



# The Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

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*The Master and his Wardens*

## From the Master



I have been honoured and privileged to serve as your Master during the past year. It is a truly wonderful and exciting experience to represent the Company at so many exhilarating City events, at church services with marvellous pageantry and singing, and to be entertained so hospitably by many other Liveries.

Our own functions during this past year have been well attended with entertaining and interesting speakers including Robin Blair, Lord Lyon, King of Arms, Dominic Reid, the Pageant Master and John Gummer MP who showed us what a professional he really is.



*The Cuban Ambassador selects one of his country's fine cigars at the Ladies Banquet.*

The Autumn Court meeting at the Guildhall led on to supper and a talk by Dr Peter Davey. He gave us a fascinating insight into the role that clay pipes play in helping archaeologists date their finds.

Clay pipes only had an expected life of one day, and often carried the makers mark so they can be used to date digs very accurately. I participated in the Lord Mayor's show as part of the guard of honour enjoying a prime position in front of the Mansion House to watch the parade. I joined the Lord Mayor for his visit to Treloars School & College for children with disabilities. Each of the students I met impressed me not only with their cheerfulness but also with their positive approach to what they can do. I found the whole experience moving and uplifting. This is a really deserving charity for us to support.



*The Master presents the runner-up award to Joan Shelton (Burkitts of Hove).*

Other highlights of my year included our Carol Service at St Botolphs where, with the support of the Worshipful Company of Bowyers for the second year running,

attendance was well over 100 people, and the January Tobacco Trade lunch at the Savoy Hotel at which I was delighted to present the Tobacco Pipe Makers award to the best specialist retailer.

It is only during ones year as Master that one fully appreciates the Clerk Nick Hallings-Pott and his team and my most sincere thanks go to all of them but especially to the Clerk without whom my year would not have been nearly so enjoyable.

*Richard Yeo*



## *Pipe Making and Tobacco Blending - its heritage and the future*

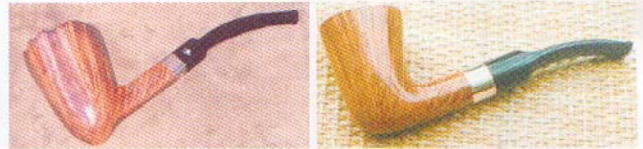
Despite having nearly four hundred years of history, the pipe making and tobacco blending industry in the UK seems as hard hit as any other country. Malta is now operating at a fraction of its pipe output levels of the 1950's and 60's, and St. Claude in the Jura region of France which was renowned for its pipe factories now has only five or six left in production.



*Above, the pipe works at Valetta in Malta; below a huge briar advertises the pipe making centre of St. Claude.*



However despite all the problems there is still a small but strong market particularly overseas for the remaining specialists. Firstly there are Dunhill, which incorporates Charatan, and Cadogan with their range of old names such as Comoy and Loewe. But just as USA, Germany and Denmark have low- volume, high-quality makers so we are represented by craftsmen at



*Craftwork by Colin Fromm of Charatan (above left) and Mike Billington of Blakemar Briars (above right).*

at smaller factories namely Bill Taylor (Ashton Pipes) Les Wood (LJS and Ferndown) Barry Jones (James Upshall) and Mike Billington (Blakemar Briars). They are all skilled craftsmen producing hand-crafted work of the highest standard.



*Clockwise from left: Examples of handmade briar pipes by Charlie Hale (Cadogan) Steven Wilson (Dunhill) and Bill Taylor (Ashton Pipes).*

The Tobacco Pipe Makers have since 2000 sought to encourage the craft work within the industry by the presentation on a biennial basis of a trophy for excellence. The Frederick Tranter trophy was given to the Company by the Senior Warden Richard Tranter, who spent many years in the trade, in memory of his late father, who was also a liveryman of the company.





Similarly besides the large tobacco companies such as Gallaher, Rothman and Imperial, some smaller manufacturers are still holding their own by continuing to produce their pipe tobaccos and snuff in time-honoured fashion.

Samuel Gawith and Gawith Hoggarth of Kendal, both report strong demand for their tobaccos and snuff here and overseas. Walking into the Samuel Gawith factory at The Kendal Brown House, as it is known, is like taking a step back in time. The machinery for snuff-grinding here has been in constant use for well over 200 years, and is still working perfectly. Indeed when the large overhead wheel which drives all the machinery broke some years ago, it was found to be cheaper to have it taken down and a totally one-off replacement re-cast, rather than replacing it all with modern technology.



*Above: one of the old snuff mortars at Samuel Gawiths Kendal Brown House. Below: the water-driven mill of Wilsons and Co (Sharrow) in Sheffield.*

Wilsons and Co.(Sharrow) have also a long tradition of snuff-making, now supplemented by the making of clay pipes using the tools purchased from the old firm of John Pollock.

The Mill in itself is well worth a visit and the original water-driven snuff mortars (now superseded by modern machinery) can still be seen. The Mill was so famous in its water- driven day that it was the subject of a working model made by the toy firm Basset-Lowke.

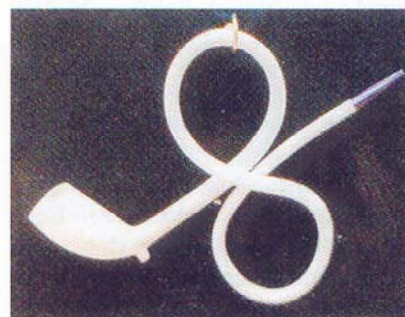


*The Mill and its pond at Sharrow Mills, Sheffield.*

It would take a brave man to predict the future of the industry in the current hostile climate, but if we think present anti-tobacco legislation is draconian perhaps we should be grateful that we did not live in the Ottoman Empire during the time of Sultan Murad IV (Murad the Cruel).

In 1633 a ship at anchor caught fire during firework celebrations for the birth of his first son and the fire spread around the town. It caused indignation among his people who blamed the negligence of his officials. It was the talk of the smoking-houses and the Sultan retaliated by blaming smokers for the fire, then rasing all tobacco houses to the ground and issuing an edict forbidding the use of tobacco on pain of death.

Fortunately the laws were repealed by Mohammed IV in 1648, for this latter ruler was himself a smoker. This all contrasts heavily with Selim 1, Shah of Persia who when advised by his royal doctors to stop



*Clay pipe by Rex Key*

drinking or he would ruin his health, had the doctors hanged. His new doctors made the startling medical discovery that drinking was actually good for the health – theirs!



## *New initiatives from the Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders Benevolent Fund*

For the first time since the Chancellor removed the tax rebate for charities, the returns from the Benevolent Fund's investments have started to increase, enabling the Trustees to consider a higher level of donations. The Trustees feel certain that many members are involved in worthwhile local charitable projects. The Trustees propose to allocate a sum of up to £5,000 to enhance these efforts and encourage individual involvement with our charitable work. Members wishing to participate should write to the Clerk of the Benevolent Fund, Michael Lambert.

The full criteria are:

- 1) The Charity must be registered
- 2) The member must be actively involved in the project
- 3) Large charities will not be supported as we prefer our help to be given to smaller causes
- 4) The Trustees view on whether to support will be final
- 5) As the total sum available is £5,000 donations will be limited to a maximum of £500 per livery member on a first-come- first-served basis.
- 6) The trustees will review the success of the scheme in a year's time.

### *Ascent of Aconcagua: "The Stone Sentinel"*

The first person to take advantage of the above new venture was **Assistant Roger Brookes**. In January 2006 he and a group of experienced mountaineering friends took on the ascent of Aconcagua, on the borders of Argentina and Chile. With a height of 6960m (approx. 22,600ft.) this mountain is a real challenge. Roger aimed to raise as much as possible for DebRA which is the dedicated charity for the skin disease Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).

Your Editor received the following report and photos from Roger by e-mail whilst away in the Southern Alps of New Zealand, causing so much of a stir in the Internet café with his "Oohhhs!" and "Wows!" that he soon had an interested and enthusiastic band of Kiwi mountain-lovers all crowding round.



*Ascent to Canada Camp.*

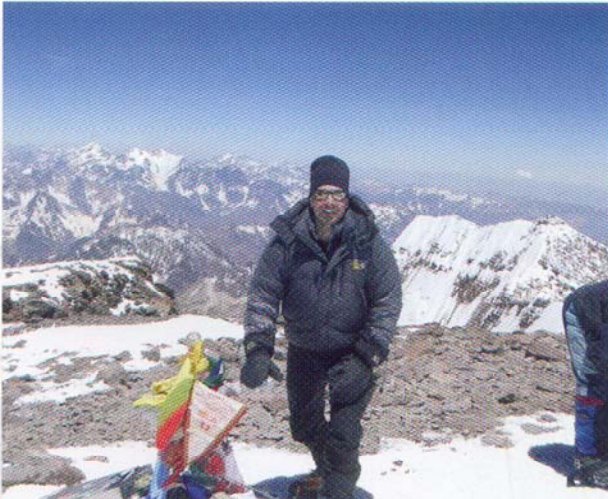
**Roger wrote:** "The expedition team to Aconcagua is now back in one piece and all fingers and toes are accounted for (only some mild frostbite to deal with!). As luck would have it, we had perfect weather which made the whole process as comfortable as one can reasonably expect.



*Canada Camp 5800 metres.*

Sadly one colleague was forced to bail out early on in the ascent due to Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) but the remaining five of us all reached the highest camp – Canada – at 5850 metres from which the summit attempt was made. On the day each of my colleagues met problems with AMS at various points in the final ascent and I was the only one that achieved the summit with our two Bolivian guides. I was elated on the one hand, but sad on the other. We had operated very well as a team and it was a great shame that more of us could not have shared the summit experience.





*Roger Brookes at the summit!*

Fund raising for DebRA went well with the final tally closing at just over £7,200. This includes generous donations from the Benevolent Fund, the Master and certain of the Livery. My hope is that there will be some further improvements before the fund-raising is closed".

**Editor's notes:** Despite his modest report, no-one should be under any illusion as to the magnitude of Roger's undertaking. I quote from the Aconcagua website (with some grammatical alterations to their English!)

"Despite the apparently technically-easy route that this mountain presents for climbing it must not be mistaken for an 'easy mountain', and that a serious ascent can be replaced by simple trekking. This trap has claimed many lives". This point was brought home vividly to Roger and his friends by the sight of two body-bags being brought down. Mountains, like the sea must be treated with respect, for conditions can change rapidly and without warning. I am reasonably experienced up to 3000 – 3500 metres (about 10,000 ft in old money); above that you are into the permanent snow-line, and very serious mountaineering. Roger has used a personal goal to benefit a worthy cause. In doing so he has upheld the highest traditions of the City and this Livery. I wish I had been young enough to go with him. The final sum raised was over £7,200 – well done Roger!

## *Sevenoaks School to Kilimanjaro*

We also congratulate one of our scholars, Sophie Clark for showing similar determination in climbing Kilimanjaro during February. In doing so she raised the £1000 for travel herself and a further £2000 in sponsorship for the work of her chosen charity Plan, which runs two schools which she visited in Mwanza, Tanzania, one for deaf and one for mentally handicapped children.



She reports that they stayed one night at the base of Mt Kilimanjaro. The next day they drove up a dirt track for three hours to reach the start of the route and that afternoon hiked for about three hours to reach Simba (Lion) camp. The trek to the peak took four days via Second Cave, Kikelwa Cave, Mawenzi Tarn, Mawenzi Peak, the Saddle, Kibo Hut, Gilman's Point, and finally Uhuru (Freedom) Peak. Just like Roger Brookes the group had to battle with severe altitude sickness; Sophie herself was badly affected and sadly two members had to return early.

The final trek from Kibo Hut was at night and Sophie says: "We were woken at 1700 for some dinner, before returning to our tents to catch a few snatches of rest before our summit attempt. One guide told us comfortingly that the main reason we climb in the dark is because if we could see where we were going we would be too scared! We were woken up at 2345 and pulled on every layer of clothing available as we had been told that the summit can reach minus 20 degrees. The trek up to Gilman's Point was monotonous and steep. The whole slope was covered in a loose scree, which we were happy to leave behind. We finally arrived at Gilman's Point at about 0900, at which point only three out of the six of us felt capable of trying the last one and a half hour section up to Uhuru Peak. Fortunately we all made it."

## *St Barnabas in Soho*

A further project is the Benevolent Fund support for the House of St Barnabas in Soho. This central London charity which was founded in 1846 cares for nearly 40 homeless women. Practical help is offered in the form of warm, comfortable accommodation; three home-cooked meals a day; a safe space including a walled garden and a chapel; Life Skills training and development activities; laundry facilities; and finally a complimentary bag of groceries and help with moving costs to the new home when the time comes to "move on".



## *Our Chaplain – the Revd. Dr Brian J. Lee and St Botolphs Aldgate*

Our Livery Carol Service at St. Botolph's – now held as a joint event with the Bowyer's Company, is always a popular event in our calendar. With the additional attraction of the Sennocke Consort from Sevenoaks School leading the singing as our choir, it is no wonder that so many say "this is where our Christmas season starts!" This year saw our biggest congregation yet, with over 110 attending. This delightful City church always seems to have the perfect atmosphere, and the informal supper afterwards is as popular with the Livery as it is with the choir!

It is all too easy however to overlook the dedicated personality that leads the work here. Brian Lee came to St. Botolph's in 1993. At that time it was one of the foremost charities for the homeless in London. The project has recently been re-organized but Brian's work for the City carries on. At no time have his skills and leadership been in greater demand than on that fateful day 7th. July 2005. Just before nine o'clock on Thursday morning, Brian Lee was on his way to St. Botolph's. Although the bomb had just gone off on the tube between Aldgate and Liverpool Street, and the police were setting up their cordons, they let him through because St. Botolph's is right next to Aldgate station. Brian's first concern was to try to help comfort some of the walking wounded. Sometimes this was nothing more than holding their hands.

Then the mobile phone lines went down and the task was to try and reassure people as much as possible. The emergency services used the small church office as their command centre for the first three or four hours. At the same time the rest of the church was opened up as a rest centre for rescue workers. Police, firemen paramedics and transport workers all came for hot and cold drinks, food and to use the "loo". Brian and his team – with permission! – raided the local Prêt a Manger to get food for the rescue workers



and cleared the shelves, bringing back food for the hungry workers. Members of the emergency services kept streaming in; at one time there were 120 of them. Some were so exhausted that they stretched out on the pews and fell fast asleep. Brian himself did not leave until midnight and had just one hours sleep – all he could manage – before he was back again at 5.30 the next morning.

Brian says of that time: "Nothing prepares you for a day like that, nothing could. I think I just drew on my inner strength. It was a day of trial but it wouldn't be right to say that the bombing made me question my belief in God. Rather the spirit that I kept seeing in those rescue workers reaffirmed

my faith. On Thursday evening at seven o'clock, the emergency services went down to the tracks to remove the bodies of the dead passengers, and they asked me to accompany them. As the bodies were being carried out I asked God to watch over them and said the words of the Lords Prayer, over and over." Brian is an example to all in livery life. We are proud to have him as our Chaplain.



*The altar of St. Botolph's Aldgate.*



## *Clay Tobacco Pipes - in history and in the making*

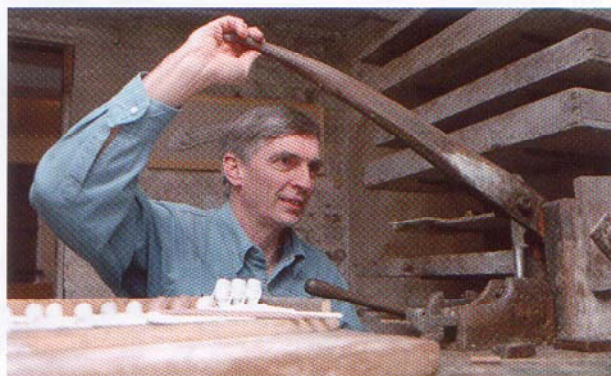


*From top left to right in rows: 1) Early pipe c1580 2) Mid 17th century 3) Typical 18th century 4) Late 18th century Masonic 5) Pipe with London Arms c.1780- 1810 6) London mid 19th century 7) Late 19th century.*

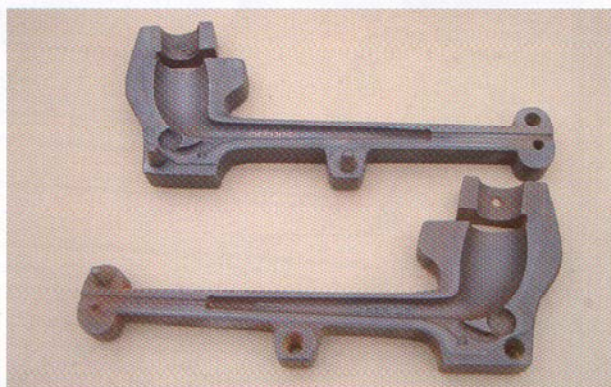
Following the Court meeting at Guildhall on 24th November 2005 members of the Court and Livery were given a short talk on London clay pipes by Dr. Peter Davey, of the National Clay Tobacco Pipe Archive (NCTPA). The NCTPA has its headquarters at Liverpool University and now receives bursarial support for post-graduate studies in its field from our Benevolent Fund. We have also secured two important clay pipe collections for them and are looking at other areas of cooperation and support (see Issue 13). Dr. Davey took us on a lightning tour of the industry and its development from the earliest pipes made with tiny bowls because tobacco was priced according to its weight in silver! It was particularly interesting to learn of the great importance now attached to clay pipes found on archaeological sites. Due to the fact that clays were used soon after production and because of their fragility, had a very limited life, archaeologists can, by referring to the records held of makers and their marks, put a precise dating within a few years on the site level.

## *A modern-day maker*

Visitors to the Ironbridge Gorge site in Shropshire sometimes miss the fascinating Clay Pipe Works at Broseley. This was of course the William Southorn factory (see shape chart pages 8 & 9) which the Tobacco Pipe Makers helped to rescue and restore in the early 1990s. At the weekends and other times the tour is further enlivened by Rex Key who demonstrates the art of clay pipe-making.



*Pressing the clay into the mould.*



*Two halves of a typical mould.*



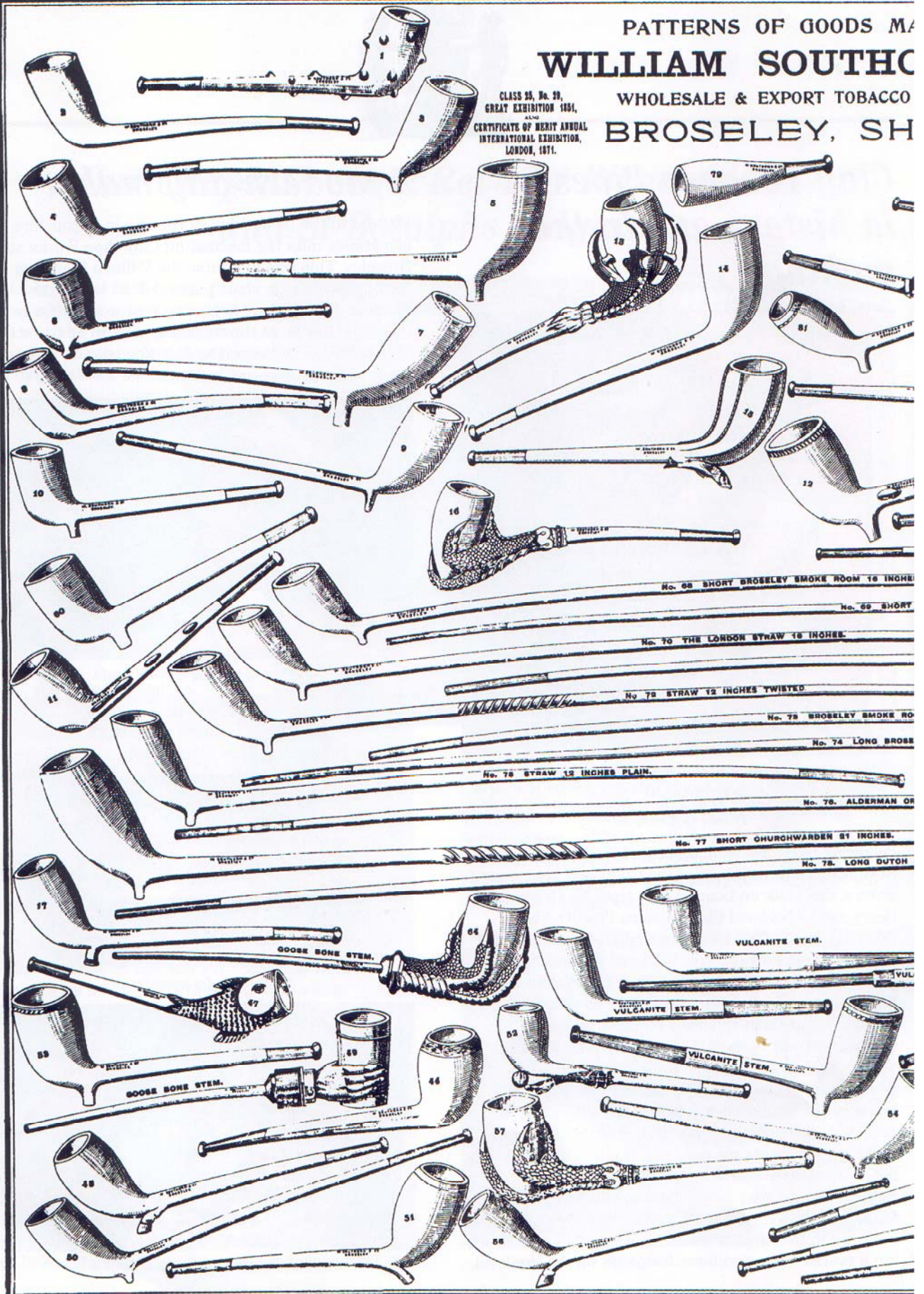
*Clay pipes are fired in a kiln to harden them.*



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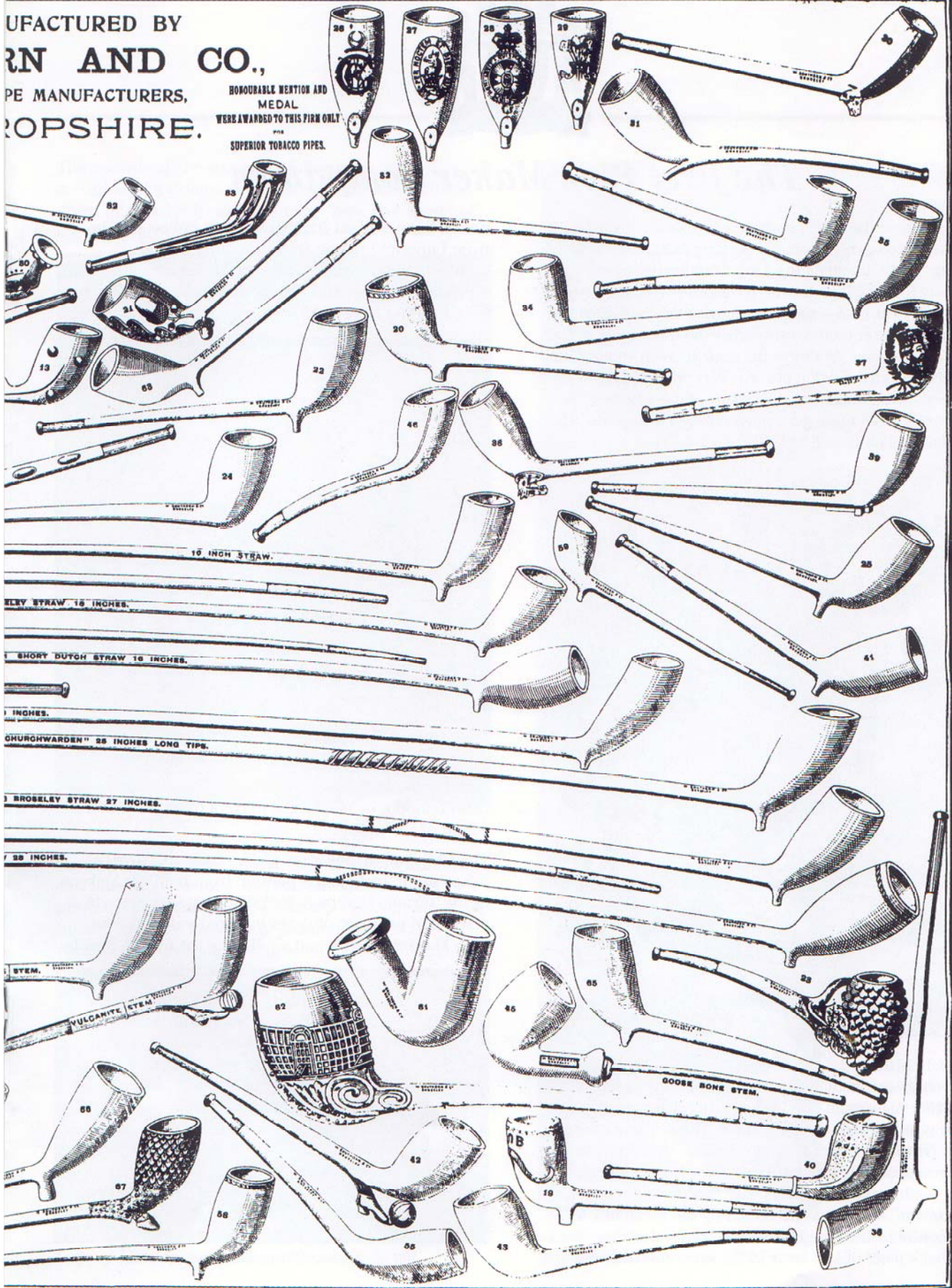
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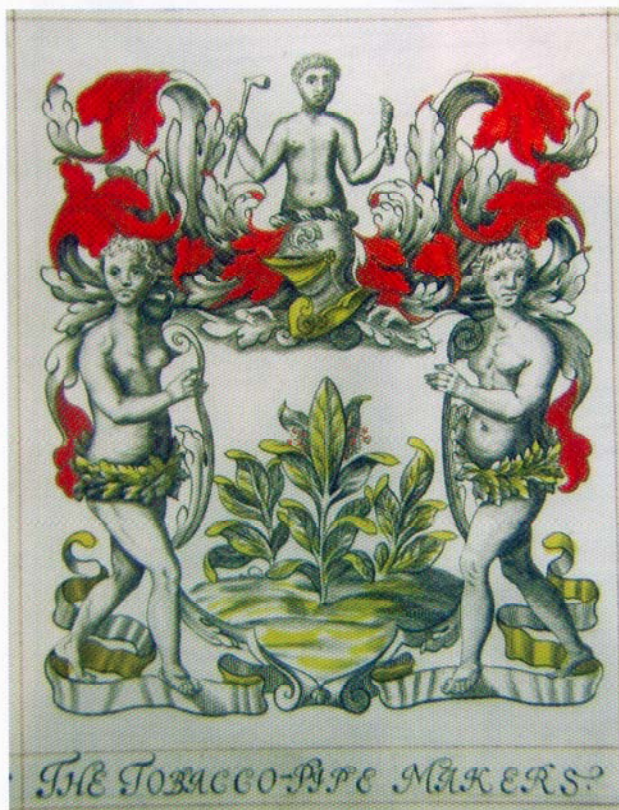


STAFFORD AND MANCHESTER.



## The first Pipe Maker Companies

Following on the article in the last newsletter regarding the early companies, some interesting facts have surfaced. Firstly whilst attending the annual conference of the Society for Clay Pipe Research (held this year at Norton St.Philip near Bath – see later paragraphs) the Editor was alerted to the comprehensive article on the subject written by Colin Tatman. At almost the same time an enquiry was received from a London police officer whose family – the Cluers – were Beadles and Wardens of the 19th century Company. Both these gentlemen referred to records held at Guildhall (Guildhall MS3601).



Our 17th century Arms.

It would appear that the armorial bearings as shown in the City Armory of the 17th century are indeed the first grant of arms made c.1663. The original motto was "Producat Terra" as at present. However later drawings show modifications to the two supporters and incorporate the motto "Let brotherly love continue" which was preferred by the Company until its failure in the late 1800s (see apprentice document on back page of last issue). This same motto is found

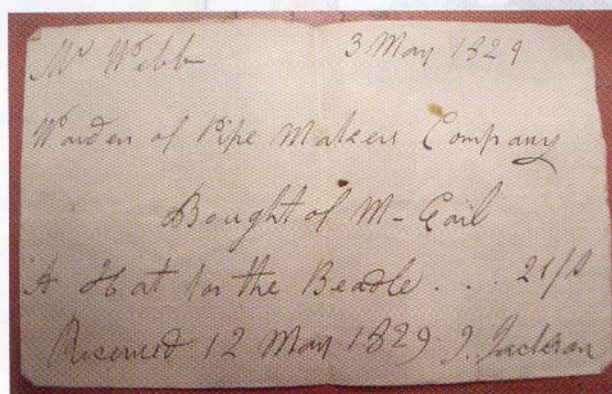
on the banner of an Irish Guild (it is believed to be from Limerick) dating from the same period discovered and purchased by Dr. David Higgins of the National Clay Tobacco Pipe Archive and the Society for Clay Pipe Research.



The Irish Guild banner owned by David Higgins.

Perhaps the Irish guild was founded by pipe makers from London, or maybe the makers there just liked the sound of the motto.

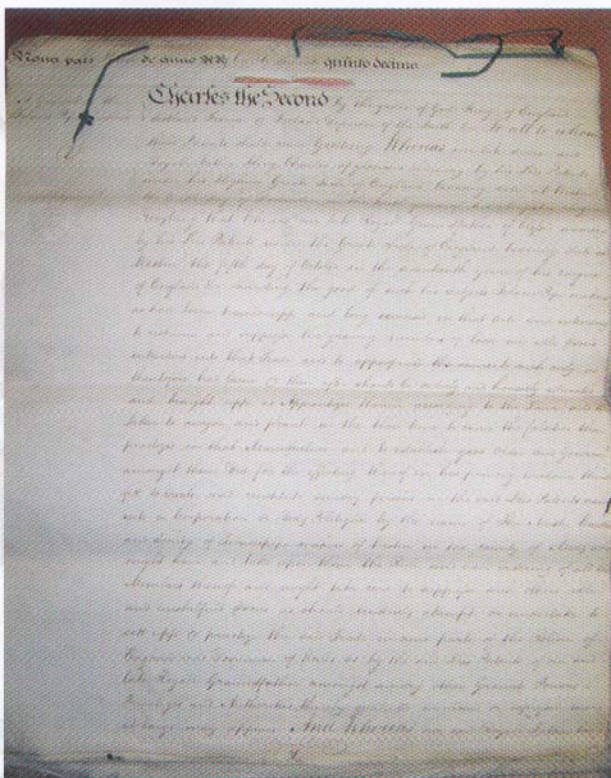
The Guildhall manuscripts yield a treasure trove of information, including a petition from the Pipe Makers to the Turners Company for pecuniary assistance in respect of payment of debts incurred enforcing the Pipe Makers Charter and a bill for a hat for the Beadle.



Bill for the Beadle's hat dated 3rd May 1829.



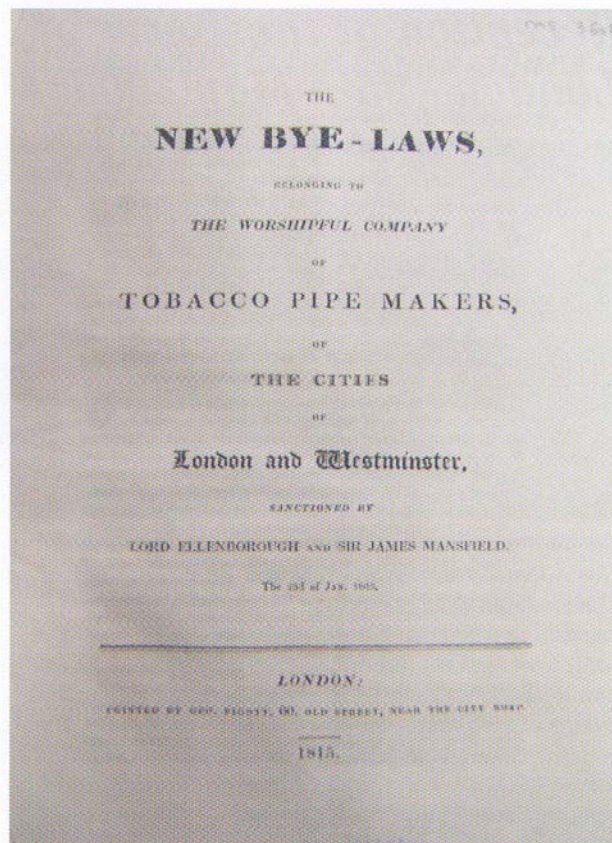
The records also contain the following:  
 A copy of the Company's Charter of 29th April 1663 given by Charles II; a copy of the "New Bye Laws" of the Company dating from 1815.



The copy of the Pipe Makers Charter from Charles II, which is held in the Guildhall archives.

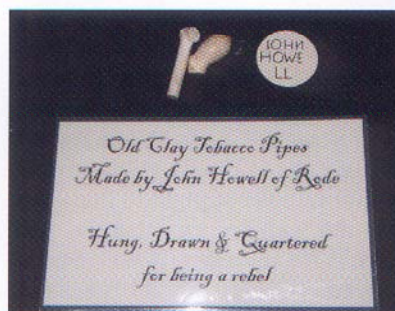
Court Minutes 1800-1804; Renter Warden's accounts and bills from the same period. Since then a pair of pewter plates bearing the Company Coat of Arms have turned up in the Museum of London. Also in the records are some interesting and quite touching pieces of correspondence such as this from the widow of Edward Jeffreyes, a London Pipe Maker:

*"To the Wor'p'll Company of Pipe Makers  
 Sr: by the pleasure of Almighty God I being afflicted with Sickness Lameness &c am not able to come abroad. Therefore do Intreat you to present my Servant Thomas Wood to ye Wor'p'll Chamberlain of London, in order to his being made free he having truly and ffaithfully served his Apprenticeship as a good servant I desire he may receive the Benefit thereof by being made free of the City of London. Attested by me Mary Jeffreyes, Widow & Adm(ina)stratrix of Edward Jeffreyes Late of London Pipemaker. Dece(as)ed.*



The "New Bye Laws" of the Company - 1815

Returning to the subject of the Research Association meeting, it was interesting to hear how the village of Norton St Philip (which would now be a relatively sleepy village were it not for the busy road going through it) once was an important crossroads of the main routes from Bristol to Salisbury, and Exeter to London. Hence the numerous pipe kilns discovered in the area which kept the local coaching inn, the George, well supplied.



who made the mistake of marching with the Duke of Monmouth!

Be thankful also, that current legislation has not reached quite the level applied to poor John Howell, a Pipe Maker of the nearby village of Rode,



## Reception at the Tower of London - 25th May 2005

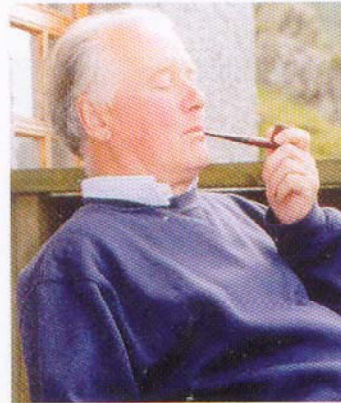


One of the last events of Immediate Past Master David Glynn-Jones' year was an evening spent at the Tower of London. First of all our Beadle Simon Dodd in his capacity as a Yeoman Warder gave us a guided tour with some lesser-known (and sometimes gory!) details of the Tower's past. We then found ourselves being entertained by one of the Guards' bands beating the retreat, together with the Honourable Artillery Company on parade. It turned out that all of this was in honour of a visiting senior military officer, but we thought it was just for us!



We then adjourned to the warders' mess to enjoy some remarkably low-priced drinks (their till must be stuck in the 1960s!) and a delicious supper. To complete the evening our party was privileged to watch the Ceremony of the Keys. This ancient ritual is believed to date back to the reign of Edward I in the Middle Ages. Certainly there is a tale of Edward III in 1347 returning unexpectedly to the Tower by river at night to find – at a time when we were at war with France – that the fortress gates were open and unguarded. Heads may have literally rolled as a consequence of this! The King ordered a formal locking-up procedure by a 'Watchman' called John of London. From that day to this the gates have all been locked at sunset.

## A Change of Clerk!



*A quiet pipe at last!*

As the Master forewarned in his letter to the Livery last autumn, the Clerk Nick Hallings-Pott will be retiring later this year, but only in a manner of speaking. He will be taking over the Newsletter from the Editor, who is Master-Elect for 2006/7. Rumours that his imminent departure was not

entirely unconnected with this latter event are, he assures us, completely without foundation. He will have served ten Masters and at the age of 68 is beginning to feel he cannot keep up with their energy!



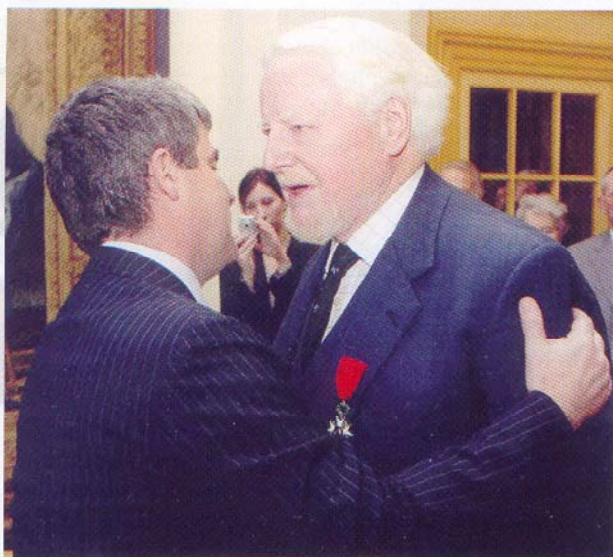
The selection committee considered almost 40 potential applicants and are pleased to announce that the post has been filled by **Barbara Hines** who takes over later this year. Barbara was educated at St Joseph's Convent, Kenilworth, and St. Godric's College, London before being commissioned into the Women's Royal Naval Service.

Early appointments included working on the personal staff of a number of four star Admirals in roles similar to that of a clerk of a City livery company. She married a naval officer, Trevor Hines (who is now Clerk to the Gardeners Company) and left the Service when expecting their first son, but was able to pursue her career in the Royal Naval Reserve. This led her to become one of the first female officers to serve on board a warship at sea. She was involved in the first Gulf War and gave regular command briefings at the Joint Forces Headquarters, at RAF High Wycombe. She currently sits on the boards of two charities, one is a Service charity providing sheltered accommodation for ex-service personnel, and the other is a broader international maritime charity. Barbara is well aware of the work and importance of the livery movement within the City of London, their history and charitable work, and we wish her every success.



## Past Master is honoured

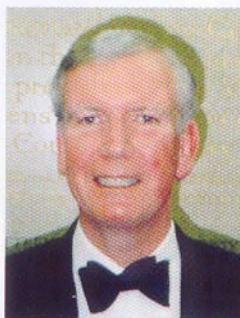
We congratulate Past Master Richard ('Dick') Hargreaves who was invested on 14th. November 2005 with the insignia of a Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur. This was in recognition of his exploits whilst on active service in France during the Second World War. Dick is typically reticent about events which led to the award but has reported as follows.



In 1939 he joined the Territorials – 12th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers – the very unit and hall where our annual shoot is held. Promoted Intelligence Sergeant and then commissioned in December 1939. Promoted Captain in 1941 he transferred to the newly formed Parachute Regiment. He served in North Africa and Italy, was promoted Major and awarded the MC for gallantry. He was parachuted into Southern France near Freyns in August 1944 to “assist in that invasion” (*sic!*) then parachuted into Greece to fight the retreating Germans. By the time he was demobbed in mid-1946 he had been through Senior Staff College and was a Brigade Major. He is pictured here receiving his insignia from the French Ambassador, M. Gerard Errera.

We are pleased to announce that Assistant **Julian Keevil** has accepted nomination to serve on the General Purposes Committee, and Liveryman **Charles Miller** has likewise accepted nomination to serve as an Assistant on the Court.

## Obituary - Peter Glynn-Jones



It is with deep sadness that we record the death on 10th June 2005 of Liveryman Peter Glynn-Jones, the twin brother of Immediate Past Master David Glynn-Jones. Peter 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. His home time was divided between Pembrokeshire and the Manor at Claverton near Bath, the gardens of which he had recently restored. A great character who lived life to the full he had keen interests in racing (Flat and National Hunt) rugby, cricket, opera and travel. He is greatly missed by all who were privileged to know him and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife and daughters, and equally to David. The Master and Senior Warden represented the Livery at the funeral service at St. Nicholas, Bathampton.

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday June 13th**

Installation Court and Lunch at Painters' Hall.

**Monday 26th June**

Common Hall.

**Wednesday 5th July**

Livery Golf Day at Tandridge. Spectators welcome.

**Wednesday 20th September**  
Autumn Court.

**Wednesday 18th October**

Ladies Banquet at Merchant Taylors Hall.

**Monday 4th December**

Carol Service at St Botolphs.



## HQ Co The London Regt.



The annual social evening and shoot versus the Territorials was held on 4th April at the Battersea Barracks. The evening is always a light-hearted occasion and the shoot itself is almost ancillary. The evening was started on the right course with two 'pins' of beer from the Dark Star Brewery in Sussex, donated by the Senior Warden

whose son Mark is a director. The result of the shoot was a long-awaited victory for the Livery team, who regained the Sirrah Trophy. Our team shot with great accuracy, Chris Walter scoring a commendable 49 only to be pipped once again by his team-mate Robert Pargiter who achieved a maximum 50! Any claims that the beer influenced the result can be discounted. No person shooting was allowed alcohol until the match was over for obvious reasons of safety! Our thanks as always to Major Blakey, WO2 Cheese and all those who worked so hard to make us all welcome and gave the Pipe Makers yet another most enjoyable evening.

## Livery regalia



Members are reminded that the following items at the cost noted are available from the Clerk: Ties £20 cufflinks £15 and shields £25.

## Quotable quotes

"When a true genius appears in the world you may know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in confederacy against him" (Jonathan Swift)

"We are born in an age when only the dull are treated seriously, and I live in terror of not being misunderstood" (Oscar Wilde)

## Court Meeting held at Painters Hall on 17th January 2006

We welcome **Nicholas Bates** who was admitted to the Freedom on the above occasion. Nicholas is the Chairman and Managing Director of Building Tecnic Ltd. which he founded in 1985 and which is preferred contractor to many blue chip companies. He lists tropical plants and orchids among his interests and enjoys fine cigars. He is married and has four daughters and eight grandchildren.

## Election Court Meeting - Salters Hall 21st March



Christopher Allen was admitted to the Freedom at the Election Court. Christopher retired in 2001 as Regional Director for Europe and Chairman of Hoechst International Services, the computing arm of the international chemical and pharmaceutical firm. A graduate of

Regent St. Polytechnic and London University he is married with three children and three grandchildren. A pipe smoker for 35 years he still yearns for the taste of flake tobacco 8 years after giving up!

## Stupid signs from around the world! (or "and you thought tobacco labelling was extreme!")

On a fireplace log: "Caution risk of fire".

On a household iron: "Never iron clothes while they are being worn".

On a baby-buggy: "Remove child before folding"

On a pair of shin guards; "Shin pads can not protect any part of the body they do not cover".

Like the brain for example!

In a Nairobi restaurant: "Customers who find our waitresses rude should see the manager"

In a dry-cleaners in Rome: "Leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time"

And finally in a Paris hotel elevator: "Please leave your values at the front desk". Aahh! Paris!!



## *Election of Officers for 2006/7*

### *The Master-Elect*

The Senior Warden **Richard Tranter**, who for the last six years has also edited the Newsletter, will be installed as Master on Tuesday 13th June at Painters' Hall. Richard, who is pictured here with his wife



Nicola, was born in the City of Bath in 1944 and has lived in the area all his life. He was educated at Kingswood School Bath, and the College of Commerce in Bristol. In 1964 following a period of voluntary work overseas, he entered the family business founded by his father Frederick Tranter. In 1978 he took over as Managing Director continuing the tradition of dealing in top-quality tobacco products.

Following the sale of the business in 1998 Richard continued to work for a few years as a consultant. He joined the Livery Company in 1968, the same year that he was married to Nicola. He notes as his interests fly-fishing and classic cars. His love of the "great outdoors" and travel are shared by Nicola. They have a son Mark, who as Richard says most considerably runs a successful small brewery(!) and a daughter Emma who is married and expecting their first grandchild in May.



*Richard and Nicola in the Scottish Highlands.*



### *Senior Warden*

The office of Senior Warden will be filled by the present Renter Warden **Richard Anderton**. He will be supporting the Master and assisting in the planning of the next Livery year. We wish him every success.



### *Renter Warden*

**Nigel Rich** takes on the important duties of Renter Warden for 2006/7. Nigel who is also a Trustee of the Benevolent Fund will have overall responsibility for the Company's finances.



### *Third Warden*

As the 4th Warden for 2005/6 **John Alexander** started with the task of addressing membership issues and his committee is already pursuing a number of new initiatives which will be put before the Court. He will continue dealing with these matters for the coming year.



### *Fourth Warden*

As the new 4th Warden **George Lankester** will review publicity issues when he is installed in June. George was educated at Repton School and went to Rhodesia in 1959 where he tobacco farmed for two years before doing National Service in the Royal Rhodesia Regiment. In 1962 he joined Imperial Tobacco transferring back to the UK in 1969. He held a number of increasingly senior management positions, ultimately retiring as Group Human Resources Director. His voluntary work, especially for the disadvantaged, reads like a roll-call of local charities! He is also President of the Grateful Society and a member of MCC and yet still manages to find time to fulfill his passion for fly-fishing – especially for salmon!



*A splendid picture from the Editors own archives! The gathering was one of the annual Dartmoor Audit dinners held for the tenant farmers of the Duchy of Cornwall during the 1960's. The ancient custom of providing each guest with a clay pipe charged with tobacco, rather than an after-dinner cigar, had been revived and was obviously much appreciated by those present if the number in use is any measure! The "Churchwarden" clay pipes were always supplied by Frederick Tranters of Bath, and came from the factory of John Pollock and Co of Manchester. Sadly this lovely old tradition has now lapsed.*