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LIVERY NEWSLETTER AND GAZETTE



The Masters Year

At the outset I must place on record how honoured and privileged I have been to represent our Company throughout the City and beyond on so many occasions during the first nine months as Master. The many memorable moments have come even thicker and faster than they did in my nineteen years as Common Councillor. They fall naturally into four categories namely visits to other Livery Companies, Church Services, Lectures and Special Visits.

I have enjoyed the hospitality and exceptionally interesting company of 15 Liveries, and likewise enjoyed listening to their many distinguished speakers. On eight occasions I have been privileged to participate in Church Services always with full congregations reflected in both the calibre (and the volume) of the singing! Particularly notable were those held in St. Pauls - the Festival

Service of St. Cecilia and the United Guilds Service, the latter being attended by all the 103 Livery Masters and their Wardens and Liverymen. Rather smaller locations were gatherings for Evensong hosted by the Launderers at Southwark Cathedral and the Parish Clerks at St. James Garlykhythe.

Learned lectures are becoming a feature of Livery initiatives and amongst the most memorable were those organised by the City of London Guides (not Girl Guides!) Association when the Bishop of London gave an excellent talk on the 1400 year history of the diocese and the World Traders Company Tacitus lecture in Guildhall. At the latter 800 people from all walks of life listened to a fantastic and note-free talk by Digby Jones, Director-General of the CBI on the need for properly organised, honest and unprotected World Trade. A "Brummy" to his toes he is a true master of his subject.

Amongst special visits Sheila and I have been hosted by the Merchant Venturers of Bristol, and have seen at first hand much of the marvellous work they have done, and are still doing for the people of Bristol.

Amongst this work were two of the finest accommodation projects for the elderly that I have ever seen and at one of them the Master's lady played a piano duet with a (highly critical!) octogenarian wearing what appeared to be a smoking cap (possible Wills connection?). On an education theme, visits to Sevenoaks have been memorable, firstly for Prize Day, but later to meet the 17 pupils who enjoy

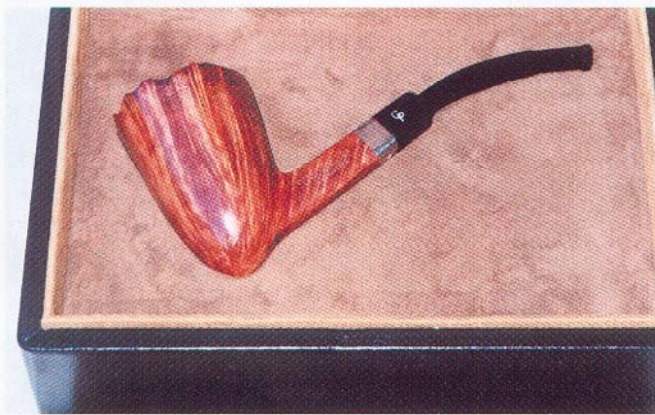
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The Pipe Maker Awards

The Frederick Tranter Trophy

This year saw yet another successful competition, despite the numbers of entries being reduced. The standard of work was once again quite exceptional and the contest as close as could be wished, although a clear winner was found in **Colin Fromm**, from the Charatan division of Dunhill Pipes.



His entry - a magnificent straight-grained freehand briar, was adjudged the winner and the Master duly presented him with the Trophy and his certificate at the January Dinner at Painters' Hall.



The Trophy was given to the Company in 1999 by the Third Warden Richard Tranter in memory of his late Father, also a Liveryman of the Company. The original intent and purpose of the competition was to encourage craftwork within the industry. However with the diminishing number of pipe-makers we are seeking a formula for a broader-based appeal. One possibility is encouraging design entries from outside the industry itself with the offer of production by one of

our existing pipe-makers. Another is that we widen the scope to include all workers in the industry. Any thoughts or suggestions on this matter may be submitted to the Court.

The Retailer of the Year

As usual the presentation was made during the Tobacco Trade Lunch at the Savoy Hotel on the day following our January Dinner. The name Frederick Tranter was again in the fore as this year's winner was Rob Alexander, Manager of the Frederick Tranter branch in Cambridge.



Rob is pictured here with the Master (*left*) and Mike Davies (*centre*) the principal of the parent company Connoisseur Ltd.

Mike Davies is well known in the trade not only for his

commitment to the trade but also for his valiant efforts on behalf of the industry in its negotiations with government departments. He was originally engaged solely in mail order but since purchasing the Bath-based Frederick Tranter trading and mail order operation in 1999, has expanded the retail business to Oxford and now Cambridge, having taken over the branch of the former Harrison and Simmonds business in the town.

The Pipe and Pipe Tobacco Trade Association

It was also a sad day in many ways since the Pipe Smokers Council has been re-formed as the above-named organisation due to the impact of The Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002, banning tobacco advertising and promotion. At the same time regrettably the Pipesmoker of the Year Award has had to be abandoned for the same reasons, thus ending decades of a traditional presentation to a notable pipe smoker. Comedians, Sportsmen, Inventors, Explorers, Writers, Politicians (including a Prime Minister) Musicians, Arts Personalities and Academics have all been represented. What a sad - and stupid - end to a wonderful occasion.



Livery Golf Days

Past Master Alec Murray reports another successful season for the teams. Firstly they won the Insurer's Golf Day on Thursday 22nd May, and we picture here the



victors Ian Kimmins, Peter Barrett-Lennard, Richard Anderton and Bob Edwards.



Then on 8th July 2003 they repeated last year's success in the competition for the Newson-Smith Trophy which they retained for the Tobacco Pipe Makers. The team was comprised of the same members except Ian Kimmins, whose place was taken by Alec Murray (pictured with the trophy!)



Finally another excellent Livery Golf Day was enjoyed at Tandridge on Wednesday 9th July which event is organised by Derek Harris. The competition on the day is for the Rich Trophy. It would appear that Alec Murray is getting used to the victor's habit -

he is pictured here with the cup which he won!

The next Livery Golf Day will again be at Tandridge on Wednesday 7th July. All are invited and if you do not wish to compete there is always an excellent lunch (although I have heard that the standard of play deteriorates markedly afterwards! Editor) the ladies and any non-players who simply wish to socialise can have an equally enjoyable day out!

HQ Company The London Regiment



Our association with HQ Company continues to flourish. Major Miles Griffin reports: "Over the last year there has been a fundamental change in the use of the Territorial Army.



At this stage last year The London Regiment was looking forward to being the core and command structure for the Civil Contingency Reaction Force (CCRF) a government initiative to aid "blue light" services in a national emergency. In the space of a year the Regiment has been able to fulfil the requirements laid down. HQ Company's communications, transport, mechanic, feeding, medical and supply expertise has

been central to its success. In addition to this responsibility the Regiment has for the first time sent 200 soldiers for duty in Iraq. At the time of writing, 120 of them were stationed near Basra providing protection to the Multinational Divisional Headquarters. They will be replaced in May by a further 80 of our personnel. From HQ Company the following were mobilised: W02 Martin Gordon, W02 Chris Percival; Sgt Sasha Inglott; Sgt Sue Hussein; Sgt Alan Freeman; LCpl Steve Humphries and LCpl Terry Ratcliffe. Additionally Major Linda Dominguez has been mobilised as Unit Welfare Officer, providing an essential link between the troops and their families.



Aside from these major activities our annual camp was held at Okehampton in Devon and we were very pleased that your Clerk and

Third Warden were able to make the long journey and allow us to entertain them in the Officer's Mess. (The delivery via the Clerk of two mini-pins of beer, donated by the Third Warden from the Dark Star Brewery near Brighton, of which his son Mark is a Director, was very much welcomed! Editor)

Finally W02 Percival was awarded the Queen's Volunteer Reserve Medal, one of only five recipients in the Birthday Honours List. The shoot versus HQ Company for the Sirrah Trophy on 9th March was as entertaining as ever - but this time we lost it despite one of our team scoring a maximum 50 out of 50!



The Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders Benevolent Fund

Following debate within the Court during 2003 and subsequent discussions between the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund and the General Purpose Committee, the Master felt that some clarification of the status of the Fund, its relationship to the Company and the duties of the Trustees would be helpful to the Livery as a whole.

The Fund was established by the Livery Company in October 1960. The appointment of Trustees is vested in the Livery Company but the Trustees themselves act with total discretion as to the application of funds subject to two main principles which were written into the Trust Deed.

The first is that "the Founders without imposing any binding obligation upon the Trustees record that the Company proposes from time to time, to direct by appropriate resolutions, the attention of the Trustees to particular charitable objects which they believe to be especially worthy of consideration..." In default of any such directives they hoped the Trustees would give special consideration to causes noted in an attached schedule. The second principle is contained in the schedule attached to the Trust Deed where provision was made for two initial objectives

"1. The provision of scholarships for education, in particular (but without prejudice to the generality) at Sevenoaks School in Kent.

2. The making of donations to charities connected with the Tobacco Trade and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality) to the Tobacco Trade Benevolent Association (a charity)"

Since those early days much has happened and the fund's application and direction has developed and moved forward. Dealing with the second item in the schedule first - the duty of the Livery to give support to any Member falling on hard times, and to have consideration for any assistance needed by former Trade employees - this is already very well covered by the work of the Tobacco Trade Benevolent Association. There is however an agreement that if at any time the TTBA is in need of specific help it will notify the Trustees of our Livery's Benevolent Fund, two of whom sit on the TTBA Council.

The support which has been given to Sevenoaks School has already been well documented in our newsletter (*Issue 8 Autumn 2001*). Over the years the Trustees have decided to support other charities such as Arundel Cricket School, the Jubilee Sailing Trust, Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled, The Guildhall School of Music (where we have two scholars) and our Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Brian J Lee's work with the St. Botolph's Project. All of these are covered by reports elsewhere in this and earlier issues.

In addition we are developing a relationship with the National Clay Tobacco Pipe Archive at Liverpool University, an exciting new project with much potential which again is covered elsewhere. In all of this the Trustees have sought to give support to smaller charities where it would have significant impact, rather than merely supporting massive overheads.

In the end however the Fund depends on the support of **you** - the Livery members. It must be remembered that under the terms of the Trust Deed all donations are treated as capital and only the income from the Fund's investments may be spent. Due to the gradual disappearance of transitional relief of dividends, there is currently no scope for any further benevolence, and in fact the Trustees as a precaution have cut back. The value of the portfolio has fallen slightly less than the market, but dividend income has held up remarkably well. As time goes by and our capital base increases, there will be more income to be given over a wider recipient base. However the fundamental question for all members is not "What is the Benevolent Fund doing for us?" but "What am I doing to support the Benevolent Fund?"

The Benevolent Fund at work

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

The scope and structure of the Benevolent fund is fully covered above. I hope the following reports will give members of the Livery an insight into some of our last year's work, and how the Trustees have applied the fund in accordance with its principles whilst simultaneously moving to keep in line with current thinking.



St. Botolph's Aldgate

Christmas would not be the same without our now traditional opener - the Livery Carol Service at St. Botolph's, which is an opportunity for us all to give further support to the admirable work of our Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Brian J Lee.



The music is of course given that extra dimension by our young friends from Sevenoaks School whose singing - as the Sennocke Consorte - never fails to delight all who are present. This year nearly 90 Liverymen and guests attended and we do urge all members to enter this event in their diaries each year.



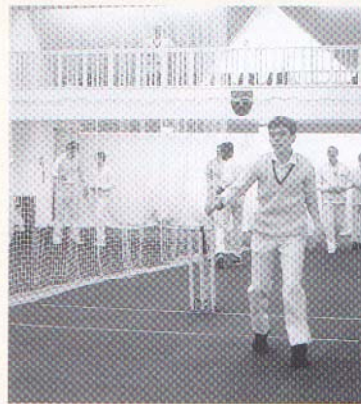
Of course the splendour of the church masks the essential work carried out there by the St. Botolph's Project, which helps so many hundreds of the under-privileged and homeless throughout the City.

Visiting the crypts where the night shelter is based gives a glimpse of some of this valuable work - the use of the space is both imaginative and effective. We are indeed fortunate to have such a distinguished City personality as our Chaplain. A full profile appeared in Issue 7.



Arundel Cricket School

It must be remembered that the main aim of Arundel is to encourage the young from less advantaged backgrounds, and enhance their perception of life by visiting the centre and immersing themselves in its atmosphere. A great step forward for London cricket has been the establishment of the Hackney Community College Cricket Academy for Inner London boys aged 16-19.



London Youth have for sixteen years played the final of their inter-club tournaments at Arundel and have a great day out. The Princes Trust Trophy for under-16 teams from the London area has been played here since 1991. A highlight of the year

is the Lords Taverners Inner Cities Cricket Tournament for under-14's. But of all the groups that visit Arundel there is none that arouse more admiration than the partially sighted whose efforts and achievements are especially rewarding.

Sevenoaks update

Much has already been written in earlier issues about our work with Sevenoaks. Firstly the Tobacco Pipe Makers Scholarships, and also those of Frank Warwick, Alan Tammadge and Richard Barker. The support and encouragement of music, the Alan Adler Memorial Concert and recently a donation to their Development Fund. However there has been a growing feeling that the time was now coming to review not

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only the extent of our giving but also how it might be better angled towards those in need. It has therefore been firstly decided to move over to the giving of bursaries rather than scholarships. Our support would then be automatically means-tested, except in the case of specific scholarships which are open to competition and not always awarded. This is also in line with the School's thinking. Also although it may take some time to implement, our support for Sevenoaks will in future be restricted to 50% of our total benevolence.

The National Clay Tobacco Pipe Archive at Liverpool University - an exciting opportunity for the Livery

Following a visit by The Chairman and the Third Warden in October of last year to the Archive we are now pleased to be able to present a fuller report and to update the Livery on very considerable progress made.

The Archive is a registered Charity, established in 1993, operating from the Department of Archaeology Faculty in the University, which is a distinguished institution in a city with many tobacco connections, where the important historical role played by tobacco as a cash crop for the developing Empire is recognised. The aims of the NCTPA are:

- To collect preserve and maintain a national archive of the clay tobacco pipe industry and related matters for the benefit of the public, both now and for future generations.
- To promote and encourage the general education of the public in the study of the clay tobacco pipe industry and related matters

Liverpool University has for nearly 30 years been the only UK institution with an active research programme into the clay tobacco pipe industry both nationally and internationally. The University houses three collections namely

- The Fraser collection which includes 5000 rare books from the 17th century onwards relating to the tobacco industry (including records/promotional material from Copes)
- The Oak-Rhind collection of photographs, correspondence and research
- The NCTPA collection itself, which acquires and stores collections to museum standards.

The Benevolent Fund has now provided them with funding of £2300 to purchase two additional collections, namely those of Dr. Edward Jarzembowski and Colin Tatman, both of which relate to pipes collected from in and around the Thames. Our involvement with the NCTPA will be progressive and long-term, since education and research are central to their existence. Their potential role as a museum and professionally managed repository for collections of tobacco artifacts is also attractive.

The following areas of co-operation have been identified for the development of a long-term involvement with the NCTPA.

1. Grants towards the purchase and development of collections by the NCTPA
2. A bursary for post-graduate research students to help their obtain Doctorate. The study, by agreement, would be relevant to the Livery.
3. The use of one of the University Museums for display purposes.
4. The opportunity for collectors to gift their collections in the knowledge that they would be kept in perpetuity in approved conditions. A separate charity has been set up to accept these - it should have inheritance tax benefits

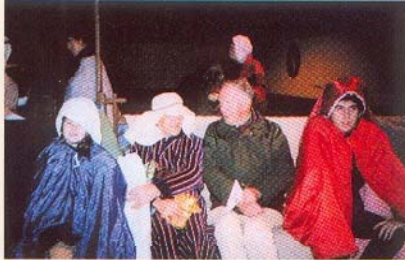
In the longer term there is the possibility of setting up an umbrella organisation, perhaps with the International Academy of the Pipe, to act as a medium for exchange of information. This would be a way of preventing the duplication of research, and has already been proposed by others. The NCTPA is certainly interested in fostering the development of international contacts between researchers and promoting the dissemination of information through meetings, conferences, publications and the Internet.

There is a possibility for exhibitions and the endowment of lectures on the subject, as is common with other Liveries supporting their crafts. The University will consider the matter also and if thought fit will put forward a research project. This will be based on London makers and investigating the uncatalogued mass of pipes held in London museums.

Furthermore the distant location of the site from London is no disadvantage in this day and age, particularly as there are also plans to develop the collections as an "on-line museum" for all artifacts and thus an international research facility. The Livery's name will be associated with all areas of its support.



Barrow Farm News



A firm fixture in the Master's Calendar is the Carol Service at the Riding for the Disabled School at Barrow Farm. It has been some

time since we featured the centre's excellent work which our donation helps to support and to give some idea of its scope and what the centre means to those who use it we give here some extracts from their newsletter.

Horses and Ponies

Three new ponies have settled in. Starra and Tawny have been bought by the group and Troy is on loan and will be gifted if suitable. The other ponies are all well.

New ramp and spectator seating

Building starts in January, we are having major improvements to our mounting facility including a hoist. There will be a raised area for spectators and improvements to access through all doors. Raising funds for this has taken 18 months and a lot of work.



Barrow Farm Superstars shine at R.D.A. Regional and National Competitions

Keeping up the Barrow Farm standards ten of our riders did supremely well at the regional finals held at Wimpole Hill in

June. All looked fantastic and rode brilliantly, bringing home a huge selection of rosettes and trophies.

National Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucester.

Six riders qualified for the championships and five were able to go, backed up by a team of six staff and helpers - not forgetting the two ponies Jet and Paddy. We all had a great time and were very successful. Awards were won in the Working Pony and Rider classes and Tack and Turnout. On Sunday our riders

entered the East Region Working Pony and Rider Team. With a team of only three out of a possible four they could not afford a bad score. They got a very good score and they won the team competition!

Carriage Driving at Barrow Farm

(This report was written by George Sherman - one of the many who benefit from the facilities at Barrow Farm)

Carriage driving at Barrow Farm is the best thing that has happened to me for years. I saw an article in a magazine about carriage driving for the disabled and I knew that it was what I wanted to do. After a bit of research I found out about Barrow Farm, got in touch with them and went for a visit on a sunny Sunday when the lessons were finishing. After a chat I tried getting up in a carriage with Ann while Michael held the shafts still. Getting in and out is hard but is has to be done. After this I was given forms for my Doctor to fill in, told to buy some leather gloves and started carriage driving a couple of weeks later.



Spending time with a pony like this (in my case Jet) helps to build up my confidence. I also feel a part of living history. Learning how to harness a horse or pony and using the reins

correctly, slowly getting better at it and talking to him are a great experience. I am now in my third year of driving. The highlight of this year for me was taking part in a driving competition with Jet, helped by Anne and as far as I can remember about four others. It is a major operation going to and taking part in a competition. The pony, carriage and all the helpers have to be taken there and back again. The event was organised by the Essex branch of the British Driving Society and was a very friendly affair. I entered the show class for disabled drivers and am pleased to report that Jet and I won! I would like to thank all the people from Barrow Farm who helped on that day. It was an amazing experience. Late summer and autumn are very pleasant for carriage driving. The adjoining fields have been harvested so we can drive round them. It is like being out for a proper drive in the countryside. I miss driving in the winter when evenings get dark and it has to end, but look forward to the Spring when I can start again.





Philip Redman 1929-2004 Master 1994-5

It is with great sadness that we record the death, on 22nd February of Philip Redman, a Past Master and Founder Member of the Livery. He was the former Managing Director of John Redman Ltd the well known briar pipe manufacturers and sundriesmen.

A service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at St. Mary's, Offton on 5th March, which was attended by a party of fifteen representing the Livery.

Past Master John Adler writes: "When Philip started work the area east of Moorgate in London was mainly warehouses - this was Finsbury Square in my case and Whitecross Street in the case of John Redman Ltd. I am sure like most of us he was a runner - that is the lad who took documents from place to place. The object was to teach us our way around the City.

I do not remember meeting him on my runs. I met him at the next stage of indoctrination at Merton's sandwich bar. This was where those who thought they were important ate, spread rumours, boasted and did business. Our presence was soon dispensed with and we were permitted to spend our two shilling luncheon vouchers elsewhere - at Brandy's, a cheap little Italian restaurant in Chiswell Street with the Market outside. This was the odd beginning of a long friendship. When I came

back from America to run Adolf Frankau I soon learnt that Philip was the man to know. Whatever you needed he seemed to stock it! It was no trouble. Like Jonathan O with his wheelbarrow full of surprises (A.A.Milne) he had it whatever the size is - but unlike Jonathan O he did ask for - money and what is more you had to take a case lot! What made visits to his upstairs office was the warm welcome one always received. There were no airs of superiority in the Redman empire! I choose the word empire with care as Philip was the king of Maltese pipes. "John" he would say "You can have whatever you want but you know what Malta is like!" With great calm he bought from countries whose deliveries were reliably erratic - Malta, India etc. The fact that he never knew when the large orders would arrive never seemed to phase him. Calmness and kindness were his trade marks. Latterly Philip and I met at least twice a week. Robert Adler and I shared an upstairs table at the St. Pauls Tavern with Philip and his father. These were no longer business meetings but a time for leg-pulling. The main one was John's ritual end-of-year retirement! We all knew that by the third week of the New Year he would be back in the office - but Philip took it all in good heart! This went on for several years until John could not come back as he had to look after his wife. It was then obvious that Philip had been running things for years, but titles did not worry him. During this time he was elected President of the Briar Pipe Trade Association where he served the industry with distinction. In those days it was not just about controls, government, and trade missions. The pipe trade was big business. About the time that his business was taken over Philip moved with Pam to a farm at Offton near Ipswich. Supported by Pam he became Master of the Pipe Makers in 1994. A memorable year

indeed not least because he admitted both his daughters as members. During his year he became very supportive of one of our Charities - Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled. His move to Offton was obviously a wise decision (apart that is from having to get to London!) I watched him enjoy himself like never before. You would be amazed at the number of people from overseas who rang him or asked to be taken to see him. It was thus that we started to enjoy good restaurants in the area and also to experience the famous Redman hospitality, Pam's special cooking and Philip being the most attentive of wine waiters - your glass was never empty! In recent years his health was not good, but he was still the best of company and never lost the ability to find the right "one liner" to keep all amused. This is a very inadequate tribute to a friend, gentleman competitor, Livery Master and family man. Let us remember his life and example with gratitude".

Footnotes from the Editor. I also had a long friendship with Philip whom I first met in the same year as my wife - 1967! I recall the visits to that upstairs office, the ready smile and the quick wit. Looking one day at my own father (who was nothing if not a natty dresser) he exclaimed in mock horror "Good Lord Fred! You look more like a City Banker than a retailer! Perhaps I should put my prices up!" My father chuckled, he was London-born himself and like all Londoners dearly loved a "wag"! Whether at home or work Philip was that being all too rare in this day and age - a gentleman in every way. As John Adler says, the hospitality was legendary! Philip and Pam even accommodated our motorhome on the farm when we visited Offton!

Many of us have lost a dear friend. The Livery has lost an exemplary member and a distinguished Past Master. There is no more to add.



New Admissions to the Freedom and the Livery

We are pleased to report that since the publication of our last Newsletter there have been a large number of new admissions and these are listed in chronological order.

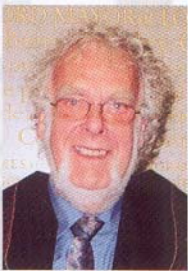
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Admission to the Freedom

John G Lewis was admitted by redemption. Educated at Royal Grammar School Worcester and Westfield

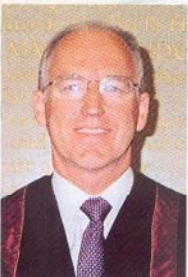
College London University John has spent all his working life in business to business publishing and is presently Publishing Director for William Reed Ltd. Married with three children he enjoys cricket, rugby and - importantly - cigars! His charitable work includes the Confectioners Benevolent Fund and the Round Table and looks forward to Livery life.



Gowning with the Livery

We commend **David Moss** for his speed in taking up the Livery at the same meeting! David has long been a familiar

face at our functions



We are equally pleased to report that **Peter Youngs** was also gowning and welcomed by the Master. Peter, whose company

Youngs of Barnstaple is very well known in the trade, was admitted to the Freedom in April 2001.

Court Meeting 14th October 2003

Admissions to the Freedom

We were delighted to welcome **Michael Griffiths** and **Charles Patel** as new members.



Michael is Director of Group Human Resources with Gallaher Ltd. Educated at Cheltenham College he first held a short

service commission in the Royal Navy from 1977 - 1982 before joining Gallaher with whom he has held a variety of increasingly senior roles. Married with a daughter and a son, he is a keen supporter and Patron of London Welsh RFC. He looks forward to being fully involved with the Livery.



Charles is Managing Director of Capital News Group. His family have been growing tobacco in Gujarat for over a century, but

since 1971 he has been engaged with his own company in the retail of tobacco and allied products. He is married with two sons, one an academic at Berkeley University California, and the other about to enter the family business. He is a passionate golfer and serves on the trade's Golf Committee. He also enjoys cricket and football, music and travel He looks forward to fully supporting the Livery.



Gowning with the Livery

At the same meeting we gowning two new Liverymen **Barry Luck** who was admitted to the Freedom in 2003 and **Vimal Shah** who joined us in 2000. Their profiles have appeared in earlier issues.



Court Meeting 20th January 2004

Admissions to the Freedom

We welcomed **Andrew Merriman** and **Neil Withington** to our Company.



Andrew is a Chartered Accountant working for Alfred Dunhill Ltd. Educated at Tonbridge School and Exeter

University he joined Alfred Dunhill in 1992, spent six years overseas with the Group in Geneva New York before returning in 2000 as Finance Director. Married with two young sons he leads an active life enjoying squash and gardening!



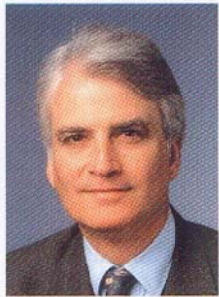
Neil is Legal and Security Director and General Counsel for British American Tobacco. After



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attending William Hulme's School at Manchester he read jurisprudence at Brasenose College Oxford. He was then in practice on the Northern Circuit before joining BAT in 1993. He has two daughters and lists his interests as golf, rugby, wine, cooking and his house in Portugal.

Fast Track Procedure



Under the rules we admitted **Michael Prideaux** to the Freedom and then immediately afterwards gowned him

with the Livery! Michael, who is Corporate and Regulatory Affairs Director with British American Tobacco, is already a Liveryman of the Goldsmiths Company and from a distinguished City family.

After attending Eton College he read English at Trinity College Cambridge. He first worked with the Financial Times at Board level before moving to Charles Barker City as CEO. He then joined BAT Industries as Director of Group Public Affairs before taking up his present appointment in 1998.

He is married to a successful novelist, has a grown up daughter and son, and divides his leisure time between landscape gardening, shooting, skiing and opera.

Gowned with the Livery

We also gowned two more Freemen with the Livery these being **Jacqueline Burrows** (nee Smithson) and **John Withers**.

Jacqueline was admitted to the Freedom in 2002 and John in 2000. Profiles were published at the time.



Jacqueline Burrows



John Withers

Court Meeting 31st March 2004



We commend **Charles Miller** for so speedily taking up the Livery, having been admitted to the company one year ago. A full profile appeared in the last issue.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th June.
Master's Reception in the Guildhall Crypt

Tuesday 22nd June.
11am Court Meeting and Installation Luncheon - Painters Hall

Thursday 24th June.
Common Hall (Liverymen only)

Wednesday 7th July.
Livery Golf Day at Tandridge - spectators welcome!

Thursday 30th September.
Golden Jubilee Celebration Banquet at the Mansion House in the presence of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and their Ladies.

Thursday 21st October.
Autumn Court and Reception for new and prospective members.

Our New Beadle



Following the announcement by Albert Mayle, who has been our Beadle since 1996, that he intended to retire this year, the search commenced to find a replacement. We are fortunate to have found the ideal personality in Simon Dodd, a Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London!

A boy entry into the army at the age of 16, Simon pursued a long career within the Grenadier Guards. This encompassed such posts as Staff Sergeant Instructor at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst,

Company Quartermaster Sergeant with the Guards, and latterly prior to retiring in 2001 was their Regimental Signals Warrant Officer.

Married and now resident at the Tower, Simon is presently in his second year of studies for his History degree. He lists his interests as Fishing (Sea, Coarse and Game), Hill Walking, Reading and Gardening.

(Reading that list, I do believe I may well have found a kindred spirit! Editor)



Election of officers for 2003/4



The Master Elect

Our Senior Warden **David Glynn-Jones** will succeed as Master in June of this year. Born in 1946 and educated at Dyffryn Grammar School David's thirty-four year career with Gallaher Ltd - whom he joined in 1970 following graduation - has spanned a variety of roles. He is presently Group Management Development Manager in

which capacity he has travelled extensively and has a deep knowledge of the industry worldwide.

Married to Janice, they live in Guildford and have two sons, one a lawyer and one a marketer. His main sporting passion is Rugby, and supports Bath on whose committee he served before the professional era. Other interests include National Hunt racing, golf, gardening, good wine and enjoying the peace and tranquillity of their home in Menorca. David has been busy planning for his year as Master. This will "kick-off" with the Installation lunch at Painters Hall on June 22nd when the principal guest will be Gavin Hastings, former Captain of the Scottish and British Lions rugby teams. This promises to be an enjoyable occasion as Gavin is known to be an entertaining speaker.

David hopes that the highlight of the year will be the celebration of our Golden Jubilee at the Mansion House on 30th September. He is delighted that the current Lord Mayor has indicated that he will attend. An evening of a very special kind is promised with many Masters of other Liveries also attending.

The January dinner takes place on 18th January 2005 and Lord Wakeham has been invited as the principal guest. Amongst other things Lord Wakeham is a former Tory Chief Whip, Leader of the House of Commons and Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission. As far as the Master's day is concerned David plans to take advantage of the recent appointment of Simon Dodd as our new Beadle and hopes to arrange a visit behind the scenes at the Tower of London. Details of all these events will be circulated in the usual way to all members of the Company by the Clerk.



Senior Warden

Richard Yeo our Renter Warden will succeed as Senior Warden for the coming year.



Renter Warden

Richard Tranter the present Third Warden and Newsletter Editor will take office as Renter Warden.



Third Warden

Richard Anderton becomes Third Warden.



Fourth Warden

The incoming Fourth Warden is Assistant **Nigel Rich**.

Assistant to serve on the General Purposes Committee

We congratulate Assistant **George Lankester** on his appointment to the GPC.

Assistants to serve on the Court

Liverymen **Simon Glendenning, Tim Lord, Arthur Richards** and **Nick Alton** have been elected to fill the vacancies on the Court.

We congratulate Assistant **Julian Keevil** in his year as **Master of the Poulterers Company**. Quite how he manages all the long-distance travel from Richmond Virginia defies all imagination! Interestingly he also tells me that his family originated from the village of Keevil in Wiltshire - just a few miles from your Editor's home! *Editor*



The Master, Wardens and their Ladies

The Masters Year

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bursarial support from our Company's Benevolent Fund. Your Wardens and I were greatly impressed by their calibre, and the Headteacher who sat in as an observer, claimed to have seen her pupils in a new light prompted by our possibly unorthodox questioning.

The highlight of the year was participating in the Lord Mayor's visit to Treloar School and College at Alton in Hampshire, which was founded by Lord Mayor Treloar in the early 20th century to provide education for cruelly disabled children. The City, in the widest sense have continued this support over a 100 years and the Livery Companies collectively provide enormous support for capital projects.

We came away curiously mixed in our reactions; inevitably distressed at the appalling disabilities affecting most of the pupils (who age between 5 - 12 in the School and 13 - 22 at the College) but also profound admiration at the dedication of the teaching and care

staff who cope so professionally with the potentially heartbreaking situation they meet day to day.

One specific example captured my imagination: two seriously disabled 18 year old girls who were having a final briefing for a day's solo shopping in Oxford Street - the conclusion of two years preparation. I wished I could have been the proverbial fly on the wall (or wheelchair?) to witness their progress - and pleasure!

You will understand from all of this the variety of commitments your Master undertakes on your behalf. In the case of Treloars and Sevenoaks we can see before us the positive effect of our Benevolent support. Sevenoaks is reasonably well provided for per se but our bursarial support is now being specifically addressed to young people who would otherwise not be able to benefit from the extraordinary facilities and tuition offered. However at Treloar, every pound we give makes a difference to youngsters who without the dedicated training given there might otherwise become unemployable - a burden to their own minds as much as the

community, living without hope of betterment and a relatively normal life. If ever there was a case for increasing charitable giving, it is exemplified at Treloar.

Here we are in early spring, and I am confident that the next three months will provide more opportunities to see how the Livery movement operates, and the collective good they do. I wonder how many Liverymen throughout the City - never mind the public at large - are aware that the 103 Companies together contribute over £45 million each year to Charity? We are among the relatively small players - £67,000 in 2002/3 - but we ought to do better, despite governments and the investment market.

Thank you for providing myself and Sheila with this marvellous opportunity to represent you and see the Liveries and the City civic operating side by side.

Michael Bramwell



At the Ladies Banquet (Autumn 2003) we were once again entertained by two students from the Guildhall School of Music, (left) Annabel Thuwaite and (right) Susannah Andersson, the winner of the Guildhall School Gold Medal singing competition.