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The Master's Voice

Julian Keevil

Born 1948. Joined the Livery 1996. Assistant on the Court 2001. Junior Warden 2006

Our new Master, seen here at the wheel his beloved old Alvis - nicknamed Boadicea because of its tendency to scythe off the spokes of opposing cars- is a force to be reckoned with. Enthusiastic and knowledgeable about so many subjects from antique firearms to horse breeding, via a business career that spanned IT, commodity broking and tobacco leaf importing, he comes from seven generations of City Poulterers. He was Master Poulter in 2008 and could have had a career in the Royal Marine Commandos had he

not met Mary, his Virginian wife, whom he married in 1973.

Having narrowly failed to rival IBM as a New York IT firm in 1974 he was recruited to Richmond Virginia to run an industrial controls company before moving to Universal Leaf in 1989.

There he was tasked with looking after all their European subsidiaries, with an office in Rotterdam and one in Rome. Not surprisingly he notched up a million airmiles which he still uses for commuting between London and Virginia.

Apart from leaf he traded in timber, nuts, spices, coffee, rubber and fruit to name a few. Sadly no pork belly futures so Damon Runyan look away...

Retiring in 2008 at the age of 60 he has devoted himself to his



wife's business of breeding and training of jumpers and hunters at the farm in Manakin Sabot.

His two sons work as a chef (he will doubtless be advising on this year's Livery menus) and as a special needs teacher. Both have recently joined our Livery.

As a former Marine he keeps himself fit by taking part in triathlons (cycling 50kms running 25kms and swimming 1.5kms) and running half marathons, plus sundry other sports. Although he is a member of Leander he only admits to have rowed in a four at Tonbridge.

He is devoted to our Livery and all the virtues it embodies and is particularly keen on its charitable work. He is keeping up the tradition started by Immediate Past Master Alexander and is doing a blog on his year. He wants to hear from all Liverymen.

A great communicator and publicist for the Pipe Makers.

The Master's BLOG

As one of his innovations the Immediate Past Master John Alexander introduced us to the blogosphere, which can now be accessed easily direct from the Livery website at www.tobaccolivery.org in the news section.

Julian Keevil has kept up the tradition and you can see photos and impressions of everything he has done during his year in reverse chronological order.

To many members there will be a touch of déjà vu in this issue, but there are a significant few who cannot access this technological wonder.

In a recent questionnaire we asked whether people would like to have the Newsletter electronically but the consensus is for glossy printing. Nevertheless you can find it electronically along with most of the past issues on the Livery website.

The newsletter will have to change to reflect the fact that if you want to keep up to date you must watch the website. Meanwhile more reflective, informative and durable articles, and contributions from members would be welcomed by the editor.

For Top Gear aficionados

Boadicea (and not Boudicca), the Master's 3 1/2 litre Alvis started life in September 1936 as a Mayfair Saloon. The 3 1/2 model was a one year interim model between the Speed 25 and the 4.3. Over the years the body deteriorated and was eventually acquired by Brian Chant a well known VSCCA racer and car restorer. Brian then created a new body for Boadicea by hand out of aluminium looking surprisingly like a Type 35 Bugatti with a ducktailed body. She was raced extensively.

Brian then had the opportunity to acquire Brutus, a massive engined Alvis racer, and put Boadicea up for sale. The Master writes "Just by chance I bought the magazine advertising the sale, saw the advert, drove to Dorset and bought the car. I then had to drive her back to London in a snow storm. I forgot to mention she has no roof and only a racing screen, plus the accelerator and brake pedals are reversed. It was an interesting drive to say the least.

She will run (theoretically of course) all day at 100 mph. I then shipped her to the USA where she lived comfortably until I realized that the steering wheel appeared to be growing and it was getting harder to get behind the wheel. I shipped her back to Brian Chant to have some modifications made but the shippers failed to lash her down properly in the container. She must have shot backwards when the tail was crushed and then forward when the dumb irons stuck into the container and fortunately held her in place. It was heartbreaking for Brian when he opened the container to see his handiwork destroyed.

We then decided to turn her into a two seater which Brian achieved with just a hammer, sheets of aluminium and forty years of craftsmanship. She now lives in Dorset with a farmer friend with lots of space who keeps peoples' cars and planes with the agreement that he can drive and fly his charges so they can be regularly used and ready when the owner turns up. For me no trip to England is complete without a drive in Boadicea feeling like Mr. Toad."



New members

Liverymen

Colin McKenzie. Gowned 22nd March

Ralph Edmondson. Gowned 10th June

Nicholas Bates. Gowned 10th June

Peter Keevil Gowned. 10th June

Alexander Keevil. Gowned 10th June

Deepesh Letap. Gowned 28th Sept

Freemen

Jerome Abelman. Admitted 28th January

James Blakelock. Admitted 28th January

Adam Cleave. Admitted 28th January

Nicola Donnelly. Admitted 28th January

Adrian Marshall. Admitted 28th January

Andrew Gray. Admitted 28th January

Michael Nightingale. Admitted 28th Jan

Philip Scourfield. Admitted 28th January

John Stevens. Admitted 28th January

Benedict Townsend. Admitted 28th Jan

Lilly Adey. Admitted 22nd March

Andrew Bingham. Admitted 22nd March

Paul Williams. Admitted 22nd March

Nicholas Keveth. Admitted 10th June

Lost brethren

Alan Coster died 22nd November 2009 aged 85.

He joined the company as a Freeman in 1972 and was a well known figure in Marlow.



Reggie Chilton, former cigarette and tobacco importer with W P Solomon, died aged 82. He joined the company in 1976 and was gowned with the Livery in 1981.

Peter Russell, formerly of formerly of Rothmans and the Wholesale Tobacco Trade Association died in November aged 72. He joined the Livery in 1984.

Our finances

The accounts for the year ended 25th March 2010 showed that the company had a surplus of £10,502 (2009-£22,316) and our investments recovered to stand at a value of £953,928 (2009- £725,683). Hall hire and catering costs continue to rise and make functions expensive, but the exceptional number of new members in the current year should help the situation.

The **Benevolent Fund** completed its merger with the Tobacco Trade Benevolent Association (TTBA) on 1st April 2010 and it was agreed to extend our accounting year to 31st July 2010 when our assets were transferred to the new charity.

Our new title is **The Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Trade Benevolent Fund**.

Our grant giving will not change, but there is a restricted Welfare Fund to look after the interests of the former TTBA beneficiaries.

The final accounts covering sixteen months show charitable giving of £119,423 from the income of £146,217. The main grants went to Sevenoaks and the Oxford & Bermondsey Youth Club. The number of charities supported has increased over the past two years with emphasis being placed on those where our giving will make a difference. Details of two new beneficiaries are given on pages 11 and 12.

The Trustees hope that all members will donate to the new charity and thank all those who supported our charity in the past.



Visit to Whitechapel Bell Foundry

26th November 2009



It takes nearly two years to get a booking for the tour but the Master with great forethought had arranged for a small party to visit this famous old establishment. A party of 21 (it would have been 25 but a car crash sadly prevented John Nokes and his guests from appearing) were shown round the works. It is also home for the owner's family, and we were given a splendid buffet supper by his wife and two of his daughters after the tour.

We learnt that there are only two bell foundries left in the UK and Whitechapel is the oldest, tracing its origins back to at least 1420. However the owner Alan Hughes settles for 1570 since it was in 1970 when HM the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh came to visit to celebrate 400 years of bell making.

Only in England do we ring peals of bells and we can boast over 5000 sets of bells. The rest of the world have but 250, and most of those are in the Commonwealth. Obviously the Church is the driving force and 70% of their business comes from this source.

The works are tiny and cramped but great things are done there.



Here Alan Hughes is explaining to our party what has to be done to refurbish a peal of bells, which needs doing "about three times a century".

Before you can become a campanologist you have to learn your trade on handbells and of course the best are made by Whitechapel.



You may have heard the BBC Radio programme by Ian Macmillan called The Bell Boys about when he visited the foundry. In it he revealed that Whitechapel's best days were during the last war when they were awarded a contract for bells by the Admiralty. This gave them both a fair profit and regular payment, something which apparently was and is rare among his customers, who take several years to make up their mind and even longer to pay!



Carol Service at St Botolph's

10th December 2009



In a packed church the recently installed rector of St Botolphs the Rev'd Laura Burgess – formerly a deacon at St Pauls – led us through another happy carol service.

The Sennocke choir was led by Toby Carden in the absence through illness of their choir master Christopher Dyer, but were no less competent for that. Indeed many thought this was their best performance yet.

In a novel touch our senior Sevenoaks scholar Sophie Munden read one of the lessons.

Our usual caterers had become victims of the City recession so the Master had decreed “bangers and mash plus mince pies” for the gathering afterwards.

Our friends the Bowyers, led by their Master Peter Harrow made the numbers up to over 100.

Master's reception in the War Rooms

12th May 2010

Each year the Master has a big challenge to find an original place to hold his reception but topical as ever John Alexander led us into the dimly lit Whitehall bunker almost 70 years to the day from when Churchill became Prime Minister on 10th May 1940. It was also the very evening that the Coalition held their “civil partnership” in the Rose Garden, and who better to bring us an instant report on the matter than the Master's cousin James Harding, Editor of the Times.

We learnt from the Museum director, Phil Reed, some less well known facts about Churchill. Evidently he was not as keen on cigars as the legend makes out, and he never slept more than a few nights in the War Rooms, much preferring the Railways Executive bunker a few yards away where the plumbing was better suited to his habit of two baths a day.

The Master also spoke eloquently and concisely to the large gathering who enjoyed a memorable evening.





Installation of the new Master at Painters Hall on 11th June 2010

Julian Keevil is pictured below with his wife Mary, son Alexander and nephew Peter in the Court Room just after the Installation ceremony.



At the dinner afterwards wine merchant and friend of the Master, Bartholomew Broadbent, was the principal speaker and we drank some of his excellent Madeira with the Toasts. Assistant Jeremy Merton proposed the health of the guests, who included the Masters and Clerks of four other Liveries. The Master also spoke and presented John Alexander with his Past Master's Badge, whilst he in turn presented his wife with the new Past Mistress's Badge.

The menu had been chosen by the Master's other son Harrison so all in all it was a family affair.

Guildhall School of Music students, including one of our scholars Catherine Roberts, did the honours with Grace and some modern jazz after dinner. Those who could stay enjoyed a fine stirrup cup.

Livery Golf Day

30th June 2010

One of the first engagements of any new Master is to present the prizes at the Livery's only sporting event. The Master had offered to play but apparently his handicap would have made him rather late for lunch.

Nevertheless 7 guests and 13 members of the Livery took part in superb weather with the Tandridge course playing well despite a long period without rain.

Recently admitted Freeman Adrian Marshall of BAT took first prize with a score of 36, followed closely by Past Master Ian Panto on 35 and Liveryman David Walter on 34.



The Master presenting the prizes

The best guest was Peter Gossage, son of John, on a score of 41 whilst Christopher Brown, son of Tony, was nearest the pin.

The longest drive was achieved by Past Master Simon Orlik.



Arundel on 4th August 2010

Rain may have stopped play but it did nothing to dampen enthusiasm at the final of the first cricket match sponsored by the Livery to encourage young inner city cricketers.

We have had an interest in Arundel since 1972 when the late Nick Freeman and later Past Master John Solomon formed the connection.

More recently the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund have increased their donations to £10,000 pa.

There was an encouraging attendance of 22 spectators from the Livery to watch the youngsters of North London battle it out against South London.

The style and expertise of the cricketers, all aged 15 and under, was impressive and due in no small measure to their coaches led by Ray Tudor of Capital Kids for Cricket.

North London's innings was halted at 158 for 5 when rain stopped play temporarily but they were all out for 199 when play resumed.

After an excellent lunch South London set off in fine style until the weather gods intervened again at 91 for 1.

PANIC!!! We had engraved the presentation medals Winners and Runners Up. At this point the

wisdom and experience of John Barclay was brought into full play and after an "explanation" North were given the benefit of the doubt and received gold.



It is earnestly to be hoped that we can repeat this excellent informal occasion when everyone could meet and relax, and be allowed to smoke.



Although Arundel is a long way for some it is such a beautiful ground that it is worth the trip. The former Duke Bernard of Norfolk was a mad keen cricketer and the story goes that when the Royal Engineers were stationed at Arundel waiting to embark for France in 1914 they had the usual period of military waiting and boredom. When their Colonel asked the Duke whether he would like anything done on the estate to keep the troops occupied, the Duke was quick to suggest leveling and landscaping the cricket pitch. This has resulted in the present ground which is used for international matches prior to the Tests.

In the pavilion there are memorabilia of former matches and players at Arundel.



The Master and Senior Warden do a Soft Shoe Shuffle

On 16th September 2010, the Master and Senior Warden took part in an Inter Livery 8½ mile walk around the City. Only 20 Livery Companies took part and we were honoured to be invited. We visited all 40 Livery Halls. Organised by the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners we started at 8.00 am with a very civilised breakfast at Armourers Hall. Refreshments were offered at the Fishmongers, Goldsmiths, Leather Sellers, Master Mariners and Vintners - mainly champagne - so the walk became more convivial as the day progressed!

The Farmers had planned for us to milk one of the Plumpton Down's herd of pedigree Holstein cows at their hall, but sadly Lucy (left) got held up in traffic. We met up with her briefly



outside Bakers' Hall but had to dash for the Bakers who, wait for it, had laid on an excellent lunch.

We raised funds for the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal, Pitch Perfect a collaboration between the London Symphony Orchestra and the Cricket Foundation. Through their educational programmes, both organisations provide dynamic musical and cricketing opportunities to young people in their schools and communities in London's most challenging boroughs. Thank you to all of who sent us a donation.





Annual Banquet at Vintners' Hall on 21st October 2010

By way of a change the Master took us to the delightful Vintners Hall where a slightly smaller gathering enjoyed a rousing evening.

It was Trafalgar night and what could be more appropriate than to have the Royal Marines out in force. Principal guest was Lt General Sir Robert Fulton KBE who accepted a cheque for £1500 from the Master towards the new charity for the Navy and the Royal Marines, and of which he is Vice President with the Princess Royal as Patron.



The Master and Lt General Sir Robert Fulton

Also as our guests were Sir John and Lady Stuttard, former Lord Mayor and now Master Glazier. The Master Cutler in Hallamshire, Professor William Speirs, and the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music Professor Barry Ife were also there with their wives.

For many years we have supported the Guildhall School with scholarships, and by inviting students to perform at our functions, but this year's theme dictated we should have the Royal Marine Brass Quintet to do the honours.

Here you see them performing a post horn gallop like no other, with the leader holding a note for what seemed like eternity as he walked round the whole Hall.



Later they took us through a few sea shanties and good old jingoistic songs which made the banquet end like the last night of the Proms. Not since our fiftieth anniversary banquet in the Mansion House in 2004 has the Livery been in such good voice.

Mention must be made of Assistant Charles Miller's excellent speech proposing the toast of the guests. He it was who last year auctioned the only surviving Union Jack from one of the ships that fought at Trafalgar for a princely £384,000.



Here he also sets a good example of how to perform the Loving Cup ceremony.

Pictures courtesy of Gerald Sharp Photography



13th November Lord Mayor's Show

This year's Show welcomed in the 683rd Lord Mayor of the City of London, Michael Bear. The Master decided that our costumes would represent the origins of tobacco as we know it and also celebrate his American heritage. Somewhat to the confusion of onlookers we dressed as Native American Indians. The crowd called out some very different names as we marched past.

The Senior Warden - alias Running Bear for the day - sported a teddy bear as her back pack as a tribute to the new Lord Mayor.

The Master had commissioned two Lakota Sioux pipes of peace which were made by a tenth generation pipe maker in a mid west reservation in America.



The Master with "Running Bear" Adler and Renter Warden Michael Prideaux.



In front of BAT Head Office

The Renter Warden, sporting a cigar for much of the way, represented the Modern Livery and hoisted the new banner around the route with considerable poise.

The Master and Senior Warden were in jubilant mood as this was their first show without heavy rain and severe gales. Memories of their previous soakings, particularly when helped by Past Master Nigel Rich's enthusiastic use of his cape when depicting Sir Walter Raleigh two years ago, had been the inspiration for chamois leather, and lots of it. They were so well prepared that they could have polished all the coaches as they drove by.

The Master smoked his peace pipe throughout the procession and at one point provoked a wartime fire engine to ring its bell in alarm. The Renter Warden came to the rescue and lit up another cigar; at which point the Modern Liveries gave a great cheer.



Charity News



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The Benevolent Fund recently donated 6 adult bicycles to this charity so that the children could go on long rides with adult supervision rather than short trips round the park with volunteers running along side.

Originally called “The Children’s Fresh Air Mission (Off to the Country)” the charity’s aim was to take children from London’s slums away to the country or seaside for holidays in the fresh air and country surroundings. 125 years later, they are still needed to help children living in poverty.

They provide a range of residential activity and respite breaks that allows children aged 7-11 to escape the traumas of their everyday life and

simply become children again to enjoy the magic and excitement of their first holiday, of swimming in the sea, of building sandcastles, feeding farm animals and making new friends. Income for CCHF All About Kids is wholly derived from donations.

The Benevolent fund has also sponsored the building of the basketball court and funded essential bed linen and washing machines.

Please see their website for a more detailed explanation of their activities.

www.cchf-allaboutkids.com

The Oxford and Bermondsey Club

The Oxford and Bermondsey Club has been part of life in Bermondsey for over 100 years. It was founded in 1897 by the newly qualified Doctor John Stansfield and a small band of Oxford graduates to help their “less fortunate neighbours.”

Located off Tower Bridge Road in an area that today you would politely call ‘challenging’, drug and alcohol abuse are a major problem and ‘gang culture’ is rife.



The OBC today is a youth club and drop in centre for those aged 8 to 16 years that aims to build confidence and spirit individually and within the community. They offer amongst other things a homework club, residential and weekend camps and a computer room. Basketball and football are regularly played in the club, often with the local community police joining in!

A keen group of past club members now run the OBC, however Southwark Council recently slashed their annual budget despite the building being in desperate need of modernisation. The Benevolent Fund agreed to pay for the materials to update the kitchen and ablution facilities. This now enables the club to rent out the facility for



The new showers and kitchen at the OBC.

daytime activities such as coffee mornings for the elderly of the area, and thus earn revenue.

Past members of the club provided all the labour, and there was even a little money left over to recover the pool table that had been glued together for some time!



Benevolent Fund Chairman, Derek Harris with Alec Thurgood, Anne Mugford, Bill Almond and the new Youth Leader, Nick Riley standing in front of the plaque commemorating the Livery Company's donation to the OBC.



Sevenoaks School

The former headmaster of Sevenoaks School Richard Barker who died last December of Alzheimers at the comparatively early age of 70 had a reputation well beyond the school. He and his wife Imogen were frequent guests of the Livery, and the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund developed a mutual regard that helped the school to its present eminence.

During his fifteen years as headmaster from 1981 to 1996 he did much to champion the International Baccalaureate in place of A levels which the school has now dropped altogether. He gave his name to the formula which allowed IB results to be meaningfully compared to A levels. He was also firmly in favour of coeducation and supervised the transition of Sevenoaks into a truly coeducational school.

Early in his career he pioneered business studies as a course and edited a successful series of books, *Understanding Business*, to support the teaching of students.

After retiring he was governor of the British School in Colombo, chairman of governors at Worth and a governor at Epsom College. He is survived by his wife, their two sons and a daughter.



The earliest known pipe?



Not many of you will recognize this as a pipe but those of you who have been following the fascinating series by the British Museum director, Neil McGregor, on the history of the world in a 100 objects may recall the broadcast on 25th May 2010. In it he described this early relic of smoking with its pleasures and perils, the North American otter pipe.

It is one of many such objects dug out of a burial mound near Ohio and has been dated between 200BC and 100AD. It is about four inches in length and made of reddish stone. The hole is to the right of the picture so the smoker would be facing the otter and you would be looking into his eyes which were originally inlaid with pearls.

Other pipes have models of birds, frogs, a cat, deer and other creatures so that one presumes smoking was not just for pleasure but also for ceremonial or religious purposes and therefore a pipe would be buried with its owner as a sacred item.

The tobacco used was “*nicotinia rustica*” and these small scale farmers in middle America would have not been alone. Similar pipes have been found in China, Europe and Siberia indicating that early colonization of America must have been via the landbridge when the sea levels were much lower.

Smoking in hot countries was in cigar type bundles of leaves, but in the cold you needed

something else hence pipes. Only select members of the community smoked and the smoke signified thought and the transfer of prayers to the Creator. More legally binding than human to human agreements the pipe came to signify a sacred act to seal an important transaction.

In the 16th century Europeans rediscovered tobacco and pipe smoking for pleasure and vast fortunes were made importing and manufacturing. But now the tables have turned and James I would have been delighted at the reversal of lady nicotine’s fortunes.

With acknowledgement to the British Museum and its director.



Remember the Smoking Dog (below) in Malmesbury in a previous issue? This excellent pub sign was spotted in Rye by Assistant Arthur Richards. There must be some others out there!





Those were the days

Smokers these days are usually asked to stub it out, but the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley has issued an appeal for smokers and ex smokers to pass their habit on to them.

The museum which is setting up a tobacconist shop on its “new” 1930s high street needs memorabilia dating between 1935 and 1939 to deck out its shelves. Preedy’s Tobacconist Shop is set to open at the museum next summer and is representative of more than 40 shops the company used to have in the Midlands. Past Master Stephen Preedy has been keeping us alive to these developments.

Stephen Howard, Assistant Curator, at the museum said: “To help ensure the accurate reconstruction of an important part of our social history we are keen to hear from anyone with connections to the industry or with access to memorabilia.

We are looking for display fixtures for pipes, smoking paraphernalia, vintage tobacco tins in good condition, cigarette packets of the era such as Du Maurier, Passing Clouds, Woodbine, Park Drive, Weights, Cinderella, Navy Cut and Senior Service; snuff boxes, point of sale cards, posters and cigarette cards.

We now know the damage that cigarettes do to our health but it is important that the museum truly reflects the times and the importance of smoking in everyday life. Cigarettes had a relatively clean image, with little awareness of links with heart and lung disease. I’m sure men and women brought up in the 30s and 40s will remember the slogan ‘Craven A will not affect your throat!’”

In the 1930s smoking was considered a glamorous and universal occupation and 75% of the population smoked. Loose tobacco was sold at three and four pence an ounce and cigarettes were cheap with a packet of 5 Woodbines costing as little as tuppence – the price of a



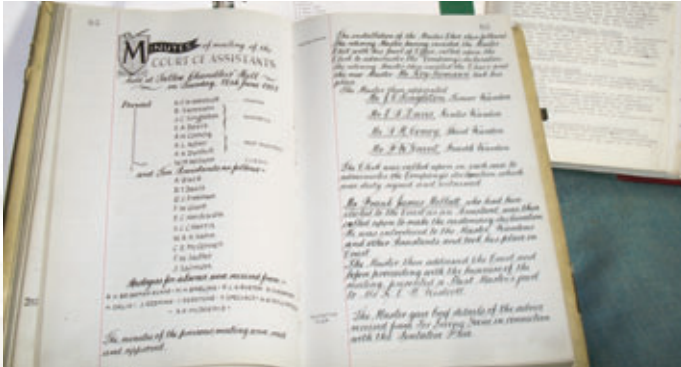
newspaper. In the thirties the brand you smoked reflected as much about your personality as the clothes you wore.

If you have any information which could help us in our search, or indeed memorabilia that needs a good permanent home then please contact Stephen Howard, Assistant Curator, Display at stephenh@bclm.co.uk

The Livery fully supports this initiative which will complement the displays at the Broseley Pipe Museum at Bridgnorth, part of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum complex near Telford. There the Livery has on permanent loan its collection of old tobacco prints, tobacco boxes and other smoking paraphernalia for which no suitable home could be found in the City.



From the Archives



From time to time we get requests for information about family history and recently a Mrs Betty Williams sent us copies of two freedom certificates of her ancestors. Dated 1784 and 1808 respectively they refer to three generations of Tobaccopipe makers. William Bourne, his son James Bourne and grandson James Bourne.

The certificates, long thin slips of parchment, are identical in nearly every respect to the ones still being issued by the City Chamberlain at Guildhall. The 1784 certificate refers to the famous John Wilkes who was then Chamberlain.

As our company ceased to exist some time in the early 1800s this certificate of 1808 may well be the last known document of our Second Company.

The Mistress, Mary Keevil

The editor apologises for including our vibrant and very much alive Mistress in this section but it has come to light that her ancestors were distinguished City fathers.

Enormous support was given by the City of London to the founding of the colonies and Virginia in particular. One of her cousins William Lee was Aldermanic Sheriff in 1775. He even stayed on after the events of 1776 with his brother Richard and impressively went back and forth to Virginia just like our Master. There is still more to discover but we know they were active from early 1700 and were members of the Haberdashers.

New Clerk

Following medical advice our Clerk Barbara Hines has sadly concluded that she should retire on 31st December. We are very sorry to lose her and wish her well in the future. Meanwhile here is a brief note on her successor.

Clerk-Elect: Lt Col Peter Swanson MBE



Peter is a former Regular Army officer who retired in 2003.

His career included 7 years in Northern Ireland during its troubled recent history and many overseas tours in places such as West Berlin, Holland, Brunei, Zimbabwe and the

Falklands. Closer to home he was the first commanding officer of the re-formed London Regiment from 1993-96 and was a guest of our Livery on several occasions. He is also a Freeman of the Ironmongers Company.

Since leaving the Army he has worked in Kazakhstan, Russia and Dubai, but is now settled in Bexhill. Peter's most recent sortie before joining the Company was a 350 mile fund raising cycle ride in aid of Help for Heroes, pedalling from Brussels to the battlefield of Arnhem.

His wife Diana and he both thoroughly look forward to their involvement with the Livery.



Diary of Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 7th December 2010

Carol Service (6.30pm) at St Botolph's Aldgate taken by the rector Rev'd Laura Burgess, in conjunction with the Worshipful Co of Bowyers and Sennocke Consort from Sevenoaks school. Supper afterwards.

Thursday 27th January 2011

January Court (5pm) and Livery Dinner (7.30pm) in Painters' Hall. Black tie.

Thursday 24th February 2011

Tacitus lecture, Guildhall 5.30pm. Apply to Clerk for ticket. Liverymen only.

Tuesday 22nd March 2011

Election Court (11am) and ladies luncheon (12.30pm) at Drapers' Hall. Court only.

March/April 2011. t.b.a

Shoot and reception at London Regiment, Battersea.

Friday 1st April 2011

United Guilds Service (11am). Apply to Clerk for ticket. Liverymen only. Followed by informal lunch.

Tuesday 10th May 2011

7pm GSM&D Gold medal competition at the Barbican. Apply to Clerk for ticket.

Wednesday 18th May 2011

Master's Reception at Tower of London. Reception in HQ London Fusiliers followed by Ceremony of the Keys.

Thursday 9th June 2011

Installation Court and luncheon at Skinners' Hall.

Friday 24th June 2011

Common Hall. Election of Sheriffs at Guildhall. 11.30 am. Liverymen apply to Clerk for pass.

Wednesday 29th June 2011

Livery golf day at Tandridge.

Wednesday 3rd August 2011

Pipemakers Trophy cricket final at Arundel.

Monday 19th September 2011

Autumn Court and supper at Glaziers Hall (Court only).

Thursday 29th September 2011

Common Hall Election of Lord Mayor at Guildhall. Liverymen only apply to Clerk for pass.

Thursday 20th October 2011

Ladies Banquet at Goldsmiths' Hall.

Thursday 26th January 2012

January Court and Livery Dinner at Painters' Hall.

Wednesday 21st March 2012

Election Court and ladies luncheon at Painters' Hall (Court only).

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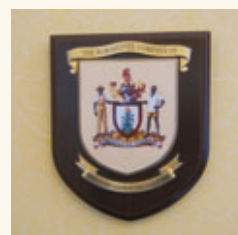
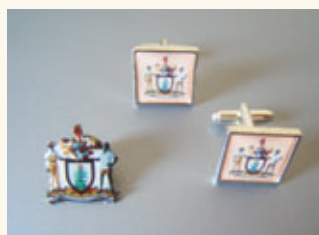
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Available from the Clerk

Cufflinks: £15 Shield: £25 Livery tie: £20