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The Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

LIVERY NEWSLETTER AND GAZETTE

An evening to remember – the Livery Millennium Ball

There was a happy buzz about Blenheim on Midsummers Eve and Winston would have been delighted to see the ancestral home with the fine wine flowing, and the aroma of Havana cigars wafting around the splendid rooms as the Livery celebrated the Millennium. The weather was set fair as 264 guests assembled from far and wide to be greeted by trumpeters and champagne, followed by a splendid dinner, dancing and a floodlit military tattoo by the Scots Guards which for many was the highlight of the evening. The photos speak for themselves and the many letters of appreciation included all the superlatives.

People commented on the not so little touches such as the souvenir welcome photograph, the piper and the splendid silk scarves for the ladies. (There are a few spare available for sale, and also copies of each photograph. Apply to the Clerk). It was certainly a unique event for the Livery and the Ball Committee led by Michael Walters

– who had been working for two years on the preparation – are to be congratulated. As a footnote, for those still wondering, the Grace by David Glynn-Jones at the beginning of dinner was in Welsh. Obviously the champagne had worked!

(See also the pictorial account on page eight)



*The present and past Masters
and their ladies*



The Military Tattoo by the Band of the Scots Guards

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A message from the new Master

At the Installation Court on 29th June this year I was honoured to be elected your Master for the forthcoming year, and I will do my utmost to uphold the high standards of my predecessors. One of my main objectives this year will be to continue the important mission of increasing membership of our Livery. We need a surge of younger Freemen and Liverymen to secure a healthy and prosperous future and I urge all members of the Livery to assist in this quest.

I wish to thank Court Assistant Richard Tranter for his initiative in the new format Newsletter. We intend to issue this twice a year and any input or suggestions from the Livery will be welcomed. I look forward to my year of office. I am proud to be a Liveryman of the Company and will carry out my duties to the best of my ability.

Thank you for the faith and trust you have placed in me.

Ian M Panto



Ian M Panto – a profile

Born in 1946 Ian Panto is the third generation of his family to enter the tobacco industry. He was educated at Carmel College and despite being offered a place at Leeds University to study Law, he was persuaded to join the family concern in 1963.

The business concentrated on tobacco retailing and associated products, and was sold to Palmer and Harvey in 1984. Since then he was for nine years a Main Board Director for the Gallaher subsidiary, Marshall Group, which managed 800 units. More recently he was Managing Director of his own company of some 30 shops which was sold in January this year.

He is an International bridge player, having represented Britain on many occasions and has won the Inter-Livery Bridge Cup on seven occasions for the Pipe Makers. He is initiating, during his year of office a bridge competition in association with London Youth which he hopes will become a regular feature of the City Calendar.

He now prefers to play golf albeit to rather a lower standard! His wife, Colette, is from France and they have one son and four daughters.

Diary dates

Friday 29th September 2000

11.45 am Common Hall. Election of Lord Mayor
(Entrance is by Ticket, available on request from the Clerk)

Tuesday 10th October 2000

7 pm. Ladies Banquet at Vintners Hall.

Thursday 7th December 2000

6.30 pm. Carol Service and supper at St. Botolph's, Aldgate.
(Our Chaplain's Church). Sevenoaks School choir will be singing.

Tuesday 16th January 2001

7 pm. January Dinner at Painter Stainers Hall.

The **Retailer of the Year** award will be presented as usual by the Master at the Pipe Smoker of the Year Luncheon on 17th January 2001. The next entries for the **Frederick Tranter Trophy** are due by Autumn 2001. Watch the Spring 2001 issue for details.

A memorial service for Nicholas Freeman will be held at St. George's, Hanover Square, W1 at 2.30 pm on Thursday 12th October.



Hook, slice and sink it!

Derek Harris recounts the events and entertainments of the Company Golf Day – which seems to have been a more relaxed occasion for the Pipe Makers than this year's Prince Arthur Cup – in which we sadly did not fare quite as well as in previous years!

"A very happy day was spent by some ten members of the Livery, playing in the Company Golf Day at Tandridge. Excellent weather ensured that all those taking part – and the extras who attended as "spectators only" – had a most enjoyable time. Thanks to two guests we were able to have twelve players both in the morning Stapleford competition and the nine-hole Greensomes in the afternoon. The Immediate Past Master, Michael Richards, again won the morning round with Bob Edwards and Simon Orlik close behind. The longest drive of the day was quite clearly won by Alec Murray with a shot of the "Tiger Woods" variety! Following as it did an excellent lunch, the afternoon's nine holes was a very gentle affair but nonetheless provided some good interesting golf! Nigel Rich and Bob Edwards easily won, with our Master Ian Panto and Robin Philpott second and Simon Orlik and his guest Ian Flanagan (a Past Master of the Gardeners Company) third. The "nearest to the pin" competition was won by Robin Philpott who received a leg of lamb presented by our kind Clerk. This had come from one of the many sheep he and his wife farm in Sussex (I don't know what happened to the other three legs!)



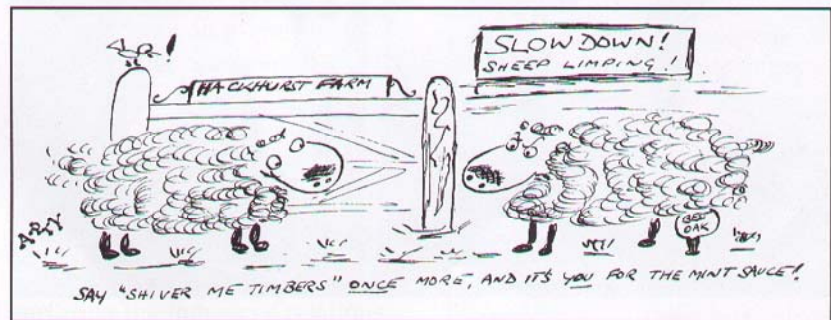
Nigel Rich demonstrates his Langer-style putter to Ian Panto and Bob Edwards



"I wonder how far it is to the 19th?" Derek Harris, Alec Murray and guest

We would particularly like to record our thanks to David Glynn-Jones and Gallaher Limited for their most generous support in providing a selection of excellent prizes. Thanks also to Robin Philpott and the Goldsmiths Group for their generous support once again. Tandridge is an

excellent club and an outstandingly beautiful course and we hope to return again next year when we look forward to more golfing members of the Livery supporting this very enjoyable day in the Livery Calendar which has already been booked again for 19th July 2001 – make a note!"





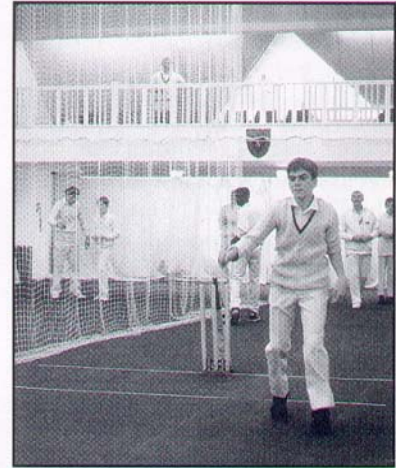
The Arundel Cricket Foundation

In previous issues we have looked at various other aspects of our Livery's benevolent work. John Solomon, a Trustee of the Benevolent Fund, now speaks of our involvement with the Arundel Cricket Foundation to which we presently contribute some £3,000 annually.

"When the Arundel Cricket Foundation was formed in 1986 it was responding to major anxieties of the day – the increasing threat to school playing fields and the trend away from competitive sport. Both have had far-reaching effects; playing fields have been ruthlessly sold off for development and in certain parts of the country sport is now endangered. Arundel is determined to help the reversal of this trend. They continue to coach in more than one hundred local schools throughout the year. The relationship with London Schools Cricket is as strong as ever and throughout the summer

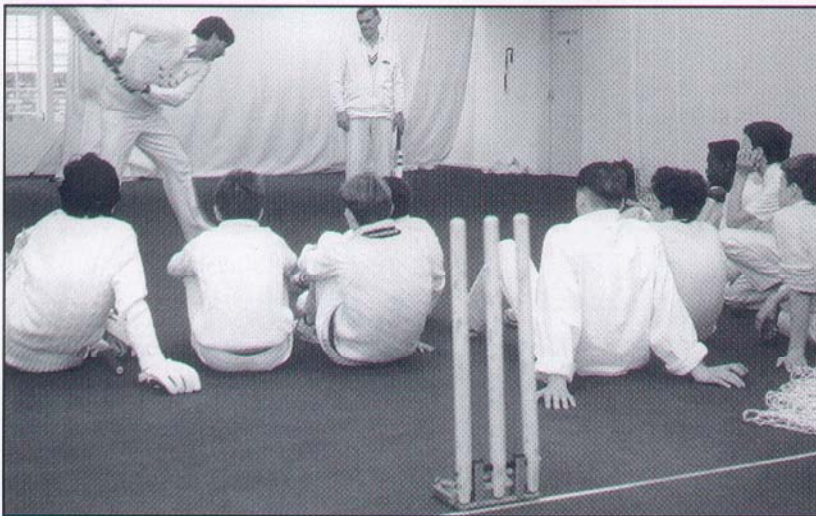
children visit Arundel from a wide variety of schools in different boroughs. Each year sees some wonderfully talented children such as Alex Tudor, who was at Arundel in the early 1990s and has been an inspiration to all. It surely will not be long before London produces another cricketer in the same class.

Since 1986 thousands of children have visited Arundel from all over the country. Every year they, and especially those from inner city areas, are struck by the magic of the place and learn a lot from their visits. Often coming away from home for the first time, they are confronted by new challenges, and Arundel sees its responsibility as ensuring that cricket plays an important part in the education of each and every individual. Cricket should be for everyone, and Arundel is determined to see as many as possible from whatever background embraced by its magic, including the disabled and those with learning difficulties.



Cricket, with its variety of disciplines, does so much to develop the young and help them grow in confidence. It is not just the talented ones that are important, but also the children with modest ability who just want to "have a go". It is this band of potential followers that are most vulnerable. Without much to encourage them at school, cricket will most likely be passed by in favour of other attractions."

It is sometimes hard to measure precisely the effect Arundel has upon the young and their development, but the special atmosphere can always be sensed. Certain groups visiting for the first time divide their time between playing cricket, visiting the Castle and going to the seaside. Some of them will have done none of these things before. The whole experience gives them a wonderful holiday, and to quote one social worker "the expedition gives the children a whole new outlook on life". John Barclay, the Director of Cricket and Coaching at Arundel, responds "If it does, then we are indeed doing something very worthwhile".





Obituaries

Nicholas Freeman who died on 28th July following a brave battle against illness, was a keen, highly respected and generously benevolent member of the Livery. He was admitted to the Freedom in 1962, took up the Livery in 1973, was elected to the Court in 1976, and more recently a Trustee of the Livery Benevolent Fund, both of which he served with enormous enthusiasm until shortly before his death. His wise counsel will be greatly missed by all those who served with him. He was a true gentleman and a friend to all those fortunate enough to know him, whether socially or in business. It was characteristic of the man that, after his melanoma was diagnosed, he could still find the energy last year to help found the Cancer Vaccine Institute, which will be his lasting memorial. The younger son of Past Master Robert Freeman and Joan Freeman, he was educated at Marlborough College and Grenoble University and was for many years Chairman of Hunters and Frankau, the Cuban Cigar Importers.

Liveryman Norman Buck writes: "Nicholas qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1959, and although he joined the family tobacco business, he retained a keen interest in the accountancy profession and held a number of non-executive Directorships both in trade associated bodies and industry. During the 1970s he was



Nicholas D J Freeman
19th June 1938 –
28th July 2000

Managing Director of the Siemmsen Hunter Group, a public company forged by his father with tobacco leaf broker Roy Siemmsen. His family had been in the cigar business for five generations and he had a deep passion for cigars which led, in 1979 to his success in returning the ownership of Hunters and Frankau to the Freeman family.

Throughout this period, Nicholas Freeman played a leading role in managing the British Trades relationship with Cuba and in particular forging trust with the officials of Cubatabaco (now Habanos SA). Nicholas brought considerable diplomatic and personal skills in nurturing the industry's relations

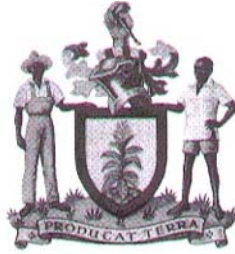
with Cuba at a governmental level and advised the British Government on Cuban affairs for many years. Nicholas was an avid supporter of both the Turf Club and White's and in his latter years became a very keen golfer. I will retain fond memories of the days I spent with Nicholas at Lords which we attended together from the early 1970s. Excellent company and vast quantities of champagne were enjoyed and somehow I do not think that for me, Lords will be quite the same in the future."

Nicholas is survived by his wife Brigitta, their two children Jemma and Charlie, and his step-daughter Natasha, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy and condolences.

E.G. Sissons

We are also sad to report the death on 30th June 2000 of E.G. ("Ted") Sissons.

Ted was a deeply respected and well-liked member both of the Livery and the Trade itself. He was for many years synonymous with his retail firm Wards of Gresham Street. A visit to this small, but characterful tobacco shop was always an experience in itself, enhanced by the quiet charm of Ted's own personality. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, whether as a friend or a businessman.



Ladies Days!

Hilary Walter reflects on the Ladies own Livery occasions.

This past year, for the first time, the "Ladies of the Court" were considered as people in their own right and not just as wives! Léonie Richards came up with the brilliant idea of arranging three most enjoyable visits to places of interest.

The first was to "No.1, London" – Apsley House, the home of the Dukes of Wellington. We met at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly where we had lunch and then walked (in the rain!) to Apsley House where we were given a most interesting guided tour. The second was to Kensington Palace to see the exhibition of the dresses of the late Princess of Wales and then lunch in the Orangerie in

Kensington Gardens.

The third – the "pièce de résistance" – was a tour of the newly refurbished Royal Opera House in Covent Garden which included a fascinating look "behind the scenes" (literally!) and a chance to see the various areas where costumes are made and fabrics dyed for the different productions, the rehearsal and exercise rooms etc. This was preceded by lunch at the Marquis of Anglesey. Each lunch included a raffle and, on one occasion we each received a piece of china, hand-painted by Léonie herself.

Not only were these visits a unique experience not normally enjoyed by members of the general public, but also they gave each of us an opportunity to get to know each other in a more relaxed atmosphere. It will all help to increase the camaraderie at future Livery functions! Well done Léonie!

The Pipe Makers Charity Bridge Competition

A new initiative by the Master to raise funds for London Youth.

Our Master, Ian Panto, who is well known for his prominence in the world of Bridge, has taken a new initiative which will raise the Livery profile in the wider world of the City and beyond. The Livery is to sponsor a new Bridge competition the main purpose of which is to raise funds for London Youth, as the Federation of London Youth Clubs is now known.

This organisation supports over 460 youth clubs, projects, centres and groups working with some 70,000 young people and 5,000 adult leaders and committee members in the Greater London and City areas. The competition is to be named the Pipemakers Livery and City Charity Bridge Competition, and will be open to teams of four from any organisation in the London area. Spectators will also be allowed.

It is not to be confused with the Inter-Livery Bridge Competition, which is sponsored by the Worshipful Company of the Makers of Playing Cards, and which is duplicate bridge for Livery Companies only.



The Immediate Past master (left) and the Lord Mayor

Michael Richards, our Immediate Past Master, was among 28 riders from 6 Livery Companies who accepted the Lord Mayor's challenge to cycle from Guildhall to Bruges, to raise funds for Barnados. We are proud to report that the £1790 sponsorship funds raised by Michael came from the Tobacco Industry and Livery members. Michael would like to see this reach the £2000 mark and anyone wishing to contribute to this deserving cause should send him a cheque made out to "The Lord Mayor's Appeal for Barnados". The distance ridden by Michael was 190 miles, completed over the August holiday weekend. The worst bit was the

first day – 75 miles through the London traffic and the Kent hills to the University of Kent campus, where he had to carry his bike up to his students room – on the 3rd floor! Michael's final comment was "It was a most rewarding thing to have done, new friends made and a great way to burn off all those calories accumulated over the last year. And a really big thank you to all my Tobacco Pipe Maker friends for their generosity".



Livery Gazette

At the Installation Court on the 29th June the following appointments were made:



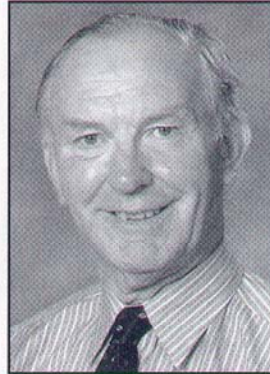
**Senior Warden –
Alec Murray**

Alec Murray joined the Standard Commercial Corporation – the world's third largest dealer in leaf tobacco products – as Financial Controller in 1969. During the 1990s he was Chief Executive Officer, and is at present their non Executive Chairman. He is married to Gillian and has two sons. He is a keen golfer, and loves his fishing and hill-walking expeditions to his cottage in the Scottish Highlands.



**Renter Warden –
Michael Walter**

Michael Walter has a long association with the industry and was Group Marketing Director for Dunhills in the 1970s and 1980s. He now runs his own consultancy business. His wife Hilary categorises him as a workaholic, which he accepts is the reason for his high golf handicap! An unrivalled range of unlikely shots makes him an amusing partner on the course, leading him to explore parts seldom visited by more conventional players!



**Third Warden –
Michael Bramwell**

Michael Bramwell is indeed "our man in the City." His forty year career with Barclays Bank culminated in his appointment as Senior Executive for the City of London. He has served as a Common Councillor since 1983 and in 1997 was Chief Commoner. In 1998/99 he was Chairman of the City of London Freemans School, and is currently Chairman of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He is married to Sheila and has a son and a daughter, both married.



**Fourth Warden –
David Glynn-Jones**

David joined the Livery Company in 1992 and has served on the Court since 1998. His career in the industry spans thirty years and he has held a variety of executive positions within Gallaher Ltd whom he joined as a graduate trainee in 1970. His main interest is sport including National Hunt racing, but especially Rugby Union of course! (He was until recently an active member of Bath Rugby Club). David is married to Janice and has two sons.

Nigel Rich has been elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee for the years 2000-2002. Nigel – who is the son of late Past Master Charles Rich (1970-1971) joined the Livery in 1970 and has served on the Court since 1996.

George Lankester, a director of Imperial Tobacco, has been elected to serve on the Court. George is a keen fieldsportsman and he is proud of having completed a "Macnab": a salmon, a brace of grouse and a stag all bagged in one day!

John Crosby, who was admitted to the Freedom in March this year, has been gowned with the Livery. John is a former Director of BAT and a Governor of Sussex University.



The Livery Millennium Ball at Blenheim Palace – 24th June 2000



"Piped in to Dinner"



"The Master's Table"



"The Smoking Cap Ceremony"



"The Master speaks – briefly!"



"Permission to go for a beer Sir"



"Dancing the night away"