

# THE Fueller

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## Installation Court

The Master celebrates with the Senior and Junior Wardens

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**Affordable and clean  
energy for all**

A pledge at the Ezra Lecture

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**Motto Review**

Special Court meeting  
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# Editor's note

Lynn Postle FICME, Editor

It's that time of year when change is very much in the air. We have left the balmy summer days behind us and have embraced the crisp, majestic, splendour of autumn – a time to give thanks for the abundance of the harvest. The approaching festive period also offers up a time for reflection which is most apt as Fuellers give thanks for the enormous efforts and enthusiasm Carrie Marsh has given the Company as we thank her for her year as Master and as we look forward to the next twelve months with Peter Harrison guiding us.

In my appreciative and reflective mood, I am struck by the synergy between Carrie's year of 'nurture' and Peter's upcoming year of 'charity', and I am thankful for the ongoing contribution Fuellers make to people in the City of London and far beyond. It is particularly pleasing to see the admission by Redemption of the new Freemen and the enrobing of the new Liverymen, as highlighted in this issue and I note the encouragement this gives the Company as it continues to bring together the comfort of tradition with an eagerness to embrace the new.

It would be an oversight if we didn't acknowledge any mood changes during the current energy crisis and raw materials

supply dilemmas and the Ezra Lecture on 8 November tackled this head on. Read more about this on page 12.

We are now toasting HM King Charles III and it would be remiss not to mention the huge debt we all owe to HM Queen Elizabeth II – there can be no finer example of duty and service and we have been privileged to have lived during her remarkable reign. Now we look to the future with confidence, for our Company, our industry, and our nation as we work together to tackle the most difficult challenges with grace and humility in honour of those who have gone before us and shown us the way.

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish Fuellers a happy and peaceful festive season and New Year. Let us see what 2023 will bring! Remember, your suggestions for The Fueller and any of our communication methods are very much appreciated.*



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# Message from the Master

Peter Harrison was installed as Master at the Installation Court on 13 October at Drapers' Hall

I am so proud to be addressing you as the new Master Fueller. I really appreciate your support and confidence in asking me and my wife, Past Master Jan Harrison, to serve the Company over the next year. My installation ceremony and Dinner at Drapers' Hall on 13 October 2022 was a stunning and very memorable evening and I thank the Fuellers for their support.

I assure you we will work hard on your behalf to continue the excellent work of my eminent predecessors. I will do all I can to ensure this modern Fuellers Company continues to grow and develop and I look forward to working together on this with the assistance of my newly elected Senior Warden, James Cripps, and Junior Warden, Elena Oderstone. Congratulations to you both.

I would like to thank the Immediate Past Master, Carrie Marsh and her Consort, Dave Marsh, for a great year and for all their hard work in representing the Fuellers, raising our profile in the City and around the country and for organising an interesting and varied programme of events. A model I will be following closely.

My background is that I am a Chartered Accountant having worked in the City of London all my life with many spells living and working abroad in the Far East, Europe and North America. I was a senior Partner at KPMG and more recently an independent Non-Executive Chairman and Director of a number of companies in the financial services sector. I am now retired and living in St Albans and have two grown up children and five grandchildren.

I am a member of The Chartered Accountants Livery Company, which I joined in the early 1990s.

My journey to become Master Fueller began with the Harrison family involvement with the Fuellers. It started with my late father Brian Harrison, who was an early member and Master in 2000, followed by my wife Jan becoming the first Lady Master in 2016 and she also installed our son and son-in-law as members in 2016.

In my case I have always had a keen interest in the City of London and in the energy sector. I joined the Fuellers in 2008, the Court in 2014 and later became a Trustee and Treasurer of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund. I have a passion for our charitable work.

The way I see the role of the Livery companies is three-fold, all are equal in my eyes. First is the fellowship and support of the City of London Corporation and the Mayor, second is to contribute to the energy sector and the third is the charitable activities. I believe the time is now right for a fresh emphasis on our charity work, but I will also be working hard on the fellowship in the City of London and the energy sector.

My theme is **Charity**, and one of my main tasks is to increase the charitable funds the Fuellers have to distribute. I am planning a series of personal challenges related to heights (which I hate) and swimming (which I love) for which I will be seeking sponsorship for the benefit of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, the RNLI and the Heart Foundation. Look out for details on how you can contribute.

I will be organising a series of interesting events in my year with energy related visits in the City and around the UK, and also including the Fuellers Carol Service and supper on 5 December and the Master's weekend on 19 to 21 May 2023



Peter Harrison, Master Fueller

in Stratford-upon-Avon. Keep an eye on the diary on the Fuellers website.

I am very lucky to have a great team at the Fuellers to work with including our Court members, the Trustees of The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, the Clerk, Alex Maclean Bather, and the Chair of GPC, Past Master John Ingham. It is very exciting that we have some new Chairmen and members in place for the key committees of Membership, Industry, Sponsorship, Education, Merchandising and Communications. I look forward to working with them all in my year.

I will be keeping you all informed on what I am up to with my Master's Activity Reports which will be issued on a regular basis. My first one was issued covering October on 2 November 2022.

I look forward to seeing you at future events.

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# The Installation Dinner

13 October 2022

Drapers' Hall



**Editor** – The Fueller, Lynn Postle FICME

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Ceremonial fanfare, candlelight, opulence and grandeur summed up the setting and atmosphere at the Installation Dinner, held at the glorious Drapers' Hall on the evening of 13 October. The warmth of the greetings and convivial mood inside were matched by the unseasonably warm weather outside, making for an excellent gathering to be thankful for our Company and each other.

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**H**aving dined on set lobster mousseline, seared beef fillet and passion fruit chiboust, one could be forgiven for basking in such splendour, but above all the resounding memory of the evening is one of tradition and familiarity in a world of uncertainty. Indeed, it was particularly significant to stand to toast His Majesty the King for the first time as a Company at a formal Fuellers' occasion.

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**Newly installed Master, Peter Harrison made specific reference to the significance of the surroundings later in the evening: “Drapers’ Hall has very strong royal connections, for example, the late Queen Elizabeth was a member of The Drapers’ Company, and she used this hall for her private 90th birthday celebrations,” noting that it had also been used as a location for the film The King’s Speech.**

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The Master Peter Harrison and his Consort Past Master Jan Harrison

The top table guests for the evening were: Nick Laister, Master Carman and Honorary Liveryman, and his Consort Mrs Joy Laister; Rev Nick Mottershead, Honorary Chaplain; Mrs Audrey Canning, Master Engineer; Captain Johanna Deakin OBE RN, Honorary Freeman and CO HMS Sultan; Dame Fiona Woolf DBE DL, Honorary Liveryman; Past Master Jan Harrison, Honorary Court and Master's Consort; Colin David, Court Assistant; Immediate Past Master Carrie Marsh and her Consort, Dave Marsh, Liveryman; and Herbert Marsh, Freeman.

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**In proposing the Fuellers “root and branch, may it flourish forever,” Principal Guest Eddie Donaldson OBE FCA gave an impassioned insight into the RNLI, “the fourth emergency service” and one of the Master’s chosen charities for the year.**

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Principal Guest Eddie Donaldson OBE FCA addresses the room

**H**e told of the difficulty with supply chains since Brexit and of how the organisation needs to raise £200 million a year from public donations, just to operate. “Raising the profile of the RNLI is vital and we have managed to do more of that because of the BBC programme ‘Saving Lives at Sea’ recently,” he said.

**He spoke of the sea change (excuse the pun) in the past four years which has seen the RNLI rely less on contractors, now that the charity builds its large lifeboats itself in Poole. He told Fuellers and their guests about the Thames lifeboat – the Duke of Edinburgh. “I was on trials on that boat,” he said. “It is the most advanced rescue boat in the world and can get into places other boats can’t. This is remarkable, but we also have the most amazing volunteers – 5,600 crew, 3,600 other volunteers and 1,646 lifeguards. The RNLI saved 408 lives last year and impacted on 50,000 people. We are now sharing our expertise around the world in areas such as Bangladesh and Africa.”**

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### **Master’s Response to the Principal Guest**

He spoke of how the Tower Lifeboat Station on Embankment is “the most called out station” for the RNLI explaining its uniqueness. “The Embankment Tower Station can launch a boat within ninety seconds of a call from the Coastguard,” he shared. “The RNLI provides a critical service and you support us. Ninety-five per cent of calls are reached within fifteen minutes. We are building a brand new £8.5 million station. Thank you for your contributions and support.”

In response, the Master thanked the Principal Guest for his “enormous amount of passion for the RNLI” and for his presence.

The Master then went on to pay tribute to Immediate Past Master Carrie Marsh, vowing to continue her “hard work” when he thanked her and her Consort David Marsh for “a great year....representing the Fuellers, raising our profile in the City and around the country and organising an interesting and varied programme of events. Your efforts have also added to our charitable funds, and you have done a fantastic job. Well done and thank you.”

He spoke with immense enthusiasm about working with Senior Warden James Cripps and Junior Warden Elena Oderstone to ensure that the Company “continues to grow and develop”. He then recounted

his journey to becoming Master, with reference to his late father Brian, who was Master in 2000, and to his wife Jan, who became the first Lady Master Fueller in 2016, with their son Neil Harrison a Freeman and son-in-law Matt Clarke a Liveryman, the Master spoke with great pride at having three generations of the Harrisons involved with the Fuellers.

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**Whilst keen to develop the Company at all levels, the Master, who is a former Trustee and Past Treasurer of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, said he has a “real passion for our charitable work.” He outlined his plans for the year ahead as three-fold – read about this on page 3.**

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The Master said “I will work hard across all these roles, and I will focus especially hard on the charitable aspects as I believe the time is right for a fresh emphasis on our charity work within the Fuellers.”

**P**ointing to the fact that 110 City of London Livery Companies provide annually around £75 million in financial support, he said: “I believe not enough people know about this. Let’s all shout about this more from the hilltops. I am pleased the Fuellers are part of this and I want us to grow our contribution.

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**“Accordingly, my theme, and one of my main tasks, will be to persuade the members to give the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund a real boost.”** He emphasised that along with encouraging even more members to give on a regular basis, he would also be instigating various fundraising initiatives during the year.

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He congratulated and welcomed the new Freemen who had earlier been admitted by Redemption and the newly enrobed Liverymen. Read about this in the Ceremonial Installation Court report in this issue.

He expressed his gratitude to the Clerk, Alex Maclean Bather and his team, the musicians and the catering staff and he invited those present to join him in a stirrup cup.



TOP: Senior Warden James Cripps toasts the guests. MIDDLE: An historic moment in an historic setting. BOTTOM: Installation dinner fanfare.

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# Ceremonial Installation Court

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The Clerk, Alex Maclean Bather presents new Freemen at the Ceremonial Court.

Elena Oderstone, Junior Warden

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**A** Ceremonial Installation Court was held on Thursday, 13 October, prior to the Installation Dinner at Drapers' Hall.

The formal proceedings saw the admission by Redemption of the new Freemen and the enrobing of the new Liverymen, along with the installation of the new Officers. The ceremony marks the official handover of the Baton, or in this case, the Mace, from the outgoing to the incoming Master. Alongside its rituals, the occasion brings to a conclusion a year under the close stewardship of Carrie Marsh, and sees the start of a new year with Peter Harrison at the helm, and all taking place under the watchful eye and helping hand of our much-valued Clerk, Alex Maclean Bather.

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Immediate Past Master Carrie Marsh passes The Mace to incoming Master Peter Harrison

Newly admitted as Freeman by Redemption are: Mark Alan Cook, Carl Lomas, Sina Mirshahi, Alexander Louis George Newsom Nicol-Gent, Michael John Ranger and Ebrahim Takolia. All made their pledges alongside the newly enrobed Liverymen: Paul Matthew Boon and Mark Peter Pearce.

This ceremony was followed by the Installation of the new Officers:

- Peter Owen Harrison – Master
- Richard James Nigel Cripps – Senior Warden
- Elena Elizabeth Victoria Oderstone – Junior Warden

It is with great poignance to note that these three Officers are the first in the history of the Company to have addressed their Declaration of Office to Our Sovereign, King Charles III.

For those not entirely familiar, there are two rituals worth noting:

- When the Master installs the Master Elect with the Master's Robe, Chain of Office and Jewel, the Master symbolically passes the Mace to the New Master and they both place a hand on the Mace (pictured above)..
- When the New Master installs the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden, the new Master places his right hand upon the Warden's left shoulder.

The Company appreciates the invaluable support given by Officers' Consorts in recognition of which, the Immediate Past Master's Consort, David Marsh was presented with his Brooch. Brooches were also presented to the newly installed Officers' Consorts – Past Master Janet Harrison, Margaret Cripps and Anastasia Oderstone (Junior Warden's daughter).

During the Ceremonial Installation Court, Carrie Marsh presented her exit speech on completion of her year in office as Master, during which she was able to reflect on her time with the Company.

She spoke eloquently of her progression to Senior Warden, often finding herself standing at the side of His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, with the inauguration of The Earl of Wessex Future Energy Conference, being one such occasion. "Who would have thought," she quipped, "that I would be standing conversing with His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, and my own mother, over a stirrup cup hosting the Fuellers' Company and guests at my Installation as Master at the newly renovated Fishmongers' Hall!"



New Liverymen and Freemen with the Officers.

On a rather amusing note, she told her audience of her trusty silk flowers which accompanied her to each Court luncheon and dinner during her year in office, always positioned in pride of place at the top table! We hope they continue to flourish in pastures new!

With Covid forcing us all to retreat to our computers to continue Company business and fellowship, Carrie, feeling the need to keep Fuellers close at a time of isolation, instigated the Senior Warden's Blog. 'Twelve editions for the twelve weeks of Lockdown', is a body of work of which Carrie is justifiably proud. "Who knew that I would finally hang up my pen after the completion of 121 editions?" she reflects.

Carrie's year as Master has coincided with an important celebration of 120 years in the coal, gas and oil delivery trade for her family business, Marsh Fuels. She has presented the Company with a special gift of a silver oil can, reflecting the connection of her business and family to the Fuellers. The oil can, presented at the annual Masters' gathering in Sheffield by the Silversmith, Rebecca Jocelyn, boasts a particularly special hallmark commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Whilst thanking her children for "lending her to the Fuellers for a year", together with her parents, Jan and Bert, she also showed her appreciation and thanks for her Consort Dave, who in her words, "has been fully embracing his new role as Affiliates Liaison!" She remarked that the unveiling of the memorial to 216 Squadron at The National Memorial Arboretum was an occasion to which both had been particularly honoured to have been invited.

In summing up, Carrie finished her speech on a very positive and uplifting note.

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**"My theme of the year has been 'Nurture' and my main message to my successors is: Don't be afraid of change! Embrace the new and the young, for they bring fresh ideas that can help us to flourish and will value your experienced counsel."**

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With the formal part of the proceedings completed, we adjourned to join the attendees and guests for the Installation Dinner, in the knowledge that the Mace has been passed from one very safe pair of hands to another.



James Cripps, Senior Warden; Peter Harrison, Master; Elena Oderstone, Junior Warden.

In her final act as Master, Carrie Marsh admitted new Freeman and enrobed new Liverymen.



Freeman Mark Allen Cook and Freeman Carl Lomas.



Freeman Sina Mirshahi and Freeman Alexander Louis George Newsom Nicol-Gent.



Freeman Michael John Ranger and Freeman Ebrahim Takolia.



Liveryman Paul Matthew Boon and Liveryman Mark Peter Pearce.



# Industry insights

## No bigger topic than energy – affordable, clean energy for all

17th Ezra Memorial Lecture – Brewers' Hall 8 November 2022

**Carl Lomas, Freeman**



*There was standing room only when Louise Kingham CBE Senior Vice President, Europe & Head of Country UK at bp plc gave the 2022 Ezra Lecture at Brewers' Hall on 8 November. Acknowledging that "the spotlight falls today on the producers of energy," she gave an enthralling and education-focussed lecture to a full house of livery.*

Louise was introduced by Immediate Past Master (IPM) Carrie Marsh, and she spoke on three topics – global energy, UK energy and people.

Opening the presentation, she told attendees: "My lecture begins with a lens to tell the industry to do better. Telling the story more directly about the energy system, it's the right thing to do. I wagged my finger. I then made the leap and moved across to bp. Net zero as a journey, what a time to have taken that step. So much impact from so many events around us. The Collins Dictionary has just announced the word of the year is 'Permacrisis', it says it all."

### The global angle

"This year was always going to be a challenge, bouncing back from Covid, a

rise in request for energy and the Ukraine conflict," she said. "Add to that a double-digit rise, the cost of living crisis, and floods in Pakistan. The bad news is that while the IEA is predicting peak carbon by 2025, we still remain on track for a 2.5 degree temperature rise before the end of the century, with catastrophic impacts for the planet. More bad news is that we need to move even faster to address the warming."

Referencing the wider situation that we are faced with she bemused: "Three Prime Ministers in one year! The new PM has acknowledged we have a profound crisis.

"At times like these the spotlight falls on the producers of energy. For UK energy, total renewables are the overall target, but fossil fuels, are still required to fill the



James Cripps, Senior Warden; Peter Harrison, Master; Louise Kingham CBE, bp plc; Liliana Oderstone, Master of Fine Arts; Elena Oderstone, Junior Warden

gap. We need to produce more energy to meet demand, we need to produce more low carbon energy. Together we can make a massive difference. Our aim is affordable clean energy for all. We are investing in the North Sea, we are looking to produce oil and gas as efficiently as possible, we are trying to take emissions out of production. We are also enlarging our solar business, not just power in the home but we will need more electricity for cars in the future. Those cars will need infrastructure, the right speed for the right need, a balance between slow and fast charge.

“We also have hydrogen on the agenda and need to produce hydrogen in a low carbon way. These are building blocks for a more sustainable energy production.”

### The human level

She acknowledged the effect recent events have had on us all at a human level and the impact of technology on people’s lives but said that there was a change coming.

**“Inflation threatens to reverse the trend of access to energy, the global energy sector needs to invest to get in the right direction, the challenge is a shift to lower carbon energy, such an effort is under way,” she promised.**

The lively Q&A session covered the competing technologies of hydrogen, CCS, storage, the effects of the Ukraine war and the price of diesel. References were made to the founder of the modern Fuellers, Lord Ezra, who Louise had met on several occasions.

The final part of the event was a presentation of a bronze of the Fuellers Arms and a book on Lord Ezra’s life given by the IPM Carrie Marsh on behalf of a grateful audience, for an excellent lecture. There was also a chance to view the portrait of Lord Ezra, which had been created in charcoal and acrylics by the Junior Warden’s eldest daughter, Liliana Oderstone, Master of Fine Arts (The University of the Arts London, Wimbledon College of Arts), and which had been kindly gifted to the Company in 2016.

The official proceedings were followed by a reception hosted by Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones, chair of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund.

### Louise Kingham

Louise joined bp in 2021 from the Energy Institute (EI), where she was CEO for 22 years, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience across a broad range of issues within the energy industry and beyond. At bp, Louise integrates bp’s business activities in the UK and across continental Europe. She represents bp in the region to all stakeholders and works to identify opportunities to deliver decarbonised energy solutions at scale. She also works with her network of European heads of country to manage the governance of bp’s European legal entities. During her time at the EI, Louise worked at the intersection of energy industry policy and education, leading the development of industry good practice, evidence-based policy and learning opportunities for people interested in energy. She is passionate about diversity and inclusion and building a low carbon future for all.

Louise was appointed OBE in 2011 and promoted to CBE in the 2022 New Year’s Honours for services to the energy industry. In 2017 she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Science from the University of Bath.



A packed audience for the 17th Ezra Memorial Lecture, held at Brewers’ Hall on 8 November 2022

## Motto Review

**A Special Court Meeting was held at 2pm on 17 October 2022 at Carmen Hall to review and discuss the Company's Motto.**



The motto, which is normally placed below the Company's Coat of Arms and elsewhere is 'In Carbon Robur Nostrum', which translates from the Latin as 'Our Strength in Coal'.

A debate has been taking place for over two years triggered in part by some member concerns over the reference to carbon in the motto, whereas current members of the Company engage with all sectors of the energy industry.

This special meeting was called as Court considered it was now time to reach a conclusion on the matter and to move on.

It was decided that the Company motto is to be retained and will not be changed. However, it will not generally be used, unless particular and appropriate circumstances require it. For example, on the Officers' and Consorts' jewels, which will not now need replacing.

The reasons for retaining the motto (but not generally using it) included:

- It reflects our history and our existence depended on carbon fuels in the past. It needs to be preserved.
- The Company strategy and what we do is more important than the motto itself.

- The perceived concern over carbon stopping new members joining us lacked evidence and indeed there was some evidence that new and younger members were not aware or concerned.
- Generally, members had not considered deeply about the motto.

The Company's Coat of Arms remains unaltered. However, the motto, which is not part of the coat of arms, will be removed. The Clerk has been asked to consult with the College of Arms on this.

## Remembrance Cross

**One of the first engagements that the Master Fueller undertakes in their term of Office is to plant a cross in the Garden of Remembrance at St Paul's Churchyard as a token of remembrance.**

Our Master Peter Harrison is pictured below on this occasion.

On Remembrance Sunday he returned to St Paul's Cathedral for the City's Remembrance Service after which all livery Masters processed to the Royal Exchange for the wreath laying at the London Troops War Memorial.



## Remembrance Day Service

### Merchant Navy Memorial

Junior Warden Elena Oderstone attended the Remembrance Day Service at The Honorable Company of Master Mariners, at the Merchant Navy Memorial, Tower Hill Gardens and laid a wreath on behalf of the Fuellers, with the very apt message from the Master: "In memory of all who kept our energy flowing."



She is pictured here with Commodores and Honorary Liverymen David Eagles RFA and Bill Walworth CBE (in his uniform as an Elder Brethren of Trinity House), and her Consort, daughter, Anastasia Oderstone.





Louise Croucher Thompson; Mira Joshi, Past Consort.

## Spotted out and about

**Court Assistant Louise Croucher Thompson was “honoured” to be on the MV Edwardian leading the ‘Reflections’ flotilla on the Thames in remembrance of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to celebrate the accession of His Majesty King Charles III.**

At the same time our very own Industry Group Chair was spotted by the Daily Mail while observing from a bridge. The flotilla was organised to raise £20,000 for the RNLI, with the money going towards a new lifeboat station at Waterloo Bridge.

## City of London Lord Mayor’s Show in Saturday sunshine

**With over 800 years of City pageantry that has Dick Whittington and his cat at the heart of the traditions, the City of London Lord Mayor’s Show across the square mile always draws the crowds and a good BBC television audience.**

This year on Saturday 14 November, the Lord Mayor of the City of London welcomed the Fuellers, trade bodies, guilds, liveries and soldiers to the grand occasion. The parade is three miles



Master Fueller Peter Harrison, Junior Warden Elena Odersone and Liveryman Dave Marsh prepare for the Lord Mayor’s Show.



The Master, Peter Harrison enjoys the parade

long and travels a two-mile route from Guildhall to the Royal Courts of Justice where the new Lord Mayor swears his oath of allegiance, and back toward Mansion House, it takes over an hour to pass in a procession that dates back to early 13th century.

Military bands and soldiers process alongside vehicle floats for the trade bodies. The sunshine brought out hundreds of thousands of Londoners and visitors to line the two-mile route ten deep to watch from locations including St Pauls, Ludgate Hill and Blackfriars.

## Widespread communication methods

**We are keen to engage with Fuellers through a wide range of channels and would encourage Fuellers to make use of our Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn feeds.**

Inspiring dialogue and debate is an important aspect of our activities and the Master, Officers, Clerk and the communications team would be delighted to hear of any suggestions Fuellers may have to help improve traffic through these channels.

Fuellers contribute to opinion, knowledge and exchange and use of our social media platforms is an instant and pro-active way to do this. This supports our efforts with The Fueller, our website and our electronic newsletter. We urge you to follow our posts and re-post where possible. This will help us to not only improve engagement with Members of the Company, but also to reach a wider audience and underline our objectives of giving a voice to the industry within the City and representing all aspects of energy. Importantly, this will also help us in highlighting the charitable work undertaken by the Company and raise the profile of the charities we work with. Links to our social media channels can be found below.

## Join the conversation

# Event highlights

## A round up of Fuellers recent events

### Annual Thanksgiving Service – St Olave's Church, and Affiliates Lunch & Prizegiving – Trinity House

Monday 4 July 2022

#### Carrie Marsh, Immediate Past Master

It was a gloriously sunny day as we arrived at Trinity House near Tower Hill. The Thames was sparkling, and the Fuellers present gathered in the entrance hall to welcome our Affiliates, prize winners, friends and family.

Once present and correct, we assembled and took the short walk to St Olave's Church, drawing the eye with our fire motif robes and following our fearless Beadle as he negotiated the occasional surprised vehicle. The borders in the grounds freshly spruced up, we arrived to the welcome of Fuellers Honorary Chaplain The Reverend Nick Mottershead. Once assembled within the church, Father Mottershead led our Annual Thanksgiving Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, pausing within to remember those Fuellers no longer with us.

Though small in number, we raised the roof with the help of the choir (though

only being four voices, they sang as well as a full choir) with such hymns as 'I Vow to Thee, My Country'. As Master I read the Lesson and Father Mottershead gave a very good Sermon which had made keen observation of the times we are in and our 'new normal' among other themes. Once concluded we stepped back out into the sunlit courtyard garden before processing back to Trinity House.

Having taken the chance to mingle, our guests were welcomed through the receiving line which had dwindled slightly due to my negotiating a medical issue at home via phone and so thank you in particular to Past Master Jan Harrison for providing a warm welcome. Having had a chance to speak to some of our prize-winners and hear about their work, and their other interests, it was time to process through to lunch which was a wonderful menu produced by Mark and his team at Cook & Butler. During lunch I was pleased to have the chance to speak further with Commodore David Eagles CMMar Head of RFA and the guest speaker, Air-Vice-Marshall Richard Hill CBE RAF who were both very interesting, particularly with regards to their different fields. Richard is also an Honorary Carman, once again bringing our two companies closer together as the Master Carmen and his Consort Joy were also with us on the day.

The awards followed lunch and were introduced by the Chairman of Trustees, Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones who explained the work of the Trust and how they support Affiliates and Students as well as Scholars. The Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund is a proud sponsor of the annual prizes given to the prize-winners from the Military Affiliates, hosting them at the Affiliates Lunch. This year six winners were honoured.

Then onto the citations read by Senior Warden Peter Harrison before each prize winner was presented with their certificate by the Air-Vice-Marshall. Each just as worthy as the next and with an array of background knowledge and their own application around fuel within their various posts. For full details you can read their [CITATIONS](#) here. Sadly, one of the prize winners was unable to join us due to a recent Covid result but her certificate was collected on her behalf and her citation read aloud to deserved applause.

After the prize giving, Air-Vice-Marshall Richard Hill CBE, who is Director Defence Support Transformation, Strategic Command Defence Support, spoke about the relevance and importance of fuels, power and energy in both the supply chain and everyday life. Beforehand we had discussed environmental targets and the challenges in meeting them, which he also addressed. Having given us much to ponder it was time to conclude the day's events with my thanks to several people, and the Charitable Trust for funding the event and the prizes, we took our leave.

I am pleased to say that there was further opportunity to mingle and to find out more about the prize-winners as the celebrations continued away from Trinity House, all of which were very much deserved.

Congratulations to all.



(l-r): Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones, Chairman of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund; Carrie Marsh; Lt Dani May RN, RNAESS/HMS Sultan prizewinner; Air Vice-Marshall Richard Hill CBE, RAF.



(l-r): Fuellers process to St Olave's Church for the Annual Thanksgiving Service; Election of Lord Mayor.

## Election of the Lord Mayor – Guildhall and Common Hall

Thursday 29 September 2022

**Carrie Marsh, Immediate Past Master**

Having usually sat with the other Liverymen in the hall to observe and vote, this year as Master I was to process during this splendid occasion. The day started with breakfast by kind invitation of Mark from Cook & Butler, upstairs in the Guildhall Members Dining Room. It was also an opportunity to see fellow Masters and meet new faces. With more and more faces changing, the chat often started with “so when do you hand over?” We then journeyed down to the Crypt to don our robes.

Trying to get 110 Livery Companies into an orderly form was no mean feat! At the allotted time we processed into the main hall, down to the front, and duly filed into our seats. What a bonus, being near the front we could all see proceedings clearly. Various dignitaries processed. From past Lord Mayors to members of Common Council, Sheriffs to past Sheriffs and future Lord Mayors. What an amazing experience and how great it was to be back to a packed hall after my memory of sitting in a socially distanced Guildhall during the pandemic, which was a sad sight at the time.

The Common Cryer brought us all to order and the Proceedings of the last Common Hall were read by the Assistant Town Clerk.

The Recorder then informed the Livery of the occasion of their meeting before The Lord Mayor, Past Lord Mayor and party retired to the print room. Having done so, we proceeded to the election. While the result was delivered to the print room, the Assistant Town Clerk took to the podium to keep us entertained in the interim, not only explaining proceedings and why he had this role, but also mentioning our very own Peter Nelson in the role before him and the advice he had given.

Once the Lord Mayor had returned, it was declared that Alderman Nicholas Lyons had been elected to be Lord Mayor for the year ensuing. There followed various resolutions of “Thanks to the Lord Mayor and the late Sheriffs” followed by their replies. At the conclusion, all Liverymen were invited to respond “God Save the King” before filing out into the sunlit yard where I found myself catching up with more faces from Guildhall and the Old Bailey!

Finally, it was upstairs to lunch, where we found we had our own private dining experience looking down over Guildhall. The lunch was lovely, and it was great to catch up properly in our small group which included Master Elect Peter Harrison and his Consort Jan plus my own Consort Dave, Past Master Shravan Joshi and our Clerk, Alex Maclean Bather. Before long it was time to head off to the station, but not before one more look over my shoulder at the place that has become so familiar over the last year.

## Past Masters Lunch – The Rag (The Army and Navy Club), London

Wednesday 10 August

**Carrie Marsh, Immediate Past Master**

I was pleased to be invited to join the Fueller Past Masters lunch as a guest due to (at the time of the event) not quite qualifying this year! It was a lovely, if not rather hot day in the City having come up by train from Chichester, leaving the cool of the sea behind.

It was lovely to see familiar faces over a relaxed lunch at The Rag. Sadly, Father of the Company, Edward Wilkinson, was not able to attend last minute but Past Master Paul Cuttill passed on his wishes and in return we all wished Edward well. Then into jolly conversation at the long table in the airy library while we enjoyed a beautifully organised lunch, thanks to Paul.

Past Master Vaughan Williams proposed the toast, taking a moment to acknowledge the importance of coal and solid fuel in the past and noting our potential reliance on it to produce power in these unsettled times.

A wonderful day was had by all.

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# Fuellers Activities

## Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund

Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones,  
Chairman of Trustees



### Grants in 2022

Regular donations continue to be paid to our long-standing charity partners but the Trust also makes one-off donations to charities who either appeal to us directly, or are sometimes brought to us by Fuellers themselves. We do particularly encourage these and will support where possible, particularly if that Fueller is actively involved in that charity.

A good example of this is our recent donation of £1,000 to [The Square Mile Hygiene Bank](#). This charity was brought to us by the Company's Honorary Chaplain Reverend Nick Mottershead, who is the coordinator for the Square Mile Hygiene Bank, focused on encouraging local donations of hygiene products that he then arranges to deliver to local frontline charities and agencies to help local people.

### Arkwright Engineering Scholarships

The Trust aims to sponsor one new scholar a year at a current cost of £2,300 for Y12 & Y13. Scholarships are designed to inspire students to pursue their dreams and change the world as future leaders in engineering.

This summer saw our 2020 scholar,

Evan Symonds (pictured), achieve A\*s in Further Maths, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and an A\* in his Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Evan says: "I'm interested in aerospace engineering, and how the industry will transition to be sustainable. I was linked with the Worshipful Company of Fuellers through the Arkwright Scholarship programme, and since then they have helped me with my career in engineering. Their sponsorship money allowed me to complete an EPQ project where I designed and made a working model turbojet engine, and their contacts and advice helped me make decisions about my future including university."



September saw Evan head off to Manchester University to study a MEng in Aerospace Engineering and, as with previous scholars, we aim to remain in touch with him over the coming years.

At the end of October, I was delighted to attend an awards ceremony for some of this year's Arkwright Scholars, including our own. Arkwright recently published their [Future of Engineering report](#) and as part of their research looked at the importance of increasing diversity. Of this year's Scholars, 38 per cent are female and 68 per cent of Scholarships were awarded to state school students, a record on both counts.

I'm pleased to report that the new Fuellers Arkwright Engineering Scholarship has been awarded to Emma, a student at

[Rickmansworth School](#). Being located close to London, I'm hoping Emma can attend some of the Company's events in due course.

### Smallpeice Future Energy Conference for Arkwright Scholars

Those of you who attended the Midsummer Dinner will recall the excellent speech from Smallpeice's Chair of Trustees Dr Alan Begg, who spoke passionately about Smallpeice's work and the results they achieve.

Earlier this year, the Trust donated to The Smallpeice Trust to help fund their 2022 Future Energy Conference. This online conference was open to all Arkwright scholars from across the UK. Fuellers participated and we will report back in due course.

## Keeping warm and heating our homes

### The Fuellers Company is one of the 13 Founder Members of the Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG).

As part of our commitment to the initiative Past Master Prof Averil Macdonald OBE has written an article titled '[Keeping warm – how to solve the issue of heating our homes](#)'. The article considers the complications for existing housing stock. The article can be viewed on the LCAG website by following the link above.

#### Get involved – Blog now

Individual Fuellers are continually encouraged to contribute to the LCAG website blog section on any topic related to environmental issues and climate challenges.

Whilst some blogs have been uploaded, LCAG is always looking for more and we urge Fuellers to get involved and offer ideas and inspiration to others. Suggestions are sought on minimising company waste, decarbonising heating and transport, biodiversity, sustainability, education and outreach, the circular economy or any related matter. The more we blog and get involved, the greater the impact of LCAG.

All we ask is that blogs are challenging, interesting and offer a broad perspective. To offer blogs or for more information contact [info@liverycag.org.uk](mailto:info@liverycag.org.uk)

## Mentioned in dispatches

The 2022 'Pan Livery Impact Report' on shared philanthropy highlights three recent activities by the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund.

### Livery Kitchens Initiative

The Fuellers Charitable Trust donated £1,460.00 to cover fuel costs relating to the supply of 175,000 meals to four Barts Health NHS Trust hospitals and 16 east London communities.

### Livery Climate Action Groups

The LCAG includes Fuellers' support for STEM days in schools. This was undertaken thanks to the Trust's relationship with the Smallpeice Trust.

### Livery Charity Chairs Group

Chairman of the Fuellers Charitable Trust, Past Master Chloë Andrews-Jones, participates in the Livery Chairs Group which meets to discuss governance and fundraising by the Livery Companies.

## 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.

Visit the shop to place your orders [here](#).



# From the Clerk

Alex Maclean Bather

## Get involved



It's been a good year for the Company with a successful return to a full schedule of events with numbers approaching what they were before the various lockdowns – although I do need to currently add the caveat 'strikes permitting'. A new approach to attendance is emerging due to everyone's changing working habits and these will be taken into account for planning future events.

After our appeal for volunteers it has been good to see people stepping forward to join our committees. I was delighted to recently attend two meetings of the reformed and re-energised Industry Group under the leadership of Bill Fortescue. In particular planning is progressing for next year's Ezra Memorial Lecture and Earl of Wessex Future Energy Conference – our annual energy lecture and biennial conference respectively. Details will be published shortly and I urge you all to attend both of these flagship events. The Communications Group continues at its swift pace now under the leadership of Michael Green and the Membership Group is relaunching under the leadership of Guy Sawyer. Along with these groups, there are other committees and ways that you can also get involved – just send me an email or give me a ring and we can talk through them. If your time does not allow you to do so now then please remember them in the future as our committees are always on the lookout for new members.

A most worthwhile part of my role is to be Secretary of the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund, already building up to be a fund that we should all be proud of. The Trustees meet quarterly in order to consider all requests that we receive and look to provide a select number of meaningful grants where we will make a difference. Whilst many applications don't come under our remit there are many others that we just don't have the funds available

to assist them. Therefore if you are able to support the FCTF either through one-off donations, a standing order or through our recently launched Legacy Scheme then please consider doing so (there is a QR code below that will take you to the FCTF page on the website where further details are available). Another way that you can now effortlessly contribute is through AmazonSmile: just log on to Amazon, select the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund as your nominated charity and then a small percentage of your purchases will be donated.

Looking ahead to future events, the list of the main events is published on the following page, with a fuller list available at the bottom of each mailout and the complete list available on the [Events page](#) of the website. Please check these dates and put them in your diaries at the earliest opportunity.

Finally, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Fuellers New Year!

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# Dates for your diary

## January

Wednesday 11 January 2023

**New Years Court and Dinner**

Guildhall

Tuesday 16 January

**Citigen Visit – fully booked**

## February

Tuesday 21 February

**Inter Livery Pancake Race and Lunch**

Thursday 23 February

**HMS Sultan Livery Day**

## March

Monday 6 March

**Inter Livery Bridge Tournament**

Drapers' Hall

Friday 24 March

**United Guilds Service and Lunch**

St Paul's Cathedral, 11.15am

Thursday 30 March

**Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch**

Guildhall, 12pm

## April

Wednesday 19 April

**Election Court and Luncheon**

Vintners' Hall

## May

Tuesday 9 May

**368th Festival of the Clergy Support Trust**

St Paul's Cathedral, 5pm

May continued

Thursday 18 May

**Inter Livery Shoot**

West London Shooting School

Friday 19 to Sunday 21 May

**Master's Weekend**

Stratford-upon-Avon

## June

Wednesday 14 June

**Midsummer Court and Dinner**

HQS Wellington

Monday 26 June

**Common Hall Election of Sheriffs and Lunch**

Guildhall

## July

Monday 17 July

**Annual Thanksgiving Service**

St Olave's Church, 11am, followed by

**Affiliates Lunch and Prizegiving**

Trinity House

## September

Sunday 24 September

**Woolmen's Sheep Drive and Livery Fair**

London Bridge

Friday 29 September

**Common Hall Election of Lord Mayor and lunch**

Guildhall

## October

Wednesday 11 October

**Installation Court & Dinner**

Stationers' Hall

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