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Registered at Stationers' Hall

Installation Dinner was a Glittering Affair



Photographed prior to the Installation Dinner were, Left to right, Mr R J Budge, Senior Warden; Mr B Harrison, Master, and Mr A Bainbridge, Junior Warden, accompanied by their ladies

THE RECENT INSTALLATION Dinner, held in the palatial surroundings of the Drapers' Hall, was supported by 154 Fuellers and their guests. The dinner was preceded, as is usual, by the Court proceedings, in which the incoming Master and Wardens read and signed their respective declarations, before being invested with the robes and jewels of office. During this colourful ceremony, Mr B Harrison CBE, was robed as Master, Mr R Budge as Senior Warden, and Mr A Bainbridge as Junior Warden.

The installation of the Master and Wardens concluded, the onlookers moved to the reception, prior to entering the banqueting hall.

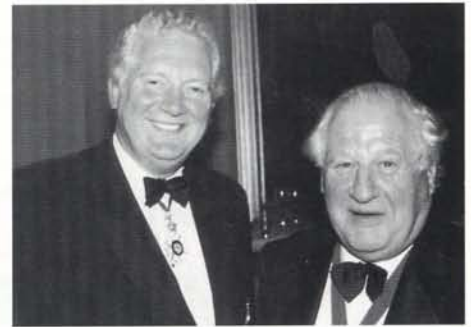
Following the dinner, which had been preceded by Grace, said by the Honorary Chaplain, Basil A Watson, the Master, Brian Harrison, rose to propose the toast to the Queen, the Royal Family, and the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London. The Master was followed by the Senior Warden, Mr Richard Budge, who said he had the greatest pleasure in welcoming the guests of the Fuellers, and especially the ladies. Among those present, he made especial mention of Mr G Ward, President, Institute of Chartered Accountants; Dr T Parker, Prime Warden, Shipwrights' Company; Mr N Paul Master, Water Conservators' Company; Mr G Golder,

Past Master and Cmd R Bawtree, OBE RN, Clerk, Carmens' Company; Mr C Lambourne, Master, and Brig K Prosser, CBE MC, Clerk, Tallow Chandlers' Company; Cmdr D Morgan, HMS Sultan, and Wng Cmdr P Atherton, RAF, 216 Squadron. Mr Budge said he had especial pleasure in welcoming the Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Hanley, KCMG, the principal guest. Mr Budge ended his remarks with a toast to the guests.

The response on behalf of the guests was given by Sir Jeremy Hanley who spoke of his previous association with members of the Fuellers' Company, and with Brian Harrison in particular. Brian had been especially successful as the Master of the Chartered Accountants' Company and he was certain that he would be equally good as Master of the Fuellers. He then gave an amusing



Left to right, Mrs M Pigott; Past Master, Mr M Bryer Ash, and Mrs C Innes



Left, The principal guest, the Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Hanley, KC MG, with Past Master, Mr P Glover

account of his connections with the City of London, his involvement in accountancy in the city, his duties with the Ministry of Defence and of eight years in Government. He ended by congratulating Brian on his accession to Master and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the City of London.

The final response was provided by Brian Harrison who expressed his pride in being elected Master. He congratulated Vaughan Williams on an outstanding year in office and referred to his admirable efforts in raising more than £4,000 for the Mayor's Appeal, and £8,000 for other charities, by running in the London Marathon. He then took the opportunity of looking ahead to future events in the calendar, and reviewed some of the successes of the previous year. Congratulations and thanks were also due to the efforts of the Clerk, Ralph Riley, and to Vicky Burgess who had been so supportive of the Immediate Past Master during his year of office. Brian also welcomed the two new Liverymen who had been robed that evening, Gordon Banham and Howard Pountney.

Central to Brian's address was a reference to the need to support and expand the Company's Charitable Trust. The Trust currently received from its investments an income of about £10,000 per year, of which some £5,000 was distributed to charities. This was very modest compared to many other liveries. He urged members to take a positive step in signing up for regular donations to the Trust.

Vaughan Williams hands over a Marathon cheque



The then Master, Vaughan Williams attended a ceremony at the Mansion House in the latter part of last year when he handed over a cheque for £4,000 for the Lord Mayor's Barnado's Appeal. The donation, accepted by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Clive Martin OBE TD DL, was one of the results of Vaughan Williams participation in the London Marathon which he completed in four hours, 40 minutes.

Gas-powered Lorry stole the Show at City Event

The Sainsbury Group entered a state-of-the-art gas-powered lorry at the historic Cart Marking event in London, last summer. This ceremony, which takes place before the Lord Mayor, perpetuates the ancient tradition of licensing vehicles to deliver in the City. Since 1517, the Hallkeeper of the Guildhall has marked cars and carts to operate in the City's streets, so long as the owner is a Freeman of the City and a member of the Fellowship of Carmen. Although this form of licensing was abolished in 1965, many vehicles are brought to the Guildhall once a year to be marked, as a reminder of centuries of service to the City. Sainsbury's entry was the organisation's most technologically advanced and environmentally-friendly truck. The vehicle, fuelled by compressed natural gas, which powers both the engine and the refrigeration unit, attracted a great deal of interest.

Walking the Sheep on London Bridge



Andrew Bainbridge keeps a tight hold on the situation.

What was probably a unique occasion in recent years took place in the summer to raise money for the Lord Mayor of London's appeal for Barnardo's. Five Fuellers, Freeman of the City of London to a man, took what was probably their last and only opportunity to exercise their age-old right to drive their sheep across London Bridge. This was a splendidly hilarious idea for a charity event, supported by 450 Freeman. Aspiring shepherds gathered at the end of London Bridge to be welcomed with an alfresco breakfast in the morning sunshine. Then

came the serious business of discovering which section of the bridge had been allocated to each group of 15 Freeman for walking their sheep. The bridge pavement was closed to pedestrians, having been divided off into 60-yard sections.

The Jacob's sheep, resplendent in white coats and red harnesses and leads were held in a pen on one end of the bridge. They certainly appeared calmer than did the lucky herders, variously clad in their livery robes, city suits, jeans and tee-shirts, or in pastoral smocks and shepherdess outfits.

Eventually, the sheep were led out, patiently allowing the first group of Freeman to be photographed with them, before being walked the first stage of the course. The sheep, accompanied by a Vet,

crossed and recrossed the bridge some six times during the morning. Only one 10-year-old animal was to display some signs of stress. The show-trained Jacobs were amazingly patient and well-behaved, with just a few small food pellets required to keep them happy.

The morning proved a splendid opportunity to meet Freeman from other Livery Companies, as well as giving a welcome financial boost to the Lord Mayor's Charity. Andrew Bainbridge, for example, raised over £1,000 in sponsorship for the fund.

Credit must go to the organisers of the event who put together sheep and humans with an ingenious coding system, and not a computer in sight on the day!

Jane Ayre



Rex Rose takes the opportunity to dally with a shepherdess.

Welcome to a New Liveryman John Sharp

Amongst several of our members admitted to the Livery over the last year is John Sharp. John was born in 1932 in the Black Country, and brought up in the region. He was educated at Wolverhampton Grammar School and Wadham College, Oxford, where he read mathematics. After graduation, he worked for the engineering concern H M Hobson, Limited, and then for English Electric Company, Limited. In 1970, he joined the Gas Council, later the British Gas Corporation and British Gas plc, for whom he worked until his retirement in 1993. He became a Systems Manager, with responsibility for the development and operation of the computer systems controlling the National Gas Transmission System,



Mr John Sharp reads his affirmation preceding his clothing in the Livery. To his right is another new Liveryman, Mr N Lamberton, and to his left, Tony Parker.

and for the provision of the associated telecommunications.

He is a Chartered Engineer, a Member of the Institution of Gas Engineers and a Member of the British Computer Society.

He married Susan Alderson in 1962, and they have a grown-up son and daughter.

John became a Freeman of the Fueller's Company in 1999 and a Liveryman in April 2000.

Sing High Sing Low

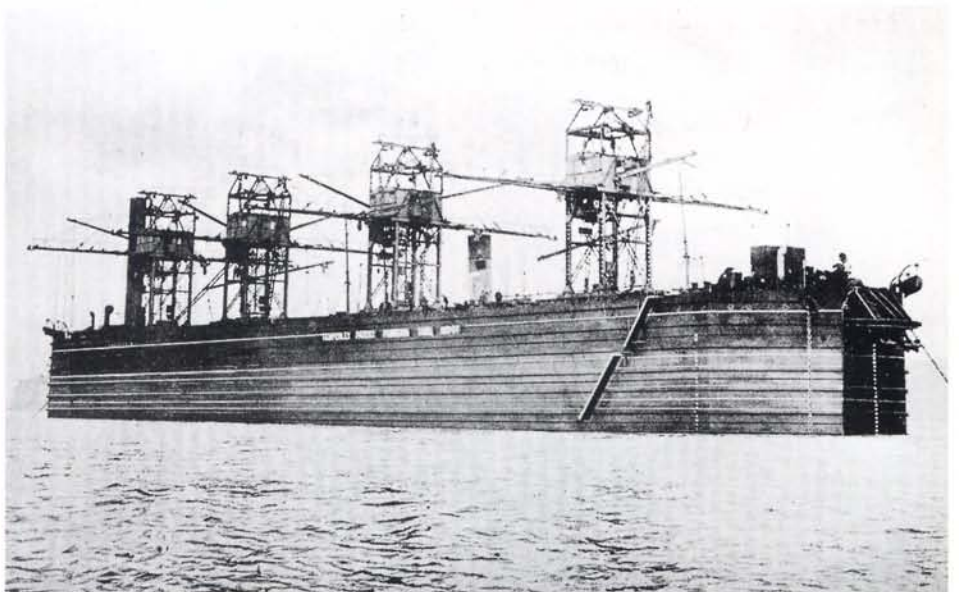
Members of the Fuellers' Company, together with members of the Worshipful Companies of Broderers, Musicians, Wheelwrights and Water Conservators joined together as Christmas approached for a candle-lit carol service. The service, in the Parish church of St Mary at Hill, was conducted by the Venerable Archdeacon, Dr B A C Kirk-Duncan, and was supported by the choir.

The traditional service of lessons and carols, held in the flickering candlelight, was a moving part of the celebration of Christmas, greatly appreciated by all the congregation. Following the proceedings, the Master, Wardens and Fuellers gathered in a local wine bar for a private supper, an event which provided the opportunity to enjoy a happy festive atmosphere in the company of friends.

Coaling the Fleet from HM Coal Depot No 1

One of our readers has pointed out that Cory's Atlas derricks* were not the only floating coal depots. A huge vessel, known as HM Coal Depot No 1, arrived in Portsmouth in June 1904. Its role was to bunker the Royal Navy's warships. It was built at Wallsend by Swan, Hunter, & Wigham Richardson, Limited. Its hull was in the form of a large flat-bottomed straight-sided vessel with bluff ends. It was 424 ft long and 67 ft 9 in wide. The storage capacity was 12,000 tons of coal - 11,000 tons in hoppers and 1,000 tons in bags. The vessel was capable of discharging 3,000 tons of coal over its side and depositing it on a quay alongside in six hours. As much 600 tons (in bags) per hour could be put aboard warships moored alongside.

The floating coal depot was loaded and discharged by Temperley transporters, powered by electricity. The transporters themselves were carried on four travelling towers which ran on a railway track laid on the vessel's deck, throughout its length. Each tower supported three transporters, two of which were inclined in such a way as to load the depot from a



One of the world's more unusual vessels was HM Coal Depot No1, stationed at Portsmouth in the early years of the Twentieth Century

collier, or for coaling a warship from the depot. The other was horizontal and long enough to reach from the hatchway of a collier on one side of the depot to the deck of a warship on the other.

As it was possible to berth two of the navy's largest vessels alongside at the

same time, the floating depot could be considered as the equivalent of 1,000 ft of wharf frontage.

* Cory's Atlas Derrick rocked the London Coal Trade, *The Fueller*, No 13, December, 1999

Coal Mining in Northern Ireland moves a Step Closer

AuIron Energy Limited, recently appointed Mr Walter McClay a project director for its Ballymoney Power project in Northern Ireland. He will be responsible for the updating of the project's coal resource definition, the mining costs, the mine site electricity generating costs and determining the size of the market opportunity. Five international electricity generating/distribution companies have recently expressed interest in becoming involved in the Ballymoney project. AuIron says this underlines the company's strategic assessment of the growing competitiveness of the project, to be fuelled by local lignite, when compared with the alternative imported gas and black coal-fuelled generating projects that have been considered for the high growth electricity market in Northern Ireland and the Republic. Ballymoney is the largest single open-cast coal deposit in Western Europe — 660 million tonnes of very low sulphur lignite in thick easily-mined seams lying close to surface. The lignite has previously been approved by the relevant UK inspectorate as an acceptable power station fuel that would not require expensive flue gas desulphurisation (scrubbers). ■

New Investment in North Sea Oil and Gas will bring 2,500 Jobs

It was recently revealed that almost £ one billion is to be invested in new North Sea oil and gas projects, bringing more than 2,500 jobs to the West of Shetland oilfields and to Edinburgh and Tyneside. Government consent has been given for the Magnus pipeline, the first from the deep Foinaven and Schiehallion fields West of Shetland. It is a unique project to take surplus gas via the Sullom Voe oil terminal on Shetland to the North Sea's most northerly oil platform on the Magnus oilfield some 340 miles North East of Aberdeen. There the gas will be injected into the oil reservoir 8,900 ft under the seabed to flush out an extra 50 million barrels of oil. The gas — equal to another 50 million barrels of oil — will be recovered and landed via another pipe network for use onshore, providing first access to West of Shetland gas which currently has to be re-injected locally.

BP and its partners have announced investment of £210 million in accessing a further 85 million barrels of oil at its Foinaven oilfield in the West of Shetland.

Some 50 jobs will be created onshore, and drilling over two years will sustain 500 jobs. Leadon oilfield has also been given Government consent. Discovered in 1979 but not developed by its previous operators, it will be brought onstream using a floating production and storage system which will be built at the Swan Hunter yard on Tyneside. This project will bring 800 jobs there and 100 offshore.

Consent has been granted to Ranger Oil for further development of its Kyle oilfield in the Central North Sea. The Kyle field is located 110 miles East South-East of Aberdeen and was discovered in 1993. ■

Coal will continue to fuel US Economy

Coal will remain the primary fuel for the generation of electricity in America through the next 20 years, according to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) in its advance release of the Annual Energy Outlook 2001. Coal production is expected to increase from an approximate 1,095 million tons in 2000 to 1,331 million tons in 2020 in EIA's reference case forecast. Almost all this increase will be for use in the electricity sector, where use in 2020 is expected to be 1,186 million tons as opposed to the 960 million tons that was burned for electricity in 2000. ■

British Oil Expertise to benefit Venezuela

Trade Minister Richard Caborn recently committed UK oil companies' expertise to the development of more competitive and environmentally conscious oil and gas industries in Venezuela by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines.

The MoU will allow the UK oil and gas industry to share the expertise they have developed through the PILOT programme — the industry taskforce established to reduce the cost base of oil and gas operations. The ultimate objective will be to promote greater co-operation between both countries' oil and gas industries. ■

BioOil Demonstration Plant to come on Stream

Canadian-based DynaMotive Technologies Corporation's 10-tonne-per-day BioOil demonstration plant is expected to come on stream in the near future. BioOil is produced using a patented technology that

converts forest and agricultural wastes into a liquid fuel. Unlike fossil fuels, BioOil is said to be clean burning, low in emissions, and greenhouse gas neutral. It can be produced economically from renewable biomass waste materials, including forest residues such as bark and sawdust and agricultural wastes like sugar-cane bagasse. The new plant will produce the BioOil for engine and combustion test programmes. Once the unit is fully operational, the company plans to build a 25-tonne-per-day commercial demonstration plant later this year. This will serve as a springboard for the design and construction of full-scale 100-400-tonne-per-day commercial plants to be built in Canada, Europe, Brazil, Asia and other international markets. ■

Government gives Go-ahead for Combined Heat and Power Stations

The Government recently gave the green light for the construction of three gas-fired combined heat and power stations, Veridian Cogeneration, Limited is to build a 14 MW unit at Rugby to supply the Rugby Cement Works at South Ferriby, Barton on Humber. Scottish and Southern Energy plc are to install a 110 MW unit at Northfleet, Kent to supply the nearby Kimberly-Clark paper mill. Montell UK, Limited is to build a 60 MW station at Carrington, Greater Manchester, to supply the heat and electricity requirements of the adjacent Montell Polyolefins works. ■

European Commission approves Cash Boost for Long Gannet

The European Commission has approved a Government aid package worth £17.5 million to Longannet coal mine in Fife. The money is the first to be paid out under the UK Coal Operating Scheme. Up to £110 million in aid is available to help the coal industry through short-term energy market problems. ■

Liddell initiates the Wind of Change

Helen Liddell, the UK's Minister for Energy, recently opened the first UK offshore wind project at Blyth, Northumberland. This £4 million wind project, 1 km off Blyth harbour, is the largest of any offshore site in the world and can produce enough power to supply 3,000 houses. ■

Fuellers attend the Royal Military Tattoo

Past Master Edward Wilkinson generously included a number of Fuellers and their partners in his party which attended the Royal Military Tattoo last summer. The programme of events on Horse Guards Parade was preceded by an Army Benevolent Fund Reception and light supper in the Ballroom of the Ministry of Defence's Metropole Building. The weather on that evening was particularly bad, with torrential rain. Fortunately, for the comfort of the Fuellers' party, the rain eased considerably during the performance.



Photographed at the reception at the MOD, prior to the Royal Military Tattoo were, left to right, Past Master Edward Wilkinson, Immediate Past Master Vaughan Williams, and Vicky Burgess



Amongst ladies attending the reception in the MOD were, left to right, Marjorie McCombe, Barbara Glew, and Jane Ayre

The Fuellers visit Oxford



The Master of University College, Lord Butler of Brockwell, centre, points out some features of the Master's Garden to the Fuellers' party

A highlight of last summer's programme was a half-day visit to the Colleges of Oxford, organised to a large extent by Vicky Burgess on behalf of the then Master, Vaughan Williams. The programme was planned to conclude with a dinner. In the event, 25 Fuellers and their guests participated in the tour. The party was met by two guides at 1.30 pm outside the Ashmolean Museum, where some members had already lunched. Fortunately, the weather was fine, which was a blessing. The group was taken on a concentrated, but very varied tour of Oxford over a period of an hour and a half. A number of colleges were visited including the magnificent garden of New College with its hundred-foot-long herbaceous border. The display was at its peak, packed with flowers and shrubs of every

colour. The party was also shown the Bodleian Library, the Radcliffe Camera and the Divinity School where all Undergraduates robe before walking to the Sheldonian Library to receive their degrees.

At the conclusion of the perambulation, the participants assembled at University College, where they were introduced to the Master, the Lord Butler of Brockwell and the Lady Butler. All then adjourned to the garden for tea. Lord Butler was an Undergraduate at University College and Secretary to the Cabinet before becoming Master

at his old College. It provided Vicky with the opportunity to reminisce, since her godmother's husband had been a previous Master of University College when she was a child, so she knew the garden well.

After tea, some people departed to attend Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral, whilst others continued to assimilate the city's atmosphere.

At 7.00pm, the Fuellers' party reassembled at the Linberg Hall within Worcester College. This was the site where many of the scenes for the Inspector Morse TV series were filmed. Worcester College has extensive grounds and a lake. It is also the only College to have its own cricket pitch, which Vaughan adored. Sadly, due to work commitments, the Master could only join the party for dinner.

All in all, it proved to be a wonderful day.



The Fuellers' party pay rapt attention to the guide on the tour of the Oxford colleges. The party includes, left to right, David Bell, John Pugh, Vicky Burgess, Colin Brinkman, and Michael Bryer Ash

Fullers attend the 3rd Energy Industry Autumn Luncheon

A group of Fuellers were privileged to attend the 3rd Energy Industry Autumn Luncheon and Energy Awards at the invitation of Andrew Bainbridge, Director General of The Major Energy Users Council (MEUC). The event was held in the Guildhall. The theme of this

prestigious lunch was "Energy Efficiency and the Environment", and the programme included addresses by Mr Phil Nolan of Transco, and a number of notable speakers. The lunch also provided the opportunity to make several presentations, including those to

the winners of the Best Use of Gas Energy, Best Use of Electricity, Best Energy Efficiency Programme, and Best Energy Strategy Awards. The proceedings concluded with the 2000 Energy Award, in the form of the Kyoto Cup.

CITY AND COMPANY DIARY OF EVENTS 2001

Month	Day/Date	Event	Venue
January	Wednesday 24	H&E, F&GP Committee Meetings Followed by Livery Dinner	Chartered Accountants' Hall, then Whitbreads Brewery
February	Wednesday 14	Court Meeting followed by Court Dinner	Tallow Chandlers' Hall
March	Wednesday 14	H&E, F&GP Committee Meetings	Chartered Accountants' Hall
	Friday 30	United Guild Service Followed by Livery Lunch	St Paul's Cathedral then Stationers' Hall
April	Thursday 5	Election Court Lunch	Merchant Taylors' Hall
May	Thursday 31	H&E, F&GP Committee Meetings	Chartered Accountants' Hall
June	Thursday 21	Gala Dinner	TBA
	Monday 25	Election of Sheriffs followed by Livery Lunch and Court Meeting	Guildhall, then venue TBA, followed by Wax Chandlers' Hall
September	Thursday 6	H&E, F&GP Committee meetings	Chartered Accountants' Hall
October	Monday 1	Election of Lord Mayor, followed by Livery Lunch and Court Meeting	Guildhall, then venue TBA, followed by Wax Chandlers' Hall
	TBA	Installation Dinner	TBA
December	TBA	Carol Service	St Mary-at-Hill

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