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His Master's Voice

With the new Master Mr George Lankester having been installed on 13th June 2007 this issue spans two Masters.

Richard Tranter has already circulated details of his busy diary to all members in June so there is less to report. However you will all be wanting to know whether he was released from the Tower and at what ransom.

Reassuringly for Richard the Livery voted to bail him out with the magnificent sum of £1000 which was donated to the Lord Mayor's Charity, the Treloars school for the Disabled at Alton. He was not alone. All the Liveries together raised no less than £40,000 on the day.

He has also hosted a Master's Reception in the Dockland Museum of which there is a report later (see page 5).

...and has been entertained by the Cutlers of Sheffield, the Merchant Venturers of Bristol, the London Regiment and various City Liveries.

Our new Master George Lankester (pictured right) comes from a long line of Imperial Tobacco Company employees, his father having been the redoubtable Owen Lankester who ruled the Canons Marsh tobacco warehouses at Bristol with a rod of iron. He was also Leaf



Manager of WD & HO Wills. George is aged 66 and retired to North Somerset in 2005 with his wife Sara. George has two sons and two stepdaughters. He worked predominantly in the Human Resources function, ending up as Group HR Director.

In earlier years he grew tobacco and farmed beef in what was then Rhodesia, also having done his National Service in the Royal Rhodesia Regiment.

A keen fly fisherman and member of the MCC he has been, and is, on the board of many Bristol based charities.





The Installation Dinner at Painters Hall on 13th June 2007

Gareth Davis, Chief Executive of Imperial Tobacco, was the Master's principal guest. As a good friend and colleague of George Lankester whom he has known for all the 42 years he has been with Imperial, he paid particular credit to the Master for his "simply outstanding" work as Director of Human Resources in integrating the staff of all the various companies they had acquired.

From 1st July 2007 he reminded us we will essentially only be able to smoke "publicly" in mental hospitals and prisons. However as chief executive of the fourth largest tobacco company in the world he considered that the Government must pay attention to its views. Anti-smoking is now "big business" but he was not downbeat. From its first discovery some people abhorred tobacco, including the King who gave us one of our earlier Charters, but despite 60 years of propaganda 25% of the UK population still smoke and he expected the same proportion to be smoking in 60 years time. Evidence from Ireland was that tobacco consumption had increased. Adults will be adult.

Governments and the world economy benefit from tobacco. The industry is an excellent employer and has a great future, so we should ignore the bile and the rhetoric and look at the facts.

The Master then replied and introduced our two new Freemen, before presenting a Past Master's Badge to Richard Tranter.

The dinner

After the customarily witty Grace by the Chaplain. 96 guests sat down including the Masters of the Fruiterers, Fan Makers and Painters together with their Clerks to a well served and excellent dinner. Grace was sung by Adele O'Neill, the Loving Cup was passed and we then witnessed what was to be the final Smoking Cap Ceremony.

Or not quite...since the Court and GPC have been deliberating what form the ceremony will take now that we will no longer be able to light up. Guests at our future functions may find some innovations and

snuff may well feature in our new smokeless ceremony, but the tradition will be carried forward.

In keeping with our custom of supporting Guildhall School of Music, three of their students then sang *Some Enchanted Evening*, *Gianni Scicchi* and *Figaro*, with a *Phantom of the Opera* song as encore.

At the piano was Annabel Thwaite who was fresh from her triumph as the best accompanist in the Gold Medal competition at the Barbican, and Adele was joined by baritone Gary Griffiths as they brought the evening to a musical conclusion.



Gareth Davis, Chief Executive of Imperial Tobacco, seen here with his wife Andrea, was the Master's principal guest.

The Chaplain's Grace

**God of goodness bless our food,
Keep us in a pleasant mood.
Bless the cook and all who serve us;
From indigestion Lord preserve us.
And if long speeches are bizarre,
Give us first a good cigar.**





New members

At the Court on 13th June 2006 we welcomed **Paul Reeves** as a new Freeman, and **Chris Allen** was gowned with the Livery.

On September 20th **Alan Porter** and **Ralph Edmondson**, both of whom work for BAT, were admitted to the Freedom. At the same time **Robert Brown** and **Paul Reeves** were gowned with the Livery.



We welcome **Carole Hughes-Mack** (pictured left) who was installed as a Lady Liveryman at the Court on 23rd January 2007. She is the widow of the late Past Master Peter Mack, DFM, who was Master in 1972/3 and died in 1996. We believe this is a first for our Livery and we

wish her a long and happy time with us.

On 13th June 2007 we admitted two new members to the Freedom:



Sir David Wills Bt

Hardly needing an introduction to this Livery it is perhaps surprising that he is the first member of his family to have been admitted to the Freedom. Although he has pursued a farming and estate management career he has been based on Bristol and was

last year's Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers and is prominent in the local charitable field.



Andrew Golding

Another first for the Livery is Andrew Golding who is a former Pipe Makers scholar at Sevenoaks School, and of which he is now a Governor. His career in international banking finds him currently as venture capital partner at 3i Investments plc.

Lost brethren

Since our last issue in Spring 2006 we have had to say farewell to no less than six members of the Company.

In April 2006 **Howard Clark**, formerly finance director of Gallahers, died at the age of 76.

In August 2006 **Rupert Saunders**, eldest son of Liveryman Charles Saunders, was tragically drowned in his yacht the Ouzo which was presumed swamped by the ferry Pride of Bilbao off the Isle of Wight. He was only 36 and was a rising star in Barclays Bank. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Charles Saunders, his wife and family.

In November 2006 Assistant **Peter Smith** died aged 90. A former member of the leaf department of Imperial Tobacco he had been a staunch supporter of the Livery and a member of the Court since 1972.

In December Past Master **Derek Merton** died at the age of 92. A Founder Member of the new Company and Master in 1983, he was former owner of the eponymous Merton Group, and his son, grandson, granddaughter and a grandson in law are all members of our present Livery.

Also in December Liveryman **Barry Luck** died suddenly at the age of 67. He had only recently joined the Livery(2003) but was a most enthusiastic member.

At the grand old age of 90 we also lost Freeman **Dennis Orlik**. He was a Founder Member of the Company but never took up the Livery, leaving that to his brother Herbert and nephew Simon, both of whom became Masters. He was admitted to the Freedom of the Company at Tallow Chandlers Hall on 15th June 1954.

Richard Anderton's wife Sue whom many will know was diagnosed with cancer some four years ago died on 21st June aged 63. The Master and several Liverymen were present at her funeral on 3rd July at Limpsfield. As you will recall Richard Anderton stood down as Senior Warden in 2006 to look after his wife.

It is our custom to keep in touch with widows of Past Masters and in this connection we are sorry to learn of the death of **Bunny Chapuis** widow of the late Louis Chapuis who was Master in 1986.





Explosion at Battersea. London Regiment evening 13th March

We can never forget the good work done by our friends in the Territorial Army who are now deployed in Afghanistan as we go to press. Immediate Past Master Richard Tranter went to watch them training at Hythe ranges last Spring, and prior to that they provided a carpet guard for his Ladies Banquet in Merchant Taylors Hall.

The annual Shoot has been “rebranded” as a Social Evening which nevertheless didn’t prevent the Livery from fielding some competitive guns and carrying off the Sirrah Trophy.

Sadly the evening had been preceded by an explosion in their depot at Battersea. The Quartermaster had taken charge of a barrel of beer brewed by the Immediate Past Master’s son, but “barrels” are now plastic polypins and need specialized treatment which, alas, was overlooked. The beer exploded one evening and gallons of Dark Star best bitter were lost. There were no casualties apart from the TA’s thirst.

Capt Ian Weatherley the Officer Commanding HQ Regiment gave a very professional presentation on



Sergeant Jamie Booth with the Pipe Makers trophy presented by the Master at the Anzio dinner for the best contribution to HQ Company during the year.

the work of the TA, making it clear that all members were required to be operational, and praised the businesses who are prepared to release people for such work.

The many photographs of Iraq spoke a thousand words.

A cheque for £500 was presented to the Regiment for their General Fund.

Anzio Dinner 19th May

The Master was guest at this dinner, held to commemorate the breakthrough of the Allied Forces from their beachhead at Anzio on 24th May 1944, after 125 days of fierce fighting, to link up with the US Fifth Army.



The new Clerk and her guardians.





Master's Reception 9th May 2007

The 400th anniversary of the founding of Virginia has been of enormous interest to us in the tobacco trade so it was natural that the Master should decide to take us down to the Museum of Docklands for the special exhibition to celebrate the early years of "Virginia gold".

Hazel Forsyth of the Museum of London was our guide, seen below with the Master, and we were also joined by members of the Lords and Commons Pipe and Cigar Committee under the leadership of our Honorary Freeman Lord Wakeham.



The replica of the one of the three ships that made the five month voyage across the Atlantic attracted great interest.



We also had a whistle stop tour of the main Docklands Museum under the guidance of their Director, and many vowed to make a return visit when they had more time.

Afterwards the party repaired to a Spanish style tapas bar for refreshment.



A glimpse of the American exhibition.

Across the Atlantic another rather larger exhibition was taking place at Jamestown Virginia, and the Renter Warden, John Alexander and his wife Jackie made a visit. A couple of their photographs give a flavour of the event.

We can never forget that tobacco gave the North American colonies their financial means. It was even used as currency and we learnt that wives for settlers in Virginia were valued at 120lbs of leaf...what could be more priceless.



*A rare three bowl pipe.
Evidently some people
could never get enough.*

It financed their fight for independence, and all that flowed from that momentous event. In fact much of English and more especially Scottish wealth in the 17th century came from the tobacco trade.



The Annual Accounts

The Financial Statement for the year ending 25 March 2007 will be circulated to all members at the next mailing, but this summary gives the salient details.

The Company reported a surplus of £25,679 for the year despite a slight decline in income from quaterage. Expenses were £47,963, including £3,600 for hire of Halls, which is marginally up on the previous year.

Modern Companies Dinner

Next year on 10th March our Master will have the honour of hosting a Modern Companies Dinner for the first time in many years. This is an assembly of all the Masters of the 30 Livery Companies founded (or refounded in our case) after the Great War.

The most senior at number 78 in the pecking order is The Honourable (Honourable not Worshipful since founded by the King in 1926) Company of Master Mariners, and we at number 82 weigh in as 5th in seniority.

The gap between ancient and modern Liveries is illustrated by the fact if we had maintained our original date of founding in 1619 we would still be ranked around number 70 in seniority. It also shows how many new Liveries have been founded in the past few years, with the latest being the International Bankers at 106 and Tax Advisers at 107.

Lunching in the City

Whilst our 10% discount on meals at the Chez Gérard group, so excellently organised by Roger Brookes of the Membership Committee, is being renegotiated it is opportune to remind Liverymen that they can host lunches at very reasonable prices at two exclusive City venues. Quite apart from the surroundings you will have the chance to meet many members of other City Liveries.

The Worshipful Company of Butchers has a Carvery every Wednesday, and what better place to eat meat than at Butchers Hall (near Smithfield and St Barts

hospital). Telephone well in advance, since they tend to get booked up early, on 020 7600 4106.

The Honourable Company of Master Mariners also do a curry lunch on the last Friday of every month on board their Headquarters ship Wellington, moored near Temple station on the Embankment. This is also very popular so book early on 020 7836 8179.

Bridge Competition

Our Livery has won the Bridge competition on a number of occasions with the late Past Master George Ross Goobey and Past Master Ian Panto proving a winning combination. Since our Livery presented the trophy in 1982 this was beginning to get embarrassing, so the rules were changed a few years ago so that no one could field more than one "Gold-pointed" player in any pair. As a result our fortunes have waned to such an extent that for the first time ever we could not field a team in 2007. The next competition is on Monday March 3rd 2008 at Drapers Hall and it seems we should look to our laurels. Volunteers please!

Less intellectually challenging is the Pancake Race on 5th February 2008 at Guildhall Yard. This is sponsored by the Poulters. Since we have two Masters of the Poulters in our Livery we should try to give our support by entering a team for this fun event.





Livery Golf Day 4th July 2007

This took place under the seamless organization of Past Master Derek Harris at Tandridge golf club near Oxted in Surrey. Unlike Wimbledon that day, all matches were completed, and at around 2pm we sat down to the excellent lunch for which the club is noted.

The many excellent prizes were generously sponsored by BAT and everybody received a smart bag of golfing goodies with the company crest.

At the prizegiving afterwards the fact that Derek should be announcing an award to himself seemed to have the Master in stitches. The moment of realization is captured below.

Next year's Golf day has already been booked for Wednesday 2nd July. All golfers and their guests please note.

True to form the Captain of Golf, Past Master Alec Murray won the Charles Rich trophy with 33 Stapleford points, and the best guest Cup was won by Christopher Brown (guest of Tony Brown) with a score of 37.



And the winner is me!

The longest drive was by Tom Johnson (guest of Chris Bischoff) and Peter Ferguson was "nearest the pin".



Many thanks from the past Clerk and his wife for the magnificent coasters engraved with the Livery crest and accompanying decanters to which you all so kindly donated.

The Last Smokers Luncheon 20th June 2007

Organised by the Association of Independent Tobacco Specialists at the Landmark Hotel in Marylebone Road, well over 200 attended the lunch, including many Liverymen whom we have not seen in the City for some time.



Boris Johnson was the principal speaker. In Henley, where he is MP, the locals are not allowed to punt under the influence of alcohol, one of many hilarious examples of the interference by the State in our freedom as citizens. In a verbal tour de force he regaled the guests at breakneck speed for over 20 minutes on the iniquities of what he called this chicken government that dare not take a risk.





The Benevolent Fund

This is to remind Liverymen that if you are actively involved in any Charity other than those already supported by the Benevolent Fund, the Trustees will grant up to £500 in any one year by way of matched funds.

So far this year £250 has been donated to the Hoddesdon Branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau, and £100 to Girl Guides to fund a representative visiting Peru. The Trustees would welcome more applications.

Continuing the aim of widening the existing scope of our benevolence the following grants have been agreed;-

£1000 for five years to the West Sussex branch of the charity HEADWAY to help finance a field support worker dealing with rehabilitation of the severely brain injured.

£5000 for three years to CHICKS a charity offering Country Holidays for Inner City Kids

£8000 for three years to fund an occupational therapist for severely disadvantaged children at CHRISTOPHER PLACE

£1000 to the LONDON REGIMENT Welfare Fund to help members of the regiment or their families suffering as a result of the Afghan deployment.

Riding for the Disabled may benefit in a curious way from the Olympics.

Apparently the landowner has been approached to see whether part of his land could be used as a Car Park for the Olympics cycling event which is being held in Brentwood. If it comes to pass the revenues will be diverted to RDA

At **Sevenoaks** work continues on the Performing Arts Centre. With three productions reviewed in their latest newsletter and three students accepted for the National Youth Theatre this year we can look forward to continuing high standards.

A former winner of the Young Musician of the Year in 1984 clarinetist **Emma Johnson** has been appointed as a Governor. She was a pupil at Sevenoaks and had been supported in the past by the Benevolent Fund.

Of the five applicants for our full "public benefit" bursaries only one reached the required academic standard, but then decided to take up a place elsewhere, so we are still trying to do our bit. The aim is to support two full bursaries and limit other scholars to 10% of their fees.

Following an initiative by the Membership Committee we have been trying to establish contact with some of the 163 individuals who have been beneficiaries of the Fund since 1964. On January 10th, in Painters Hall, the Master, the Trustees and members of the Membership Committee hosted a reception for 29 former Pipemakers Scholars along with the Head, Katy Ricks, and the Governors.

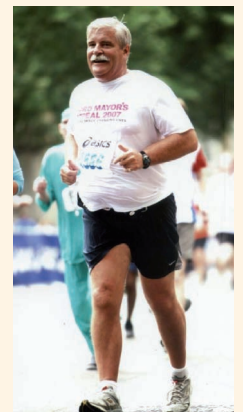
Among the distinguished group of men and women were two of our original scholars from 1964. We have to thank our new freeman **Andrew Golding**, himself a scholar from 1975-80, for helping to make this event happen.



Other Charity

As mentioned on page one, the Master of the day **Richard Tranter** was arrested whilst trying to light his pipe in the Mansion House (and this was BEFORE the first of July) and sent to the Tower.

Newly elected Third Warden **Julian Keevil**, a youthful 59, ran a 10km Marathon for the Pipemakers on 1st July and raised another £1000. We must congratulate him for this stirring physical effort.





Editorial

Never having been entrusted with a newsletter before it seems logical to consider what it is trying to achieve. Some eleven years ago when it was inaugurated only a handful of Liveries published a newsletter. Since then all but a few publish with varying degrees frequency and glossiness. Most items are reports of past events and speeches, whilst due regard is paid to the trade with which the Livery concerned is connected. Apart from all members the circulation list



The editor showing an early interest in the tobacco trade.

typically includes the other Liveries and interested friends so it is a reminder of our existence, style and concerns.

In these days when so many are connected to email it is debatable whether we should not post the newsletter on our website and let all and sundry look at it. However there is something tactile and accessible about the printed page, and apart from anything else it can “hang around” as a ready reference, hence from now on we shall publish the latest diary of events on the back page so you can pin it up somewhere useful.

We would also like to make the newsletter more active than passive, and contributions in the form of letters to the editor, articles like John Tully's on the US smokeless scene, and contributions of all sorts will be considered.

The ever present problem of all Liveries, ourselves included, is in maintaining high standards and interest in the Livery so that every member is proud to belong and keen to invite people to functions which will be guaranteed to please and impress our guests.

The aim remains to publish twice a year, but the contents will increasingly be dictated by you the reader. The editor looks forward to a lively postbag.

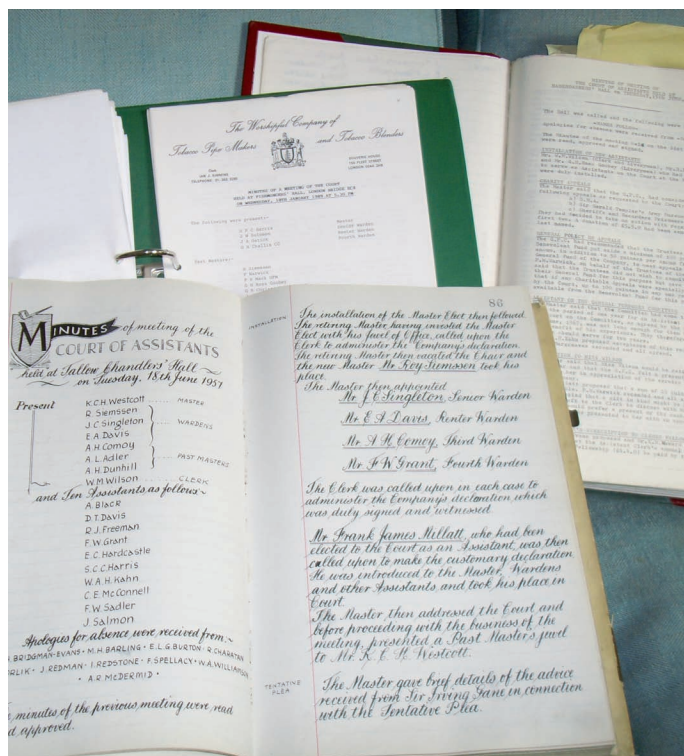
The Archives

For many years Ken Pritchard, now in his eighties, has been carefully filing our records which now include

- Application forms for all members past and present with proposers and seconders.
- Photographs of all Masters since 1954
- Court and General Purpose Committee Meeting minutes since 1954
- Freedom Declaration roll books.
- Livery roll books.
- Menus and table plans for all major lunches and dinners since 1954.

In addition, but with less continuity, we have a series of photographs and files labelled Sundry or “of no great consequence” which in fact turn out to be of great interest.

One such file is a record of the dinner and dance held in 1961 to mark the 400th anniversary of the introduction of tobacco into Europe by Jean Nicot, at which the descendant of Sir Walter Raleigh was present, bringing with him the pipe Sir Walter smoked on the morning of his execution in 1618.





This is the first of a series of articles we shall produce so that the Livery can be as well informed as possible in discussing the smoking issue

Smokeless Tobacco and Public Smoking Restrictions in the USA

by Ron Tully, Vice President, National Tobacco Company, USA and Liveryman

With ever increasing restrictions on smoking in public places in countries around the world, adult smokers have been switching to alternatives.

In the United States it is possible, at least anecdotally, to correlate the increasing use of moist snuff products among adults with the adoption of state laws and municipal ordinances banning cigarette and cigar smoking in public places. That said, recent media reports suggest that adult smokers may already have been making cross-purchases of smokeless and smoking tobacco products for many years.

Consolidated data from smokeless tobacco manufacturers reported to the US Federal Trade Commission shows that overall volumes of moist snuff have increased from some 56 million pounds in 1998 to around 76 million pounds in 2005. The total value of the moist snuff market has correspondingly increased from about US\$1.2 billion to US\$2.2 billion over the same period.

In contrast, sales of traditional loose leaf chewing tobacco, plug and twist and dry snuff smokeless tobacco have all decreased over the same period. However, recent data from the 2006 Maxwell Consumer Report indicates that even in these segments, sales are stabilizing and some brands are experiencing new growth after having faced year-on-year declines.

Smoking Bans

Smoking restrictions in the United States have been around for decades. Individual employers have been able to ban smoking unilaterally in their manufacturing plants, offices, or even in company-owned vehicles cars if they so wished. Hotel chains have been implementing smoking bans for many years, arguing that a decrease in the number of smokers nationally, and the supposed high costs of



maintaining smoking rooms necessitates a complete ban.

Federal actions have also banned smoking on airlines, and in many federal workplaces. Individual State actions, including those in California, have all but excluded smoking in public places, and municipal bans in cities such as New York City, Washington DC, Chicago and Louisville, have forced smoking to the front and back doors of office buildings, restaurants and bars. New smoking

restrictions are considered every year by states and municipalities alike. California recently debated the merits of a ban on tobacco use (even including smokeless tobacco) on state beaches and parks. Connecticut, New Jersey and Tennessee all looked at banning smoking in private cars while a child is present in the car.

To date 46 states have implemented laws restricting smoking in public places, 50 states have adopted laws banning smoking in government buildings, and 38 states have adopted laws restricting smoking in private workplaces. Many commentators believe the climate will become more restrictive and that this will lead to a broader revival in the use of smokeless tobacco. This has spurred the recent acquisition of Conwood Tobacco by Reynolds, as well as the market-test introduction of Scandinavian-style snus products by Reynolds and Philip Morris under their respective Camel and Marlboro brands.

The Smokeless Landscape

Recent data from the US DHSS suggest that there may be over 7 million regular purchasers of smokeless tobacco products in the United States. Whilst that is only a fraction of the estimated 43 million adult cigarette smokers in the US, the trend suggests there is still significant adult consumer demand for smokeless tobacco.



With the total smokeless tobacco market estimated by the US Federal Trade Commission in 2005 at US\$2.6 billion, the market appears to offer some room for growth in all classes of products. Recent media reports from Ireland and the United Kingdom suggest there has been somewhat of a revival in dry snuff use among adult pub and club goers. Although the data is anecdotal, it does suggest some correlation between reduced opportunity to smoke and an increased interest in trying smokeless alternatives.

The growth in smokeless products has led to renewed interest in the segment by the largest players in the industry, not just in the USA, but globally. For example, BAT has launched and tested its snus products in South Africa, and through the recent acquisition of Gallaher, Japan Tobacco acquired expertise in snuff manufacturing. Imperial Tobacco PLC also reportedly recently purchased a small Scandinavian snuff manufacturer, and Reynolds, with its close ownership ties to BAT, now has access and know-how to meet future US smokeless production needs. In the US, Philip Morris has reportedly invested in a purpose-built smokeless manufacturing and distribution facility in Virginia, that will doubtless serve as a template for other such facilities internationally.

Globally, new distribution and exclusive marketing deals are being struck daily, and manufacturers in every country are examining traditional and indigenous smokeless tobacco uses to determine what marketable products and opportunities may exist among existing adult smokers.

It would seem the days of exclusive know-how in the manufacture of smokeless products are over, and the market globally appears set for increased competition in all smokeless product classes.

Ron Tully joined the Livery in 1996 when working in the Tobacco Documentation Centre at Brentford, moved to the US in 1997 and now works in New York as Vice President of New Projects and Initiatives with National Tobacco Company LP, one of the leading smokeless tobacco manufacturers in the US, which is based in Louisville, KY. NTC manufactures loose leaf chewing tobacco products under the Beechnut, Stoker, Tennessee Chew, Trophy, and Durango brands.

Smokeless products sold in the USA

Moist Snuff is the largest category. This is sold in 1oz round plastic cans, and is made through a fermentations process and flavoured. The product is either ground, or sold in very finely shredded form called long-cut. Moist snuff tends to be flavoured, and is available in original, peach, apple, etc. Adult consumers use the product orally. The market leaders in the category are Copenhagen, Skoal and Kodiak.

Swedish pouch Snus is a recent and emerging category, in which a moist snuff (wet or dry) is sold in small 'tea-bag' like pouches. These are sold in a variety of flavours and come in small plastic and metal cans and containers. The market leader in this segment is Skoal Pouch. Recently Camel and Marlboro have entered the segment.

Loose Leaf Chewing tobacco is the next largest segment as noted above. The market leader in this segment is Red Man, with Beechnut and Levi Garrett as the main competitors.

Plug Tobacco is essentially a small 1oz block of compressed moist tobacco, that traditionally was seen by cinema goers in the old western movies, in which a cowboy would cut a piece of tobacco from a block and put it in his mouth to chew.

Twist tobacco is hand twisted tobacco leaves that are formed into tight lengths of tobacco, and sold in short or long lengths. This product is sometimes called "pig tail" in the UK.

Scotch Snuff/Dry Snuff is finely ground tobacco that has a powdered texture and is sold in 1-3oz cans (or smaller). It is either used nasally, or is "dipped" into the oral cavity in very small quantities.

Importantly, both moist snuff and swedish snus products are currently banned from sale in the UK.



Diary of forthcoming Events

Monday 1st October

Common Hall at Guildhall at 10.45am to elect new Lord Mayor. Liverymen only by ticket on application to the Clerk.

Tuesday 2nd October

Ladies Banquet at the Mansion House in the presence of Alderman Sir David Brewer CMG. Principal speaker the Hon Mr Justice Royce. Dress White Tie with decorations.

Monday to Wednesday 8 – 10th October

11am to 4pm Painters' Hall Art Exhibition. Entrance free.

Saturday 10th November – Lord Mayor's Show

Tuesday 27th November

Red Cross Christmas market at Guildhall. 11am to 8pm. Also 11am to 3pm on 28th. Includes excellent secondhand evening wear stall.

Wednesday 5th December

Carol Service and supper 6.30pm at St Botolph's Aldgate with Sevenoaks School choir and the Bowyers' Company.

Tuesday 22nd January 2008

Court Meeting at 5pm followed by Livery Dinner in Painters Hall. Principal guest Lt Gen Sir Robin Ross KCB OBE former Commandant General Royal Marines. Black tie with decorations.

Thursday 28th February 2008

World Traders Tacitus Lecture at Guildhall. 5pm. Speaker to be announced.

Friday 7th March 2008

10.45am United Guilds service in St Paul's Cathedral followed by lunch in Plaisterers Hall.

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