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LIVERY NEWSLETTER AND GAZETTE

Pipe Makers Livery Company Trophy

The Pipesmoker of the Year Lunch held at the Savoy Hotel in February (*see also report on p.3*) was the venue for the annual award to the retail trade by the Livery. This year saw a record number of entries - no less than 63 in total. The winner was Arthur Morris of Bolton - an appropriate choice since his business is celebrating its centenary this year.

The citations used many superlatives but the word that re-occurred again and again was - "a gentleman" - an expression which

seems synonymous with our traditional trade. The Master is pictured presenting the trophy together with the certificate and cash prize.

The present Arthur Morris is the grandson of the founder of the business which was first opened at 172 Bradshawgate as a bicycle repair shop. However a large quantity of tobacco had been sold along with the premises, and the idea was to sell off the tobacco to make space for the bicycles.

As it turned out there was a bigger demand for tobacco products than for bike repairs and so the family history started! The firm moved to its present base near Nelson Square, 71 Bradshawgate in 1918 (*see picture on back page*), and

its interior still has the original wooden interior fittings by Parnall of Manchester, looking as good as the day they were made!

Arthur's son James has been involved in the business for 15 years and has been joined by his wife Shauna, taking this fine old business into the fourth generation of the same family.

Specialist tobacco shops such as this are few and far between these days whereas at one time they were common-place.

If you are in the area show your support for our trophy winner and visit the shop!



Photograph courtesy of James MacKenzie





From the Master

I take this opportunity to thank my Wardens, members of the Court, and all those who have so tirelessly given their support and encouragement throughout my year of office.

The Livery Companies provide a charming mix of tradition and modernity. The elegance of traditional robes, badges and full evening dress are coupled with quite surprisingly modern initiatives. For instance a growing number of Liveries sponsor lectures and during the year I have been to nine of these, dealing with subjects ranging from high politics (World Traders' Tacitus lecture) to high flying spy planes (Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators' Cobham lecture).

At my Installation I promised to participate actively as your representative and as my year draws to a close I can record 103 occasions on which I have represented the Livery, whilst we have been honoured by the attendance of twenty Masters at our functions.

I have been to eleven Church services, and twelve Civic functions. Away from the City my wife Hilary has been able to accompany me on visits to Ironbridge, the Black Country Museum at Dudley, to the Society of Merchant Venturers in Bristol and to the Cutlers of Hallamshire in Sheffield. We also went together to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

As we move towards our Golden Jubilee in 2004 we have much to do in continuing to play our part in the growth and development of this great City and in particular our support for the cultural enrichment of our young people. I hope that this important milestone will be celebrated in the spirit of warm fellowship for which our Livery is known, and by new charitable initiatives, in which each and every one of us will participate. Our mission is to provide opportunities for young people in particular, and a full report on the current work of our Benevolent Fund is contained later in this issue.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Master. It has been a stimulating and enjoyable experience, already full of happy memories, and it only remains for me to wish my successor a similarly happy and fulfilling year.

The United Guilds Service

The 61st Annual Service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday 28th March. The Company was represented by the Master, Wardens and several Liverymen together with their ladies.

The origins of this service were in the dark days of the Second World War. It was decided at a meeting held in March 1943 by the Masters and Prime Wardens of the Twelve Great Livery Companies that such an event would help to lift the spirits of a City recovering from the Blitz. Having regard to the religious connections of the Livery Companies, 25th March, Lady Day, was selected as the appropriate date being the first day of the year according to the Julian Calendar. Since then it has become an annual event and remains one of the few occasions on which all the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City can gather together as a whole.

Pipe Makers shoot v HQ Co London Regiment 6th March 2003

The new commanding officer, Major Miles Griffin and his team laid on a splendid evening for the Master and 18 Liverymen and friends. We were greeted with an exhibition of equipment and briefed on the shoot.

This year we were out-gunned by the military who scored 371 against our 317. However Liveryman John Gossage did collect the prize for top male gun with a score of 71, only to be upstaged by the Army whose lady signals officer weighed in with a score of 83 for top lady gun. So after three years HQ Co has regained the Sirrah Trophy. Past Master Derek Harris, Captain of Shooting commented "...just as well really!"

(See cartoon, back page)



Pipeman of the Year February 2003



Photograph courtesy of James MacKenzie

The Pipesmoker of the Year Luncheon - hosted by the Pipesmokers Council and held at the Savoy Hotel - is always an enjoyable occasion attended by representatives of all aspects of our trade. The Livery always has a strong contingent present - some as part of their businesses and some in a private capacity. This year in addition there was a "Pipe Makers Table", giving the Company increased presence at this important event in the calendar.

The 2003 award was made to a particularly high-profile pipeman - no less than Stephen Fry - who received the trophy and as usual a magnificent "Personality Pipe". This special additional award is hand-crafted for the Pipesmoker of the Year and represents the field of achievement in which he is best known. Stephen Fry is pictured with his own "Personality Pipe" - a microphone standing on books!

After receiving the award he spoke with his usual verve and great humour, and also gave all those present some serious thoughts on the future of tobacco as a whole and the rights of those who choose to smoke.

In this context it was sad to note that due to the current draconian regulations nothing that might even be remotely interpreted as advertising was permitted and consequently there were none of the manufacturers samples which usually grace the tables!

A fitting point at which to reflect on the fact that the Tobacco Pipe Makers original charter was granted in 1619 by King James 1st & 6th, who in his "Counterblaste to Tobaccoe" described smoking as a "custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose and harmful to the brain"!

However, the "Gentle Art of Smoking" with its correct protocol and procedure provides a pleasure and satisfaction to the aficionado that is far removed

Inter-Livery Bridge Competition

3rd March 2003

Our captain Past Master Ian Panto, together with Liverymen Reg Garlick, David Raggatt and Freeman Anthony Waterlow represented the Company at this competition in which over 60 Liveries competed at Drapers Hall. It was won by the Spectacle Makers with the Actuaries in second place. Our teams came 20th and 21st.

from the habitual and addictive consumption of tobacco - and indeed many other products! Perhaps one day this insane pre-occupation with so-called "political correctness" which pervades every part of our existence will disappear and we shall be able to live our lives in peace once more!

Ladies visit to Wisley

On 30th April twelve of the Court ladies group visited the Royal Horticultural Society's centre at Wisley. We were first given an informative guided tour of the garden and grounds, which have been the headquarters of the RHS for 100 years. The tour covered such aspects as the history and development of the site, cultivation methods, research and current projects. Various display gardens were on show and included herbs, a centenary rose garden and some truly magnificent greenhouses.



Lunch was enjoyed at the centre's restaurant, after which we visited the plant sales inspired with ideas for improving our own gardens! Our thanks to Hilary Walter for organising a most interesting visit. *Nicola Tranter*



The Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders Benevolent Fund

A report by Past Master John Adler, the Chairman of the Trustees



Our Benevolent fund was founded in 1961, and like other Livery Companies we have certain traditional obligations which form the background to our benevolent work. The first duty is to help Liverymen who fall on hard times. Fortunately the fund has only ever been called upon twice in this respect and this is no doubt due to several factors. However anyone knowing of a case of genuine need should immediately inform one of the trustees in confidence. Liverymen tend to be proud and independent and usually have a pension from their employers. Further, the Tobacco Trade Benevolent fund, with which we have strong links, is solely concerned with the welfare of former employees of the industry from which the greater proportion of our Livery's membership is drawn. This fund currently pays out an average of £25,000 every month, assisting with everything from house repairs to nursing home fees.

Our benevolent giving is currently very much angled towards education and the assistance of the disadvantaged. There is no shortage of good causes and there are many calls for funds. The Trustees therefore decided that they would give to causes that were not large, and where our Company was important and could see how the money was being spent. The only exceptions to this rule are the traditional City Charities such as the Lord Mayor's Fund, the Sons of the Clergy and the Guildhall School of Music. The Benevolent Fund also administers the Gregory Salzman Awards and through this helps three spectacularly talented English musicians. Those

attending the January dinner will have been left in no doubt as to value of these awards - the Soprano and Cellist who entertained us were world class.

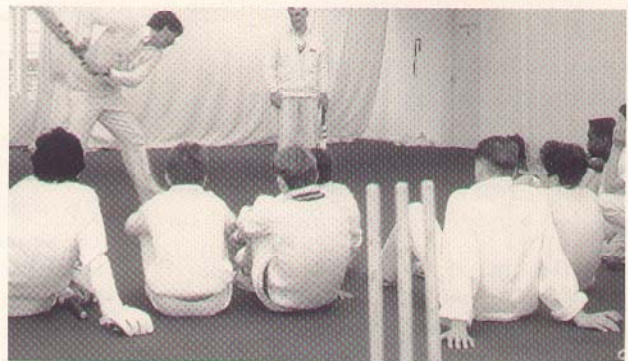
Sevenoaks School

Our support of Sevenoaks School has been well documented in the Autumn 2001 newsletter. When the Company was looking for a school to support it could not have foreseen that their choice would be a school at the forefront of education and excellence.

Sevenoaks today is a leader in Baccalaureate studies and runs an exceptional International Centre. The Company's support has also seen music introduced there to the extent that present facilities are not large enough. The Livery's connection remains today with the Alan Adler memorial concert. The Chairman of the Trustees is a Governor of the School and currently there are 13 Pipe Maker Scholars receiving a bursary.

All are interviewed by the Master during the Company's annual visit and the confidence and abilities of our scholars never fail to impress.

Arundel Cricket Foundation



This has again been previously covered in issues 6 and 10 of the newsletter. Most people associate Arundel Castle with the venue for the opening match played by visiting overseas cricket teams. What is not so well known is the Cricket Foundation which has its home in the building beside the north sightscreen.

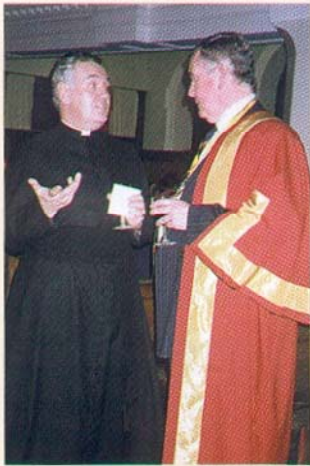
It is here that literally thousands of children each year are taught cricket under the guidance of John Barclay.



For many it is also their first taste of life outside an inner city area and for these the whole experience, including visits to places of interest in the surrounding area is as important as the cricket itself in helping them to develop.

St. Botolph's Church and Project - Aldgate

The Reverend Dr. Brian Lee, our Company's Chaplain is in 2003 celebrating his tenth year in charge of the Parish of St. Botolph's and its charitable works.



Many Livery Companies are connected with one of the hundreds of City Churches and the trustees felt it appropriate to make an annual donation towards the upkeep and refurbishment of the place where we hold our annual carol service. At a recent meeting Past Master Stephen Preedy suggested that we should extend our giving to include older people as well as the

young. The St. Botolph's Project was the obvious candidate since we already knew of the Chaplain's good work for the homeless. None of us were aware of the extent of the organisation, which also uses premises away from the church itself in caring for those in need. Not only does it provide them with short-term food and lodging, but also it tries to find them work and homes of their own. It also cares for men released from prison, providing a base and counselling for them until they are settled into the community.



The Jubilee Sailing Trust

The JST is the only organisation in the world to offer tall ship holidays to people with physical handicaps. Your Benevolent

Fund trustees felt that sponsoring a berth on one of their two ships - The Lord Nelson or Tenacious - would

be the ideal way to remember the late Nicholas Freeman, whose generous bequest enabled us to finance the project.

His family agreed and last year Beatrice Cowen from Amersham became the first recipient of the Nicholas Freeman Bursary Award. Should anyone wish to read of her adventures please ask John Maxwell. Additional information on the JST can be found on their website www.jst.org.uk.

Barrow Farm - Riding for the Disabled

Barrow Farm is a separate charity that is affiliated to the National RDA. It has to raise all its funds itself and as such is a very lean organisation. Located at Highwood it provides indoor and outdoor riding and training for disabled children and also carriage driving.



The generosity of their President Lord John Peter has enabled them to extend riding into woodlands and your trustees recently provided money for a new bridle path to give access to a local network. Barrow Farm has recently produced a five-year improvement

plan, half the money being promised by the Chelmsford Millennium Fund and local residents are also very supportive in a variety of ways. It costs about £1000 a year to keep a working pony and since Barrow Farm has no capital base and has to raise all money required the Pipe Makers support is a god-send with day-to-day expenses.

These causes are the main beneficiaries of the Livery Benevolent Fund but the detail is always changing. In 2002 our giving amounted to over £65,000 but our Benevolence depends on your support - the Trustees can only spend the fund's income and not its capital. The most frequently asked question is "How much should I give?". Liverymen traditionally aim to give the same amount annually as their quarterage but this is of course a matter for the individual, and the Trustees are always pleased to receive any additional donation.



New Admissions to the Freedom and the Livery



At the Court meeting on 14th January at Painter-Stainers Hall we admitted **Peter Glynn-Jones** to the Freedom

Twin brother of our Renter Warden he was educated at the University of Wales before joining Beecham as a management trainee in 1971. He remained with them holding a variety of posts both here and overseas before retiring as Managing Director of Glaxo Smith Kline Consumer Healthcare. Married with two daughters he divides his time between Pembrokeshire and Surrey and has a keen interest in racing (Flat and National Hunt) rugby, golf, cricket, opera and travel. He is now also a keen cigar smoker and looks forward to participating in Livery life.



At the same meeting we gowned **Christopher Walter** - the eldest son of the Master, with the Livery.

We must commend him for his speed since he was admitted to the freedom only last June!

At the Election Court held at Salters Hall we admitted four new Freemen:



Martin E Hughes is Finance Director of Oppenheimer & Co Ltd. whom he joined in 1998. He has a keen interest in information technology and has set up various web sites for his company.

Married to Lynn he is a keen cigar smoker and enjoys skiing, rugby and golf.



Barry E Luck founded his own investigation agency in 1989, following a 30 year career with Kent County Constabulary. He is no stranger to charity work and has had a long association with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Married with a son and a daughter, he enjoys motor cruising and sea angling, and is Chairman of the Southern Branch of the Association of British Investigators.



Charles N Miller is a specialist at Christies Auction Rooms where his particular field is maritime models and artifacts. Educated at St. Edmunds Canterbury and the University of Wales he has been a pipe and cigar smoker since the age of 18 and is a member of the

Sherlock Holmes Society.



David Moss is the Managing Director of Valvestock which he founded in 1974 after serving his apprenticeship in engineering and accountancy. Having sold the business in 1987 he is now a main Board Director of one of the UK's largest industrial distributors.

Educated at Aston University he has two adult daughters. A keen cigar smoker, a member of the Hamble 41 Club and a fellow of the Institute of Directors he has already frequently attended our functions as a guest.

Alan Tipping

We are sad to record the death, on 11th February of Liveryman Alan Tipping, who joined the Company in 1978. Alan spent many years with Ronsons and was very well known in the trade and its various organisations. A service of thanksgiving was held at St. Margarets, Chipstead, Surrey on 13th March.

Diary dates

Wednesday 18th June

11am meeting and Installation Luncheon - Painters Hall

Wednesday 9th July

Livery Golf Day at Tandridge

Wednesday 24th September

Ladies Banquet - Haberdashers Hall

Monday 8th December

Carol Service in St. Botolphs

Tuesday 20th January 2004

Court meeting and Livery Dinner - Painters Hall

Wednesday 21st January 2004

Pipemoker of the Year Lunch at the Savoy Hotel

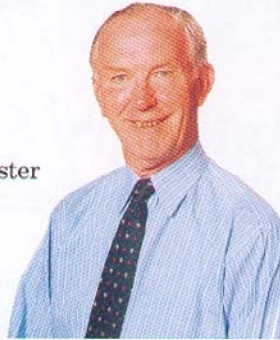


Election of officers for 2003/4

The Master Elect

Our Senior Warden **Michael Bramwell** will succeed as Master in June of this year.

He is very much a City man whose forty year career with Barclays Bank culminated with his appointment as Senior Executive for the City of London. He served as a Common Councillor from 1983 until this year, and was Chief Commoner in 1997. In 1998/9 he was Chairman of the City of London Freemasons School, and 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



The incoming Fourth Warden is Assistant **Richard Anderton**.

Educated at Tonbridge School he originally trained as a solicitor before starting his own business - aged 22! He is now a Director of a London-based property company. In 1967 he married Sue, whose father the late Robert Martin-Ball was one of the early members of the revived Pipe Makers Company. He has two married daughters, Victoria and Charlotte, two grandsons and a grand-daughter. His interests include sailing (on the Hamble) fly-fishing and shooting. He also still actually enjoys smoking cigarettes!

Assistant to serve on the General Purposes Committee

Assistant **Roger Makhlof** has been elected to serve for the next two years.

He has worked in the City for 25 years mostly in Merchant Banking and is now engaged in the bonds market.

He is married to Charlotte, and lists his pastimes as skiing (which he took up in Cyprus at the age of four) shooting and classic cars.

Assistants to serve on the Court



We congratulate Liverymen **Laurence Marks** and **David Lewis** on their election to the Court. **Laurence** is of course best known for his long career in comedy writing, and in particular his work for television, which started in the 1970's.

However he is also an enthusiastic pipe smoker! He received the "Pipeman of the Year Award" in 1990 and is currently the President of the Pipesmokers Council. He is married to Brigitte.



David is the Chairman of Hunters and Frankau, the Havana cigar importers whom he joined in 1998 following his retirement as a Director of Hambros plc in 1997.

He is married to Susan and they have a daughter Alexandra and a son George. His interests include fishing, rare books, music, rugby (and no doubt cigars!) and maintains his links with the Honourable Artillery Company.

"The Clerks Page"

Thanks to our webmaster Liveryman Nick Alton you can now find these and other notices on our website in the password protected members section. This is aimed at providing up-to-date news and information that does not in itself justify a mailshot. Access details are available from the clerk if you do not already have them.

The **Carmen** are laying on a Concours d'Elegance at the RAF Museum Hendon at 12 noon on Sunday 27th July 2003. Enthusiasts may enter a car for £20. Otherwise entrance to the exhibition, picnic and Jazz is free.

The **Butchers** offer a three course roast beef lunch every Wednesday to Liverymen (not Freeman) of other Companies for £17.50 plus VAT excluding drinks. Booking essential with Butchers Hall on 020 7606 4106.

The **Master Mariners** offer a similar facility with a curry lunch on the last Friday of the month at a cost of £22 per head on their ship HQS Wellington moored off Temple Stairs. Booking essential on 020 7836 8179.



Stephen Fry receives his Pipesmoker Trophy from Richard Dunhill (see page 3)



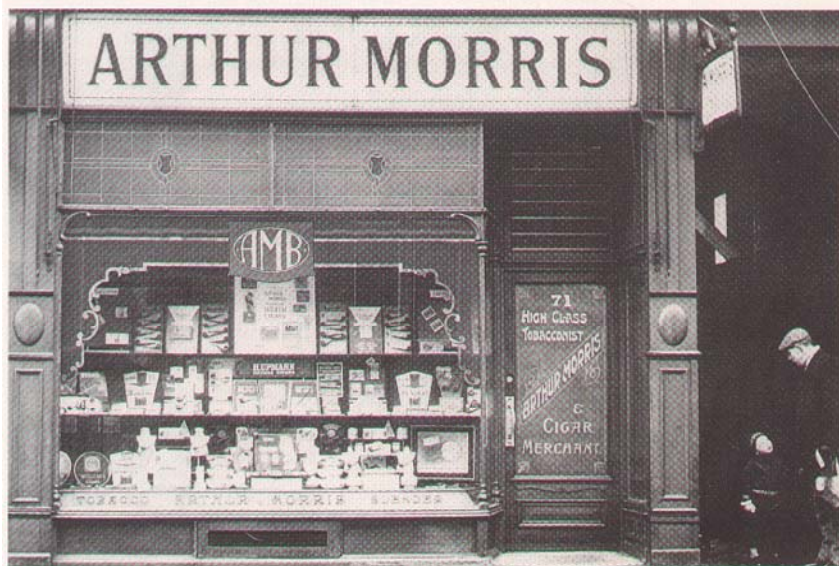
A platoon of the 'SPS' (Special Pipe Service) goes on a secret patrol 'somewhere in the desert'



The Court Ladies Group pictured during their visit to Wisley (see page 3)



A familiar sight at Pipe Maker Livery functions - our Beadle, Albert Mayle



The frontage of Arthur Morris' shop in Bolton (see front page)