

# THE Fueller

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## Midsummer Court Dinner

The opportunity to reflect and to look forward

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### **A whole systems approach**

Putting customers at the heart of the road to net zero

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### **Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference**

Updated programme



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# Editor's note

Lynn Postle FICME, Editor

It's encouraging to see that Fuellers have been supporting the Company's activities in good numbers this year and have once again shown great generosity to worthy causes. The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund plays a vital role in our activities and donations made enable grant support to a wide range of charitable endeavours, including education and military affiliates. Read more about this on page 20.

I'd also like to thank Peter Harrison for his fundraising efforts and his regular updates on the life of the Master through his activity reports. By the time you are reading this, Fuellers will have a new Master, Dr James Cripps and we will be able to learn more about James and his plans for 2024 in the next issue of *The Fueller*.

Whilst we enjoy the social events and extensive visit programme organised by the Company, we are also mindful of the role energy plays at all levels of society – in our homes, our workplaces and the wider environment. It's a crunch time for many, with the energy crisis still at the forefront of people's minds and still determining various adaptations that many of us are daily making. It is in fact no bad thing that society now thinks about energy more than ever before – how we use it, how we store it and how we save it! Together we must continue to seek answers for our energy dilemmas,

what better way than collective thinking, inspiring debate and a range of viewpoints? Liveryman Richard Walsh offers his thoughts on how hydrogen should be included in the UK's energy mix on page 11 to enable us to meet our net zero commitment.

In terms of debate, I also draw your attention to the Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference on 29 November – the premier event of the year and offering a gateway to the latest in energy, spanning science, engineering, finance, and government policy.

In our socials we have urged you not to miss "this chance to connect, learn, and innovate," and I take the opportunity to echo this sentiment. If you haven't already booked, take the time to do so now, you won't regret it.

*I would like to thank all those contributing authors in 2023 and wish all readers well as we bid farewell to the year. Let us gather again at Fuellers events in the coming weeks and next year for fellowship and mutual information exchange.*

**Next issue: Spring 2024**



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# Message from the Master

Peter Harrison reflects on his year 2022 to 2023



Peter Harrison, Master Fueller

**M**y year has now come to its conclusion and Dr James Cripps took over as Master on 11 October 2023. It seems a good time to reflect on my year serving as your Master.

It has been a privilege and an absolute joy. I have had enormous fun and my monthly Activity Report sets out a summary of what I have been up to. Life has been very hectic; working hard in this post-COVID world, in what I am pleased has been more of a normal Livery year. I thought I would review what I set out when I started as the three main aspects of the Master's role.

**First** is working with the Fuellers in our role as a voice of energy in The City. I am very proud of the work being done

by the Fuellers including our Industry Group, especially in preparation for the very impressive Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference on 29 November. The Fuellers Advantage lectures and the various industry related visits that have taken place in my year, notably Citigen Power Station and the Dorset solar farm, as well as the many contributions made by our members on energy issues and developments. Our reputation and profile continues to grow and develop.

The Fuellers have been one of the early leaders in the Livery Climate Action Group. In this respect we are seen as a role model by many other Livery Companies.

**Secondly**, I have worked very hard in my year on my charity theme. It is a key role of all members of the Livery world to contribute to charity. The members of the Fuellers have supported me very well in this role and I was very pleased to smash my fundraising target on my physical activities in my year for my 22-mile swim and my climb over the O2 roof. The money raised has been donated to the RNLI, The British Heart Foundation and The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund. Other donations received were to release me from the Tower of London where I was "jailed and bailed" for a number of misdemeanours. I also raised funds at my Master's social weekend in Stratford-upon-Avon. I am proud to have raised in my year well over £8,000 for charity.

**Thank you to all who have donated in my year, including those who donate on a regular basis to the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund.**

**Thirdly**, is mine and the Fuellers role in supporting the Lord Mayor and the many City of London activities. This also includes supporting our six military affiliates. It has been a pleasure to participate in the many and very varied events in the City and around the UK. A highlight was the Masters and Consorts weekend in Glasgow and a lowlight was my dismal performance at the annual Livery pancake race. I have also supported the election of the Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor and many regular and very moving memorial events in the City. This year also included some very special one-off anniversaries and related events, including the 300th anniversary of the death of Sir Christopher Wren and the 900th birthday of Barts Hospital. I also attended many other events and at other Livery Companies including City walks, receptions, lunches, dinners, lectures and the unforgettable sheep drive over Southwark Bridge. I am also pleased that we have been strong supporters of other City and Lord Mayor initiatives including the Livery Food Initiative and City Harvest. This all really helps to raise the profile of the Fuellers.

Our relationship with our six military affiliates has continued to grow and develop. A highlight is the annual lunch and prizegiving, held this year on 17 July. We are about to issue new documentation for the OEA which arises from DSFA reorganisation. I with others attended many affiliate visits, including the steam truck at HMS Sultan, The Battle of Britain anniversary event at TSW and the Healing Military Minds Ball for Combat Stress UK with Brize Norton 10 Squadron.

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Another special relationship that has grown this year is with our fellow Livery Company, The Worshipful Company of Carmen. We now share an office and Hall and the links continue to increase with the special relationship of the Masters. I have attended many events with the Carmen and look forward to ever increasing co-operation and liaison.

The Master also plays an important role in the governance and workings of the Fuellers, which includes charring Court meetings and attending many committees and group meetings. I have been very pleased that during my year the new governance and reporting structures in the Company have continued to bed in and seem to be working well. I thank the many Fueller members who have come forward to both Chair and join the key committees and working groups, which is very encouraging for our future.

**Finally, I want to thank all who have supported me and my events in the year, including my Wardens, my wife and Consort Past Master Jan as well as our Clerk Alex. I offer James best wishes for his year as Master. Fuellers you are in good hands.**



Master at the Pudding Club



At the HMS Sultan visit in June



With the Past Master Shravan Joshi MBE CC



Parading at the Lord Mayor's Show at the start of my year in November 2022 with the then Junior Warden Elena Odersone and Liveryman Dave Marsh

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# Midsummer Court Dinner

Spectacular views and good company

14 June 2023

Butchers' Hall



**Master** – Peter Harrison

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**A**s Master Fueller, with my Wardens and Court of Assistants, we had the pleasure to host the Midsummer Court Dinner on a glorious summer evening on 14 June 2023 at Butchers' Hall.

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Senior Warden James Cripps; Professor Manahel Abdulrahman Thabet, Liveryman; Master Peter Harrison; Dr Tamara Mordokhova, Freeman; Patrick Coll, Liveryman; and Junior Warden Elenor Oderstone

Over eighty attended and as the guests arrived at the Fuellers merchandise table in reception – staffed ably by Immediate Past Master Carrie Marsh – did a very brisk trade. The evening started at the new roof terrace with all the guests being presented by the Beadle to the receiving line of the Officers and Consorts. Everyone then enjoyed a bubbles reception with spectacular views of the City of London skyline.

We all then moved into the marvellous Hall for dinner. A very interesting and thought-provoking grace was given by our Honorary Chaplin, Nick Mottershead, which sparked many conversations around the tables. After dinner we enjoyed the Toasts, followed by the three speeches.

The first speech was by the Senior Warden, Dr James Cripps who welcomed all the Company guests. These included four Masters with their partners or Clerks – Sir David Wotton, Master Waterman & Lightermen; Andrew Parker, Master Butcher; Captain Geoffrey English, Master Mariner and Andrew Turner, Master Carmen. James also introduced our Principal Guest and speaker, The Right Honourable The Lord Sewell of Sanderstead CBE. He is better known to us as Dr Tony Sewell, founder of the Charity ‘Generating Genius’, who The Fuellers have known and supported for many years with our donations and mentoring.

The Lord Sewell then replied on behalf of the guests. He explained a little about the history and aims of Generating Genius and its unique and ground-breaking work in helping to ensure talented students from deprived ethnic and minority backgrounds are positioned to excel in STEM careers; and we hope would progress into the energy sector.

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**Lord Sewell also explained about the future plans of Generating Genius to expand more of its focus outside London into other regions around the UK. He concluded his heartfelt speech with proposing the toast to “The Worshipful Company of Fuellers Root and Branch, may they flourish forever.”**

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**T**he response was then given by me as Master. I first welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. I then presented to Lord Sewell small gifts in appreciation, which were a copy of our book, 'The History of the Worshipful Company of The Fuellers – the Fuellers Tale' and also presented him with one of the world famous and rare Fuellers cheese boards with cutlery!

I next made reference to our recently retired Beadle, Lt Col Mervyn Basset and thanked him for his years of service. He was then very surprised to receive a pair of engraved wine goblets to mark the occasion.

I next welcomed my own guests Dr Noorzaman Rashid, Past Master Management Consultants and his wife Kulbir and Richard Herbert, Past Master Cutler and his wife Rosemary.

Master Butcher was then thanked for the use of his Hall. The current magnificent Hall was built in 1960 and has recently been refurbished, including adding the roof terrace that we had enjoyed for the welcome drinks reception. The Hall has had a very challenging history on this site, where it has been burnt down twice and bombed twice. It is hoped it has a less eventful future.

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**Charity is my Master's main theme for my year and I next blatantly plugged my campaign to raise funds through two physical activities and encouraged members to donate. The climb over the roof of the O2 and the 22 miles swim of the English Channel, in the local pool, in small regular chunks, at the time of the Dinner it was already well underway and over fifteen miles had been completed. The funds raised were for The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, The RNLI and the British Heart Foundation.**

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The Master, Junior and Senior Warden with Lt Col Mervyn Basset, former Beadle (second left)

I then recapped a little about my year in office to that point in time and what a privilege it is, along with my Consort Past Master Jan Harrison, to represent the Fuellers. I went on to mention some key future events planned for members. These included the Dorset Solar Farm visit and Brewery tour on 3 July and the Thanksgiving service on 17 July at St Olave's Church to be followed by lunch and the Affiliates Prizegiving ceremony at Trinity House. I encouraged members to attend if they could. It is such a great opportunity to support our Affiliates.

Finally, I explained that at the Court meeting earlier in the day, a new member had been admitted and two members had been enrobed as new Liverymen. These were introduced to The Company at the dinner and warmly welcomed in the usual way. The new member and Freeman was Dr Tamara Mordokhova and the two new Liverymen were Patrick Coll and Professor Manahel Abdulrahman Thabet.

A very successful evening, that closed with a stirrup cup in the reception area.



Liveryman Patrick Coll with the Master and Junior Warden Elena Oderstone



Professor Manahel Abdulrahman Thabet, newly enrobed Liveryman with the Master



Lord Sewell deep in conversation with the Master Peter Harrison



Freeman Dr Tamara Mordokhova with the Master Peter Harrison



Newly enrobed Liverymen Patrick Coll and Professor Manahel Abdulrahman Thabet



Attendees enjoy the speeches



# Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference

Wednesday 29 November 2023

The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

The Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference is the third in an ongoing series of successful conferences for the energy industries, covering a wide spectrum of disciplines throughout the energy sector, and supporting professions such as finance, public policy, insurance and law.

Speakers include senior professionals in industry and academia from across the disciplines of science, engineering, finance and government policy to explore one of the greatest challenges facing society today: the transition to a sustainable global energy future. By bringing together diverse knowledge, interests and experience, we will explore these key challenges in a holistic way.

The one-day conference is open to anyone with an interest in energy. We aim to stimulate debate: sharing differences and building new relationships. We hope to inspire the next generation of energy professionals.

Experienced practitioners can network, while people new to energy can build new relationships.

## SCHEDULE

**09:30 – Master Fueller, short introduction**

**09:40 – Keynote Speaker 1 – Energy Outlook – A Perspective from the United States**

Lucian Pugliaresi, President Energy Policy Research Foundation Energy Institute

**10:05 – Panel 1 Energy Markets.** Chair: Jon Clark, EY. Panel Discussion: How has the energy cost crisis affected energy and climate policy? What do we need to change? How can we finance the future of energy: Gareth Ramsay, BP Economist; Richard Nourse, Schroders Greencoat; Dr Carole Nakhle Chief, Crystol Energy.

**11:05 – Coffee, networking and exhibition**

**11:25 – Keynote Speaker 2 – Energy Outlook – A British Perspective -** (including the regulatory/technical challenges we face) –

Juliet Davenport OBE, President

**11:50 – Panel 2 Innovation.** New technologies and new business models are still needed. In the second panel we draw from the world of engineering and digital sciences to explore the

innovations being made, the problems they are solving and the opportunities they are creating.

Chair – Prof Robert Gross, UK Energy Research Centre, Technology Advances Overview.

- Large and micro hydrogen and ammonia production and usage technologies – Richard Hulf, Hydrogen One.
- Nuclear, fusion & small reactors – Prof Sir Ian Chapman, UK Atomic Energy Authority – fusion and Paul Spence, EDF Energy – fission.
- Carbon capture and storage – Jason Frost of Aker Carbon Capture.

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#### 13:15 – Networking lunch

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**14:15 – Keynote 3 – Energy Outlook** – Dame Mary Archer DBE, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum

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**14:40 – Panel 3 – Society and Organisational Change**, Chair – Philip Nichol - Gent, Air Pilots. Our third panel addresses the question of what it is like to manage organisations in the transition to a net zero world, with particular emphasis on Livery Companies, and organisations whose members are major energy users, especially regarding transport. How will society need to adapt to track the carbon cost of everything that we do? What skills will they need to embrace?

- Carl Lomas MBE, Carmen, Chairman at Institute of Couriers.
- Jeremy Nicholson, Alfa Energy.
- Greg Curtis, RAF, Air Fuels Sustainable Energy Association (AFSEA).
- Tim Morris, Associated British Ports.

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#### 15:40 – Coffee and networking

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**16:00 – Panel 4 – Panel Discussion** The way forward – reflections from within the Fuellers. Fuellers of different career stages and professional backgrounds reflect on the changes in the policy-innovation and market context they expect to see in the next 12-24 months, based on the themes emerging from this conference. Chair: Ash Shastri.

- Simon Brewster, CEO at Dolphin N2, Fueller.
- Jai Ferguson, Neuroscience & Psychology at King's College London, Sutton Trust Scholar, Fueller, Emerging Technologies Intern at HSBC.
- Owain Johnson, Managing Director, Global Head of Research and Product Development at CME Group, Fueller.
- Gavin Towers, Head of Energy Solutions, Brook Green Supply, Fueller.

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**17:00 – Keynote 4 – The Big Picture** – In the final session we will invite a leading thinker from the world of energy to surmise key insights and give a personal reflection on the path forwards. Dan Monzani, Managing Director for UK and Ireland, Aurora Energy.

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#### 17:25 – Closing thoughts and call to action – Master Fueller

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#### 17:30 – Drinks reception

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#### 18:05 – Short speech by Master Fueller

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#### 19:30 – Close

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Tickets are still available. Use the QR code or visit the link below.



Book now <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fuellers-duke-of-edinburgh-future-energy-conference-tickets-629239681827>



# Industry insights

## To achieve net zero we must put customers first – through a whole systems approach

**Richard Walsh, Liveryman and Director of External Affairs at Cadent Gas**



Richard Walsh addressing a packed hall at the London Reception at the Labour Party Conference

*There's no question that the UK's biggest challenges are the cost-of-living crisis and climate change.*

It's the proverbial 'rock and a hard place' – the Government must find a way to lower carbon emissions fast to keep us on track to net zero, but we also need to keep heating our homes and businesses without inflicting hefty bills on people at a time when they're feeling the pinch most.

In September, the Prime Minister announced his intention to delay some of the UK's net zero policies, while maintaining the same overall trajectory to net zero by 2050. This announcement has once again raised the fundamental question of how we reach net zero whilst protecting our energy security and ensuring the cost doesn't fall fully onto the taxpayer.

At Cadent, we fully understand the financial pressures consumers are facing and we are working with our customers to find the right balance between energy cost, security and resilience, whilst accelerating the transition to net zero – especially as we look ahead to the winter when people will be using more energy to heat their homes.



The Hydrogen Zone that Cadent was part of won Best Stand at the Conservative Party Conference

As such, we agree with the Prime Minister when he says that we need to transition to net zero in a proportionate and pragmatic way that does not unnecessarily give people more hassle and more costs in their lives. This will be vital if we are to maintain public support for the transition.

To do this we will need to use all the tools at our disposal. Our industries and businesses rely on the secure supplies that come from energy diversity, and the Ukraine war has underlined the importance of a resilient energy system that can cope not only with shocks, but also with high levels of demand.

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**A whole systems approach to energy security is consequently essential if we are to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. We will need all the technologies available at our disposal, relying on a one size fits all solution will not work. We must set out realistic solutions to guarantee the UK's energy security.**

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Gas is, and according to the Climate Change Committee, will continue to be, an essential part of this mix. Gas supplies over 22 million homes and 500,000 businesses across the UK. It acts as an insurance policy for the country when the system is under stress and demand is high. Last year, there were 260 days where gas supplied over 30 per cent of the nation's electricity, which was vital in preventing blackouts to homes, businesses, and hospitals.

As the Government looks to reduce our reliance on natural gas by 2035, we need a viable, clean alternative to step in and play the same role as gas in system balancing and resilience, without burdening households with the costs.

That is why we need to include hydrogen in the energy mix. Hydrogen is a green gas that can be made in the UK and can be

transported through the UK's existing infrastructure. It is storable at scale, and unlike wind or solar power, can be used as a backup energy source, replacing the security we currently have with natural gas.

The Government has already made hydrogen a part of the UK's net zero transition, setting a target of 10GW of hydrogen production by 2030, to be used for travel, aviation, industry, and home heating. According to the Government's own estimates, this has the potential to create up to 100,000 jobs by 2050, unlock over eleven billion pounds in private investment, secure our energy supply, and decarbonise the thousands of businesses, homes and industries that can't electrify.

For many domestic consumers, electricity – and heat pumps – may still be the answer, but many consumers increasingly recognise that a policy of sole electrification is an overly simplistic solution to a multifaceted problem.

Take a look at home heating installation costs; heat pump installations can cost an average of £13,000 without the Government's Boiler Upgrade Scheme, and even with the Government's £7,500 grant, consumers will still be paying around £5,000 before the additional costs of any renovations to make heat pumps suitable such as insulation, larger radiators, and double glazing. Running costs on hydrogen versus electric heat pumps also has to be considered.

In addition, scaling up electrical infrastructure to meet the demand needed would cost tens of billions of pounds and require thousands more pylons and overhead cables across the British countryside.

To tackle this challenge, the Government must begin now to make the early "no-regrets" decisions that will enable us to keep all necessary technologies in our energy mix, empowering consumers to make the choices that most suit their circumstances in the future.

For example, by mandating hydrogen ready boilers in our homes, as well as blending hydrogen into the natural gas network, which will be the equivalent of taking two and a half million cars off the road, we can begin now to make sure that the transition is done in the most efficient and effective way, all the while maintaining crucial public support.

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**Reaching net zero is critical to reducing bills and strengthening the UK's energy security for the long-term. But we need to approach net zero in a way that works for everyone. And we need to recognise that people and industry need choice and a range of power sources through a whole systems approach to net zero.**

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*Cadent Gas is the UK's largest gas distribution network, bringing gas to eleven million homes and businesses. Cadent manages a gas network of 82,000 miles of pipes transporting gas throughout the UK.*



# News

## Above and beyond

**At the start of his year as Master, Peter Harrison set himself two fundraising challenges to raise £3,000.00 for charity. We are delighted to announce that thanks to the generosity of Fuellers, the target was exceeded with Fuellers donating, including gift aid over £8,000.00.**

Firstly, Peter completed swimming a marathon, equivalent to the 22 miles of the English Channel, in his local health club swimming pool, in chunks, three times a week. He started on 7 April and finished the 1,417 lengths on 18 July.

Secondly, he led a private team of eighteen climbing over the roof of the O2 Building in Canary Wharf, London, at 2pm on Saturday 5 August 2023.

Although the weather was horrendous with strong winds and pouring rain, the group completed the climb in one and half hours.

The Master would like to thank all those who supported him and donated. The donated funds are to benefit the Fuellers Charitable Trust, the RNLI and The British Heart Foundation.



Above: Master O2 Walk

Inset: the O2 roof

## Database of Members updating

**Our relatively new database of members on the Fuellers website in the Members Only area is growing, but we need your help to continue the progress made thus far.**

This effectively replaces the hard copy 'Company Year Book and Directory', which was last produced in 2021.

The quality of the new members' data on the website is dependent upon each member keeping their own information up to date and current at all times. This is very important.

**We urge Fuellers to go onto the [Fuellers website](#) members section and update your entry to ensure that it is complete, as much as possible, and up to date. We need all your contact information – industry, background, experience etc.**

You will need your email and your own password to [login](#) to access the Members Area section. Once in the Members Area you can then click on "edit profile" to proceed with the checking and updating.

If you have lost or need a new password then you can get one via the website. If you still have a problem, please contact the [Clerk](#) who can assist you.

This is vital to help us run the Company as efficiently as possible and so we can continue to build the Fuellers and its membership culture. We appreciate your help.

## Fuellers merchandise

### Merchandise

Please take a moment to check out the Fuellers Shop in the Members Area on the website. Notebooks, ties, umbrellas are just some of Fuellers merchandise that is available. **Remember, Christmas is fast approaching.**

Log in to the Members' Area to place your order.



**Join the conversation**



# Event highlights

## A round up of Fuellers recent events

### Fuellers Visit a new Solar Farm in Dorset

3 July 2023

**Peter Harrison, Master**



A Fuellers group of sixteen, including the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and our Clerk, enjoyed a fascinating tour of a new solar farm in Dorset on 3 July 2023.

This solar farm is run by the French based group Voltaia, which is a major player in the international renewable energy sector. The solar farm is based at South Farm, Spetisbury, Blandford Forum in Dorset. It has been operating since 1 January 2023 and was inaugurated on 16 June 2023; our Honorary Liveryman, Alderman Alison Gowman was in attendance then. The Fuellers had the privilege of being the first group to have private tour of the amazing facilities.

The solar farm panels have a capacity of 49.9 megawatts and the entire output for the next fifteen years has been sold under a Power Purchase Agreement to the Corporation of London. This will provide just over fifty per cent of the Corporation's electricity needs – equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of approximately 35,000 people.

The site consists of 92,000 solar panels covering a total area of about 130 acres, which was constructed at a total cost of around £30 million. It is built on

lower grade agricultural land and will be returned back to agricultural use after its useful life.

The UK Head of Voltaia, Simon Holt, was the host for the visit and he organised the PPE and health and safety clearances so we could get access to enter and tour the site. This enabled Fuellers to walk around the very impressive facility and to get close to see and understand the extent and complexities of the technology. Simon started the tour with a detailed briefing and ably dealt with the many questions and queries Fuellers posed.



The group was also able to examine closely the inverters which convert the current into alternating current. At the end of the visit, we viewed the connection site which funnels the current into the national grid.

Following this impressive visit, the group moved to the nearby Blandford Brewery for lunch and a tour. This is the home of the famous Hall & Woodhouse regional independent family-owned and run brewery, founded in 1777. They also operate over 250 public houses in the South of England and brew under the name of Badger Brewery with many other brands including Tangle Foot, The Fursty Ferret, Golden Glory, The Hopping Hare etc.

The lunch was in the Victorian Maltings, which has been converted into a

restaurant and visitor experience facility. The guided tour included a history of the site and Fuellers were then taken behind the scenes to the latest technology brewing facilities installed in 2012 and the bottling plant. I believe they said they produce over three hundred million pints a year!

Overall, a great and varied day out for the Fuellers.

### Brigantes Breakfast

Friday 7 July, Harrogate



The London Livery Members who reside in the North of England are part of a group called Brigantes (an ancient pre-Roman northern British tribe) who hold a lunch around every six months.

In July the Master and his Consort, Past Master Jan Harrison, attended this event at the impressive Edwardian Theatre jewel, Royal Hall in Harrogate.

The Immediate Past Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny was the Principal Guest. The lunch was preceded by the 2023 'Brigantes Lecture' given by television presenter, author and 'Antiques Road Trip' expert Philip Serrrell.

After lunch attendees were entertained by a surprise performance of songs from 'Les Misérables', performed by an excellent group of West End professionals.

# Annual Thanksgiving Service and Affiliates Lunch and Prizegiving

17 July 2023

Peter Harrison, Master



Principal Guest Air Commodore Angela Baker MA RAF addresses the room

This special day is to celebrate the Fuellers and our Affiliates and is always a real joy.

The day began with our annual Fuellers Thanksgiving Service, held on the morning of 17 July at the amazing medieval St Olave's Church, which dates back to 1450. It was one of just a few churches that survived the 1666 Fire of London, but it was badly damaged by bombs in 1941, and was restored by 1954. The service was led by our Honorary Chaplin, The Reverend Nick Mottershead. The Fuellers that had passed away in the last year were remembered with a period of silence. Nick gave an excellent sermon which was very thought-provoking about The City, the community and society and urged us to action.

Following the service there was a parade in full robes to the nearby Trinity House for a reception and lunch. Trinity House is an elegant building which was constructed in 1796 but was gutted by a bomb in 1940, so the present building is mostly from the 1950s. It is the home of a charity formed in 1514, dedicated to safeguarding shipping and seafarers with a prime duty as the Lighthouse Authority to maintain lighthouses, buoys and beacons.

The Affiliates Lunch and Prizegiving is a very important occasion in the Fuellers calendar where we honour and recognise the outstanding work undertaken by our armed forces through our Affiliates and also our educational Affiliates. All six of our Military Affiliates attended with their senior officers and their prize winners. Each prize winner was presented with a signed certificate as well as a payment of £300.00 to a charity of their choice. In addition, there were two prize winners from City University who also both received framed certificates; one had flown in from Washington in the USA.

The Principal Guest was Air Commodore Angela Baker MA RAF, who heads the newly formed Operational Energy Authority ("OEA"); she also handed out the prizes and gave an excellent speech,

which included explaining about the leading work the RAF is undertaking in terms of new sustainable fuels.

The Fuellers will, in the near future, be signing a document that sets out the Affiliates relationship with the new OEA and Angela will be appointed an Honorary Freeman for the period of her office. This will happen at the next appropriate Court meeting.

During the proceedings, the Chair of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, Chloë Andrews-Jones explained about its work and the Junior Warden, Elena Oderstone, read citations for each prize winner. Also, the Senior Warden, James Cripps, welcomed the Company Guests.

Finally, as Master, I then closed the lunch thanking all who had contributed to the successful day, including appreciation to the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund for their support.

After the event many of us adjourned for casual drinks and conversations at a nearby venue.

The event was a marvellous gathering and a celebration of the Fuellers and our Affiliates.



Master Peter Harrison; Chair of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones; Lieutenant Jess Beckett IEng MIMechE RN, HMS Sultan – RNAE&S; and Principal Guest Air Commodore Angela Baker MA RAF, Head of Futures & Operational Energy Authority (OEA)



Front row: Senior Warden James Cripps; Lieutenant Jess Beckett IEng MIMechE RN, HMS Sultan – RNAE&S; Master Peter Harrison; Principal Guest Air Commodore Angela Baker MA RAF, Head of Futures & Operational Energy Authority (OEA); Mr Patras Mehraj OEA; Junior Warden Elena Oderstone

Back row: Chief Officer (Engineering) Brian Lee, Royal Fleet Auxiliary; Warrant Officer Robert Rodgers, 10 Squadron RAF; Corporal Chris Wraight, Tactical Supply Wing (TSW)



## Merchant Navy Association Commemorative Service Day

Sunday 3 September,



The Master and his consort Past Master Jan Harrison attended the annual commemoration of the Merchant Navy to lay a wreath on behalf of the Fuellers at the memorial in Trinity Square Gardens. The ceremony included a band led parade and a commemorative service. The Lord Mayor was in attendance and the event was presided over by Commodore David Eagles of our RFA Affiliate. The Fuellers are a Patron of this service.

## Pan Livery 17th Annual Halls Walk

Monday 4 September

**Peter Harrison, Master**

Jan and I attended this all-day event, being the 17th Annual Livery Halls Walk. The Fuellers are one of just twenty Livery Companies to take part in this special day. It was organised by the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners and an excellent guide was provided.

My fellow Masters and Consorts all met at 8am at Apothecaries Hall where we had breakfast and donned full robes, hats, and badges for the eight and a half-mile walk around the City Livery Halls. We started fresh and keen visiting forty Livery Halls with a group photograph taken outside each Hall. The weather was dry but very hot, with all participants taking on water where we could. The walk concluded at 5pm with a hot and relatively bedraggled group enjoying a well-earned drink at Southwark Cathedral.



Pan Livery 17th Annual Halls Walk

Why just twenty Livery Companies? It could be long memories by the City Police, as in 1484 there was trouble with Livery Companies processing in the City, so they have since restricted numbers to avoid it being deemed as a protest or march!

## Master Fueller leads Sheep Drive over Southwark Bridge

24 September 2023

**Peter Harrison, Master**



As many know all livery members, who have Freedom of the City of London, can exercise their right to drive sheep over London Bridge. Organised by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this now happens as an annual ceremony with a small group of real sheep cared for by an allocated shepherd.

Due to logistical reasons, the drive this year was not at the usual London Bridge but rather at Southwark Bridge.

I got together a team of ten to drive our sheep over Southwark Bridge on 24

September. We also had several spectators to cheer us on, including my two granddaughters.



The weather was kind to us and our group of ten, plus our spectators, followed our six sheep over the bridge as they were carefully kept under control for us by two shepherds.

Before our drive we all had the chance to visit the many stalls at the Livery Fair set up by a number of Livery Companies, selling their wares and memorabilia of the day. These also included a sheep shearing demonstration.

The drives started at 10am and continued well into the late afternoon. I understand around one thousand people took part. The entry fees will go to the Woolmens charities.

After our work was completed, we all retired to the nearby Little Ship Club for refreshments.

## Jailed and Bailed charity event

Monday 25 September

**Peter Harrison, Master**

This is an annual fundraiser for the British Red Cross.

As your Master, I was first arrested in the morning at the Old Bailey where my misdemeanours were read out in Court. Having been found guilty, I was then transported, in a vintage double decker bus, to be jailed in the Tower of London. I did this with a group of twenty or so other Masters and we all wore our full robes to process through the grounds, confusing a lot of tourists on the way!

My Consort, Past Master Jan Harrison, and our Clerk, Alex Maclean Bather, attended Court to watch me squirm as my charges were read out.

We then had to “suffer” a fine lunch with champagne and were released on condition we paid bail as a donation to the British Red Cross.

I am very grateful to the members of The Fuellers who stepped forward and provided sufficient funds for my release. £1,200.00 of the funds raised was donated to the British Red Cross and the balance of the funds raised went to the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund. A total of £25,000 plus gift aid was raised on the day.

Thank you to all who donated to release me from the Tower of London.

## Common Hall Election of Lord Mayor

Friday 29 September

**Peter Harrison, Master**



I attended the Election of the Lord Mayor at Guildhall and together with all 111 other Masters in full robes, we formed a procession. I started the day with an invitation to an early breakfast at the Guildhall Club. This was followed by all of us robing up and processing to the newly renovated and reopened church, St Lawrence Jewry, next to Guildhall.

Then we processed back into a packed Guildhall and we Masters, along with all the other Livery attendees, voted for the new Lord Mayor in the usual way by a show of hands. Alderman Prof Michael Mainelli was appointed as Lord Mayor elect. He will take up office on 10 November 2023 at the famous Silent Ceremony.

After the voting, the Fuellers group moved back into the Guildhall Club for lunch. Other members of the Fuellers who also attended, included Past Master Jan Harrison, our Clerk Alex Maclean Bather and Past Master Deputy Shравan Joshi MBE CC. (Pictured with the Master).

## Service of Dedication RFA Proteus

Tuesday 10 October

**Peter Harrison, Master**



As one of my last events as Master I, along with the Junior Warden, Elena Oderstone, attended the service of dedication of the new Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship, RFA Proteus on 10 October at The Pool of London by HMS Belfast.

The new ship was previously a commercial vessel that has been recommissioned for the RFA and will be used for deep sea cable defence. The ship will be linked to the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors.

Attending was our own HRH Duke of Edinburgh and The Prime Minister's wife, Akshata Murty, in her role as the ship's 'Sponsor'. In addition, were the Master and Master Elect of the Worshipful Company of Carmen and representatives from several other Livery Companies, the crew, other military and service representatives as well as Sir Robin Knox Johnston.

After the service, lunch was provided followed by an opportunity to tour the ship.



Jailed and Bailed charity event

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[fuellers.co.uk/events-list](https://fuellers.co.uk/events-list)



# Help us to communicate – get involved

**Fuellers work together to shape the Company, with the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and several other members volunteering their time to serve on committee groups. One of these is the Comms Group, which determines marketing and promotional campaigns to inform and to publicise Fuellers activities.**

As a subgroup of the Fuellers, the Comms Group is responsible for external communications. This includes the social media channels: LinkedIn, Facebook, X, YouTube and Instagram, in which group members regularly post announcements of future events, images and summaries of visits, conferences, other events and meetings already taken place.

The Comms Group also maintains an oversight of the key Fuellers communications, namely **The Fueller** magazine and the Fuellers website.

## Commitment

The Comms Group meets quarterly, mostly online with occasional face to face meetings, to discuss current communications methods and plan for future activities and campaigns. Being a part of the Comms Group provides those taking part with an excellent overview of the activities of the Company and an insight into other relevant events taking place. There is no better way for a new member of the Fuellers to gain knowledge and insights into the whole range of Fuellers activities.

The Chairman, Michael Green is seeking interested Fuellers to join the existing members to participate in the Comms Group activities. Even if you are not sure, he would welcome potential members to join as observers to find out what the group does and whether it is of interest.

**Any interested parties should contact Michael Green**

**07713 632 272**

[mbgreen13@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mbgreen13@hotmail.co.uk)

**We would be delighted to receive your input.**

**Join the conversation**



## News

### Dedicating the new Memorial to 216 Squadron

**The Master, Carrie Marsh, reflects on a memorable day out to honour a very special Affiliate**

You may recall a little while ago that a request was circulated around the Company on behalf of 216 Squadron, one of our Affiliates for many years, before disbanded. Their Association was collecting to raise funds to make and install a memorial to those who served and those who died in the line of duty. I am pleased to say that they reached their goal from both personal donations, including my own and some from individual Fuellers, along with a contribution from our Charitable Trust Fund. Thus, on 2 April 2022, the new memorial was to be officially unveiled.

My family and I arrived at the National Memorial Arboretum on a crisp morning with thick coats as the steady. We perused of refreshments in the August building, a large get-together and peaceful function area. We then walked among those present to the area of the Arboretum where the memorial had been erected only the day before. One of the first to arrive, the quiet sight of the memorial, by sculptor Matthew Lane-Sanderson MA ARA, took my breath away. An eagle grasping a water droplet within which is a bomb. The eagle representing the RAF, the water droplet representing provisions and supplies brought in by 216, and the bomb to signify their time as a bomber squadron.

The Squadron was formed in 1918 in France and originally operated Q400 bombers. Page opened cockpit to plane bombers. The inter-war years saw them delivering mail and freight as well as route-proving and survey work throughout North and West Africa. In 1942, 216 Squadron



transported the SAS on their first ever operation SQUATTER and a few years later, in 1944, worked on detachment in Burma supporting Chindits where in three months the Squadron dropped more than 600 tons of supplies, carried 7,200 passengers, and evacuated 500 casualties. 216 Squadron was the first military jet squadron receiving the Comet Mk2 in June 1955 and the C4A in February 1962. The Squadron reformed on 1 November 1984, flying the Trident aircraft as a result of the Falklands War. During the Trident era, the Squadron was awarded Battle

honours for Gulf 1991, Kosovo 1999, Afghanistan 2001-14, Iraq 2003-11 and Libya 2011. The Squadron was disbanded on 31 March 2014, before being reformed on 1 April 2020 as a retraining and experimental Squadron.

On this crisp April morning, many were present both from 216 Squadron from those gone by and friends and supporters, as they formed a semicircle around the memorial for the short service of dedication. The Padre welcomed us and, after we had sung a rather moving



# Fuellers Activities

## Charitable Trust Fund

Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones, Chair of Trustees

### Master Peter Harrison's Fundraising

The Master writes elsewhere of his fundraising for the Trust and has been updating you via his monthly activity reports. However, it would be remiss of me not to record the Trust's thanks to him for his efforts on our behalf, together with the British Heart Foundation and RNLI. We are also grateful to him for his frequent reminders of the important element charity plays in the Livery world.

### Royal Parks Half Marathon 2023

On an unseasonably sunny and very warm 8 October, I was very proud to cheer on Elena Oderstone and Ashutosh Shastri (then Junior Warden and Junior Warden Elect) as they ran around central London's Royal Parks, in support and raising the profile of the Livery Food Initiative as it increases its support of City Harvest.

I caught up with them in Hyde Park at around thirteen and nineteen kilometres and gave them a last roar of encouragement at about two hundred metres to go. What an incredible achievement by them both!

### Grant Support

The Trust supported Elena and Ash's fundraising with a grant. If you're involved in charitable activities, do approach the Trust (via email to the Clerk) to ask if we're able to support you (such support must be within the terms of the Trust Deed).

On a recent trip to the 2023 Women's World Cup, I learned it is not just the UK with food poverty issues, as I represented fellow volunteers delivering surplus food and drink to Oz Harvest.



Down Under with Chloë Andrews Jones – volunteering for food poverty causes in the Southern Hemisphere

## Meet the Trustee

### Governance

The Charitable Trust is managed by a group of up to eight Trustees, assisted by one or more Advisers who are elected annually. The Company's Master is invited to attend our meetings during their year in office, and the Company's Clerk is the Trust's Honorary Secretary.

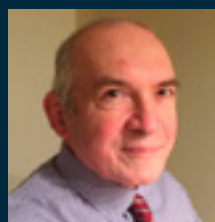
### Mike Hogg

Trustee Mike Hogg is currently responsible for managing the relationship the Trust has with long-term partner TeenTech.

Mike worked in the energy industry full-time for 42 years – with Shell and Danish company Orsted. This embraced the marketing, sales and distribution of most renewables and carbon-based energy products, spanning strategic planning to front-line roles – including a host of board Chair and directorship positions.

Mike is now engaged upon a portfolio of consultancy and voluntary work across health, education, energy and leisure – including NED and stakeholder advisory panel roles. He is also actively involved in several community activities in and around his adopted home city of Chester, including supporting the links between the Chester Freeman & Guilds and the Fuellers.

As for the Fuellers themselves, Mike was both formally admitted as a Freeman and enrobed as a Liveryman in 2011 – becoming an advisor to the FCTF in September 2020.



Over the line at the Royal Parks Half Marathon 2023 – Elena and Ash celebrate

## Thanksgiving Service and Affiliates Lunch

I was delighted to attend the Thanksgiving Service and Lunch in July. During the Service, Father Nick reflected on his sadness that our City isn't better, that amongst other things there is poverty in the midst of great wealth and that the City has the potential to do so much good. A better advertisement for the work of the Charitable Trust would be hard to find.

The Affiliates Lunch is an opportunity for the Trust to show our support for the Company's Military Affiliates as we fund their attendance at the lunch and give a small donation to a charity of each of the winners' choice. This year, their chosen causes were both local and national. Their [Citations/Charities](#) are on the website.

We were also pleased to see our City University prize-winners at the lunch. Read more about the event on page 16.

## Donate to the Trust

In closing, I'd like to thank all members of the Company who continue to support the work of the Trust and encourage more of you to do so, with regular or one-off donations or perhaps to leave a Legacy gift. [How to Donate](#)

## Community Energy London

CEL has been in touch to advise how they used our recent grant. Topping up their own crowdfunding enabled them to fund four CEL groups to work in their areas and hand out a variety of small energy saving measures that can be taken by anyone, whether homeowners or not. These included reflectors for radiators, film for single glazed windows, brushes for under doors, LED lightbulbs and crucially fuel vouchers for people at risk of being disconnected when pre-payment meters can no longer be fed.

The Chair is in discussions with CEL to see what other projects, if any, we might help them with.

## Livery Climate Action Group

[Prof Averil Macdonald OBE, Past Master](#)

### Fuellers Climate Action Plan Leads the Way

*"It's by far the best action plan on the LCAG website, in my opinion,"* Founder member of LCAG Core Group.

Fuellers Court approved the publication of the Fuellers Climate Action Plan after GPC's efforts in pulling together an ambitious but realistic series of targets to guide the Fuellers Company in limiting their impact on the environment while also influencing businesses, schools and military affiliates in considering theirs. [Climate Action Plan – Fuellers](#)

From considering 'food miles' and the waste policies of caterers to exploiting technology to reduce carbon emissions from in-person meetings, no stone has been left unturned as Fuellers seek to lead the way in climate action.

The Fuellers Action Plan now proudly features as one of the exemplar Climate Action Plans on the Livery Climate Action Group website [\(The Worshipful Company of Fuellers Climate Action Plan - Livery Climate Action Group \(liverycag.org.uk\)\)](#) and Past Master Fueller Averil Macdonald has been asked to lead an online seminar to guide other nomadic companies in producing their own Action Plans.

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# New Master Enrobed at Installation Dinner



Newly installed Master James Cripps with Senior Warden Elena Oderstone and Junior Warden Ashutosh Shastri



[Read more about our new Master James Cripps in the next issue of The Fueller](#)



# Dates for your diary

## November

Saturday 11 November

**Lord Mayor's Show**

Wednesday 22 November

**Festival of St Cecilia**

Westminster Cathedral, 11am

Wednesday 29 November

**Fuellers Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference**

The Royal Society of Medicine, 9am

## December

Monday 4 December

**Fuellers Carol Service (with the Fan Makers)**

St Vedast-alias-Foster, 6pm, followed by

**Christmas Supper**

The Butcher's Hook & Cleaver

## January

Wednesday 10 January

**New Year's Court Meeting**

Guildhall, 4pm, followed by

**Court Dinner**

Guildhall

## February

Tuesday 13 February

**Inter Livery Pancake Races**

Guildhall, 10am

## March

Wednesday 13 March

**Fuellers Lord Ezra Memorial Lecture**

Imperial College, 5.45pm

Friday 15 March

**United Guilds Service**

St Paul's Cathedral, 10.45am

## April

Thursday 18 April

**The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch**

Guildhall, 11.45am

Monday 22 April

**Fuellers Election Court & Common Hall**

Mansion House, 4pm, followed by

**The Woodmongers Dinner (with the Carmen)**

Mansion House

## May

Tuesday 7 May

**Festival of the Clergy Support Trust**

St Paul's Cathedral, 5pm

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May

**Master's Weekend**

Buckinghamshire – check website for details

## June

Monday 3 June

**Fuellers Annual Thanksgiving Service**

St Olave's Church, 11am, followed by

**Fuellers Affiliates Lunch & Prizegiving**

Trinity House, 12.15pm

Monday 24 June

**Common Hall Election of Sheriffs**

Guildhall, 11am

## July

Thursday 11 July

**Midsummer Court**

Innholders' Hall, 4pm, followed by

**Midsummer Dinner**

Innholders' Hall

## September

Monday 30 September

**Common Hall Election of Lord Mayor**

Guildhall, 11am

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