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## Painter Stainers' Hall provided Splendid Setting for Annual Livery Luncheon



The Master, Mr David R T Waring, JP, is escorted to Divine Service in St James Garlickhythe by the Beadle, Mr David Barnes. Following behind are the Senior Warden, Mr Vaughan Williams, and the Junior Warden, Mr Brian Harrison CBE.

This year's Livery Luncheon, held on Wednesday, 30 March, at the Painter Stainers' Hall, attracted 128 people.

The event was preceded by Divine Service in St James Garlickhythe, in the nearby Garlick Hill, attended by the Master, Mr David R T Waring, JP; Mr Vaughan Williams, Senior Warden; Mr Brian Harrison CBE, Junior Warden; Past Masters; Members of the Court of Assistants, Liverymen, Freemen and their guests. As on previous occasions, the congregation listened to a forceful address by the Chaplain to the Company, the Reverend Basil Watson, before walking back the short distance to the Painter Stainers' Hall.

The top table guests included Alderman Sir Paul Newall, TD, DL and Lady Newall; Sir John Guinness CB, and Lady Guinness; Mr P Ziff, Master, Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, and Mrs L Ziff, Colonel David (Tommy) Tucker, the Common Cryer Serjeant-at-Arms; and Commodore John Clayden, HMS Sultan.

After a splendid lunch, members and their guests turned to listen to the several speeches, which included a toast to the

guests by the Senior Warden, Vaughan Williams, followed by the response by Tommy Tucker, the City's Serjeant-at-Arms. Col. Tucker took the opportunity of giving an amusing address on his official duties at the Mansion House, supported by a number of entertaining anecdotes about his past experiences in support of the mayoralty.

The final response was made by The Master, David Waring who spoke briefly on the outcome of the Courts deliberations that morning, when it had been agreed that next year's Master would be Vaughan Williams, Brian Harrison CBE, Senior Warden, and Richard Budge, Junior Warden. He also revealed that Ralph Riley would take over responsibility as Learned Clerk, allowing more freedom for Simon Lee who would now reverse roles by taking over the mantle of Honorary

Assistant Clerk.

At this point in the proceedings, Mr Waring asked Chief Petty Officer, M Bailey to come forward to receive the Fuellers Prize\*. The award was greeted by general applause.

The Master then took the opportunity to congratulate Jane Ayre on her splendid effort in once again organising the City Dip event on behalf of the Fuellers' Company. As a result of her initiative, she and her team of team of swimmers had raised in excess of £3,000 in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for Leuka 2000.

The Master concluded the formalities by saying something about the future programme, and especially the forthcoming Company Visit to Portsmouth when it was planned to tour HMS Sultan at Gosport, followed by dinner on HMS Warrior, the world's first iron-hulled armoured battleship powered by steam. He also referred to the Cocktail Party at the House of Lords, on September 27, designed to inform and recruit potential candidates who might apply for membership of the Company.

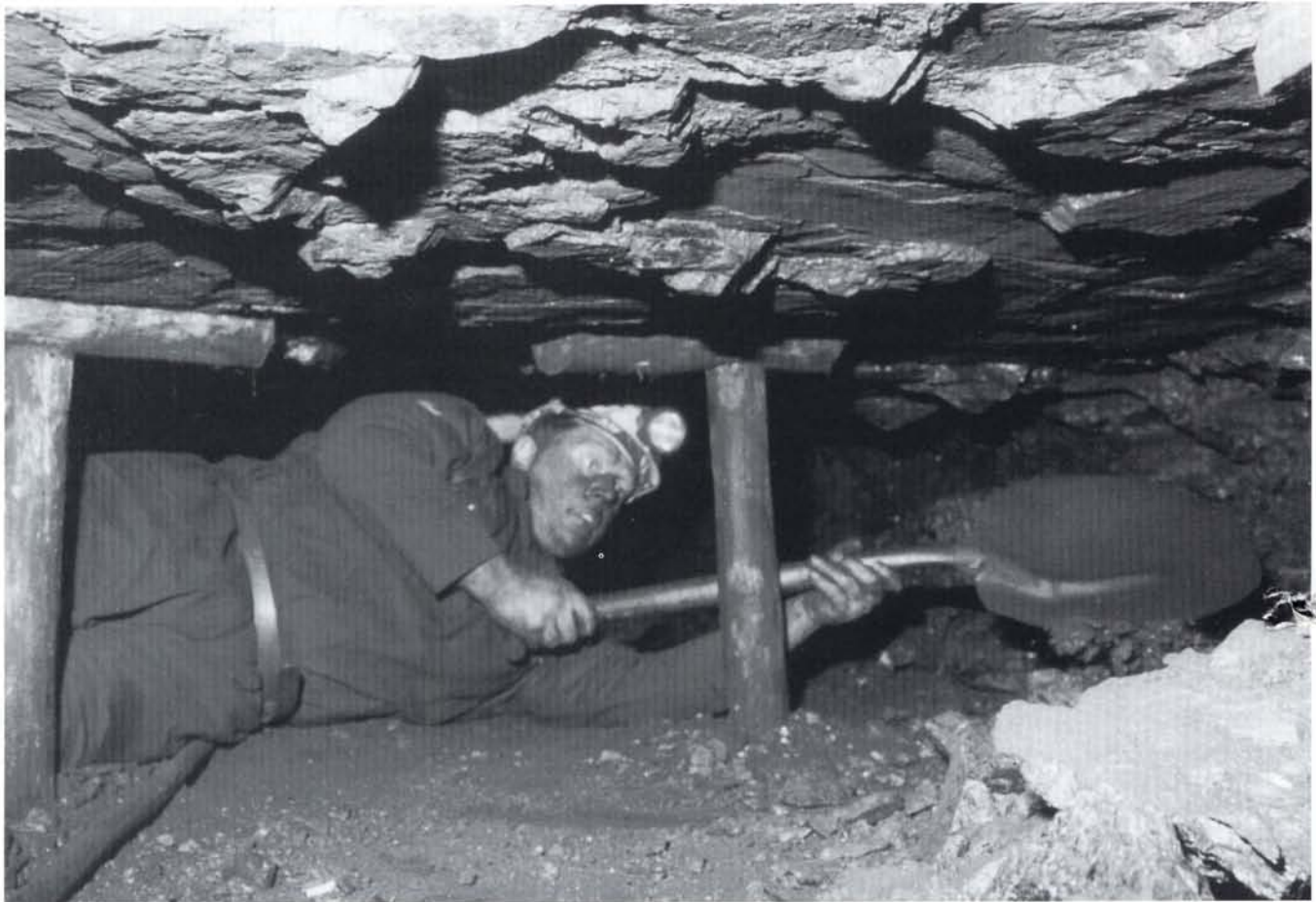
*\* The Fuellers Prize is presented annually to a Rating Officer of HMS Sultan who is deemed to have worked hardest in pursuit of excellence on behalf of his ship's company, at the Divisions before Trafalgar Day.*



A "pen" of clerks. Left to right, Simon Lee, Clerk; Ralph Riley, Assistant Clerk, and Frances Alger, our former Assistant Clerk.



# Photography in an 18-in Coal Seam



*This picture, taken in an 18-in thick coal seam at Ayle Colliery, gained Mac McCombe a Second Prize in Mining Magazine's latest Photographic Competition.*

A Liveryman of the Fuellers' Company, Mac McCombe, recently gained Second prize in the Underground Category of Mining

Magazine's Photographic Competition. The subject was the manual shovelling of coal along a face in an 18-in thick seam at Ayle Colliery, Northumberland.

Needless to say, the physical conditions and the complete absence of lighting, save for the miner's lamp, presented something of a challenge.

## Fuellers Prize for 1999 awarded to Chief Petty Officer Bailey

Chief Petty Officer Bailey, attached to the Course Management Group of the Air Engineering and Survival Department, HMS Sultan, was the recent recipient of the Fuellers Prize for 1999. In the citation supporting his recommendation, it was said that he had exhibited exceptional leadership and managerial qualities. In addition, he was very active in a wider field, supporting both the local community and many charitable organisations.

A talented and resourceful Chief Petty Officer, he has carried out his duties in an exemplary manner. Ever mindful of the welfare of those in his charge, he offered untiring encouragement, inspiring them to achieve their maximum potential, often beyond their normal aspirations. His opinions, borne for his wealth of personal experience, are highly regarded throughout the Department. Always



*CPOAEM Bailey is presented with the Fuellers' Prize by the Master, Mr David R T Waring, JP.*

proactive, he often organises, and actively supports, sporting and social activities for both staff and students alike.

The citation reveals that Chief Petty Officer Bailey is also actively involved with charitable organisations and devotes significant efforts to assist those in need. He recently demonstrated his characteristic commitment by completing

the London Marathon, raising a significant sum of money in aid of the Childline charity. He is a key figure in the administration of the Portsmouth Area Royal Navy Benevolent Trust, being both a committee member and voluntary Almoner. In this capacity he selflessly devotes his own time to carry out home visits to those in need, offering advice and counselling, often at his own expense.

Universally acknowledged as a most outstanding Chief Petty Officer, his exemplary dedication, commitment and loyalty both to the Navy and to others are a credit to his and are in the highest traditions of the Service.

CPOAEM Bailey was presented with his award at the Annual Livery Luncheon at the Painter-Stainers' Hall, by the Master, Mr David R T Waring, JP.





*The Reverend Basil Watson, Chaplain to the Company, greets Frances Alger, the former Assistant Clerk.*



*In conversation at the recent Annual Livery Luncheon were, left to right, Commodore John Clayden, HMS Sultan; Mrs Warburton; Mr Michael Warburton, and Mr Andrew Walker.*

## Our Master - David R T Waring JP

David Waring, born in 1931, was educated at Sherborne School from where he matriculated. He subsequently joined the family coal factors business, J. B. Jeffery & Company at the age of 20, with responsibility for the management of public tender Government contracts.

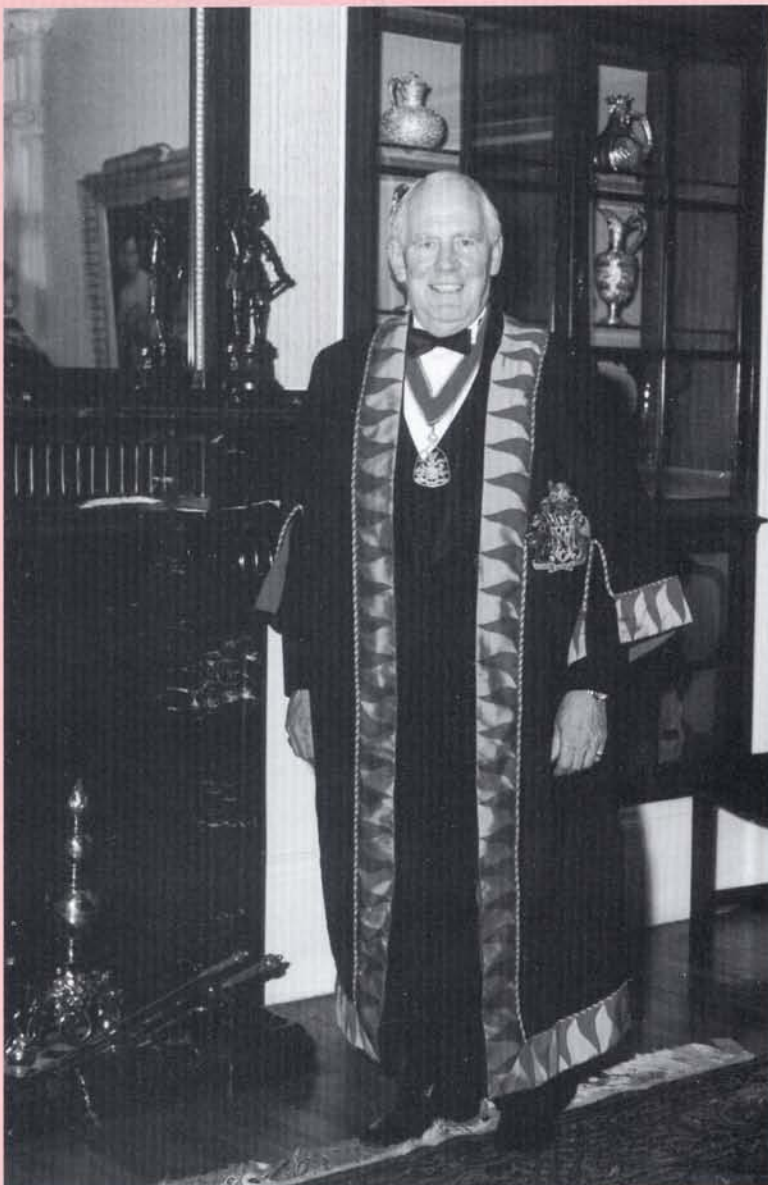
David remained involved with the family business until 1969 when he formed Inter-Continental Fuels, specifically to develop sources of coal for Europe, from countries such as Australia and Canada. This was a joint company owned by J. B. Jeffery, Western Fuels, and British Fuels. ICF was the first organisation in Europe to import Australian and Western Canadian coals in bulk shipment to Europe itself.

David Waring was appointed the first Managing Director of Inter-Continental Fuels. After the acquisition of 50% of British Fuels by the National Coal Board, Lord Robens also joined the ICF Board. Subsequently, Inter-Continental Fuels acquired a 50% interest in British Mining Consultants and 100% of the renamed IMC Group, with a staff of some 400 worldwide.

David was appointed Group Chairman in 1988. The organisation now has offices in the UK, Holland, America, Canada, South America, Australia and the former Soviet Union.

David Waring served as Assistant Secretary, and then Secretary, of the Coal Industry Society, being appointed Chairman in 1971. In 1991, he became President, serving in that post until 1996. In 1970, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace, and still serves on the bench.

David has travelled the world extensively, both for business and in pursuit of his main hobby – fly-fishing. In addition, he is a keen orchid grower, and has served on the RHS Orchid Committee, judging at Chelsea Flower Show.



*Our Master, Mr David R T Waring, JP.*



# Fuellers raise £3,250 for the Lord Mayor's Appeal

Once again, Jane Ayre has demonstrated that she has lost none of her organisational skills when it comes to raising money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal. For the second year running, Jane persuaded several Fuellers, families and friends to participate in the City Dip, one of the Lord Mayor's charity events. The team, sponsored by the Master, David R T Waring, JP, was made up of 12-year-old swimming stars Lorna O'Neill and Julia Cloke; Ian Frazer; Andrew Ayre, Jane Ayre and Marjorie McCombe. The participants undertook to swim 5000 m in the pool within the Golden Lane Leisure Centre, on the perimeter of the Barbican Centre. The swim was very much a fun event. The Fuellers shared a lane with two other teams out of the nine that were swimming on that occasion!

The Fuellers party raised over £3250 for Leuka 2000, more than double the sum donated the previous year, and about a sixth of the total for the City Dip. The Lord Mayor's Leuka 2000 Appeal has the aim of raising sufficient money to build a new wing at Hammersmith Hospital, which will provide facilities to assist in the cure of leukaemia.



The Fuellers' team at the City Dip were, left to right, Andrew Ayre, Marjorie McCombe, Julia Cloke, Jane Ayre, Lorna O'Neill and Ian Frazer.

The record sum would not have been possible but for the generosity of many members of the Company. Additionally, Jane and her team sought support outside the Livery. Ian Frazer persuaded a number of Rotary Clubs in Essex to make donations, whilst substantial contributions were forthcoming from the Worshipful Company of Founders, and members of the Coal Industry Society.



Roger Cloke, who patiently kept a record of each swimmer's individual distances, issues last-minute instructions.

## Mr Nigel Byrne receives the Freedom

Mr Nigel Byrne, as a prerequisite to his recent election as a Liveryman of the Company, attended the Guildhall earlier this year to receive the Freedom. The ceremony is some 700 years old. The first references to a freedom qualification appeared between 1175 and 1180, and by 1274-75 there was a register recording the names of apprentices and those who had purchased the freedom.

Nigel recalls that his father was a staunch royalist and when abroad he was truly confident that the Sovereign's representative would extricate him from any possible peril. Likewise, he always carried with pride his Certificate in its red cover, declaring him to be a Freeman of the City of London. It was this same Certificate, in its now worn cover, which opened the door to Nigel following in his father's footsteps.



Liveryman Nigel Byrne was well supported when he recently attended the Guildhall to receive his Freedom. The photograph shows, left to right, Roger Cloke; Margaret Bruce-Tamakloe; Nigel Byrne; Michael Byrne; Hazel Byrne, and Jane Ayre.



# The Fuellers - the Only City Livery Company to represent Energy

When the Fuellers were originally formed as a Company in 1981, it represented a body which sought to promote and advance the coal industry. However, times were changing and year by year, less emphasis was being placed on coal. Mindful of this, the Company petitioned the Court of Aldermen in 1993 to be allowed to represent the energy industry as a whole. The consequence was that membership can now be drawn from those involved in other energy sectors other than coal, such as gas, electricity, oil, nuclear power, solar energy, hydropower, wind generation etc.

Since 1993, the Fuellers have endeavoured to encourage individuals associated with energy sources, apart from coal, to join the Company. Although this

initiative has been reasonably successful, it is acknowledged that there are some energy sectors that are largely unaware of the existence of the Fuellers, or indeed of what the Company represents.

Therefore, in order to promote the Company to a far wider audience within the energy-related industries, the Fuellers' are to host a cocktail party at the House of Lords on 27 September, 1999. This event will provide the opportunity to introduce potential new members involved in the fuel or power sectors.

It is hoped that existing members will also play a part in promoting the Company by not only supporting this initiative, but bringing a guest who in some way or other is involved in the world of energy.

Of course, the term "energy" has many

facets and it should be borne in mind that the Company not only represents the producers and generators, but also a wide range of support services and consumers. No single industry can survive without administrators, traders, buyers etc.

If the reader is aware of any individual that might like to receive more information on the Worshipful Company of Fuellers, or who might be contemplating membership, and is not able to attend the cocktail party please contact the Assistant Clerk to obtain information packs and nomination forms.

*The address is Ralph A Riley, Assistant Clerk, The Worshipful Company of Fuellers, 22 Broadfields, Headstone Lane, Hatch End, Middlesex HA2 6NH; Tel: 0181 421 6616.*

## Don't tell a Cabbie you're a Fueller!

The Worshipful Company of Fuellers recently took the initiative of reprinting Hylton B Dale's book entitled "The Fellowship of Woodmongers - Six Centuries of the London Coal Trade". The content is based on material researched in 1921, and subsequently printed in the "Coal Merchant and Shipper"\* The decision to reissue the book and distribute it to all members of the Fuellers' Company is based on a historic link with the Woodmongers' Company, which was probably active as early as 1330. The re-publication was funded by a generous grant from the Coal Meters' Committee.

The author traces the, at times, turbulent history of the Company, and provides a wealth of detail regarding the City's later involvement, through a number of other organisations, with the coal trade until around 1845.

The first mention of "sea coal" was apparently in 1236. Environmental pressure groups were early on the scene, resulting in a ban on its use in 1273 within the City of London. There were subsequent petitions against the burning of coal in 1306 and 1400.

The earliest record of "the Misterie of the Woodmongers" appears in 1376, when the London Livery Companies were summoned to send representatives to form a Common Council to assist the Court of Aldermen in the government of the City.

The author shows that the Woodmongers, like other City liveries, originally set strict standards for the conduct of their trade - especially in the context of weights and measures. In 1561, for example, a Woodmonger was set in the pillory, hung

about with billets, for the "false marking" of billets.

One of the central issues in the history of the Woodmongers was a long-running dispute with the City's carmen. Enmity had its origins in 1580, when the Court of Aldermen put all the cars and carmen of the City under the Woodmongers' rule and guidance. The Company of Carmen had originally appeared in 1516. However, the Woodmongers managed their takeover on the score that they were the chief user of carts in the city. In decades that followed, hostility was rife. In 1656, the carmen petitioned Cromwell for release from the Woodmongers' yoke. Nothing came of it.

The Woodmongers were frequently accused of profiteering and sharp practices. A welter of complaints on prices, measures and abuses resulted in the setting up, in 1664, of a House of Commons Committee to investigate the laws regulating the sale of wood, coals and other fuel. The City also embarked on its own investigations. The Carmen saw their chance! They took the opportunity of raising their long-standing complaints against the Company.

The result was that on 21 June, 1665, a new Act of Common Council took the government of the cars and the carmen out of the hands of the Company and placed them in the hands of the President and Government of Christ's Hospital. The carmen eventually constituted themselves into a Fellowship in 1668.

Even worse days were to come. After the Great Fire of London, for a variety of reasons, the Woodmongers steeply increased prices for coal. The consequent uproar led to a further House of Commons investigation.

The House announced that the Company's Charter was "a grievance to His Majesty's people, and not to be continued" - and that coals and wood should be sold at easy rates. The Charter was surrendered in 1667.

Although the Woodmongers remained a powerful organisation, they failed to respond to changing circumstances, with the result that their business was largely taken over by the Lightermen in the last decades of the 17th Century. The Lightermen had the means of unloading the larger colliers which were now entering the Thames. Although the Woodmongers had their own craft, the Watermen's Company simply refused to register Woodmongers as Lightermen. Denied access to the supply of coal, the Woodmongers lost their monopoly of the trade. The last mention of the Woodmongers would appear to be in 1746.

The rest of Hylton Dale's book presents details of the continuing history of the London coal trade, including the formation of the Society of Coal Undertakers, the Society of Owners of Coal Craft, the Coalheavers Riots, the role of the Coal Whippers, and the setting up of the first Coal Exchange.

Interestingly enough, the Author ends his preface to the book with the observation "It seems a pity that the London Coal Trade does not think sufficient of itself to petition the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen to revive the Old Company, whose direct successors they are, as provided in this book".

It was in 1984 that The Worshipful Company of Fuellers gained Livery status, thus continuing the link with the past.

\* The 'Coal Merchant and Shipper' was a sister journal of Colliery Guardian', established in 1858. The latter publication, since renamed "Coal International" is edited by a member of the Fuellers' Company.



# The Lamp that Burns the Sewer Gas

The first gas lamps were lit in London in 1805 to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Wales. The Prince, later to become George IV, was so impressed he gave his patronage to the infant gas industry. By the late 1860's, Beckton Gas Works, destined to become the world's largest coal gas works, was piping gas into London in 48 in mains. Save for a number of historic gasholders, typified by those close to King's Cross, little visual evidence now remains of London's gas industry.

The writer was therefore surprised to see that a unique gas lamp still burns, night and day, in Carting Lane, on the South side of the Strand. The lantern, surmounting a fluted cast-iron column, is a Webb "Patent Sewer Lamp". It was installed in 1900, so is close to achieving

its centenary.

The purpose of the lamp, now fuelled on natural gas, is to dispose of sewer gases from drains beneath the road. Apparently, a pipe connected to the sewer below brings methane up to the cluster of gas mantles where it is burnt. The lamp standard was patented by J E Webb in 1895 with the objective of combining illumination with the disposal of noxious gases from adjoining sewers. Over 2,500 of these lamps were installed worldwide.

Close by, on the corner of Carting Lane and the Strand is a well known public house called the Coal Hole. It is said to have been founded in the early Nineteenth Century, when its customers were the coal-heavers who unloaded boats on the nearby Thames. The Wolf Bar takes its name from a club, formed



*This handsome gas lamp in Carting Lane dates from 1900. Burning night and day, its purpose is to extract and burn methane originating from a nearby sewer.*

by the actor Edmund Kean, for repressed husbands who were not allowed to sing in their baths.

## CITY AND COMPANY DIARY OF EVENTS - 1999/2000

Month	Day/Date	Event	Venue
July	Friday 16th	Visit to HMS Sultan and HMS Warrior	Portsmouth
September	Thursday 2nd	Committee Meetings	Bridge Wharf
	Monday 27th	Cocktail Party	House of Lords
	Wednesday 29th	Election of Lord Mayor and Lunch	Guildhall, then Stationers' Hall
	Wednesday 29th	Court Meeting	Wax Chandlers' Hall
October	Wednesday 27th	Installation Dinner	Apothecaries' Hall
November	Tuesday 30th	Visit to BBC (evening)	London
December	Thursday 16th	Carol Service and Supper	St Mary-at-Hill, then Bakers' Hall
January	Tuesday 11th	H&E, F&GP Committee meetings	Bridge Wharf
February	Monday 14th	Court Meeting & Masters Dinner	Lords Cricket Ground
March	Friday 31st	United Guild Service & Lunch	St. Pauls Cathedral/Stationers' Hall
April	tba	Election Court meeting & Lunch	Painter Stainers' Hall
April	tba	Church Service & Supper	Tower of London/tba
May	tba	Visit to the Merchant Venturers of Bristol	Bristol
May	Friday 30th	H&E, F&GP Committee meetings	Bridge Wharf
June	Friday 23rd	Election of Sheriffs & Lunch	Guildhall/Stationers' Hall
		Followed by Cout Meeting	Wax Chandlers' Hall
July	tba	Visit to Oxford Colleges	Oxford
September	Thursday 7th	H&E, F&GP Committee meetings	Bridge Wharf
September	Friday 29th	Election of Lord Mayor & Lunch	Guildhall/Stationers' Hall
		Followed by Cout Meeting	Wax Chandlers' Hall
October	tba	Installation Lunch/Dinner	

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