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I have now been your Master for just under 6 months. I have well breakfasted, lunched and dined, but the highlight has been the Lord Mayor's show, where dressed as Sir Walter Raleigh, with Julian Keevil the Renter Warden as my companion knight, we danced attendance on Queen Elizabeth I, personified by Fiona Adler, the Third Warden. Our behaviour was observed and photographed from his lofty seat on a double decker bus by John Alexander, the Senior Warden. We hope our Company made its mark on this year's show.

May I wish all Liverymen and Freemen a very happy Christmas and may the New Year bring you all renewed prosperity after the horrors of 2008.

Nigel Rich was educated at Sedbergh School and New College, Oxford where he obtained an MA degree in law. He joined Deloitte Plender Griffiths in London in 1967 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant, moving to New York

with Deloitte in 1971. In 1974 he joined Jardine Matheson in Hong Kong where he held management positions in Hong Kong, Philippines and South Africa before being appointed Group Managing Director ('The Taipan') in 1989. In 1994 he returned to England and became Group Chief Executive of Trafalgar House plc until its acquisition by Kvaerner in 1996. He is now Chairman of Segro plc and Xchanging plc, a non executive director of John Armit Wines, Pacific Assets Trust, KGR Absolute Return and Bank of the Philippine Islands (Europe) and an adviser to the Weatherbys Group. He was previously Chairman of Exel PLC, CP Ships and Hamptons Group Ltd.

He is an Honorary Steward of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Co-Chairman of the Philippine British Business Council, President of the New College Society, Oxford and a Trustee of the Tobacco Pipemakers and Tobacco Blenders Benevolent Fund. He is a passionate but moderate golfer and an occasionally successful owner of racehorses. His clubs include Boodles, MCC, Turf Club, Denham GC, New Zealand GC, Royal St George's GC, Leopard Creek GC (South Africa) and the R&A.

He is married to Cynthia, has two sons and two daughters and lives in London.

Nigel was appointed a CBE in June 1995.





New Members

At the Autumn Court held in the Guildhall on 17th September we admitted **Colin Fraser-Mackenzie** and **Anthony Hemsley** to the Freedom.

Colin spent 25 years with W D & H O Wills/Imperial tobacco retiring in 1991 as manager of administration and services in the leaf department. At one time during the Hanson regime he claims that he was their oldest manager at the tender age of fifty.

Prior to the tobacco trade he had been a regular officer in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Since leaving Imperial he has been involved in a variety of voluntary and charitable organisations. Despite living in Somerset he retains strong links with the Highlands. He was proposed by Past Master George Lankester

Anthony is also an Imperial man having worked with them since 1998 having previously worked in the Conservative Central Office. He graduated from Leeds University in 1993 with a degree in Business Administration with French and German. He is now Senior International Regulatory Development Manager at Imperial and was proposed by Assistant Jacqueline Smithson.

Lost Brethren

Sir Edward Wheler Bt who had been a member since 1980 died on 22nd June 2008.

Formerly manager of Benson & Hedges in Bond Street he was proposed by the late Past Master Frank Warwick but since retiring to Cornwall in 1990 he had not attended many functions.

He was aged 88 and leaves a son and a daughter.



Our Finances

Our accounts for the year ended 25th March 2008 have been circulated to all members. For the record, HM government have not been kind to the Livery. Not content with having banned smoking in July 2007 we have suffered a huge financial blow in the shape of six year's arrears of tax and NI on the fees of the Clerk, Assistant Clerk & Treasurer and Beadle. Without this the Livery would have had a surplus of £22,192 (2007 - £25,679). In fact we reported a deficit of £35,665.

It is only fair to state that several other City Liveries with largely self employed or part time Clerks have suffered similar impositions, which arise from a court ruling that they are "officers" of the company.

Our investments suffered a loss in value in common with most portfolios, but dividends and bank interest were up.

The **Benevolent Fund** accounts showed a healthy increase in income over the previous year, £100,359 as against £94,526 (2007) and the Trustees are particularly grateful to the members for their continuing generosity. Charitable giving was down to £56,036 (2007 - £73,025) mainly due to the lack of a suitable candidate for one of our two public benefit bursaries at Sevenoaks.

Both balance sheets remain sound but we cannot hope for too much good news for the next set of figures.





Retirement on Health Grounds of our Chaplain



Brian Lee (seen above at this year's Ladies Banquet) has decided to take early retirement on the grounds of ill-health.

For some this will come as a complete shock whereas for others it will be less surprising. Brian has had continued health problems for some time now. He is certain that the events of 7/7 three years ago and the stress that he experienced as a result of his involvement in the aftermath are a contributory factor. Brian's doctor has urged him to change his lifestyle and therefore he has decided to retire from St Botolph's and his various involvements in the City with immediate effect.

Brian has had 15 happy years at St Botolph's and has enjoyed his Civic role enormously. He feels

very privileged to have served as one of the Sheriff's Chaplain and to represent Portsoken ward as a member of Common Council.

It is too early at this stage to talk about a successor but Brian knows that whoever it is will receive a warm St Botolph's welcome. The parish will, of course, be widely consulted on the kind of person who will best lead St Botolph's in the future. When he is stronger Brian hopes that he will return for a final service of farewell so that he can personally say goodbye.

Meanwhile Brian needs to get his strength back and have a much needed rest. For the time being his assistant the Reverend Richenda Leigh can be consulted at St Botolphs Vestry, and she has kindly agreed to take our Carol Service on 11th December.

Brian was appointed our Honorary Chaplain in 1996 and it was his first connection with a City Livery since his arrival at St Botolphs four years earlier. He was immediately popular with the Livery and the carol service flourished under his encouragement. His Graces before functions were legendary and he was made an Honorary Freeman in 2002.

The reference to 7/7/05 relates to his finding himself at the epicentre of that disaster. St Botolphs is just next to Aldgate tube station where they were evacuating casualties from the bomb blast on the train between Liverpool St and Aldgate. His church and office became a command centre and clearing station for the police, rescue workers and casualties.

Typically he said at the time " In those circumstances you just sit with someone, hold their hands and be still, and be with them. There was no need to say anything, just being there for them was the main thing".

Later in the day the emergency services asked him to accompany them to the wrecked train and evacuate the dead saying the words of the Lords prayer over each of them. He did not sleep that night and was back at St Botolphs at 5.30am to continue his good work.



Installation Dinner at Painters Hall 12th June 2008

The principal guest Dr Paul Knapman, Her Majesty's Coroner for Westminster, gave a most witty and entertaining speech at the Installation Dinner. The jokes came so thick and fast that the editor's menu was covered in prompts which with the passing of time have now been completely forgotten ...or perhaps it was the Master's excellent wine.



The Master and his Wardens in the Court room just after the Installation

The dinner was unique in that it was almost 38 years to the day that the Master's father had been installed, and to cap it the Master's son Liveryman Andrew Rich proposed the toast to the guests. Our distinguished Past Master Richard Hargreaves was present on both occasions and



*Richard Hargreaves MC.
Master 1976-77*

proposed the new Master at the Installation ceremony.

In his speech the Master praised his predecessor George Lankester and presented him with a Past Master's Badge.

Autumn Court at the Guildhall 17th September 2008

New Masters in recent years have always presided over their first Court in the impressive surroundings of the Aldermens' Court in Guildhall. Not only does this serve to remind us that one of our primary duties as a Livery is to support the Lord Mayor, but it also gives us a chance to see our collection of tobacco jars and "Cedric" our Ram's Head Snuff Mull which are on loan and on display at the Guildhall Club.



Cedric is rather worse for wear having suffered a rather unsympathetic restoration after immersion in the Glaziers Hall vaults. Now with our renewed interest in snuff some members have been considering an upgrade. A handsome new model was spotted recently at an auction house by Assistant Charles Miller and it subsequently went under the hammer for a mere £2000. As the tugging season is upon us what does the Livery think about a new ram?

Unlike Cedric he has both Cairngorms intact on his horns and a complete set of tools.

After the Court supper Peter Hammond from Liverpool University, whose pipe research the Livery now supports, gave a fascinating talk on clay pipes.





New Pipe Display in Liverpool

Liverpool is European City of Culture for 2008. Its University's main contribution to the festival has been a brand new public museum and art gallery housed in the Victoria Building which was re-opened in May 2008 by Princess Anne.

One of its first displays featured clay tobacco pipes.

The pipe exhibition [see right] was designed and provided by the National Pipe Archive which is housed in the School of Archaeology in the University. It is in two parts. The first asks the question 'Why are clay pipes important?' and explains how archaeologists collect and study pipes from excavations. The second looks at 'Pipe research in Liverpool'. Liverpool has been at the forefront of the archaeological study of pipes, both nationally and internationally, for more than 30 years. The display highlights research themes



such as local studies, recording makers' stamps, collaborative projects and publication. There is also an attractive display of other kinds of pipe and smoking paraphernalia.

London pipes from the Jarzembowski Collection form a central part of the display. It is one of the most important ever recovered and its presence in the display would not have been possible





without a grant from the Livery which helped get over 4,000 pipes recorded, catalogued, bagged and boxed.

Part of the display shows a mass of London pipes being poured from an excavator's bucket [see above].

In September the exhibition formed the focus of attention of an international pipe conference entitled 'The Pipe in its socio-economic context' held in the University and attended by members of L'Académie Internationale de la Pipe including among others Past Master John Adler.

Leonie Sedman, curator for the museum's archaeological collections, said "the exhibition is creating a great deal of interest. It deals with an artefact, familiar in some form to most people, but which has almost become a taboo subject." The museum and gallery are open Tuesdays to Saturdays 10.0am to 5.00pm and the pipe exhibition will remain until the Spring of 2009.

Contributed by Peter Davey.

A hymn for the Pipe Makers?

An ex chorister told me that they had pet names for many of the hymns they so frequently sang, and one they called the Launderers hymn had a verse that went

***O for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by many a foe
That lingers trembling on the brink
Of Poverty and Woe***

Hymn 278 A & M

Can anybody suggest one for the Pipe Makers?

My bid is...

***O for the living flame
From His own Altar brought
To touch our lips, our minds inspire
And wing to Heav'n our thought***

Hymn 236 English Hymnal

Ladies Banquet at the Mansion House 8th October 2008

Another magnificent evening at the Mansion House with some original touches.

The flower arrangements were in a different league, inspired by the Orient, we were told, in honour of Sir David Tang our principal guest.

And instead of the "slow handclap and Scipio" entrance of the VIPs we had the refreshing skirl of two pipers provided by our friends the London Regiment. They also mounted a smart carpet guard on our arrival.

The Lord Mayor was represented by Sir David Brewer and his wife Tessa and the Sheriffs whilst the Bristol Merchant Venturers, the Launderers and the CO of London Regiment made up the remainder of the procession.

Among the distinguished guests who included many of the Master's friends from Jardine Matheson days was Henry Keswick who joined other guests from as far away as Australia, Hawaii, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

The Militaire Orchestra once again provided music both before and during dinner. A loving Cup was passed and snuff was "taken" after the Smoking Cap and before the speeches.

An extended Stirrup Cup was enjoyed after dinner before the party adjourned.

Next year we will again be at the Mansion House but thereafter there is a move to go to one of the other great City halls.



Ladies Banquet at the Mansion House 8th October 2008



All Mansion House photographs courtesy of Sharpe photography.



The Livery takes part in the Lord Mayor's Show

By Fiona Adler (alias Queen Elizabeth 1)

'Never say die' seems to be our theme this year and after an interval of 12 years we decided to make our presence felt.

The 793rd Lord Mayor's Show took place on November 8th 2008. The three-mile long procession wound through 1.7 miles of streets of the Square Mile to introduce the 681st Lord Mayor of the City of London, Ian Luder.

The Master, Senior Warden, Renter Warden and Third Warden all took part, joining the Modern Livery Companies float.

They decided to dress up for the grand occasion depicting the time when tobacco was first introduced into Britain. The most senior figure of the old Queen (Elizabeth 1) was declined by the Master who dressed as Sir Walter Raleigh. The Renter Warden decided on a very fetching purple ensemble popularised by Sir Francis Drake. The Senior Warden depicted the Modern Company in Livery robes and Smoking Hat. The Third Warden got to dress up as the Queen complete with wig and crown.

Rain was forecast and shortly after setting off the heavens opened. The rain poured down stopping briefly whilst lunch was served aboard HMS Wellington, and resumed with a vengeance as the procession started its return journey. Despite getting thoroughly soaked the Master kept his cigar going and the Renter Warden kept his clay pipe alight.

They were encouraged by the wonderful crowds who cheered and roared through the deluge (apart from one young child who shouted out that it was wrong to smoke!) Keeping warm was not a problem as the Master had had great foresight and produced an excellent bottle of red half way through the proceedings - purely medicinal to fight the

chill. Sadly the rain stopped the Master from throwing his cloak down over the puddle for the Queen as the road became a pond, except when he spotted Past Master John Adler in the crowd and performed this historical display much to the delight of the Queen's Mother and Husband!



Ready for the off.

The last time the Livery performed at the Lord Mayor's Show Past Master Preedy and several Modern Company Masters travelled in a Noddy Train and were mistaken for Eastbourne Town Councillors promoting summer holidays at the resort.



"...and now for my next trick!"



The Queen and Sir Walter



How about a caption competition?





Livery Golf Day at Tandridge 2nd July 2008

*Under Derek Harris's precision
arrangements*



Overall winner Tony Brown receiving the Charles Rich trophy from the Master.

Second was Glyn Meredith, followed by Neil Withington with David Walter fourth.



Ian Panto the winner of the longest drive (apparently a 'nice' decision)



The fashionistas?

Other trophies were won by Chris Davies, guest of Alec Murray, and Tom Johnson, guest of Tom Bischoff. This year we are particularly grateful to BAT for sponsoring the prizes.



Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation

By John Barclay, Director of Cricket and Coaching. Former Captain of Sussex 1981-86

It was back in the early 1990's that Nicholas Freeman and John Solomon first took an interest in our project at Arundel based on the fundamental themes of youth and education.

As a result of this support and generosity of The Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders, we were able to award four scholarships, one each year, to deserving young men showing initiative and potential as cricketers. The scheme worked well and gave confidence and self-assurance to the scholars, all of whom have progressed with success in their careers.

Since then your Livery Company has continued its support for our programme of activities. Two specific areas have been in the forefront

- 1 Inner City Development Programmes
- 2 Opportunities for the disabled and students with special needs

The main thrust of our activities has been to encourage those from disadvantaged backgrounds (Inner London Boroughs and inner cities throughout the country) to enhance their lives through the open space and lovely facilities they experience at Arundel. They all have a go at playing cricket and visit the Castle and seaside too. Suitable accommodation is provided nearby. Whatever the weather we have something for them to do and enjoy.

This year more than 600 young people with special needs and learning difficulties have visited Arundel on 35 occasions. In addition to this, 1500 youngsters from inner city urban environments, where opportunities are so limited, have also come and stayed with us. 26 days of activity have been accompanied by both accommodation and meals that we provide for

them. The whole experience improves their confidence and ability to cope with the simple things of life. Their teachers are adamant that the different environment has a major effect upon their development and gives them all a new experience from which they undoubtedly benefit.

The following extract from a letter from Corbets Tey School in Upminster endorses the value of what we try to do at Arundel:

'We had children with us who had never ever been on holiday, let alone ever been away from home, as well as children who were new to our school and who were finding it very difficult to make friends. Although we were only away for the two days, we could see before our eyes these children growing in confidence by the minute and on the way home were happily chatting away on the bus.'

Since 1986 when our Foundation was formed we have coached and encouraged 250,000 young people both at Arundel and in their schools. We work hard to raise money from those who think like we do and believe that, given encouragement, many of the young from difficult backgrounds have much to offer. We have strong evidence to support this and are so grateful to all those, including of course the Tobacco Pipe Makers, who have helped us with this mission.



Cricketers among you may be able to spot John Barclay buried amongst this happy group of inner city youngsters with their coaches.



Diary of Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 27th January 2009

Court Meeting at 5pm followed by Livery Dinner in Painters Hall. Black tie with decorations.

Friday 27th March 2009

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

Tuesday 31st March 2009 (Note change of date and venue)

Election Court (11am) and Court Ladies lunch at Fishmongers Hall

March/April 2009

Shoot and social evening with the London Regiment Battersea (to be arranged)

Wednesday 13th May 2009

Master's reception 6.30pm at the Feliks Topolski exhibition, Festival Hall Approach

Thursday 11th June 2009

Installation Court and Dinner at Painters' Hall

Wednesday 24th June 2009

Common Hall Election of Sheriffs at Guildhall 11.30 am Liverymen only by ticket on application to Clerk

Wednesday 1st July 2009

Livery Golf Day at Tandridge

Monday 21st September 2009

Autumn Court and supper at Glaziers' Hall

Tuesday 29th September 2009

Common Hall Election of the Lord Mayor at Guildhall. Liverymen only by ticket on application to Clerk

Thursday 22nd October 2009

Ladies Banquet at the Mansion House

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