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The Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

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Our new Master **Alec Murray** was installed at the Court meeting held on 5th June at Glaziers Hall. A well-known figure within the industry, he was born in 1936, the son of a colonial administrator in a remote area of the former colony of Northern Rhodesia.

He was educated in Haywards Heath and at Trinity College Glenalmond. He then went to Eaton Hall OCS and was commissioned in the Black Watch, serving in Perth and Berlin. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Cooper Brothers in the City and after a few years joined the staff of GEC. He worked at their head office in the West End and served for three years in Nigeria.

In 1969 he joined Standard Commercial - one of the largest processors and dealers in leaf products in the world. He has held a succession of increasingly senior positions within the company and since 1997 has been its non- Executive Chairman.

He may find time for the occasional round of golf in between his engagements in the busy year ahead, but no doubt the forays to his cottage in the Highlands where he enjoys fishing and hill-walking will be somewhat curtailed! We wish him and his wife Gillian a most enjoyable and memorable year.



Following his installation the Master made the following appointments for the year 2001/2:

Senior Warden
Michael Walter

Renter Warden
Michael Bramwell

Third Warden
David Glynn-Jones

(For profiles of all three, please see Autumn 2000 issue)

The incoming **Fourth Warden** is **Richard Yeo**

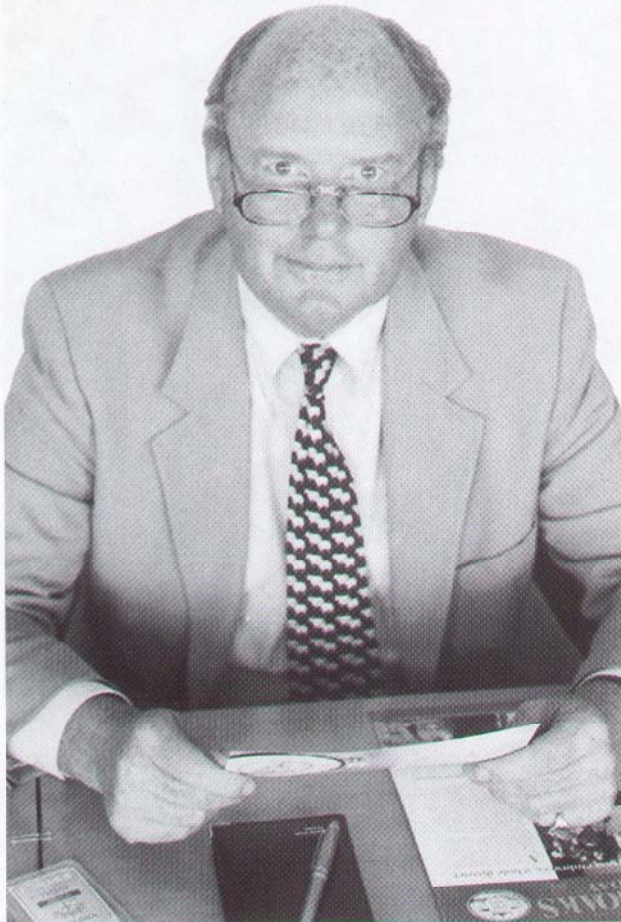
(see Livery Gazette p.6)



From our New Master

At the Installation Court on 5th June I was honoured to be elected as your Master. In my speech at the luncheon following the Installation Court I expressed our deep gratitude to the outgoing Master, Ian Panto, for his outstanding contribution to the affairs of the Company during his year of office. I will do all I can to continue his good work, upholding the traditions and high standards to which our Livery aspires.

Our founding fathers and predecessors have bequeathed us a Livery Company of which we can be justifiably proud. Thanks to their prudent management our financial condition is sound and our reputation high. But we live in rapidly changing times and our challenge for the future will be to ensure that our objectives are in tune with today's



world. We are the Livery Company associated with tobacco - an industry which, like it or not, is the subject of increasing hostility from certain quarters.

I believe however, we can play a unique role in putting forward the compassionate side of our trade, whilst continuing to be a vehicle for friendship among our members.

We will therefore continue to cement our links within the City, and with all involved in our industry. We must support our programme of charitable giving as this is a primary justification for our existence. I urge all Liverymen and Freemen to re-examine their level of giving to the Benevolent Fund and do all they can to support this objective.

We are much encouraged by the number and quality of new members joining in the last year or two. The recently introduced fast track application procedures have gone a long way towards making it less onerous for new members to join in today's hectic environment. We shall continue to enhance the standard and quality of our functions, and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to support our events this coming year. I particularly hope you will bring a party to the Ladies Banquet on 25th October as we shall be returning to the Mansion House for the first time for many years. It promises to be a splendid occasion.

We have set up a committee to undertake a review of our financial structure with a view to bringing it more in line with current trends. I anticipate that this committee will have finished its research in time for us to be able to make recommendations to the January Court meeting.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our various functions. Gillian and I look forward to a stimulating year ahead, and trust we will be worthy of the confidence you have placed in us.

Alec Murray



Sarah Redgwick - the sweet sound of success



Photo: Clive Totman

Those who have attended the January dinner over the past three years will have heard the lovely voice of Sarah Redgwick who has entertained us with a wide variety of songs and whose extrovert personality has always called for an encore. Last January she sang the Cigarette Aria from Ferrera's opera *Susanna's Secret* (see words below) but she sang for her life at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama Gold Medal singing competition in the Barbican and won the coveted prize. Previous winners have been such famous names as Bryn Terfel (1989) and Nathan Berg. The competition involved singing eight songs with piano accompaniment in the first half followed by four pieces with orchestra. There were three other

finalists and the judges were Dame Janet Baker, Richard Van Allan and the principal of the school, Ian Horsbrugh.

The Cigarette Aria

Susanna fishes out a hidden cigarette, relights it, settles herself jauntily in a rocking chair and smokes placidly and contentedly....

*"Oh, joy to be musing with half closed eyes
To follow the vapour that rises.
The smoke that goes lightly ascending
And curling and winding in circles of blue,
So vain and elusive a phantom,
Soon melts and dissolves into air.
Its tender caresses enchant me
And lull me to slumber and dream.
Oh give me my fill of thy sweetness rare
Thy joy so divine
Now in the circling mist of blue
Floats a celestial vision
Of one who loves and lives for love."*

Footnote: How many members of the Livery were watching the First Night of the Proms (BBC2 7.30 20th July)? **Gwen Jeffers** (see last issue) was performing - an absolute treat to hear!

Diary Dates

Monday 1st October 11.30

Common Hall at Guildhall. Liverymen only (pass required, available from the Clerk)

Thursday 25th October 7 pm

Ladies Banquet at Mansion House with the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, The Sheriffs and their Ladies (**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 23RD OCTOBER**)

Saturday 10th November

The Lord Mayor's Show

Tuesday 4th December

Carol Service and supper with Sevenoaks choir at St. Botolph's, Aldgate

Tuesday 15th January 2002

January Dinner at Painters Hall

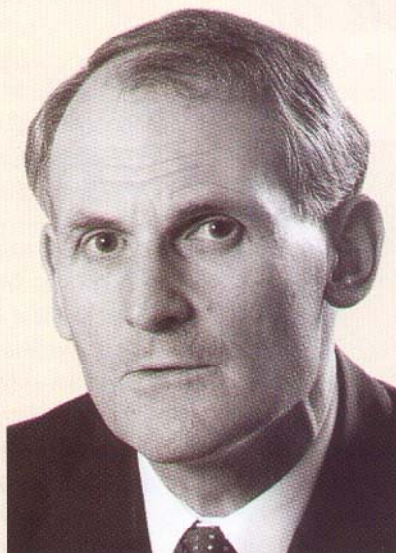


The Pipe Makers and Sevenoaks School

“Knowledge.....is an acquired illumination, it is a habit, a personal possession and an inward endowment.” Cardinal John Henry Newman.

The story of the link between the Pipe Makers and Sevenoaks begins in the early 1950's when the present Tobacco Pipe Makers Company was in its pre-charter infancy and a relationship with a school was being sought in accordance with the traditions of Livery Companies. Under the guidance of - amongst others - the late Past Master Alan Adler a link was forged with Sevenoaks when Kim Taylor was headmaster, a friendship which has been expanded over the years to its present high profile.

Since 1960 regular contact has been maintained by the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund and particularly the Chairman (presently Past Master John Adler) who also serves on the Board of



The Headmaster, Tommy Cookson

Members who attended the Masters reception at Knole and afterwards at Sevenoaks in 1999 were all struck by the self-assured bearing of our scholars, their personality, their ease of communication, and interest in all things around them. Speaking to Tommy Cookson, the present Head of Sevenoaks (who sadly will be leaving in December to take up the post of Head of the British School in Colombo) it is clear that he has - as one would expect - very definite views on the role of education in our lives.

“Secondary education recently has been spoiled by the constant increase in examinations. Education is much more than just examinations - it is a gift which lasts a lifetime and is what will make life at 30,40 or 50 years of age so special. The last thing school should be about is just getting you through exams - it should be preparing you for the future, for the whole of life ahead of you.”

Does he think current examinations are over-pressurising pupils? “Undoubtedly - and also they are interfering with other very important parts of the curriculum. This is one of the many reasons that we are turning away from the A level system and over to the International Baccalaureate (IB). Rather than specialising so early in life the IB is a



Governors of Sevenoaks School. The Master and Wardens travel down once a year - usually in October - to interview the scholars, a happy occasion always embellished by the Clerk's latest motoring adventures (his car invariably breaks down on the way!).





broader based syllabus, with six subjects - three studied at standard and three at higher level. Moreover the IB syllabus includes 50 hours of Community Service, 50 hours Sport and 50 hours of the Arts, thus ensuring the continuance of many of the aspects of education which are threatened by the creeping influence of examinations."



The enthusiasm which Tommy Cookson feels for the Scholars and the school itself is obvious. "The first impression of Sevenoaks is always 'fantastic!' It is difficult to identify any one thing alone which has this effect. It is more a combination of many things. The magic of the place, the prospectus, the wide base of pupils including those from overseas all play their part."

(I noticed school bags and equipment lying unattended in open racks outside - in many other environments they would vanish within a matter of minutes! Ed.)

"But especially it is a feature of Sevenoaks pupils - perhaps due to the co-educational concept, the high academic standards and an atmosphere of sociability - that they know they can say what they think and will be listened to, and even more so if they 'know their stuff!' In amongst them all the Pipe Maker Scholars still stand out and are always special. Even at the entrance stage they seem to



have that extra quality which enables us to say 'they are a potential Pipe Maker Scholar!'"

Today there can be up to twenty Pipe Maker Scholars at the school at any one time. Two scholarships are awarded annually to entrants at 13 years of age, and a further two to 16 year olds as they enter the sixth form stage. Beyond the examinations *per se*, all are assessed for the contribution they could make to school life. The scholarships can be worth up to 30% of fees (around £2000 or more per pupil) and in the 2001/2 year, with other awards the Pipe Makers' support will reach almost £36,000. Additionally,

support may be given in cases of hardship, and further funding has been given for the Library, also music and musical instruments linking in with the tradition of the Alan Adler concerts which are an annual event.

We can do no better than close with Tommy Cookson's own words: "The support given by the Pipe Makers Company is of incalculable importance and has made an enormous difference to the school. We can only say 'Thank you for all you do for us!'" We wish him every success and happiness in his new post, and look forward to an equally happy relationship with his successor.





Livery Gazette - Election Court Meeting 5th June 2001

This was a very busy occasion for the Immediate Past Master Ian Panto, as the following two pages show.

Appointments made following the Election Ceremony (see also front page)



The incoming fourth Warden is **Mr Richard Yeo.**

Richard was born in Wiltshire in 1940 and emigrated with his parents to (the then) Rhodesia. His first job in the tobacco industry was as a buyer on the Salisbury tobacco floors with London tobacco dealer Siemssen Maunder. He returned to England in 1965 to take a role with Carreras (subsequently Rothmans) with whom he was latterly Leaf and Product Director, working at their Basildon and Aylesbury offices until his retirement in 2000. He



L to R: Julian Keevil, David Walter and John Gossage

is married to Adriane, who is the daughter of our late Past Master Roy Siemssen. He has a son who works with Universal Leaf, a daughter and three stepchildren.

Assistants to serve on the Court: (pictured above)

At the commencement of the Court meeting **John Gossage, Julian Keevil** and **David Walter** were installed as Assistants. They were presented with their badges of office and welcomed onto the Court by the Master.

The following Freemen were gowned with the Livery (pictured bottom right)

Paul Davis. Paul is the Export Sales Director of Cadogan and has worked for 41 years in all aspects of pipe manufacture, and is passionate about keeping the art alive throughout the world.

Clive Inston. A graduate of Loughborough, Clive joined the Imperial Tobacco Group in 1973 and is currently their Corporate Affairs Director. A member of the Bristol Society of Merchant Venturers he is also - appropriately enough - a keen sailor!

Roland Jeffery. Roland joined Gallaher in 1969 and is presently their Corporate Affairs Manager. He lists squash and windsurfing as sports, also the gentler

pastimes of golf, gardening and walking.

David Lewis. An Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, David spent most of his career until 1998 with Hambros, latterly as Vice Chairman. He has been a director of Hunters and Frankau since 1989 and is now solely involved with them as Chairman.

Andrew Williams. Andrew is Corporate Affairs Manager (Overseas) with Gallaher. Educated at King Edwards Witley (a City and Livery supported school) he joined Gallaher in 1976 and has held his present appointment since July 2000.



Left to Right: Clive Inston, Roland Jeffery, Andrew Williams, David Lewis and Paul Davis



They were all welcomed by the Master who, as is customary, reminded them of their entitlements and also their responsibilities as full members of the Livery.

The following were admitted to the Freedom by redemption (see below):

Nicolas Gibbon. Nicolas has been political consultant to Gallaher Group (among others) for many years and is deeply involved in the challenges provided by governments to the industry.

Guy Moreland-Green. Guy recently retired as General Manager of Gallaher Ltd with whom his career has spanned 35 years. He enjoys skiing, sailing rugby - and fine cigars!

Peter Opperman. A graduate of Buckingham University and a Chartered Accountant by profession Peter is an independent businessman and is a consultant to venture capitalists.

John Prodger. Until his retirement John was Director of Human Resources with

Bunkered! - A season of mixed Golfing fortunes !

The Livery once again participated in the Inter-Livery Competition for the Prince Arthur Cup on 17th May at Walton Heath. Sadly we did not fare too well! There *were* those who finished lower in the order - but not many! It seems therefore that we may not qualify for next year. Since then we have fared better. Our team narrowly lost a challenge match with the Tallow Chandlers which was played on Ian Panto's home territory - the Hartsbourne Country Club near Bushey. The previous day the Wardens held their annual golf day for the Master at Bramley. We entered a team for the Newsome Cup held annually between about fifteen selected Livery Companies at the East Berkshire, and acquitted ourselves with great honour, finishing second. The same team also entered the LOGVEC trophy at the Milford Golf Club, where we came third out of twenty-eight teams participating. Ian Panto excelled himself by scoring 41 Stableford points thereby winning an individual prize as well.

Finally the Livery Golf Day was held at Tandridge on 19th July. After a dull start the weather improved and an excellent day was enjoyed by all, thanks to the able hosting and organisation of Derek and Sheila Harris. We are likewise grateful to Imperial Tobacco and Standard Commercial who both generously donated the golf prizes, and to our Clerk's wife for the Masters Prize of a leg of lamb. Some of our ladies and other liverymen who did not play in the golf joined us for lunch and then visited a nearby stately home in the afternoon. Once again a worthwhile day and we do urge all golfing members who are able to attend next years meeting at Tandridge on 18th July 2002. Up and coming new blood is needed for our golf teams !

Rothmans. The Chairman of Oxford Union Rugby Club, he is a member and Past Master (1987/8) of the Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks.

was a partner. He is presently Group Development Manager with Unite Group plc.

David Shelton. David is a graduate of University College London, and has had a varied career at senior management level with many well-known companies. A keen pipe and cigar smoker he now manages the family business E Burkitt Ltd, the Tobacco wholesalers and retailers, of Hove.

They were all in turn welcomed by the Master and introduced to the Court.



Hugh Sayer. A Chartered Surveyor by profession, Hugh worked for 15 years with Rohleder Lumby, with whom he

Erratum. As many have noticed an unfortunate 'howler' was included in our last issue. The Lord Mayor's year ended just about the time of our 1973 Banquet and it was not Sir Hugh Wontner but The Lord Mais with whom Luing Preedy was photographed. The moral, as for Ian Woosnam in the 'Open', is check everything yourself! *Editor.*





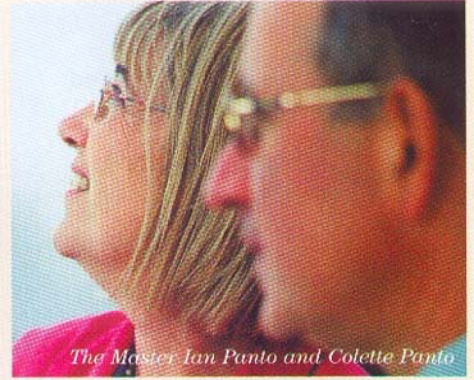
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All aboard the London Eye!



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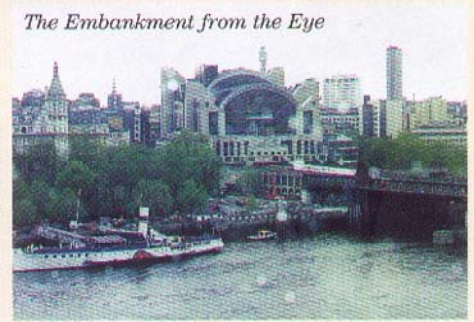
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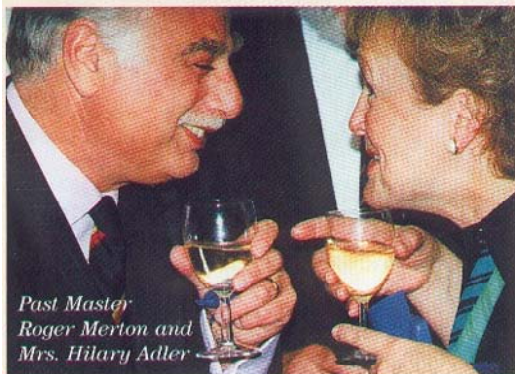
If only MPs were the same size!



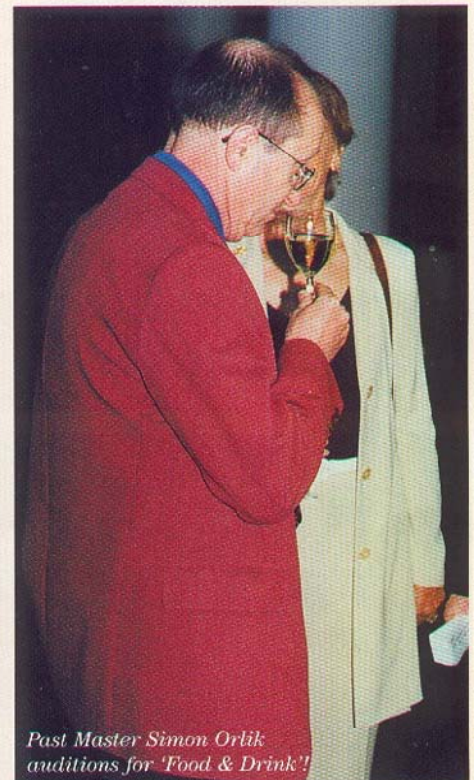
The Master



The Embankment from the Eye



*Past Master
Roger Merton and
Mrs. Hilary Adler*



*Past Master Simon Orlik
auditions for 'Food & Drink!'*



The reception at the IMAX



Julian Keevil