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The Vision

The changes in the Constitution and the Ordinances approved by the Court of Aldermen in March of this year and my election as Master the following month created for me a dilemma.

Most of my working life was spent in the coal industry and trade, as were the lives of many of my forebears and virtually all of the present Company. If anything was likely to fuel or sustain a passion, working in the coal industry was. The recognition, however, that coal was no longer King dawned with the considerable spread of new energy resources and technologies from the beginning of this century.

To all but the professional it is a surprise that it is towards the end of the century that the decline of coal has become so apparent and our dependence on other fuels so great. Yet it has been difficult to come to terms with.

Even the Company, with its long history and recent rebirth, has anguished about the change enabling it to take a wider constituency into membership. But it has come to us. What foresight our forebears had in their selection of the title 'The Fuellers' instead of the more restrictive, if earlier, 'Woodmongers and Coal Sellers'. The Worshipful Company of Fuellers now has entree to all the energy industries of the nation and a welcome to all those who profess their interests and loyalties.



Master Paul Glover

This Newsletter is part of the process by which our activities and interests will be proclaimed. Increasingly I hope it will look to the future and to new found friends. Initially, however, it will respect the traditions already established and the personalities upon which the success of the Company depends.

The programme for the year ahead is an exciting one and I hope it will commend itself to all members, old and new, of the Company.

Master Paul Glover
8th October 1993

NEW FREEMEN AND LIVERYMEN

We extend the hand of friendship to the following new Freemen who have recently joined our Company.

Robert BROWNE-CLAYTON

Maureen Rosita DOMAN

Alan John DUNMORE

Malcolm John EDWARDS

Elizabeth Marion LOCKLEY

David Charles PORT

We hope they will feel at home in the Company and we all look forward to meeting and welcoming them during our many activities over the coming months.

The Company of Fuellers and HMS Daedalus



Our formal links with the Senior Service stem from the receipt in September 1986, of detailed proposals from Rear Admiral Marsh on an association between the engineering branch of the Royal Navy and the Fueller's Company.

It was the Rear Admiral's view that of the four engineering establishments it was most appropriate that the Fueller's Company be linked with HMS Daedalus, the home of the Fleet Air Arm Engineering School and a shore based establishment, located at Lee-on-Solent.

The letter was followed up by a luncheon meeting between the Captain, the Master and the Rear Admiral to develop the proposals in greater detail. This culminated in a formal agreement being drawn up and signed by both Captain R M Kohler, the then Commanding Officer of HMS Daedalus, and Master Martyn Wakefield, on 21st May 1987 at HMS Daedalus.

The agreement, in essence, formalises our relationship which has a primary object of encouraging the promotion and development of all matters of common interest between the Company and HMS Daedalus including the provision of opportunities for professional and social intercourse and the exchange of professional, technical and business information. In order to render meaningful the association the following are incorporated within

the formal agreement:-

- The Master of the Company is invited to become an Honorary member of the Wardroom Mess of HMS Daedalus for the duration of his term of office.
- The Master of the Company, with other representatives of the Court of Assistants and the Livery of the Company, is invited to certain annual or other functions held from time to time.
- The Captain of HMS Daedalus is extended the privileges of an Honorary Liveryman of the Company for the duration of his Command.
- The Captain of HMS Daedalus, together with the President of the Wardroom Mess and the Director of Air Engineering, is invited to attend the Annual Livery Banquet of the Company as principal guests of the Company.

The occasion of the signing of the formal agreement also saw the beginning of the traditions that have evolved between HMS Daedalus and the Company. From the outset it was decided that a trophy, known as the Fuellers' Prize, be presented by the Company to HMS Daedalus and a memento be presented, each year, to the most deserving of the Ship's Company as nominated by the Commanding Officer of HMS Daedalus.

The actual silver trophy, featuring Daedalus 'alighting from flight', is

mounted on a piece of Welsh Anthracite and was first presented to Captain Kohler at our Installation Luncheon in October 1987. Each year, at Special Divisions, it is presented to the recipient who also receives a personal silver medallion for retention.

The second tradition that originates from May 1987 is our loyal and vociferous support of the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Team. The party attending the signing of our agreement saw one of the last rehearsals of that year before the final selection and departure to the Royal Tournament. Each year the Company organises an informal visit for both the livery and friends to the Royal Tournament. When we can find it we try to include an interval visit to 'our' Gun Team Mess in the labyrinth of Olymp. This is yet a further example of the bonding of the relationship between HMS Daedalus and The Fuellers - long may it continue.

WHO WAS DAEDALUS?



Daedalus was an Athenian, descendent of Erechtheus and famed as a cunning artificer. He was so jealous of the similar skills of his nephew Perdix that he murdered him and fled from Athens to Knossos, Crete. Here his craftsmanship attracted the attention of King Minos and Queen Pasiphae for whom he constructed both the bronze cow which permitted the queen to gratify her strange lust and the Labyrinth to house the Minator that resulted from it.

In some versions of the mythological story Daedalus is said to have devised the clew which Ariadne gave to Theseus to enable him to escape from the Labyrinth.

Following a disagreement with King Minos Daedalus was imprisoned with his son Icarus. They both escaped with the aid of an ingenious construction of wings made by Daedalus who warned his son not to fly too close to the sun. Despite his father's warning the boy flew too high, the wax on his artificial wings melted and he fell into the sea, and drowned. Daedalus, however, got safely to Sicily.

IN MEMORIAM

Peter Errington BREWIS



We record the sad death of our second Master, Peter Errington Brewis CBE who, after a long illness, passed away peacefully at home on 23rd August. The Company extends its deepest sympathy to his widow Nessa and their family.

Peter, who was very supportive of our Company - especially in our formative years, was a founder member of the Company, on our Court of Assistants from the outset and our second Master. All Fuellers will be reminded of Peter when ever they see the Beadle's Staff, which incorporates the Company Mace, which was presented to the Company by

Peter and Nessa.

Peter was born in 1924, served as a flying instructor in the Royal Air Force and joined the family firm, Brewis Brothers, after his discharge from the forces in 1946.

Following the tradition set by his father, Errington Brewis, he became engaged in voluntary work for the Coal Trade serving on committees and other bodies including the Society of Coal Merchants, the Coal Merchants Federation of Great Britain, the Chamber of Coal Traders and The Coal Meters.

Peter was a committee member of the Society of Coal Merchants from 1950 to 1973, Treasurer from 1958 to 1972 and was twice Chairman, namely in 1956 and 1957.

A Central Committee member of the Federation since 1952, he served as Treasurer from 1965 to 1976 and was twice CMF President, the first occasion in 1962 and the second in 1972.

In 1970 Peter became Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Coal Traders as representative of the retail trade. This was followed by his appointment as Acting Chairman in 1975 and Chairman in 1976.

His concern for charity work was reflected by, among others, his loyal service as a Director of the Coal Trade Benevolent Association from 1966 to 1989.

His outstanding service to the Coal Trade and his efforts to keep the trade going in a period of adversity were recognised when he was awarded the CBE in the 1978 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Peter was especially remembered by his family, friends and numerous former

colleagues from all sections of the coal industry on 27th August at Woodvale Crematorium Brighton.

George Beresford PUGH



As we go to press we have just heard of the sad death of another of our founder liverymen - George Pugh, member of the Court of Assistants until 1990 and father of Past Master John Pugh.

Born in 1902 George was associated with the London coal trade for much of his life. He served on many Coal Trade Committees, including the Coal Meters Committees for 25 years, and brought a combination of realism and humour to their deliberations. He will long be remembered by all who came across him in business and in pleasure. He was a Past President of the Worcester Park & Buckland Beagles.

A funeral service was held at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday 16th September where his family and many friends remembered him.



Enlarging Our Membership



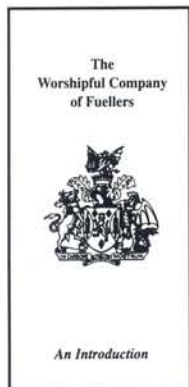
While our request for revised ordinances was being considered by the City, the Court of Assistants commissioned an update of the literature sent to individuals who express an interest in joining our Company.

It was most fortuitous that the results of their work became available immediately prior to the approval of our revised ordinances.

Within days of their publication the Court initiated a mailing, under

the cover of a personal letter from Master John Boddy, to a carefully selected list of 120 senior executives in all sectors of the Coal Industry. Our new "Worshipful Company of Fuellers - an Introduction" leaflet was sent, along with a reply card and stamped addressed envelope - to retain confidentiality. To date some 60 replies have been received (a response level that many a professional mailing house would envy.)

Our Clerk has already begun to progress these expressions of interest



and your Court of Assistants will very soon be seeing more concrete results in the form of applications for both the Freedom of the Company and Membership of the Livery.

Similar approaches will soon be made to our new friends in other energy sectors. Supplies of the new leaflet are available on request from the Clerk of the Company. Existing members may like to keep one or two to hand so that they can immediately respond to an interest that they may receive from colleagues, customers or friends.

It is, after all, the responsibility of all members to ensure that we grow from strength to strength and welcome new blood into the body of the Company.



CITY AND COMPANY DIARY OF EVENTS

1993/1994



Saturday 13th November 1100 The Lord Mayor's Show
 Friday 19th November 1700 Choral Evensong -
 St Pauls Cathedral
 -Guided tour reception and
 buffet supper
 Thursday 2nd December 1100 Hospitality & Entertainment
 Committee
 Thursday 16th December 1730 Christmas Carols
 St Mary at Hill, followed by
 buffet supper
 Thursday 27th January 1030 Court Meeting
 Wednesday 9th February 1800 Reception -The House of Lords
 Guided tour and buffet supper
 Thursday 24th March 1030 Hospitality & Entertainment
 Committee
 1130 Finance & General Purposes
 Committee
 Thursday 28th April 1030 Election Court Meeting -
 Bakers Hall
 1200 Divine Service - St Mary at Hill
 1230 Reception and
 Election Luncheon, Bakers Hall
 Wednesday 11th May 1800 Divine Service with Company
 of Builders Merchants
 - Chapel Royal, The Tower of
 London
 1915 Reception and buffet supper,
 Glaziers Hall

Thursday 9th June 1030 Hospitality & Entertainment
 Committee
 1130 Finance & General Purposes
 Committee
 Friday 24th June 1200 Election of Sheriffs - Guildhall
 Saturday 25th June Thames River Cruise on paddle
 steamer "Kingswear Castle"
 Friday 22nd July Visit to Sizewell Atomic Power
 Station - Aldeburgh
 Tuesday 12th to The Livery Companies'
 Thursday 14th July Exhibition - Guildhall
 Thursday 18th August 1030 Hospitality & Entertainment
 Committee
 1130 Finance & General Purposes
 Committee
 Thursday 29th September 1200 Election of Lord Mayor
 Guildhall
 1400 Court Meeting
 Thursday 6th October 1830 Installation Ceremony
 1900 Reception and Installation
 Dinner

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TRADITIONS OF CITY OF LONDON LIVERY COMPANIES

NUMBER 1 - THE COMPANY OF WATERMEN & LIGHTERMEN

The famous Doggett's Coat & Badge race was inaugurated in 1715 by Thomas Doggett, a popular Irish comedian, to celebrate the anniversary of the accession of the House of Hanover to the throne of England.

This ancient sculling race was traditionally only open to apprentices who had

both completed their apprenticeship and taken up the Freedom of the Company within twelve months of the day of the race. Due to the present small number of apprentices unsuccessful competitors may have a second attempt in the following year.

The race used to take place in watermen's skiffs, against the tide, but is now



held in modern sculling boats on the young tide.

The course, from London Bridge to Chelsea, is a furlong short of five miles and the prize of a handsome scarlet coat and breeches and large silver arm badge is much treasured by freemen of the Company.