sense of humour, always of course respecting the traditions of the Company.

Early in his year, David sadly lost his lovely wife Jessica. We became really close as he came to terms with it ably assisted by his daughter Caroline. David's view was that you must never forget, but you must go forward. He had such inner strength in a time of great adversity.

David, John and I went on a trip aboard RFA Wave Knight to Scotland and back to Portland, which was a great 5 days with much fun and laughter. On our final night we were singing rugby songs on the 'quarter deck' as David called it. In reality the smoking area below the flight deck. We did not know that our singing was going round the ship by means of the ventilation system. David duly apologised to the Captain in the morning, my guess is they had probably heard worse, but sung better!

David was a strong family man with infectious warmth and kindness, probably why he made such an effective Almoner for many years.

It was my good fortune in life to have met and spent much time with a wonderful kind gentleman.

Past Master Michael Husband

The Master's Weekend in Nottingham

This year's Master's Weekend attracted over 30 Fuellers, family and friends with an enticing programme of town and country visits, entertainment and fine wining and dining, based at the innovative Orchard Hotel on Nottingham University's beautiful campus. After a tour of the hotel's energy saving systems, the weekend proper began with a champagne reception hosted by our Master and Mistress, a delicious buffet supper and stirring entertainment by the Eastwood Colliery Male Voice Choir. Their hilarious Fuellers' Ode, a Stanley Holloway style monologue on the Great Fire of London, set the tone for the whole weekend – welcoming, entertaining, informal, full of laughter, warmth and fellowship.

A sunny Saturday morning saw the Fuellers' party at the Galleries of Justice Museum at the old Shire Hall. The museum is award winning, and it proved to be both entertaining and informative.

The party were met variously by the Sherriff of Nottingham, gaolers and a Victorian prison matron who explained the history of the building and the, frequently bloody, history of the legal system. Parts of the building date back to the 15th Century and the court was used until 1986, so the party were able to get a first-hand impression of prison conditions and also a thorough understanding of the practice of penal transportation.

We then walked the short distance from the Galleries of Justice to the Broadmarsh Centre, a huge modern shopping centre owned by Nottingham City Council within which, rather surprisingly, is the entrance to the City of Caves.

The City is an extensive network of man-made caves carved out of sandstone, now a visitor attraction.



The Master and Mistress at the champagne reception



The reception

The actual caves begin just a short distance from the entrance and not far below the surface; the contrast with the shopping mall is striking. They have been used for over 1,000 years; we saw the sites of a Medieval tannery,

modernistic Centre.

We took our seats and the Master gave us an introduction to the Hucknall & Linby Mining Communities Brass Band. The band proceeded to demonstrate their enormous repertoire

them on their way at the start of their holiday.

After the final thank you from the Master to the band we floated back to the hotel for some final refreshments and reminiscences.



Saturday evening



Meeting Father John at Nottingham Castle



Sunday lunch at The Martins Arms

Victorian slums and an Air-raid shelter; a fascinating visit just before a congenial lunch.

Having recuperated from the afternoon's exertions, we gathered in the Gallery Suite to be greeted by the Master and Mistress to a champagne reception and take in the amazing architecture and design features of this

by playing arrangements from Cheek to Cheek to Col Bogey taking in almost every variation possible. We then made our way to the adjoining tables for Dinner, where Senior Warden Janet made a presentation to the Master and Mistress Fueller of a framed sample of Nottingham Lace and a couple of bottles of Australian wine to cheer

On Sunday, our destination was Nottingham Castle where we were greeted by Father John who welcomed us at the gates of Nottingham Castle. After his guided tour and morning coffee on the upper terrace, where we looked down on the River Trent and appreciated the dominance of the Castle over the surrounding countryside, there was still time for a peep at some of the exhibits in the Castle Museum. These included examples of Georgian silver, Wedgewood ceramics and a display of 20th Century Studio Pottery.

On the dot the coach departed for what everybody anticipated to be the highlight of the day, if not the weekend - Sunday lunch at 'The Martins Arms' in Colston Bassett

Here we were joined by friends from Newark and Derbyshire to share the lunch which did not fail to disappoint. Well done Master John for an excellent end to a superb weekend.

Liveryman David Rose, Court Assistant David Lewis, Court Assistant Iain Poole, Liveryman Ian A Cobban and Hon. Court Assistant Roger Cloke

The Master's End of Term Review

Here we are in the final days of a very special year for Jenny and me. There is definitely a truth in that time does fly but the memories linger on. And what memories we have.

We shared our thoughts with you of our first 6 months, of the many and varied events that we attended either jointly or individually with a sense of pride and privilege in representing the Company. There was fun, friendship and fellowship aplenty but there was also sadness with the passing of Lord Ezra and Past Master John Boddy and as we reflect on the last 6 months we also bade farewell to Past Masters Richard Budge and David Bell. They both bore their misfortunes in health with a courage and fortitude to be commended and will be fondly remembered as friends, colleagues and mentors and for their significant contribution to the wellbeing of our Company. May they rest in peace.

Looking back over the past few months the diversity of the functions and events we have attended or organised is amazing but a historical theme prevails.

The Master's Weekend in Nottingham in May saw more than 30 intrepid Fuellers and partners join us to explore the historical delights of Nottingham Castle (11th Century), the City Caves (mediaeval dwellings) and The Galleries of Justice (14th century). This weekend is reported elsewhere but it was our pleasure to organise and host this gathering, to showcase Nottingham, to eat and drink and be merry with a nod or two towards Robin Hood.

Our history theme continued with the Master's visit to the British Geological Survey in Keyworth near Nottingham where we learned so much of the archaeology of the British Isles and took the Geological Walk of natural stone paving laid out to represent three billion years of Earth's history and some 40 different types of rock.

Our visit to Arnhem is also reported elsewhere. This took us back to September 1944, when Jenny's father was amongst the first paratroopers to drop and whose ashes are now buried in the Military Cemetery at Oosterbeek. Both Jenny and I thank those who made this journey with us – a very special place in our hearts and I am sure the memories will remain of the sacrifices made and the friendships forged from that conflict.

The 350th Anniversary of the Great

Fire of London was cause for celebration and especially by The Bakers' Company. Having commissioned a musical piece and biscuits they also looked to draw on the observations of Samuel Pepys and commissioned a Dinner Play based on his observations with the various acts before and between each course. Sounded fun and



Arnhem – John Frost Bridge



Visit to the British Geological Survey

different so we decided to be part and our Mid-Summer Court Dinner was held in the intimate atmosphere of Bakers Hall where some 80 of us gathered for what turned out to be a most enjoyable and convivial evening in the company of Mr Pepys - with even a mention of the Fuellers for our (tenuous) contribution to the conflagration. Our thanks to the Master Baker and the staff at Bakers' Hall for their kind hospitality and for arranging a splendid occasion and giving us the opportunity to enjoy such a fun filled experience.

Jailed and Bailed was fun. My thanks to the Junior Warden for waging a successful campaign for the 'Nottingham One' – or Little John as I became better known. My charge sheet – something about outlaws and wrongdoings in Nottingham ensured I was incarcerated. I was eventually set free and thanks to the generosity of fellow Fuellers my release ensured a reasonable contribution to The British Red Cross and to the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund.

There were Royal occasions too,



EDF's West Burton power station

the first of these being a meeting with HRH The Earl of Wessex at Buckingham Palace with our Learned Clerk to discuss the possibility of Prince Edward becoming our first Royal Master. The second was the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, a highlight of any year. Master Carmen and I

to our prize winners. My thanks to Past Master Dennis Woods for his very generous donation to the Company of The Petroleum Trophy to be awarded as the prize to 152 Regiment.

We were privileged to be guests of our Affiliates through the Summer months and certainly saw our share of Beating Retreat – at Horse Guards Parade, at Brize Norton (including a fly past of a Spitfire and military cargo planes), at Deepcut Barracks for the RLC Reception with Beating Retreat played and marched in a torrential downpour but without a note missed or a foot slipped – impressive.

We even managed to fit in a couple of other Master's visits.

To The Poppy Factory at Richmond where we learned a lot more about how the poppy became the symbol of remembrance. To the EDF Coal Fired Power Station at Cottam in Nottinghamshire where we were given an informed insight into the issues and regulations coal fired generation is facing in the relatively few years ahead followed by an extensive tour of the boilers, turbine hall, ash hoppers and cooling towers and even the coal stocks.

The fellowship and friendship from other Masters and Mistresses remains a most rewarding aspect of our year and the enjoyable Ironbridge weekend helped to build on that in a whirl of sightseeing tours, eating, drinking, fun and frivolity. We look forward to continuing those friendships through our Past Master and Mistresses Association – appropriately in this anniversary of The Great Fire – called Phoenix and Firebirds respectively

And not least a successful Annual Lecture held at the City offices of King & Wood Malleson with Steve Holliday, recently retired as CEO of National Grid.

Jenny and I very much appreciate the privilege that we have been granted to be Master and Mistress of this august Company and are most grateful for all of the support we have had at our functions and events and throughout our year, with especial thanks to our Wardens Jan and Chloe and to our Learned Clerk.

With my very best wishes to Jan as she embarks on her year as our first Lady Master. The Company is in good hands and we hope that she and Peter will enjoy their year as much as we have ours

John Ingham
Master Fueller



The Poppy Factory

positioned ourselves at the entrance to the Royal Tea Tent area – looking very much like Tweedledum and Tweedledee in our matching morning suits and badges - and waited. Eventually we were rewarded as not only HRH The Duke of Edinburgh but also Prince William stopped and spoke with us briefly. Definitely one to remember.

Our Affiliates Day at the end of July started with the Thanksgiving Service at St Olave's where many of our military affiliates joined us for the service – and to hear one of our Honorary Chaplain's most interesting sermons on the downside of being green. Then a short walk to Trinity House for our Affiliates Lunch where we were privileged to have Lord West of Spithead as our principal guest speaker and to make the presentations



On board RFA Wave Knight

Lord Ezra's Farewell Party

Lord Ezra died on the 22nd December 2015 and, in accordance with his wishes, a Farewell Party was held for him at Haberdashers' Hall in June. Derek was extremely organised and In October 2014 had given detailed instructions to Past Master John Bainbridge on the arrangements that he wanted for his party and requested Past Master Michael Bryer Ash to assist.

Some 130 guests arrived for the evening reception to a few words of welcome from PM Bainbridge. He was followed by the host for the evening, Master Haberdasher Richard Glover, Derek having been a Haberdasher as well as a Fueller and a benefactor to both companies. Lord Steel of Aikwood spoke of Derek's parliamentary career and close friend and trustee Glyn Davies, former UK ambassador to Panama, remembered their friendship and the man. Finally, PM Bryer Ash said the following words:

"If you are expecting me to say something sad, you are going to be very disappointed, because we are all here to celebrate Derek Ezra's life. During his long and creative life he accomplished a great deal, for the benefit of the Country, and especially for its Coal Industry. In the Second World War, he created a system of monitoring the Rail movement of German tanks and Military Equipment, which contributed to success of the D Day landings, his wartime citation emphasised this. He strongly supported

the latest technology in mining, long wall cutters, which hugely improved efficiency in Coal extraction. He created a special relationship with the Miners, through the Miners Leader Lord Joe Gormley. That is why there are so many memories of his creative life. He very precisely formulated 3 Pillars of the Energy Sector - Security, Affordability and the Environment. As Shakespeare said 400 years ago, In Henry the 5th, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them Derek was certainly a great man in every sense of the word- everyone here tonight and elsewhere in the World who knew him was very privileged "

Could I ask you all to raise a glass – to drink a toast to celebrate his life "

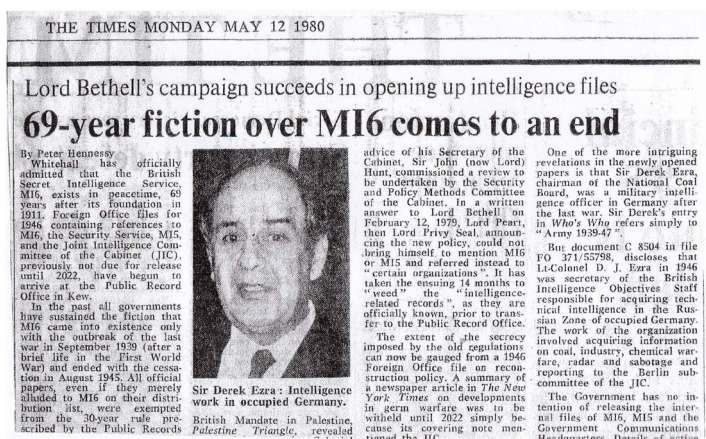
In accordance with Derek's wishes, the party continued for some time and the guests enjoyed "good drink and food". Michael and I are grateful for the tremendous help we received from Carmen Davies and from Kathleen Lucey. For the first 8 of their 20 year association Kathleen was Derek's personal assistant. After that, she was a "friend and occasional gardener". We are also grateful for the many messages of thanks and appreciation of the evening.

Past Master John Bainbridge

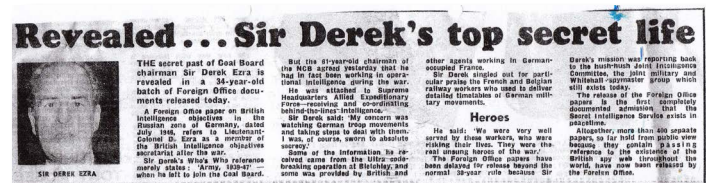
The secret life of Lt-Col Derek Ezra RA, MBE

Although this short note runs as a sequel to the article on the recent celebration of Lord Ezra's career, it should really be its prelude. His top secret Enigma-accessed work at SHAEF's Military Intelligence, only made public in 1980, made possible the 'Transportation Plan' critical to the D-Day invasion in June 1944. With the help of the French and Belgian Résistance Fer, his G2 team enabled Eisenhower's bombers to interdict German military movements during the first five 'critical-mass' days of build-up on the Normandy beaches, this is now recognised by military historians. As PM Paul Glover and I discovered during our two-year discussions with him for "Leadership in Energy"*, the demanding managerial qualities required for this vital task were formative for Derek Ezra's subsequent industrial career.

Roderick Braithwaite FRHistS, (* Editor of the Fuellers' memoir on Derek Ezra)



The Times, May 12th 1980



The Daily Mail May, 12th 1980

Annual Energy Lecture continues to fuel debate

Firmly established as one of the most prestigious events in the Fuellers' calendar, the 12th Annual Energy Lecture, inaugurated by Lord Ezra MBE, took place to a packed out audience on Tuesday 6th September. This year's lecture, once again kindly sponsored by King and Wood Mallesons, provided a lively platform for the company and guests to explore key issues of concern to the industry.

Asserting that the world's energy systems are no longer simply undergoing transition but are subject to a revolution that will fundamentally redraw the entire landscape, guest lecturer, Steve Holliday FREng, presented a fascinating debate: 'Challenges of the Energy Revolution'.

Holliday, who retired earlier in the year from his position as National Grid Chief Executive, proved the perfect choice to address the subject. Drawing on his almost 40 years of experience he shared his outlook on the industry and set out what he believes to be the critical issues that will impact energy systems globally.

Following an overview of the current systems and a discussion of what keeps the UK's energy leaders from a good night's sleep, two key points emerged. Firstly, the 4 key categories to affect the system have remained unchanged for at least the last 10 years; markets, political and regulatory landscape, technology, renewables and climate change.

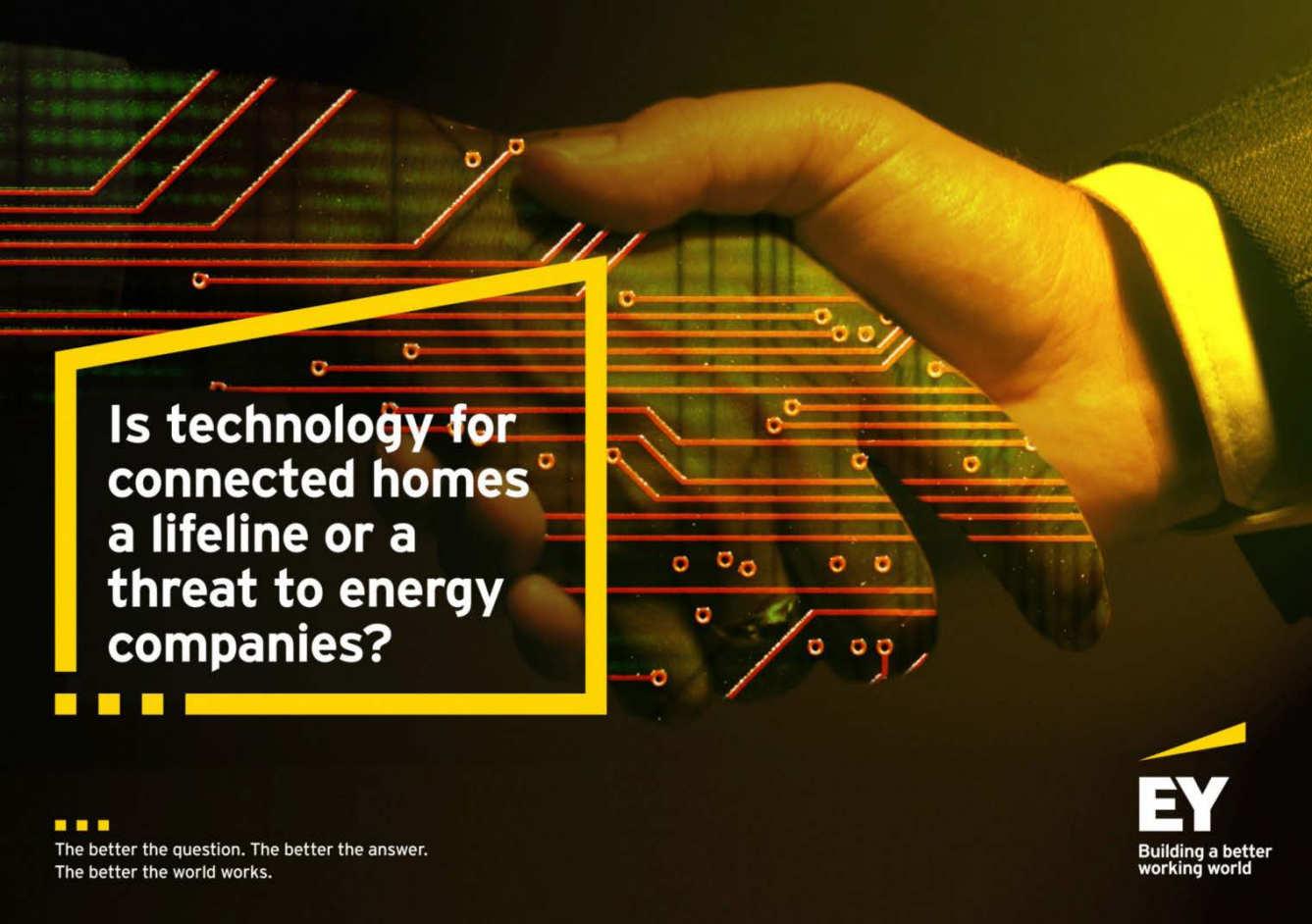
Secondly, that current policy is out of step with the needs of the industry and that this is a threat to its success.

Holliday discussed the challenge of the current system being based on supply mechanisms and warned that in the face of a 'smart systems' future and active consumers the industry needed to look at demand differently. He called for better demand response and flexibility to manage energy peaks with smaller, decentralised systems forming part of the solution. The industry needs to be about continuous improvement and must find a way to interact and connect with consumers.

He presented his 5 'policy keys to the future'; stability of approach, transparency, focus on delivery and not principles, flexibility, and an 80/20 policy on decisions. The ability to meet the challenges faced by the industry, he believes, requires a shift in culture to allow fast-moving decision-making, combining transparency and movement in the right direction with the ability and opportunity to make changes in response to learning.

Although the industry is facing disruption and uncertainty Holliday wished he were starting his career again, "new technologies and renewables interplay is what the oil industry was in the 1970's...it's the exciting place to be and where the opportunities are."

Freeman Niki Eyles



Is technology for connected homes a lifeline or a threat to energy companies?

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Fuellers follow in the footsteps of Operation Market Garden

On 17th September 1944, the 1st Airborne Division gathered at airfields around the UK to fly to Arnhem.

On 15th July 2016, members of the Fuellers gathered at various airfields to fly to Amsterdam and join Master and Mistress John and Jenny Ingham to visit Arnhem, where Jenny's father dropped with the 1st Airborne Division 72 years ago. Welcomed by the Master and Mistress at Schiphol Airport we were soon on our way to our hotel on the banks of the River Rhine and a relaxing reception and dinner in anticipation of the weekend ahead.

16th July – With a full day ahead we met our extremely knowledgeable battlefield guide Wybo Boersma MBE who took us through the 9 days of the Battle of Arnhem in 8 hours.

Starting at the dropping zones where over 10,000 airborne troops and gliders landed he guided us down the three routes chosen to make the approach on Arnhem, describing the difficulties and many tragedies that befell those brave men.



The Airborne Museum. Second row left: guide Wybo Boersma OBE.
Top right: Andre Baak, a friend of the Master and Mistress from Arnhem

We ended the morning tour at the former Hartenstein Hotel Central, Major General Roy Urquhart's Brigade HQ in the battle and now the Airborne Museum with some excellent displays and memorabilia from the conflict. The nearby Schoonoord Restaurant, a major dressing station during the battle, was our next stop for a traditional and tasty lunch.

Then 'The Bridge', destroyed in the battle but since rebuilt. We learned of the hard fought battle to hold it against overwhelming odds, with many casualties on both sides and the destruction of much of the town around.

Our journey took us past the spot where the bulk of the airborne forces were held up by a better equipped and much larger German force; we saw the main hospital that cared for so many wounded soldiers and civilians, the house where Urquhart was trapped for 27 hours before escaping and making his way back to the Brigade HQ.

The Old Church at Oosterbeek-Laag was our next stop.

Reputed to be the oldest church in Holland - built around 900AD - this was the point of rendezvous before the withdrawal and final evacuation across the Rhine and was bravely held until the very last day.

Our final and most poignant stop of the day was at the Airborne Cemetery in Oosterbeek where over 1700 British, Commonwealth and Polish airborne soldiers and airmen are laid to rest.

Dinner in a typical Dutch restaurant in the village of Huissen, to the south of Arnhem, proved an enjoyable evening of good food and conversation as we vividly reflected on our experiences through the day.

17th July – a contrasting day as we embarked on a tour of Arnhem and the surrounding area, passing the Airborneplein with its central monument, the new bus station, Burgers' Zoo. Open Air Museum and then the beautiful wooded parkland above Arnhem to enjoy the sights - including the Heineken main distribution centre.

Back to the centre of Arnhem and the historic Eusebius church with its battle memorabilia and beautiful and imposing Nave, kept sparse and open to show the complete restoration since its wartime destruction.

On to Apeldoorn and the Royal Palace of Het Loo. This magnificent palace was built between 1684 and 1686 for King William III and Mary II of England and is a complete celebration of more than three centuries of Netherlands history and royalty. On a glorious sunny afternoon we also had the opportunity to wander through the beautiful formal gardens and fountains created by William and Mary – a truly exceptional place to visit.

Our final evening in Arnhem and somewhere special for dinner – the Restaurant Hartenstein@Laurie. Built in the 18th century this restaurant is the former Coach House of the Villa Hartenstein, now the Airborne Museum. Our table was set out on the Terrace and, following a pleasant and 'fizzy' reception, we were entertained to an excellent alfresco dinner as we reminisced on the weekend's visits. 18th July - after breakfast we gathered at reception to bid goodbye to Arnhem.

Three days in which we had seen and experienced so many things and which made the journey back to Schiphol one of quiet contemplation on what we had learned and seen of the brave and tragic events of 72 years ago and of the friendships forged between the people of Arnhem and those who came to try and set them free. A special journey of discovery and understanding from which 'A Bridge Too Far' has very definitely become a very lasting bond of friendship.

**Past Master Dennis Woods and
Liverman Andrew Strawson**

Royal Fleet Auxiliary Livery Day 2016

Royal Fleet Auxiliary Livery Day 2016 took place Thursday 2nd June, in Portsmouth at HMS Excellent and on board RFA Wave Knight. The aim of the annual Livery Day event is to highlight the work done and successes gained by the RFA over the past 12 months, whilst also raising awareness and the profile of the RFA Service, RN and the wider MoD.

This year's event was hosted by RFA Head of Service, Commodore Duncan Lamb RFA (COMRFA) and attended by invited guests from the RFA's Affiliated Honourable and Worshipful Companies. Guests in attendance included representatives from the Honourable Company of Master Mariners and Worshipful Companies of Carmen, Cooks, Fuellers and affiliated organisations.

The function commenced with a tour of Phoenix Training School, HMS Excellent, to witness where RFA and RN personnel are trained in fire fighting and damage control techniques. Both of which are very important aspects of naval training for seagoing personnel.

On completion John Bainbridge, Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, said "it is evident from this morning's tour that training in damage control and fire fighting techniques are a high priority and being maintained to the very highest standards within the Naval Service."

Following these demonstrations, guests then convened to HMS Excellent Officers' Wardroom for a buffet lunch and light refreshments where they were welcomed by COMRFA and his hosts.

After lunch guests and hosts were transported the short distance to RFA Wave Knight berthed at HM Naval Base Portsmouth, where they were welcomed on board by Commanding Officer, Captain Peter Selby RFA. On arrival on board Wave Knight, there followed briefings and presentations on the RFA contribution to global afloat support from Captain's Kevin Rimell and Sam Shattock RFA.

Capt Rimell has, over the last 12 months, been CO of RFA Fort Victoria which has contributed significantly to Naval Operations in the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean regions. Captain Shattock is currently Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff to



The Fuellers party with Commodore Duncan Lamb RFA



Inside the fire training facility at Phoenix Training School

COMRFA at Navy Command Headquarters, Portsmouth.

After a tour of Wave Knight followed by light refreshments, Commodore Lamb thanked the gathered audience for their attendance. He commented "Thank you all very much for attending today. Livery Day is one of the highlights of the RFA calendar and a tremendous opportunity to renew old acquaintances and introduce those not familiar with the RFA to our role within the Naval Service. We now look forward to meeting again in 2017."

2/O Tony Bryce – Navy Media Comms – Ops RFA

The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

Arkwright Scholar

The Trustees were delighted to receive a letter of thanks from our Arkwright Scholar Maddie Studholme, who attended our prize-giving at the Affiliations Luncheon.

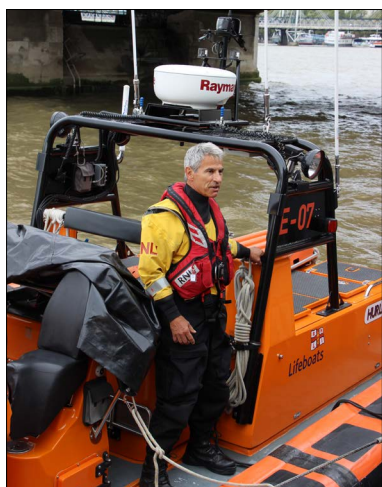
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Past Mistress Elinor Goldsmith with Prize-winner Maddie Studholme and Maddie's mother, Mrs Charlotte Hagestadt

RNLI – Tower Lifeboat Station

The Trust has supported the station's fuel costs for the past thirteen years. On 19th August a group comprising Trustees and the Master and other interested Fuellers visited the station for a conducted tour led by Martin Stewart, one of the shore volunteers at Tower station. The tour was fascinating and one of the highlights was meeting helm Keith Cima who explained



Helm Keith Cima on the E class lifeboat

the role and capacities of the E Class lifeboat (MK2). Powered by two Volvo D6 Marine diesel engines, the Mark 2 achieves 40 knots, at 3,300rpm. It can take on 20 survivors.

The crews cover the Thames from Barking to Battersea and were called out 465 times in 2015 to incidents ranging from injuries on a party boat and broken down vessels to people in the water and the occasional animal in the water. In 2015 alone

the crew saved 15 lives. Unlike many other lifeboat stations, Tower always has a crew at the station ready to go within 90 seconds of an emergency call coming in. The 55 volunteers come from all different 'day jobs' from fire crews, bankers, TV

producers, civil servants and students, and give up their time to help save lives on the Thames.

The Treasurer of the Trust accepted a letter from Mr. Paul Boissier, RNLI Chief Executive, which included the words "The annual donations made by the [Trust] ...have therefore played an important part in underpinning our work on the River Thames. Consequently the Fund has made a most valuable contribution to saving lives on this busy and hazardous stretch of water."

The annual grant meets some 14% of the lifeboat's estimated annual fuel costs.

Great Central Railway – coal wagon restoration project

The Great Central Railway is the UK's only double track, main line heritage railway. It's the only place in the world where full size steam engines can be seen passing each other – just as it was when steam ruled the rails.

Long-serving Liveryman Michael Stokes is Business Development Manager of the railway, which is restoring the goods side of its Quorn Station yard, including installing some coal staithes.

Michael has acquired a 'seven planker' to restore to full working order so that it can become part of one of their goods trains. Unfortunately the wagon is in a poor state and a full restoration will cost several thousand pounds due to the need for springs etc.



The seven planker

This is a terrific project and the Trust has made a grant to the railway to kick start the appeal. If any individual/organisation would like to donate, cheques made payable to M G Stokes re Seven Planker, to be sent to G E Stokes, 2 Barns Way, Desford, Leicestershire, LE9 9GG. Further information from: michael.stokes@gcrailway.co.uk

Other Grants

The two most significant grants so far this year have been £3,000 to the National Memorial Arboretum, towards its new Remembrance Centre which will open 21st October, and £3,295 to The Smallpeice Trust. The latter grant is to support Smallpeice's work to inspire Year 10 female students (aged 14-15) in particular to study physics.

John Bainbridge, Trustee and Treasurer

The Prize Winners



Petty Officer Air Training Technician Steven Munday, HMS Sultan.
Charity: The Royal British Legion



Second Officer Troy Ferguson-Rea RFA, RFA Wave Ruler.
Charity: Gable Farm Cats and Dogs Home



Master Aircrew Clifford Cook, 10 Squadron RAF.
Charity: Help for Heroes



Centre right: Squadron Leader Brian Smith BSc RAF, Defence Strategic Fuels Authority.
Charity: The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund



Sergeant Mark Lennox, 152 (North Irish) Regiment Royal Logistic Corps.
Charity: The Army Benevolent Fund



Flight Lieutenant Peter Burrows RAF, Tactical Support Wing RAF.
Charity: Staffordshire Search and Rescue

Fuellers' sporting activities

Rugby Union

- The Best is Yet to Come

Some 34 Fuellers and guests gathered at Cole Court on Saturday 3rd September en route to the London Double Header. The general talk was around the superb opening match of the 2016/2017 Premiership season held the previous evening when Leicester Tigers came back against Gloucester after being behind at half time 31 – 7 to eventually win the match in the dying seconds 31 – 38. Everybody anticipated that the two matches at rugby HQ would be equally as exciting.

Unfortunately that wasn't to be the case. The first match between the previous seasons champions, Saracens and Worcester saw the 'Warriors' hold the champions in the first half only to be somewhat slaughtered in the second half.

The second game between the colourful Harlequins and Bristol was much closer. After being ahead 14 – 3 at one time, Bristol the 'new boys on the block' eventually lost the game 21 – 19 – to the disappointment of the neutral spectators but the delight of Past Master Dennis Woods.

Back at the usual watering hole later that afternoon, the general view was 'The Best is yet to Come'.

Hon. Court Assistant Roger Cloke

Golf

The Fuellers Golf Day was held at Windlesham Golf Club, near Bagshot, on Monday 5th September. After coffee and rolls, ten teams of three set off at 8 minute intervals on a warm and humid day to compete for the Fuellers Cup, the club decanter and a variety of valuable prizes. The Fuellers were joined by two teams from the Worshipful Company of Horners and one from the Worshipful Company of Carmen. Meanwhile, non-golfers set off on a visit to the RHS garden at Wisley for a guided tour. The party reassembled later at the Golf Club, for well-earned refreshments and dinner.

The Fuellers Cup for the individual best score was won by Dennis Wood, and he also won the team

competition with his two golfing partners, Russell Warburton and Philip Pameley. Other winners were Jill Shirley for nearest the pin and Yeoman Tim Woods for leading the runners-up team. The prize for best visitors team was won by Horners A and Philip Dawe of the Carmen won the longest drive. The prizes were awarded by Master John Ingham, with the assistance of Michael Green who organised the golfing and Loli Green the visit to Wisley. A novel feature of this year's event was the use, courtesy of VPAR, of a mobile phone App to provide instantaneous tracking of individual and team scores.

Liveryman Michael Green



The Windlesham prize-winners



The non-golfers at Wisley