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Editor's note

Lynn Postle FICME, Editor

I note through this issue the number of references to collaboration, indeed it is the basis for the modern day Livery company. Our Master has spoken about the need to "fuel progress and inclusivity" and it is encouraging to see an increasing number of Fuellers embracing the call to arms.

There has never been a greater need for collaboration, understanding and patronage. Fuellers' charitable work is to be applauded, and we must look to future generations with compassion and support. The work of our Charitable Trust Fund (CTF), most notably in terms of education, is helping to inspire future energy industry leaders which is made abundantly clear in the words of the recent Charles Stevenson Clarke Award winner, who refers to being "part of a tradition that uplifts education in the energy sector" (see page 16). It is a mighty challenge but one in which Fuellers have an important role to play.

The work of the CTF is made possible thanks to donations from members of the Company and I urge you to continue to support this vital aspect of the Livery.

We are all acutely aware of the essential role the defence sector plays in our lives and the work Fuellers undertake via our proud affiliations with the military. The pages of this issue reflect such commitment and support, and I am drawn to another statement (page 19) which drills down into growing "collective excellence" – something to continue to strive for.

We should also note the work of the Industry Group in terms of industry visits, Advantage lectures, forums, the conference and more to come.

I would like to thank the contributors to this issue for their generosity of time – some oft dreaded words (that should never be underestimated): "will you prepare an article for us?" I can sense the fearful tremors, next time it might just be you who receives the call. As I said, collaboration is fundamental!

I wish you all a delightful summer.

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Message from the Master

Fuelling the Future



The Master Elena Oderstone

As I write this in late July, I find myself pausing – not just to look back on my year as Master, but to truly appreciate it.

When I was installed on 31 October last year, I promised that “Fuelling the Future” would be more than words. I wanted it to be a living commitment – to use this platform to bring people together, to make a difference where it matters, and to honour the legacy of those who walked this path before us.

Now, as I look back, I see a year not just of events, but of moments that mattered.

The Woodmongers’ Banquet at Mansion House – filled with joy, fellowship, and the deep sense that we belong to something bigger than ourselves.

The Lord Mayor’s Show, standing shoulder to shoulder with the RNLI as they marked two hundred years of lifesaving courage, while we proudly celebrated our own fortieth.

Our “Feed a Future” Dinner, where together we raised over £65,000 – enough to fund 195,000 meals for people who need them most.

And then came the moments that stand out: speaking with HRH The Princess Royal in Aberdeen at the Lord Mayor’s Livery Weekend – a conversation about service, purpose, and the future we are here to shape; the unforgettable day at Buckingham Palace for the Garden Party, where one of the great joys was reconnecting with our Past Master, HRH The

Duke of Edinburgh, now Master of The Honourable Company of Master Mariners; and the privilege of attending his Installation on 25 April – a truly special occasion.

This year has also taken us beyond the City – to industry visits that opened our eyes to innovation and the future of energy. These visits have reminded me how much the Fuellers can contribute to the bigger picture: connecting tradition with progress, and our Company with the evolving world we serve.

I am also grateful for the support of my Consorts and my daughters, Liliana and Anastasia, who have shared in this journey with pride and enthusiasm.

And the journey is not over yet. On 10 September, we gather for the Fuellers’ Annual Energy Lecture, to challenge ideas and explore the future of energy. And then my Grand Finale: the Master’s Weekend on the Isle of Wight (12-14 September) – a celebration of friendship, fellowship, and all that makes this Company so extraordinary.

On 8 October, I will hand over the Master’s chain. But I will do so with my heart full – of gratitude for your kindness, your support, and your shared belief that the Fuellers are not just a Livery Company.

We are a family. A force for good. A spark for the future.

Thank you for letting me walk this journey with you.

Woodmongers' Banquet

Master stroke of theatre

22 April 2025

Mansion House



The two Masters deliver a joint “double act” speech

Lynn Postle, Fueller Editor

Mansion House. Held jointly with the Worshipful Company of Carmen, this annual event celebrates a shared history with our origins in the Worshipful Company of Woodmongers in the sixteenth century.

Following a Fuellers Ceremonial Court, convened earlier in the day, the banquet was once again held in the Egyptian Room. Those lucky enough to attend savoured the fares of new caterers, Social Pantry, and enjoyed Rathfinny Classic Cuvee Brut 2019 (a sparkling English wine) at the reception. During the banquet, the Royal Marines Association Ensemble provided the musical entertainment in the magnificent setting.



Principal Guest Sir John Parker GBE FREng, Master Carman Leon Daniels OBE, our Master Elena Oderstone, The Lord Mayor The Rt Hon Alderman Alastair King KStJ DL

The Lord Mayor, The Rt Hon Alderman Alastair King KStJ DL welcomed us to his home. Having been installed as the 696th Lord Mayor of London in November 2024, he enthralled and amused Fuellers and Carmen with an update on the progress of his Mayoralty.

In a delightful “master stroke” of theatre, our Master Elena Oderstone shared the stage with the Master Carman & Honorary Liveryman, Leon Daniels OBE, in effect delivering a double-act speech inspired by the Oscars. Although they did not walk away with the infamous golden statuettes of Hollywood, they did amuse and entertain the members and guests of both Companies – united in spirit, sharing tradition, joy, and a toast to the future.

Making it an unforgettable night for our Master, while the Lord Mayor was delivering his speech, she was granted the honour of sitting in his official chair. Our Master joked: “For a brief, glorious moment, I ruled Mansion House.”

The Principal Guest was Honorary Freeman of the Fuellers, Sir John Parker GBE FREng, who has served as CEO, Chairman or Non-Executive Director in over twenty major UK and overseas companies.

Sir John was born into a farming family in Co. Down (Northern Ireland) and studied Naval Architecture and Mechanical Engineering at the Belfast College of Technology and Queens University Belfast.

He is currently Chairman of Laing O'Rourke Group and was until recently a Non-Executive Director of Carnival Corporation. He Chaired the Review of Government on "Ethnic Diversity in the Board Room" and recently completed "A Review of UK Naval Shipbuilding Strategy" for the MOD. He has chaired and been involved with several organisations, including serving as Chair of the Court of the Bank of England and President of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

He has also engaged in extensive voluntary work. He was Knighted in 2001 (Knight Bachelor) for Services to the Defence and Shipbuilding Industries and was appointed GBE in 2012 for Services to Industry and the Voluntary Sector.

With such esteemed company, attendees were given an insight into the remarkable worlds of those presenting during the evening, with our Master Elena Oderstone summing up: "The magnificent Woodmongers' Banquet was an unforgettable celebration of legacy, leadership and laughter."



Principal Guest Sir John Parker GBE FREng and The Master Elena Oderstone

Election Court

23 April 2025
Mansion House



New Freemen with the Officers (left to right): Senior Warden Ashutosh Shastri, Clive Ferrey, Stewart Dickson, Sasha Zayarna, The Master Elena Oderstone, Simon Robinson, Kurt Budge, John McCoubrey, Junior Warden Louise Thompson

Lynn Postle, Fueller Editor

A total of ten Members were welcomed to our Ceremonial Election Court on 23 April 2025:

Six Freeman by Redemption – Kurt Budge, Stewart Dickson, Clive Ferrey, John McCoubrey, Simon Robinson and Sasha Zayarna.

Our first ever Freeman by Patrimony – Ved Joshi.

Three Liverymen – Ulf Nahrath, Stuart Sinclair and George Anstey.

Later, they joined other Fuellers and the Carmen Livery Company to enjoy the Woodmongers' Banquet – an event with origins in the 16th century (see previous pages).

(For those unfamiliar with the terms "Redemption" is the normal route to joining as a Freeman, while "Patrimony" means your father or mother was already a Freeman when you were born).



New Liverymen with the officers (left to right): Senior Warden Ashutosh Shastri, Stuart Sinclair, George Anstey, The Master Elena Oderstone, Ulf Nahrath, Junior Warden Louise Thompson



Past Master Shravan Joshi MBE CC with his son Ved during the ceremony where Ved was welcomed as our first Freeman by Patrimony

New Year Court and Dinner

A memorable Burns Night Dinner celebrating tradition and fellowship

15 January 2025

Tallow Chandlers Hall



The Master's daughter and Consort Liliana Oderstone, Junior Warden Louise Thompson, Liveryman Colin Malam, The Master Elena Oderstone, Jonathan Glen, Sharon Glen, Mrs Jocelyn Malam, Alex Maclean Bather - Clerk

Elena Oderstone, Master

What a truly wonderful evening of fellowship we enjoyed at the Fuellers New Year Court and Burns Night Dinner, held at the stunning Tallow Chandlers Hall.

We were privileged to have Rennie Hoare, Partner and Head of Philanthropy at C Hoare & Co as our Principal Speaker. His thought-provoking address reminded us of the profound importance of sustainability as a manifestation of careful stewardship. Guided by the simple yet powerful principle of being “good bankers and good citizens,” their work serves as a shining example of aligning values with impact – an idea central to our theme this year of Fuelling The Future.

The evening was further enriched by the traditions of Burns Night.

James Fairbairn, President of The Burns Club of London and Judy Tayler-Smith BA PGDip FSAScot, Deacon of The Incorporation of Wrights in Glasgow and Past Prime Warden Basketmaker and Past Master Upholder, delivered heartfelt toasts to the Immortal Memory, to the Lasses, and to the Laddies.

Jonathan and Sharon Glen brought spirit and charm with the Address to the Haggis and the Selkirk Grace.



James Fairbairn, President of The Burns Club of London



Judy Tayler-Smith BA PGDip FSAScot, Deacon of The Incorporation of Wrights in Glasgow



Rennie Hoare, Partner and Head of Philanthropy at C Hoare & Co

A special thanks to Liveryman Piping Fueller Colin Malam, whose stirring bagpipe performance filled the room with energy and pride, and to violinist Dave McAllister, whose musical interludes added a magical touch to the evening.

And let's not forget our Junior Warden, Louise Thompson who introduced our guests with such grace and charm that even seasoned orators might take notes!

As Master, I also took a moment to extend heartfelt thanks to all the consorts for their unwavering support – not just on the evening but throughout the year.

Thank you to all who joined us and contributed to making the evening truly memorable.



Liveryman Colin Malam sets the tone for Burns Night by piping in the haggis

Industry insights

The evolution of Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)

Jon Clark, Partner/Principal, SaT Support and Other, Ernst & Young LLP



A group of Fuellers recently had the opportunity to visit Drax Power Station in Yorkshire. While Drax started operations in the 1970s, it was fascinating to learn more about the asset's transition from coal generation to a biomass facility, and the company's ambitions to develop a significant carbon capture operation targeting UK storage and exploring the growing opportunities for utilisation.

Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) is an important aspect of industrial policy and decarbonisation strategy in the UK and beyond. Entities which are able to decarbonise are likely to have a competitive advantage compared to unabated domestic peers and international players which face similar obligations where carbon border taxes are imposed.

Like Drax, CCUS is an industry that has evolved significantly and is likely to change further into the future.

Many of the technologies that enable the capture and (pipeline) transport of carbon dioxide are not new: operational carbon capture projects date back over fifty years. The economic model that has underpinned these projects has largely been driven by crude oil prices with the captured CO₂ being injected into reservoirs as part of enhanced oil recovery (EOR) activities.

The understandable environmental concerns of a carbon capture model that results in increased fossil fuel production has led to an evolution of the CCUS landscape, which has been encouraged by both carrot (incentives) and stick (charges) approaches.

The UK has adopted elements of both: certain emitters are required to either limit their emissions to an allocated level or purchase certificates to cover the excess under the UK ETS (for further reading please refer to [Participating in the UK ETS – GOV.UK](#)); the UK government has also made available £21.7 billion of support over the next 25 years to launch a domestic CCUS industry (please refer to the press release at [Government reignites industrial heartlands 10 days out from the International Investment Summit – GOV.UK](#)). Government support models vary in different countries with other governments pursuing tax incentives or direct subsidies.

The 'value' of a CCUS project is a function of the price secured/cost saved of the CO₂ plus any usage value, offset by the costs of capture, transportation and storage/utilisation. At current levels of cost and carbon pricing, many CCUS projects are not economical without some form of government support

to increase the price and/or reduce the cost. It is, therefore, understandable that a key question being asked by both governments and private companies is "How will the CCUS market evolve to become self-financing and profitable?"

The evolution of CCUS can be separated into two topics – creation of value from CO₂; and cost management. While governments need the entire value chain to function, some organisations are more focused on the development of carbon markets and creating alternative value pathways for CO₂, with other entities prioritising the evolution of technologies and project efficiencies to more optimally deliver capture, transportation, storage or usage solutions.

The 'U' and 'S' in CCUS are competing demand pathways. CO₂ can't be permanently stored and utilised at the same time! Current policies and technologies are favouring storage, however, there is a growing level of activity for utilisation options for CO₂. This is particularly the case for biogenic CO₂ (i.e. CO₂ that is not derived from fossil fuel sources) as it offers the potential, for example, to be used in the production of sustainable, carbon-neutral fuels.

It is widely accepted that achieving a net zero carbon emissions objective is impracticable without sources of negative emissions. CCUS clearly offers opportunities, but also costs, in this regard.

The Fuellers started life in carbon and it is exciting to see how our industry is continually evolving into the carbon markets of the future.



Fuellers during their visit to Drax Power Station in April (read more on page 22)

Fueller's Advantage Event

Fusion in Focus: Tokamak Energy, Global Strategies, and Technological Opportunities

Presentation by Robin Kamenicky, Senior Development Engineer, Tokamak Energy Ltd



Robin Kamenicky of Tokamak Energy Ltd presents to the Fuellers

Simon Parsons, Liveryman

Approximately thirty people attended the Fuellers Advantage Event, jointly held with the Energy Circle, at the National Liberal Club on 19 March 2025.

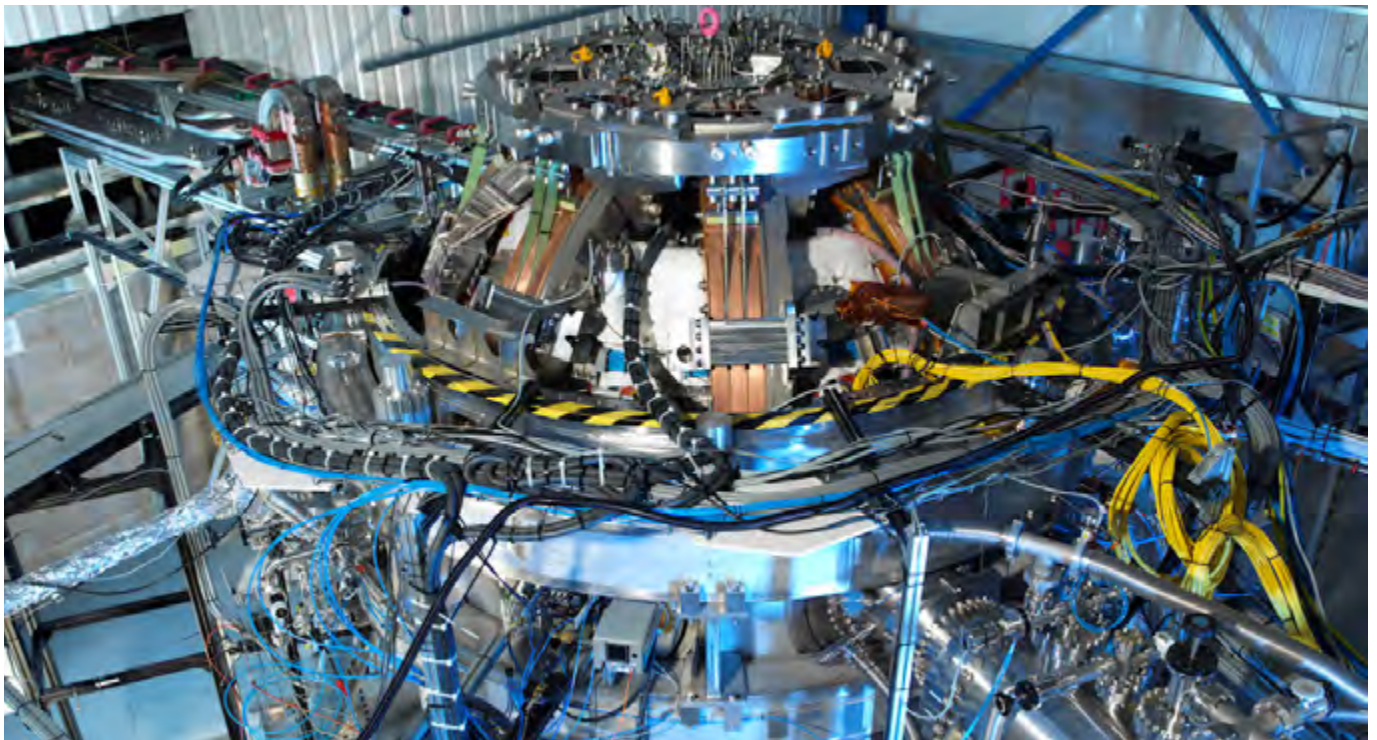
Initially, Robin Kamenicky presented some details about Tokamak Energy as a company. Tokamak Energy was an offshoot from the UK Atomic Energy Authority in 2009. It is a leader in the development of the tokamak type of fusion technology – using magnets to hold the plasma – which was first developed in Russia in the 1950s. The company is based in Oxfordshire and employs around 260 “brilliant people” with the aim of delivering fusion power in the 2030s.

Global electricity demand is growing significantly, particularly for data centres serving the ever-booming technology sector. With the rapid growth of Artificial Intelligence, the titans of the tech world – ever keen to progress their net zero targets and with mountainous ambition – are turning their attention to fusion energy, which seems rapidly to be moving to the radar screen as a destination for Silicon Valley’s capital. Robin highlighted the sources of capital, including from international oil companies such as Shell and ENI, and an amount of around \$7 billion private investments worldwide to the year 2024.

Robin then went on to explain projects to build prototype fusion power plants in the US and the UK. With the UK’s STEP project aiming to demonstrate electricity to the grid by 2040 no less – fusion is certainly taking real steps forward! This project is part of a UK-led public-private funding program to build a prototype at the site of the former coal fired power plant at West Burton. The parallel approach of developing the science and the engineering for a fusion power plant was a most interesting insight from this presentation.

Tokamak Energy has many patents and has an interesting 'sideline' company called TE Magnetics which has developed high temperature superconductor technology applicable in various industries such as science and medicine, power systems, power distribution, and propulsion systems for land, water, air and space. Potential applications range from magnetohydrodynamic drive marine propulsion and zero emissions electric flight to magnetic resonance imaging and particle therapy for cancer patients. This is now an important part of the company's business.

Robin provided a fascinating overview of how Tokamak Energy and fusion more generally is progressing. The interest from 'big tech' is certain to drive much needed investment in research and the building of prototype projects. Tokamak Energy is now enabling spin-off technologies which could provide groundbreaking advances in areas such as marine propulsion for the defence industry. There are certainly many years to go before the water in our kettle will be boiled by fusion sourced electric – but with the drive and enthusiasm of engineers such as Robin Kamenicky – fusion power is starting to make giants leaps forward for humankind!



Fuellers Advantage is a series of evening technical meetings, held jointly by the Worshipful Company of Fuellers and the Energy Circle at the National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HE, UK.

Fuellers Activities

Charitable Trust Fund

Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones, Chair of Trustees

Governance

The AGM in December saw the election of three new Trustees, Peter Evans, David Lewis, and former Advisor Sarah Inge Parker, and the addition of two new Advisors Mona Taybi and Stephen Wells. Their contributions are already greatly appreciated. We continue to look at other matters concerning governance and will keep you informed of any significant changes.

The Charles Stephenson Clarke Prize – City University

Many of the Trust's grants are in the field of education, and this annual prize is no exception. Named after the Company's founder Master, the prize is awarded for the best dissertation project(s) in the MSc Course in Energy and Environmental Technology and Economics at City University (now known as City St George's).

The three short-listed candidates gave a panel of four Fueller judges an eight-minute illustrated presentation on a variety of topics, including a lifecycle comparison of traditional and next-gen lithium batteries in EVs, the potential impact of phased transition to heat pumps in residential buildings in Luton and, the winning topic, an assessment of the reliability of Energy Performance Certificates when electric heating technologies can engage in demand side response.

Our winner is Jack Hailstone, who unfortunately wasn't able to attend the Affiliates Prize Giving at Trinity House in June, but we will attempt to unite Jack with his Certificate sometime in the future.

He said: "I am honoured to receive the Charles Stephenson Clarke Award from the Fuellers Charitable Trust. This recognition not only affirms my passion for energy innovation but also inspires me to continue striving for excellence in a field that holds such importance for our future. I'm grateful to the Trust for their insightful feedback on my project, and for the opportunity to be part of a tradition that uplifts education in the energy sector."

We will keep in touch with Jack regarding future Company events.



Jack Hailstone, winner of The Charles Stephenson Clarke Prize – City University

Platanos

Our relationship with "our" school in Stockwell remains very important to us all, and to members of the Company as a whole.

This academic year saw the return of the Fuellers Academic Lecture Series to Platanos, with three lectures delivered. We were also delighted to welcome the most recent recipient of the Harrison Cup to Trinity House in June and are looking forward to hearing more from Cup winner Oluwafunmilayo Ilori (known as Olu) on her experience and what this award means to her.

Finally, the Master, the Clerk and I and other Fuellers enjoyed a recent concert featuring some of the Fuellers Music Scholars.



Olu, winner of The Harrison Cup at Trinity House



The Chair of Trustees accompanied by the Clerk and The Master presenting certificates at the Platanos concert

Recent Grants

Grants awarded since the last issue of The Fueller include:

- £2,200 to [London Search & Rescue](#), a small London based charity that supports the Metropolitan Police to locate missing and vulnerable people. The Trustees requested that the grant be put towards their fuel costs.
- £1,000 to GASP, which had been awarded a similar amount the year before, and provided an excellent report confirming the grant had been used to support the essential core costs of delivering their training in motor mechanics to disadvantaged young people across Surrey. Supported students commented: "I enjoyed [GASP](#) as it made me realise after school I wanted a job that involved fixing things with my hands. I would love to do it again," and "I enjoyed fixing the cool bags and socialising with new people and meeting new adults. It made me confident when I was able to do something new."

Thank you for your Donations

Thank you to all members of the Company who continue to support the work of the Trust. I encourage more of you to do so, with regular or one-off donations, by volunteering or perhaps you'd consider leaving a Legacy gift. [How to Donate](#).

Livery Climate Action Group

Past Master Prof Averil Macdonald OBE

Tuesday 23 June was the AGM and SPOC Forum (SPOC = Single Point of Contact – one for each Livery Company) at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Past Master Averil Macdonald's nomination by Senior Warden Ash Shastri, to be on the LCAG Executive was formally ratified.

More information on the latest LCAG activity can be found on their newsletter at [LCAG Newsletter Spring 2025 – Livery Climate Action Group](#)

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Meet the Trustee



Chair of Trustees and Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones

I thought it was time to stop picking on my fellow Trustees and write a little about myself for a change.

Since my first involvement with the Fuellers in 1997, I have always been aware of and interested in the work of the Trust, but I didn't attend my first meeting until I became Master in 2017 (the Master is always invited to Trust meetings during their year of office).

During that year, I became particularly interested in the Trust's work with Platanos and visited the school and both their Academy Trust's Junior Schools (in Thornton Heath and New Addington). After my year, my predecessor as Chair, Stuart Goldsmith, invited me to become an Advisor. I was subsequently elected a Trustee in 2019 and Chair, somewhat unexpectedly (for me at least), fifteen months later.

Since then, I have aimed to build on the solid foundations laid by my predecessors, across the spectrum of the Trust's activities, and I continue to look for ways to improve our communications to the Membership – so that you can see where your donations go. The Trustees want our grants to make a difference to our recipients, so tend not to support charities which already have deep coffers.

I am also a Trustee of two other registered charities – City of London Sea Cadets and Mundford Village Hall (in Norfolk). I'm also a serial volunteer at major sporting events and am looking forward to the Women's Rugby World Cup this summer.

My working life has been in the energy business in downstream marketing, but most significantly in the trading and transportation of LPG primarily for US private trading companies.

Fuellers Annual Thanksgiving Service and Affiliates Lunch and Prizegiving

Chloë Andrews-Jones, Past Master and Chair, Fuellers' Charitable Trust Fund

On a beautiful summer's day, we gathered at Trinity House and processed to Hart Street where the Honorary Chaplain The Revd Nick Mottershead waited to greet us at St Olave's Church, Hart Street for the Annual Thanksgiving Service.

Punctuated this year, by the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant [read more about this on page 25] a full church sang with cheerful voice, enjoyed anthems from an excellent choir and paid rapt attention to Father Nick's usual thought-provoking sermon. "I love this City, but it could do better" is food for thought.

Returning to Trinity House, a pre-lunch reception allowed time to make and renew friendships amongst Fuellers and guests alike.

It is ten years since Past Master Neville Chamberlain introduced this event into the Company's calendar; enabling us to properly congratulate and celebrate the achievement of the prize winners, rather than shoehorn the prizegiving into another Company function. In more recent years, winners of other prizes sponsored by the Charitable Trust Fund are also celebrated.

Every year, the Company invites Commanding Officers from each of our six Affiliated Units (from the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force and MoD) to nominate a winner of the Fuellers Prize. So often the winners are selected not just for exceptional efforts in their day jobs, but for the voluntary and/or charitable work they do in their spare time. They are requested to nominate a charity that receives a £300 grant from the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund in their name.

After an excellent lunch, and a few explanatory words from me, it was time to hear about our prize winners. One by one, the citations were read beautifully by the Junior Warden, and our winner stepped forward to be presented with a Certificate by the Company's Principal Guest Vice Admiral Andy Kyte, Chief of Defence Logistics and Support, also receiving congratulatory handshakes from the Master, the Lady Mayoress and me.

Our Affiliates were followed by presentation of the Harrison Cup, and recognition of other prizes and scholarships funded by the Charitable Trust Fund.

Prizegiving concluded, the Senior Warden introduced our guests before our Principal Guest thanked the Company for the support given to the Armed Forces, before speaking of the challenging yet exciting and pivotal times we find ourselves in. Climate change and global geo-politics have consequences for global stability and our security. The event was wrapped up by the Master's response and a happy occasion was over all too soon (although the celebrations might have continued at a local hostelry!).



Prize Winners with (front row) Senior Warden Ashutosh Shastri, Vice Admiral Andy Kyte CB, The Master Elena Oderstone, The Lady Mayoress, Junior Warden Louise Thompson



Commanding Officers of our Affiliated Military Units with (front row) Senior Warden Ashutosh Shastri, Vice Admiral Andy Kyte CB, The Master Elena Oderstone, The Lady Mayoress, and Junior Warden Louise Thompson

AFSEA Affiliates Action Group

Dave Marsh, Liveryman and Military Affiliates Liaison

On 1 April at RAF High Wycombe, Members of the Worshipful Company of Fuellers were invited to take part in the inaugural AFSEA Affiliates' Action Group hosted by the Air Support Directorate.

The Air Fuels and Sustainable Energy Association (AFSEA) was set up in 2020 by the RAF and launched in 2021. Its aim is to bring all the parts of the energy community together across the defence and commercial sectors to centralise expertise and knowledge and share best practice. Looking to the future, AFSEA avidly promotes the development of sustainability concepts and policies within defence wherever possible, both in aviation fuels and other sources of energy supply. It also serves as a central hub for those with experience of working within the defence fuels sector as a communal networking space and social forum, hosting a range of social events and seminars throughout the year.

AFSEA has grown from strength to strength in the last half decade and now has a cumulative strength that has allowed it to celebrate its latest landmark. AFSEA formally launched the Affiliates' Action Group five years in the making, and on 1 April the Affiliates Action Group delivered its first session in support of the Air Support Directorate lead by Air Vice Marshall Shaun Harris CBE. The Air Support Directorate is part of the Support Force, which is responsible for delivering vital logistics, engineering, and enabling capabilities to support operations and exercises globally.

Blessed with participants from across the sector, including speakers from London Gatwick, Oclas Group, Rolls-Royce, and

the Fuellers – their civilian counterpart. The dialogue was constructive and helped the Air Support team build a deeper understanding of what their new strategies can achieve in partnership with industry. Discussions included the fact that fuel and energy is now seen as an enabler and capability, not just a commodity. Alternative fuel types came under the microscope, encompassing small and micro nuclear, battery technologies, renewables harvested from in-theatre geography and climate and alternative liquid fuels, including synthetic air fuels (SAF) and hydrogenated vegetable oil (HVO).

Efficient use and delivery of various fuels and energy across the defence estate, and improved analytics to help improve this, was also explored, and of course the hot topic and very relevant question of national fuel and energy security was discussed in depth.

As AFSEA has stated: “The Affiliates Action Group is here to stay, supporting the UK Ministry of Defence’s senior leadership in realising the potential of closer working relationships and harnessing the intelligence of our partners. Excellence through Unity”.

The day was fascinating and useful, and I believe a great success, not in just supporting the Air Support Directorate and wider UK defence with a plethora of ideas and potential solutions to mull over, but also I feel, by way of building and enhancing relationships between the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, Industry, and our friends in the military.

The AFSEA mission: ‘Unify the AIR energy community to grow collective excellence.’



Sheyi Lisk-Carew, Edward Libbey, Stephen Lloyd, Squadron Leader Rob Fennell RAF, Gavin Towers, and Dave Marsh

4th Fuellers Future Energy Conference

Tuesday 2 December 2025

Mansion House



This year's Fuellers Future Energy Conference will be held at the Mansion House on Tuesday 2 December 2025 and will once again bring together some excellent speakers to debate topics close to our hearts.

You are invited to join us at this prestigious event, where industry leaders, policymakers, and innovators will come together to explore the future of energy, sustainability, and cutting-edge technologies shaping the industry.

This 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.

Tickets are now available and may be purchased by clicking [here](#)

SCHEDULE

09:30 – Master Fueller, Introducton

09:40 – Keynote 1: Energy Outlook – A UK Perspective

Rt Hon Charles Hendry, former Energy Minister and Immediate Past President BIEE

10:05 – Keynote 2: Energy Outlook – A United States Perspective

Lucian Pugliaresi, Energy Policy Research Foundation, Washington DC, USA

10:30 – Panel 1: The Challenges and Context

Chair: Jon Clark. Participants: Rt Hon Chris Skidmore, Dr Mallika Ishwaren, Dr Carole Nakhle

11:30 – Refreshments and Networking

11:50 – Panel 2: Mitigation Technologies to assist the transition to Net Zero

Chair: Prof Martin Freer. Participants: Sam French, Tim Lines, Dr Mike Bluck

13:00 – Networking Lunch

14:00 – Keynote 3: Adaptation and Enablement – Incentivising investment

Basil Scarsella, CEO UK Power Network

14:25 – Panel 3: Adaptation and Enablement

Chair: Basil Scarsella. Participants: Ben Wilson, Jon Butterworth, Richard Nicholls

15.35 – Refreshments and Networking

15.55 – Keynote 4: Opportunities – What the changing energy world means for The City

Dame Sue Langley, Lord Mayor 2025-2026 (subject to election)

16.30 – Panel 4: Opportunities – for the Uk, the City and the Livery

Chair: David Whitehouse. Participants: Adrian Topham, Jonathan Thurwell, Parminder Kohli

16.50 – Keynote 5: Opportunities – The Big Picture

Christof Rühl

17.15 – Closing Thoughts and Call to Action

17.30 – Drinks Reception

19.30 – Close

Early Bird Registration

Early Bird tickets are available for delegates booking up to 20 September 2025.

Visit the website for more information.

Event highlights

A round up of Fuellers recent events

Visit to Drax Power Station, Selby

12 May 2025

The Fuellers enjoyed a very interesting visit to the Drax Power Station, which is now entirely fuelled by wood pellets imported from southern USA. The day comprised a series of presentations and a visit to all the key elements of the plant, including the new bio storage, the modified boilers, the transportation system to handle the new fuel, and the fully digitised control room.



Fuellers Industrial Group visit Shell HQ

29 January 2025

Michael Green, Liveryman



The Fuellers Industry Group was hosted by Shell at the organisation's headquarters in London on the evening of Wednesday 29 January. Attendees were honoured to be given an extensive presentation by Parminder Kohli, Chair Shell UK and Executive Vice President, Sustainability, on the organisation's vision and views of achieving net zero.

A further presentation by Brian Lim, Shell Energy Transition Integration Manager, provided the technical and strategic view of the transition, and Members were able to network afterwards. Mr Kohli was thanked by the Master, Elena Oderstone and presented with a book on the history of the Fuellers.

We thank Shell for an excellent insight into their net zero goals.

Inter Livery Card Game for Junior Wardens

3 February 2025

Louise Thompson, Senior Warden

Junior Warden Louise Thompson attended the annual Inter Livery Card Game evening with her husband Rob, on Monday 3 February 2025, helping to raise funds for the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

The evening was organised by the Worshipful Company of Drapers and held at the magnificent Drapers Hall where the famous red painting of King Charles, the first portrait during his reign, is proudly on display.



Fuellers during their visit to Drax Power Station in April

Clerk, Annie Prouse had done an outstanding job of organising the seating with members of the WCMPC strategically placed to oversee the 'Games of Cards' after dinner that allowed for winners to move along the table clockwise. The game of the evening was 'Swedish Pursuit', apparently based on Crazy 8's with a few variations. Thankfully, it was easy to pick up and soon the friendly competitiveness was kicking in.

An impressive number of 67 Livery companies were represented and the evening raised one thousand pounds for the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

I'm afraid we didn't win but it was a great, informal evening of fellowship enabling us all to spend time with fellow Junior/Renter Wardens within the Livery.

Inter Livery Pancake Races

4 March 2025

Paul Mott, Liveryman

On the finest Shrove Tuesday for ten years, the Fuellers pancake racing team gathered in Guildhall Yard. With Elena Oderstone in the Masters' category, Junior Warden Louise Thompson as the lady entrant, Paul Mott as liveryman and Senior Warden Ash Shastri in the novelty costume, making striking poses as a parrot, and Sarah Inge Parker, the Clerk Alex Maclean Bather and his dog Bernard to cheer us on, we were pleased that Louise triumphed in the qualifiers - our one success!

Lunch was excellent, as it always is.



Paul Mott, Junior Warden Louise Thompson, The Master, Senior Warden Ash Shastri line up with Bernard (front)



Junior Warden Louise Thompson, The Master Elena Oderstone and the Clerk Alex Maclean Bather inside St Paul's Cathedral for the United Guilds Service

United Guilds Service

28 March 2025

The Master Elena Oderstone, Junior Warden Louise Thompson, the Clerk Alex Maclean Bather and several members of the Company attended the United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral on behalf of the Fuellers.

On what was a beautiful, sunny spring day, the Great West door was open to welcome freemen and liverymen to the 81st service and to give thanks for the enduring fellowship that the Livery provides.

The first United Guilds Service dates back to 1943 where the aim was to lift the spirits of the City following the Blitz during the Second World War. It became an annual event and remains one of the few occasions in the calendar at which the Livery Companies and Guild of the City can come together as a whole.

The Lord Mayor and Livery visit Aberdeen

Suzan Woods, Liveryman

I was honoured to become part of the group of some two hundred senior livery people from the City of London who attended the 2025 Lord Mayor's weekend in Aberdeen. Our Master Elena asked me to join her in representing the Fuellers

at this landmark event in the Livery year where we were one of 93 Livery companies and guilds.

Although I was relatively new to the cohort of 2025 Masters and their appointed consorts, I was made so very welcome.

I was proud but not surprised to find that our own master Elena, is well-known by our Lord and Lady Mayoress as well as very many of her fellow masters and prime wardens. She is passionate about our Company and energetically took the opportunity to build upon connections with others, which will certainly enhance the Fuellers standing within the Livery movement. I was proud to stand alongside her in these conversations.

We decided my role was best defined as 'shadow consort' as Elena's two daughters are officially appointed to share the role of consort. That took a little explaining, but of course my roots in the Livery movement now run quite deep. Fuellers will remember my husband Dennis as Master Fueller in 2013-2014. Each year an official Past Master's Group is formed and ours was the first which combined masters and consorts and was appropriately called One4All. Last year I was proud when Dame Fiona Woolf 'our Lord Mayor', invited me to fulfil the role of Chair for three years, taking the PMA through its tenth anniversary celebration.

All that personal history with the Livery movement meant I was able to recall the names of most masters who had served ten years ago. So, upon introduction an immediate conversation ensued with their successors, which further built upon the Fuellers relationships with other Companies.

The Aberdeen weekend had been two years in the planning, and we were made so welcome by our hosts the 'Seven Incorporated Trades' of Aberdeen.

The Lord Mayor's roots run deep in this proud city of oil, his grandfather was the Deacon Convenor of the 'Seven Trades' in 1954.



The Master Elena Oderstone, Lord Mayor of London Alastair King and Liveryman Suzan Woods enjoy the Scottish hospitality



The Master Elena Oderstone with HRH The Princess Royal

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Highlights of my visit to Aberdeen?

- Drums and pipes! The Gordon School band greeted us as we arrived outside the Seven Trades' Hall on the first evening. Despite the rain passers by stopped to enjoy the combined scene of us city folk in our black-tie finery and the whirl of young people in their Scottish kilts playing memorable music. nother piper welcomed us into the Art Gallery the next day.
- The opportunity to speak to HRH Princess Royal when she joined us at this event, which I am sure will also be a Seven Trades highlight for evermore.
- Visiting Crathes Castle a fortified ancient Scottish tower house in stunning gardens enhanced with warm sunshine.
- Aberdeen Art Gallery. A keen purchaser of contemporary art in its own time now has a world class collection. Curators have hung Scottish art alongside similar scenes from world class artists such as Claude Monet: the local artists stand up very well to comparisons.
- A Ceilidh. This opened with an amazing display of breakdancing with a Scottish theme. Two young men swirled, whirled and twirled now with shoulders on the floor, then just tip-toes, then hips twisting so fast it was hard to follow, hard to explain but certainly breathtaking in sheer exuberance and physicality.
- The Lady Mayoress peerlessly dressed top to toe in the LM tartan she had designed herself. Many masters followed suit with tartan trews (a certain tailor off Bow Lane, Cheapside, has very good reason to enjoy his relationship with Alastair King).
- Sunday morning within the packed Kirk and looking at sunshine through impressive stained glass windows.
- Balmoral... what an opportunity to see this property, the dream Highland holiday home built by the young Victoria and Albert for their growing family and known as the 'happy place' for our late Queen. After enjoying part of the house and the newly planted gardens it was such a treat for us all to share a private afternoon tea beside Garden Cottage.

It was a splendid trip. So much to enjoy. Thank you, Elena, for the opportunity. It goes without saying, I stand ready to support again!



The impressive Balmoral Castle

Fuellers Sign the Arms Forces Covenant

We are delighted to announce that the Company signed the Armed Forces Covenant during our Annual Thanksgiving Service on Monday 9 June.

Vice Admiral Andy Kyte CB signed on behalf of the MOD and representatives of each of our affiliated military units. Our Master, Elena Oderstone signed for the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, witnessed by former Lord Mayor of London & Honorary Liveryman Dame Fiona Woolf DBE DStJ DL, and in the presence of the current Lady Mayoress, Florence King.

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise that together we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, including the bereaved, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy, and society they serve with their lives.



Vice Admiral Andy Kyte CB of the MOD, The Master Elena Oderstone and the former Lord Mayor of London & Honorary Liveryman Dame Fiona Woolf DBE DStJ DL during the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant



Processing to the Fuellers Annual Thanksgiving Service

Webinar on European Energy Security

Senior Warden Ashutosh Shastri gave a compelling presentation exploring energy security, the dynamics of European natural gas, and the path toward post-conflict reconstruction during a webinar on European Energy Security: Natural Gas in Forming Conflicts and Post-War Reconstruction on 29 April.

As Europe navigates an era of energy insecurity and geopolitical fracture, the reconstruction of Ukraine adds a new layer to the debate on the future of gas. What role will energy play in Ukraine's recovery? How does the global gas landscape impact this process? And what can Europe learn from the energy dynamics that preceded the conflict?

The webinar was held by NEAH: New Energy Advancement Hub, with 235 registered participants, followed by several hundred views on LinkedIn.

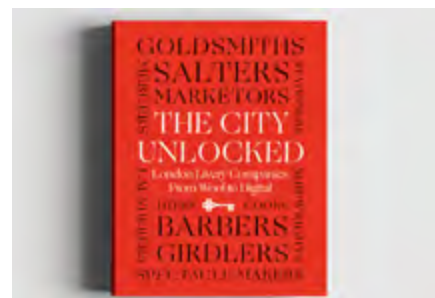
For those who wish to learn more about energy security in Europe, it is still available (1 hour 13 mins total) at <https://www.linkedin.com/events/7321082049082085378/comments/>



The City Unlocked: London Livery Companies from Wool to Digital

Written by a Past Master and a historian, *'The City Unlocked: London Livery Companies from Wool to Digital'* is a beautiful, richly illustrated book detailing London's fascinating past, and demonstrating how the Companies have been integral to the evolution of the capital, and continue to work for the London of the future. All Companies, including the Fuellers, have contributed.

It was published in July priced at £35 per copy. Fuellers are able to [buy copies now](#) at the reduced price of £17.50.



Calling all golfers and other sports enthusiasts

We are seeking anyone interested in playing golf for the Fuellers at Inter Livery golf days, which are held throughout the year at courses around the country. Interested parties should [contact Andy Spinks our Team Captain](#) for more details.

Golf is just one of the sporting activities encouraged by the Livery Companies. There are plenty of Inter Livery sports events through the year, such as: clay pigeon shooting, real tennis, sailing and skiing, plus many others.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of them then please [Contact the Clerk](#).

From the Clerk

Alex Maclean Bather

Get involved



As your Clerk I am regularly out in the City and talking to members of other liveries and, especially following the spectacular Charity Fundraising Dinner where some £65,000 was raised for City Harvest – an incredible amount that will make a massive difference for them – and now with our Lecture and Conference taking bookings, the Fuellers are certainly the livery company that is being talked about. We are the livery company of the key industry of the moment so let us capitalise on this and bring in more quality members, from all areas of the energy industry to help us continue to provide the impartial convening platform for the City's energy discussion.

In June the Master proudly signed the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of the Company during our Annual Thanksgiving Service at St Olave's. This was co-signed by Vice-Admiral Andy Kyte, Chief of Defence Logistics and Support, and Honorary Liveryman Dame Fiona Woolf, who had first signed the Covenant on behalf of the City during her Mayoralty in 2013-14. All six of our affiliated military units were present to witness the signing and there was a record turn-out for the Affiliates Luncheon and Prizegiving that followed. We take the relationships with our military affiliates very seriously and it is now time to build on this: Liveryman Dave Marsh has been our brilliant Military Affiliates Liaison Officer for the past two years and

we are now going to grow his role into a full committee – the Military Affiliates Liaison Group. If you would like to be part of this new committee then please contact either myself, Dave or one of the officers. We are ideally looking for people with military experience and / or industry experience that is relevant to our affiliates' roles. Please get in touch!

We are always looking for members to join our various committees, which is a fantastic way to get more involved and to see how the Company is run. In particular, the Membership Group is now looking for people to assist them, and the Communications Group is always interested to hear from people with relevant experience to help us get out our message.

The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, whilst being a separate entity from the Company is very much integral to it and is our charitable arm. The Trust is always looking for Fuellers who can act as mentors to the scholars we support or would be interested in talking about the energy industry to inspire the next generation. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in then please contact myself or Chloë Andrews-Jones, Chair of Trustees. The Trustees meet quarterly to consider grant applications and would love to receive more requests from Fuellers to support particular charities. If you have a charity that is close to your heart and where a grant would make a difference, then please send your request in to me and I will put it to the Trustees at their next meeting.

Throughout the year there are various livery sports played which we have traditionally had teams for. You will of course all be aware of our (occasionally)

all-conquering livery pancake racing team, which competes in the inter-livery pancake races in Guildhall Yard held each Shrove Tuesday. We also have a golf team and occasional teams for bridge and clay-pigeon shooting. To give you a flavour of the full range of livery sports, recent events include sailing, real tennis, tennis, padel, carpet bowls, pétanque, skiing and curling to name but a few. Each event tends to be organised by a particular livery company and they are a great way to meet members of other liveries in a relaxed, informal environment. If you would be interested in joining a team or just finding out more then please let me know – and if it's a sport that we aren't currently represented at then I will help put together a team for you.

In October we will be installing Ash Shastri as our new Master and I am sure that you will all want to support him at his Installation Dinner, which is being held at the magnificent Drapers' Hall on Wednesday 8 October – we were fully booked last year so please book in early! In a change from recent years, we will also be holding Common Hall immediately after Installation Court and hope that more Fuellers are able to attend this important event, which is the Company's AGM. Please also take a look at the Calendar and mark all of Ash's events in your diaries – it promises to be another excellent and interesting year!

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Dates for your diary

September 2025

Wednesday 10 September

[The Fuellers Annual Energy Lecture](#)
(inaugurated by Lord Ezra)

Imperial College

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 September

[Master's Weekend](#)

Isle of Wight

Monday 29 September

[Common Hall Election of the Lord Mayor](#)

Guildhall, followed by

Lunch at Armourers' Hall

October 2025

Wednesday 8 October

[Installation Court, Common Hall](#)
and
[Installation Dinner](#)

Drapers' Hall

November 2025

Saturday 8 November

Lord Mayor's Show

City of London

Sunday 9 November

Remembrance Sunday

The Fuellers will be represented at the services at:

- St Paul's Cathedral and Royal Exchange
- Merchant Navy Memorial, Tower Hill

December 2025

Monday 1 December

Annual Carol Service with Fan Makers

St Vedast-alias-Foster Church, followed by

Christmas Supper

Tuesday 2 December

[The Fuellers Duke of Edinburgh Future Energy Conference 2025](#)

Mansion House

January 2026

Wednesday 14 January

New Year Court

Guildhall , followed by

Court Dinner (members of Court only)

February 2026

Tuesday 17 February

Inter Livery Pancake Races

Guildhall Yard

March 2026

Friday 20 March

United Guilds Service

St Paul's Cathedral

April 2026

Wednesday 15 April

Election Court

Grocers' Hall, followed by

Election Luncheon

Thursday 16 April

Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch

Guildhall

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