

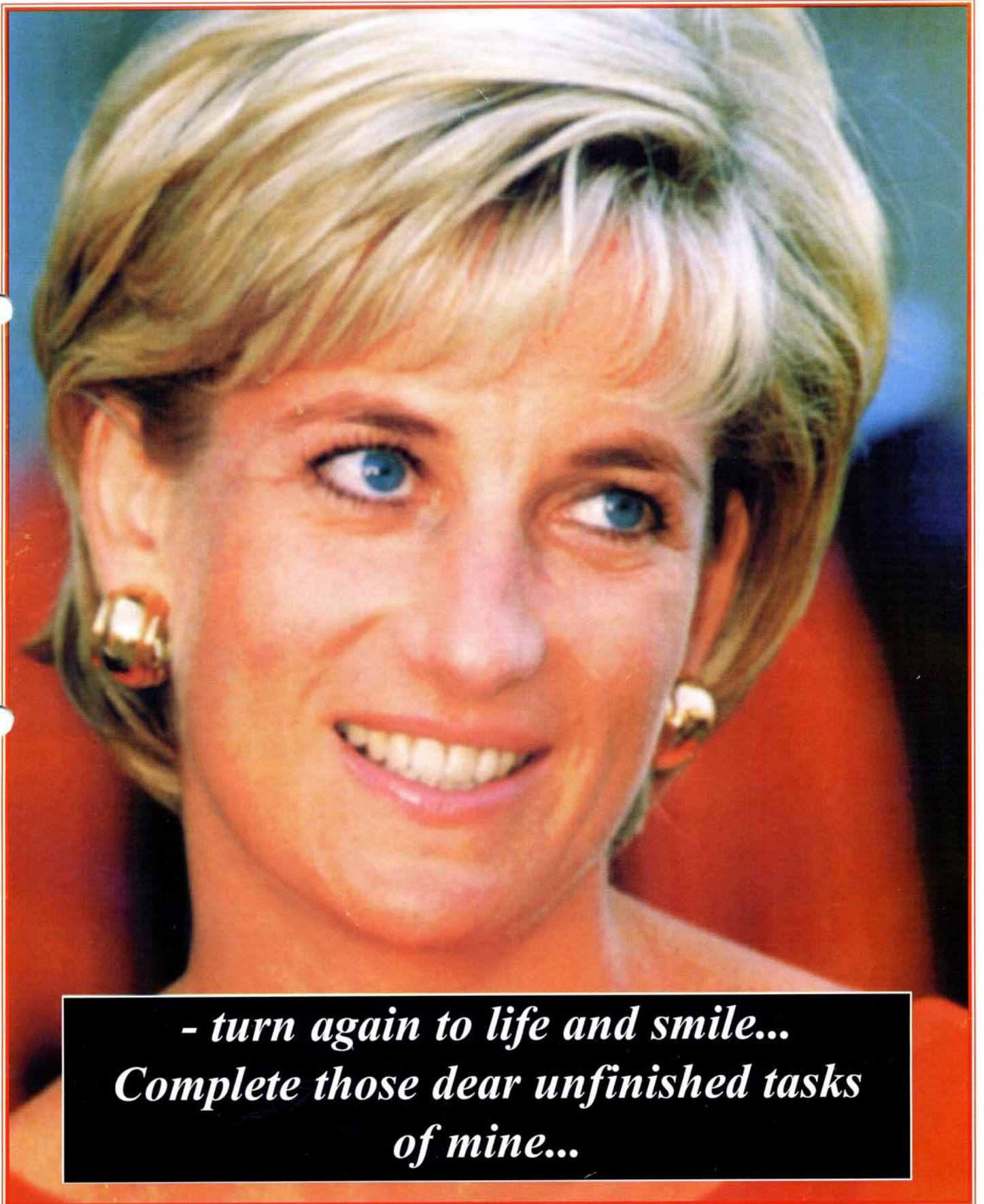


THE FUELLER

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*- turn again to life and smile...
Complete those dear unfinished tasks
of mine...*

GEORGE A MCGECHAN
Master 1989 - 1990



Following the sad and most unexpected death of Past Master George McGechan last October his many friends in the Company proposed to the Master and Court that the Company accept a permanent memorial of George.

When George was our Master, more than 24 individuals either joined the Company at his express invitation or had their applications signed by him. This small body of friends - mainly from the Coal Industry - has commissioned a pair of silver candlesticks suitably engraved for presentation, on their behalf, to the Company during the October Installation Ceremony, by Doreen McGechan.

In accepting this proposal The Master and the Court of Assistants especially asked that all members of the Company be given the opportunity to contribute to the purchase of the memorial candlesticks. Please send your cheques, made out to 'The Worshipful Company of Fuellers' and marked 'In memory of George McGechan' to the Clerk. Any surplus funds will be transferred to the Charitable Trust.

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS



The Company is enlarging its range of high quality memorabilia. Along with the original tie, ladies brooch, cuff links and clutch badge there is now a wall plaque.

The full range will be on display at Barber Surgeons' Hall prior to the Installation Luncheon on Wednesday 8 October and can be ordered from the Assistant Clerk - Mrs Frances Alger, 52 Parkgate Avenue, Hadley Wood, BARNET Hertfordshire EN4 0NR. Orders should be accompanied by appropriate cheques made out to 'Worshipful Company of Fuellers'.

Wall Plaque	£26.50
Bar Brooch	£5.00
Clutch Badge	£4.00
Cuff Links	£10.00
Tie	£7.50

All prices include postage and packaging

MASTER C E WILKINSON CBE TD DL



The next issue of 'The Fueller' will lead with the Master's Report to the Company on his year of office and will include a report on the Installation Luncheon to be held on Wednesday 8 October at Barber Surgeons' Hall.

Master CE Wilkinson CBE TD DL had the honour of being both our Master and The High Sheriff of Derbyshire until March 1997

COMPANY TOUR DOCKLANDS



General View of Canada Dock in 1878

Led by Blue Badge Guide Judy Pulley 44 members and guests undertook a very informative and enjoyable tour of London Docklands in July. The 8 square miles of docks were once the busiest port in the world handling cargoes from the four corners of the globe.

The day was centred around an informal summer luncheon held at 'The Dockmasters' House', a listed building built in 1807 as the Excise Office for the West India Docks. The party followed the history of the Docks starting in the morning among the old wharves and cobbled streets of Wapping and Limehouse with a pause, prior to lunch, at Centre Point with its innovative architecture.

The day concluded, after luncheon, with a coach tour of the vast expanses of water and new developments at the Royal Docks, including the City Airport, and the areas to the east where the future of Docklands is only just beginning.

A STRANGER TO KHAKI

(Memories of a National Service Officer) Peter Weston

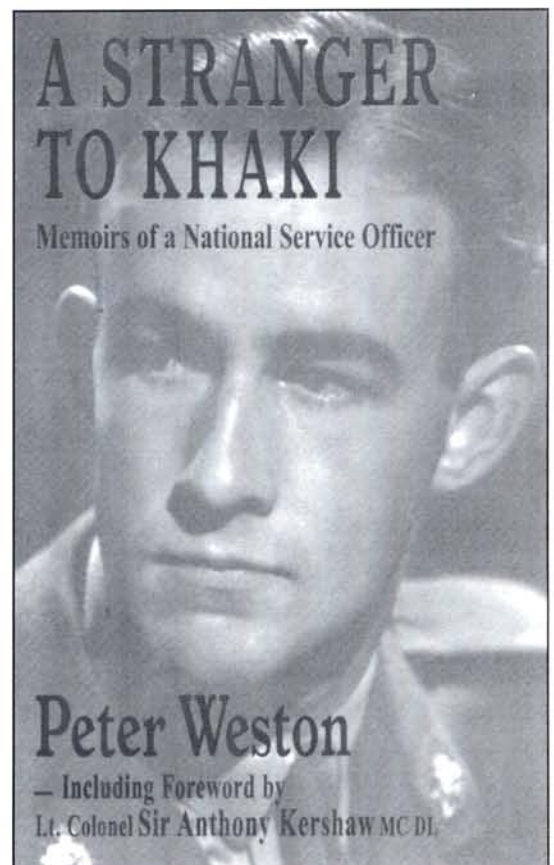
Many members will know of, or at least have heard of, Peter Weston - a Freeman of the City of London, former member of this Company, Chairman of the Coal Industry Society in 1977-1978 and currently Chairman of the South West Electricity Consumers' Committee.

Proud of his military service Peter has recently been persuaded to 'put pen to paper' the result being an informative and genial description of his National Service in 'A Stranger To Khaki' published by United Writers Publications Ltd.

The book recounts the unusual experiences of a National Service Officer who travelled extensively around the Middle East and East Africa and had the unique experience of serving with African soldiers.

Commanding these men, helping them and winning their regard was a challenging experience for a young man who had not long left school. 'A Stranger in Khaki' relates this singular experience for one young officer, culminating in an account of his voyage to Kenya, where some of his men were to be demobilised and including a vivid description of Kenya at the height of the Mau Mau rebellion.

The book is must for those who have either served, or just missed doing so, in one of Her Majesties Services.



DRIVING HOME THE MESSAGE ON NGVs

Special and new efforts are being devised by Transco (formerly British Gas) to encourage everyone to consider natural gas as an alternative vehicle fuel.

By increasing their own NGV fleet, sponsoring NGV research and providing financial backing to the NGV Association it is hoped to encourage the use of natural gas as a vehicle fuel.

With a pilot project underway in Kent aimed at setting up refuelling stations for its district fleet of 50 NGV's they are looking at other sites, including those owned by fleet operators, to encourage them to convert to natural gas.



Sulzer Natural Gas Pump serving Transco district fleet of NGV's in Kent.

CITY AND COMPANY DIARY OF EVENTS 1997 - 1998

Wednesday 8 October	Installation Ceremony and Luncheon <i>Barber Surgeons' Hall</i>
Tuesday 28 October	Duxford Airfield and to Stansted Airport <i>Combined visit to Imperial War Museum</i>
Thursday 18 December	Carol Service <i>St Mary at Hill</i>
Wednesday 21 January	Hospitality & Entertainment Meeting Court Meeting - <i>venue to be advised</i>
Wednesday 11 March	Finance & General Purposes Meeting Hospitality & Entertainment Meeting <i>CTBA - Bridge Wharf</i>
Friday 27 March	United Guilds Service <i>St Paul's Cathedral</i>

The above dates are correct at the time of going to press.

The Master and Wardens have indicated that they would welcome suggestions from the Company on possible social and educational visits that could be included in the Company's programme. Please let the Clerk have your suggestions at the earliest opportunity.

APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR

The Editor wishes to apologise both to the Master and the Livery for the unacceptable delay in producing this issue of 'The Fueller' and to those individuals incorrectly named in the previous issue.

This publication is produced and distributed by the Worshipful Company of Fuellers. Comments on this edition and suggestions for inclusion in future issues are welcomed and should be directed to :

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