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## The Master reflects on the passing year

**A**s I pen these words, my term of office is all but over, with only a few functions to attend before I hand over to David Port on October 6. One of my ambitions during the year has been to increase the profile of our charitable activities, with the hope that members of the Company will see the Charitable Trust Fund being more active and encouraged to contribute more, if they are able.

In the last edition of *The Fueller*, you may have read of our support for the British Paralympic Team and we look forward to hearing news of their successes shortly. In this issue, you will see how we raised over £4,000 for the British Red Cross. The Trust has also supported various charities, including City of London Girl's School, London Area of Sea Cadets (provision of fuel for engineering training), Guildhall School Trust as well as supporting Liveryman Chris Le Fevre as he ascends Mt Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Diabetes UK Research. We continue to provide "fuel" for City of London Sea Cadets in the form of their electricity.

As Master, limited funds are put at my disposal to donate as I see fit. Normally, we work on the principle of "giving a little where it helps a lot", but in this case, I decided to give some small amounts to various charities I feel deserve improved recognition. These have included Sight Savers International who work in the world's poorest countries, restoring sight and giving hope to many adults and children who are needlessly blind; Water Aid, an



*The Master, Mr Doug Barrow*

international non-governmental organisation dedicated exclusively to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people; The Prostate Cancer Charity and I have not finished yet!

The Court approved The Fuellers' Charles Stephenson Clarke Prize which will be an annual award of £1,000 to an MSc student undertaking the Energy and Environmental Technology and Economics Programme at the School of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, City University, London.

Two further energy educational awards are under consideration, as is the possibility of providing the fuel for an RNLI Thames lifeboat

on an annual basis and giving assistance to certain families of those in need from our own industries. We are also looking at the possibility of a longer term link with a selected inner-London school and it is hoped that many of these new projects will be well developed in the near future.

As we really start to give more money, we naturally need more. In the fullness of time, the sale of prints of our painting of an RAF Tristar will increase our available funds, but if you can possible contribute on a regular basis, as many are already doing, it would enable us to do more, as the appeals to our Trust are gathering momentum. Aside from charity matters, I hope that you have enjoyed the year as much as Chloë and I have. There has been a varied calendar of events, in which many have participated and I hope it encourages you to invite other like-minded people to join our Company. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at David's installation dinner and also giving him the support in his year that I have received from so many of you in my year.

*Doug Barrow*

## Caps off to the Bainbridges

It will not have escaped many members of the Fuellers' Company that the younger and trendier in our ranks are now sporting "baseball" caps emblazoned with the Fuellers' Coat of Arms. As can be seen in the photograph, Past Master Andrew Bainbridge and his wife Marianne wore them on a recent holiday in Barbados. The caps, which attracted much favourable comment, are available from Jane Ayre at the bargain price of £10.



## Discover your City

The Corporation of London have recently published a free 72-page booklet entitled "Discover your City". The objective is to highlight the enormous range and diversity of the cultural attractions available throughout the City of London. The publication seeks to encourage those who live and work in London to explore the myriad of attractions in and around the City. It contains twelve chapters under the following headings: Art, craft and design; comedy; dance; faith; festivals; libraries, lectures and training; markets, malls and galleries; museums and monuments; music - classical/opera; music - non-classical;

open spaces, and theatre and cinema. The listings within each chapter are a revelation. For example, the section on "Markets, malls and galleries" lists a number of street markets of which the reviewer was completely unaware. Whereas everyone knows of Petticoat Lane Market, there are several others which do not immediately spring to mind, such as Ridley Road Market; Hoxton Street Market; Brick Lane Market and the Columbia Road Flower Market. The same is true of the chapter on "Museums and monuments" which lists 45 attractions, ranging from The Mansion House to Bunhill Fields in City Road. The latter is reputed to be the largest

unconsecrated cemetery in Europe, resting place for an estimated 120,000 bodies. As would be expected, the Lord Mayor's Show appears under the "Festivals" listing, but the reviewer had not realised there was The Mayor's Thames Festival, including a riverside Lantern Procession, in September. Each entry carries brief details of the attraction, together with relevant addresses, telephone numbers or web-site information.

If you would like a day out in the City, visiting new or little-known places of interest, this booklet is a must. For a copy, telephone the Corporation of London's Public Relations Office on 020 7332 3099.

## Fuellers represented at Inter Livery Pigeon Shoot

The Fuellers' teams again participated, earlier this year, in the annual Inter Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot, held at Holland & Holland's grounds near Ruislip. The Company fielded two teams: One Past Masters' Team, consisting of Doug Barrow (Master), Richard Budge (Past Master), David Waring (Past Master) and Vaughan Williams (Past Master); June Garner also very ably supported the team. The B Team was the full Livery team with James Hill, Alan Blyghton, Patrick Latham and Archie Smith. Archie is a new Freeman of the Livery and he was a most welcome addition to the team after Alan Colquhoun had to pull out as a result of sustaining a back injury a couple of weeks before the event.

The competition consists of 10 stands, where each team member takes it in turn to shoot four pairs, a total of eight moving targets. The 11th stand is the "Flush" where all four team members shoot simultaneously at varying groups of flying targets. The flush is positioned between stands 7 and 8 and as both Fuellers teams were required to start on stand 7, this meant the flush was the Company's second stand - a bit early in the day for such excitement.

Although the two teams had felt a little despondent about their scores, the general feeling being that there was little chance of an appearance on the scoreboard, all was not doom and gloom. The Fuellers learnt that they were winners of The Horners' "Past Masters' Team" Trophy, which was presented to Doug Barrow as the team's Captain. The members were further surprised when they learnt that Alan Blyghton from the B Team had won three bottles of wine in the raffle.

*James Hill*

# Drapers Hall was a favourite choice for Election Court Lunch

**O**ne of the earliest events to be reported in this edition of *The Fueller* was the very successful Election Court Lunch, held on this occasion at the Drapers' Hall. The event was preceded by Divine Service, held in the nearby Church of St Michael Cornhill. The participants in the service included the Master, Doug Barrow; David Port, Senior Warden; Mac McCombe, Junior Warden; Members of the Court of Assistants; Liverymen; Freemen, and their guests. The service was conducted by the Company's Chaplain, the Rev'd Dr Peter Mullen.

The lunch drew an attendance of 108. The top-table guests included Professor Martin Fry CEng FEI, Vice President, Energy Institute; Mrs Patricia Brain, Master, Lightmongers Company, David Cobb CBE; Lt Col David Suthers ERD TD, Master, Welsh Livery Guild; Paul Michael, Master, Environmental Cleaner's Company; Commander Kevin Fox, HMS Sultan, and Sqd Leader Dawn Elson, 216 Squadron.

The toast to the guests was proposed by the Senior Warden, David Port, followed by the response by Professor Martin Fry. The subsequent response was provided by the Master, Doug Barrow.

A highlight of the proceedings was the presentation, by the Master, of this year's Fuellers' Prize to POAE (M) "Steve" Mepsted.



Photographed at the Election Court Lunch were, left to right, James Bellew, POAE (M) Steve Mepsted, this year's winner of the Fuellers' Prize, and Past Master Andrew Bainbridge.



Air Marshall John Price and his then fiancée, Ilse Burrows.



Attending the lunch were, left to right, June Garner, Past Master Richard Budge and Past Master David Waring.



The Master Doug Barrow, accompanied by his wife Chloë, supported by the Wardens, Members of the Court and the Beadle, Mr David Barnes, right, leave for Divine Service at the Church of St Michael Cornhill.

# Fuellers gen up on pumped storage

Dinorwig is the UK's largest pumped storage electricity generating facility, constructed in the 1970's/early 80's and capable of providing 1,728 MW capacity with six units running. A 14-strong party, members of the Fuellers with guests and members of MEUC (Major Energy Users Council) visited the plant in the heart of Snowdonia on a Friday in July. The participants were left with an overwhelming impression of spectacular scale and technological achievement.

The party was first guided on a tour of the underground powerhouse in a cavern large enough to house St Paul's Cathedral, by Mike Hickey, Director of Asset Management and Mike Maudsley, Operations Director of Edison Mission, the owner.

The turbines can reach full capacity from spinning in air in 10 sec or from stationary in 90 sec (as fast as anywhere in the world). Water flows in a closed circuit between two lakes differing in elevation by 600 m. It discharges through tunnels (up to 10 m dia) and through turbines to meet peak demand on the National Grid. It is subsequently pumped up-hill using the same machinery at night-time. The total storage potential is nine Giga-Watt hours, sufficient for five hours generation at peak capacity.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed in the evening at Caemarfon. The Fuellers were grateful to Jonathan Green of Edison Mission who facilitated the visit, and Paul Mott and Sandra Barradas at MEUC for planning. The only failing was the weather. Strong winds and heavy rain thwarted an attempt on Snowdon on the Saturday!



*The Fuellers' party listens to a description of the working principles of the Dinorwig pumped storage generating facility.*



*The mechanism of one of the water-powered turbines at Dinorwig. The orange-coloured levers control the ingress of water directed onto the turbine runner.*



*Neil Bryson, former Electricity Pool Chairman, left, in conversation with Past Master Andrew Bainbridge.*

## Documents, photographs, ephemera - the search is on!

Rex Rose, the Fuellers' Honorary Archivist, reports that he has now collected over 400 photographs of the Company's past events and of individual members, together with a great deal of ephemeral items, such as menus, orders of service, invitations, etc. To-date, the main donors have been Junior Warden, Mac McCombe and Court Member Jane Ayre. However, Rex is still in need of any conceivable form of record of our earlier activities. He has already acquired a set of albums to store the wealth of material. Rex has also a record of all the inter-Company e-mails, so the collection becomes more interesting by the day!

# Irish Tour was a great success

One of the most enjoyable events in this year's Fuellers' calendar was a long weekend in Ireland. Six couples, led by the Master, Doug Barrow, stayed at the Caragh Lodge Hotel, not far distant from Killorglin in the North East of the Iveragh Peninsular. The hotel was situated in an idyllic position on the shore of the Caragh Lake, with distant views of the mountain chain of Macgillycuddys Reeks. On the Friday and the Saturday, the participants arranged their own activities, such as golf and fishing. On Sunday, the party toured the Ring of Kerry, the coastal route around the peninsular, stopping for a leisurely lunch at Waterville. The day trip, on board two minibuses, took in a number of interesting sights including Valencia Island, once famous for its slate quarries. Despite the West coast's reputation for rain, the Fuellers' party was blessed with fine weather, save for the return journey on Monday.

## Master participates in "Swan Upping"

The Master Carman, Jack Henley, recently invited our Master, Doug Barrow, together with the Masters of the Innholders', Wheelwrights', Chartered Architects' and Constructors' Companies, and friends, to witness the ancient ceremony of Swan Upping take place at his home in Marlow. The guests had a splendid view of "the catch" with six swans being taken from the river. They were duly returned, after ringing the four cygnets, and the checking of all of the birds in a most humane manner. The party then boarded Jack's fine vintage river craft and another two launches, one proudly flying the Fuellers' flag for the first time. The boats proceeded upstream, following the Queen's Swan Master, to the Leander Club for lunch, where the party was welcomed by the High Sheriff of Berkshire.



Masters of several City Livery Companies, including our own Doug Barrow, watched the traditional "Swan Upping" ceremony.



Photographed on Valencia Island were, left to right, Shravan Joshi; Marjorie McCombe; Judith Kinnersley; Don Kinnersley; Mira Joshi; Stuart and Elinor Goldsmith.



Lunching at Waterville were, left to right, Richard Budge, Rosalind Budge, Marjorie McCombe, Doug Barrow and Chloë Barrow.

## Fueller's visit the Tower of London

It was fortunate that the weather was warm and sunny for the Fuellers' private evening visit to the Tower of London in mid-July. A party of over 40 members, families and friends, swelled perhaps by those curious to see the place of the Master's recent incarceration, were greeted by Yeoman Warder, Chris Morton. The party of visitors included the Carmen's Senior Warden, Roger Cullimore and his wife. It was good to have them with the party and particularly so as our guide was the

Beadle to the Worshipful Company of Carmen.

Our very able guide took the party around the inside spaces of the Tower and the Church, providing accounts of some of the gory events that had occurred in the bloody past of the now quiet old buildings. Both traitors and innocents lost their lives in the Tower or on Tower Hill, often providing great entertainment for the waiting crowds. Beheading was a great spectator occasion, which was followed by the

display of the heads on stakes on London Bridge.

A superb supper was provided in the Yeomen Warders Mess followed by an opportunity to watch the Ceremony of the Keys where the Chief Yeoman Warden, protected by a posse of Guardsmen, conducts his nightly ritual of locking up and securing the Tower for the night. It was a privilege to be able to enjoy such a special visit and to have such a wonderful guide and host in Chris Morton.

*Jane Ayre*

# Fuellers' tak

*CCXVI dona Ferens - 216 bearing gifts ("gifts" originally being the explosive kind). This is the motto of the RAF support to a wide range of aircraft. Hosted by Flt Lt, Paul Singleton, a party of some 80 Fuellers, Energy Institute training exercise over the North Sea, complete with in-flight meal and magazine! Once in position, a succession of even a VC-10 sidling up just feet away from our own precious vessel, flying with us at around 300 mph and in some and the lucky few raffle ticket winners even sat in on the take-off and landing.*

*As many may realise, the Tristar is an airliner with an engine under each main wing and one mounted on top of the tail. It cost a mere £1.2 million. 216 Squadron find that it meets their needs almost perfectly, serving not only for refuelling, but for many years to come.*

*On return, we were shown a display and treated to a talk and video by Wg Cdr Greene about the long varied and interesting history of the Tristar in the Gulf.*

*The evening saw us in the Officers' Mess, first (and last) at the bar, for another kind of "refuelling". The meal was so well for many years (he is now retiring from the RAF) and as a mark of the Company's appreciation, he was presented with a watch.*

*To mark the fact that the Tristar has been in service with the RAF for 20 years, the Fuellers are funding the first set of the painting are to be sold, with the proceeds being divided between the RAF Benevolent Fund and The Worshipful Company of Fuellers.*

*The participants in the day's programme were very impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm of our hosts and the quality of the food.*



*When not peering through the windows, members of the Fuellers' party relaxed in their "business-class" seating. The people in the picture include Tim Lines, June Garner, Jane Ayre and Roger Cloke.*



*Aircraft flying in tight formation in the company of the Fuellers' Tristar provided plenty of opportunity for photography.*



*Nigel Draffin, left in conversation with ace photographer James Hill, the Fuellers' Web Master.*



*"Look at this one!". Fuellers and their guests crowd to the windows to catch quite memorable photographs of aircraft coming up for refuelling.*

# e to the skies

s 216 Squadron, under Wing Commander RAD (Robert) Greene, responsible for providing in-flight refuelling (London Branch) members and their guests were recently able to spend several hours in an RAF Tristar on a jets joined at our wingtips, taking turns to position under the tail for fuel. The sight of Tornados, Harriers and cases jetting off leaving us "standing", is one that nobody will forget. Everyone was able to visit the flight deck, the fuselage, just forward of the swept fin. Apparently this model was purchasable on the second hand-market for a also for the purposes of troop carrier and flexible cargo transport. It seems likely to continue in this role for distinguished history of 216 Squadron and the dangers its crew have faced in their tireless and crucial recent work superb and stories were told well into the evening. Flt Lt Singleton was thanked for having hosted the Fuellers sented with a Fuellers' wall shield. ver official painting of the aircraft in action. This work of art is to be presented to the RAF. Limited-edition prints ful Company of Fuellers' Charitable Trust. were, of course, most proud of our association with 216 Squadron.

**David Esp**



Discussing the mechanics of in-flight refuelling were, left to right, Glen Caton, Neville Chamberlain and Air Load Master Duncan Pritchard.



Wg Cdr RAD (Robert) Greene explains the role of 216 Squadron in the Iraq War.



The front of the Tristar, empty of seats, provided ample room for the Fueller's party to roam from side to side.

For further information about RAF Brize Norton, you may care to visit the following websites:  
[www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton](http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton)  
[www.brize-gateway.org.uk](http://www.brize-gateway.org.uk)

Meanwhile, for information specifically about 216 Squadron, the following are recommended:  
[www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton/216\\_squadron.html](http://www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton/216_squadron.html)  
[www.brize-gateway.org.uk/squadrons/Sqn216/history216.htm](http://www.brize-gateway.org.uk/squadrons/Sqn216/history216.htm)

# FUEL FOR THOUGHT

## £3 million allocated to development of fuel cell technology

A £3.2 million funding package from the Department of Trade and Industry is to be used to develop fuel-cell technology in a bid to make it a more efficient and economically viable energy source. The funding has been awarded to Johnson Matthey Fuel Cells, Limited. The company will work together with its collaborators: Intellicoat Technologies, Limited; Technical Fibre Products, Limited, Primasil Silicones, Limited and MAST Carbons, Limited. The project aims to develop and evaluate novel design approaches, materials, and production assemblies for making membrane electrode assemblies for PEM fuel cells. The objective is to achieve lower production costs that could help developers meet the challenging cost targets for fuel cells in large-scale automotive applications.

## £50 million boost for wind and tidal energy

The UK Government has recently allocated £50 million to the Marine Research Development Fund, as part of the drive to harness wave and tidal stream power. The announcement coincided with the publication of a study from the Scottish Executive's Forum for Renewable Energy Development in Scotland's subgroup on Marine Energy.

The Marine Energy Group's report sets out an action plan to:

- 1 Accelerate the commercial deployment of marine energy devices in Scotland;
- 2 maximise the contribution from marine energy to Scotland's energy mix by 2020, and
- 3 develop a sustainable manufacturing base for marine energy technologies in Scotland.

Work on the precise mechanism for the development of wave and tidal streams is underway with the Scottish Executive, Carbon Trust and other key stakeholders.

## Coal Authority report reveals drop in licence applications

The Coal Authority has recently published its ninth Annual Report and Accounts, covering the period to 31 March, 2004. It is revealed that the Authority received 34 new applications during 2003 - 2004 for licences to enter its coal, a 29% reduction on those for 2002 - 2003. The reduction in activity was wholly related to England which had 15 fewer applications (54%) whilst the figure for Scotland increased by 3 (23%) and Wales by one (25%).

There was a continuing lack of interest in the underground mining and methane sectors with only one application being received for each compared with three underground and six methane applications in the previous year. Exploration activity also reduced significantly with only 12 applications compared to 23 in 2002 - 2003. Opencast applications however rose from 11 to 13 with additional applications in both Scotland and Wales offsetting a fall in England.

Coal production in the financial year was 26.3 million tonnes, a reduction in output from the previous year of 2.6 million tonnes (9%). This decline was due to reductions in English opencast output of 1.3 million tonnes and English underground output of 0.9 million tonnes, Scottish opencast output reduced by 0.3 million tonnes and Welsh underground output by 0.2 million tonnes. The only area with a rise in output was opencast coal production in Wales which rose by 0.1 million tonnes.

At the end of March 2004 some 8,073 persons were reported as being employed at 61 producing opencast sites and collieries.

The disposal of surplus property raised proceeds of £19.2 million for the year. A total of 561 hectares of land were sold. The largest sale was the former Markham Main colliery site in Yorkshire which was reclaimed by the Authority and made available for residential development. Other notable sales included the Auldton Heights potential surface mining site in Scotland and Silverdale Colliery site in Staffordshire.

## Government awards £2.2 million for solar power

The Government recently announced a further £2.2 million in funding awards for solar energy projects throughout the UK. Twenty-four projects were chosen for funding at a grant cost of just over £2.2 million resulting in almost 650 kWp being directly funded in this round. Projects were awarded to 11 regions and to nine different installers. Housing associations, councils and schools and businesses are among those who will benefit from this funding round. The round supports medium to large (5 - 100 kWp) scale solar electric power installations under the Government's £25 million Major Photovoltaics (PV) Demonstration Programme. Projects to be supported include a Children's Hospice in Guildford, a large housing development in Huddersfield, a cemetery in Nottingham and a school on the Isle of Wight.

## Government energy statistics point to steep decline in coal production

The first quarter energy statistics recently released by the Department of Trade and Industry reveal that the indigenous production of primary fuels was 65.4 million tonnes of oil equivalent in the first quarter of 2004 - 10.4% lower than in the first quarter of 2003. Final energy consumption in the first quarter of 2004 was 0.7% higher than in the first quarter of 2003.

Total inland consumption on a primary fuel input basis was 247.9 million tonnes of oil equivalent in the first quarter of 2004, 0.9% higher than in the same quarter in 2003. Between the first quarters of 2003 and 2004, coal and other solid fuel consumption fell by 0.9%; oil consumption increased by 0.9%; gas consumption rose by 2.7%, and primary electricity consumption decreased by 4.1%.

Provisional figures for the first quarter of 2004 show that coal production (including an estimate for



slurry) was 18.6% down on the first quarter of 2003 at 6.4 million tonnes, with deep mined production down 22.4% and opencast production down 14.6%. Imports of coal in the first quarter of 2004 were 28.0% higher than in the first quarter of 2003 at 8.9 million tonnes. Demand for coal in the first quarter of 2004, at 18.1 million tonnes, was 2.4% down on consumption in the first quarter of 2003; consumption by electricity generators was down by 2.3%. Coal stocks showed a seasonal fall of 2.7 million tonnes during the first quarter of 2004 and at the end of March 2004 stood at 10.9 million tonnes, 2.0 million tonnes lower than at the end of March 2003. By the end of April, the seasonal increase had taken coal stocks slightly higher to 10.9 million tonnes.

Total indigenous UK production of crude oil and NGLs in the first quarter of 2004 decreased by 11.0% compared with 2003 to 25.5 million tonnes. Only five new fields started production after March 2003. Production from these fields was insufficient to make up for the general decline in production from older established fields. The UK retained its position as a net exporter of oil and oil products. Exports of petroleum products rose by 4.0% whilst imports fell by 20.1%

Total indigenous UK production of natural gas in the first quarter of 2004 was 9.7% lower than in the

corresponding quarter a year earlier. Compared with the first quarter of 2003, exports of natural gas in the first quarter of 2004 decreased by 61.0% and imports more than doubled.

Demand for gas in the first quarter of 2004 was 1.8% higher than the level in the first quarter of 2003. Gas use for electricity generation was 7.0% higher than in the first quarter of 2003, despite continuing high gas prices.

Fuel used by generators in the first quarter of 2004 was, in total, 0.4% lower than in the first quarter of 2003. Coal use during the quarter was 2.3% lower than a year earlier, but gas use was up by 7.2% and hydro sources by 65%. Nuclear sources were down by 6.3%. Total electricity supplied by all generators in the first quarter of 2004 was 4.5% higher than a year earlier.

Of particular interest was the first appearance of figures for renewable energy in 2003. The statistics showed that electricity generated from all renewables as a percentage of total UK electricity generation rose to 2.7% in 2003, using the international definition of renewables. In 2002, on the same basis, it was 2.9% the reduction being caused by low hydro output in a dry year. In 2003, the percentage of UK electricity sales that were from sources eligible for the Renewables Obligation (RO) was 2.2%, up from 1.8% in 2002. Total electricity generation from all renewable sources in 2003 was 10,649 GWh, 29% of which was from large scale hydro generation. Generation from renewable sources, other than large scale hydro, was 16% higher in 2003 than in 2002.

## North Sea oil prospects still attracting global interest

Recent responses to the 22nd Offshore and 12th Onshore Licensing Round have shown that there is still a great deal of international interest in the opportunities afforded in the UK for oil and gas exploration and recovery. In addition to the Traditional licences and the recently introduced Promote licences, the 22nd Offshore Round saw the introduction of the innovative "Frontier" licence designed to spark interest in the newly-offered blocks to the North and West of the Shetlands islands. All three licences generated an encouraging amount of interest.

- 4 Frontier licence applications were received, proving the worth of innovation when seeking to encourage exploration;
- 42 Promote licence applications were received, a further improvement on last year's highly successful result;
- 30 Traditional licence applications were received, equalling the tally from 2003;
- 164 seaward blocks were applied for in total, 25 more than the previous round;
- 20 of the 68 companies who applied are potentially new entrants in the North Sea, further endorsing the belief that the UKCS is still a vibrant basin for investment and reward, and
- 30 applications for onshore licences, more than three times the amount from the previous round.

## Support our Swimathon Team!

The Fuellers' Company has once again entered a team for the Inter-Livery Swimathon. The event is to be held at the Royal Automobile Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey, on the afternoon of Monday, 27 September. The team, led by our participating Captain, Rex Rose, includes Chloë Barrow; Stuart Anderson; Michael Byrne; Carrie Marsh; Philip Newhouse, and Ilse Price. As in previous years, each swimmer is responsible for raising individual sponsorship. However, this year, it is hoped that Company members will support the Fuellers' team collectively. Last year, the team raised a total of £3,385 from sponsors and it is hoped that this sum can be exceeded in September.

All monies raised will be shared evenly between the Lord Mayor's Appeal, which this year is "Music and the Arts" and the Worshipful Company of Fuellers' Charitable Trust Fund. To simplify matters, all donations should be made to the Worshipful Company of Fuellers' Charitable Trust Fund. As usual, the Gift Aid Giving option applies. Your cheque should be sent to the Clerk. More details of the event can be had from the Team Captain, Rex Rose, 79 Wintersdale Road, Leicester, LE5 2GS. Tel/Fax 0116 2416560; E-mail rex@jod.net

# Master suffers incarceration in Tower of London

Earlier this year, our Master, Doug Barrow, whilst taking coffee at the Mansion House with the Lord Mayor, Alderman Robert Finch, was somewhat taken aback when he was arrested by the City of London Police. The trumped-up charge claimed that he was plotting, in the company of 17 others, to tunnel from the Mansion House to the Bank of England, with the intention of breaking into the vaults. Protesting his innocence, he was forcibly taken to the Tower of London under a police escort. On the way to his incarceration, he was publicly shamed by being paraded in front

of tourists and other commoners. Greater disgrace was to follow when he was fingerprinted as a common criminal.

However, aided by the wonders of modern communications, word of the Master's plight reached the ears of Jane Ayre who promptly organised an Escape Committee. She was soon to learn that corrupt jailers were prepared to leave the cell door open upon payment of a substantial sum to The British Red Cross, so that the organisation's City of London Sector could continue their charitable work in London. Jane immediately set

about raising the ransom. In the event she was able to persuade the Fuellers and friends to part with an amazing £3,865 (which benefited by a further £421 with the tax recovered under Gift Aid). In fact, realising their good fortune, the jailers also released the Master's co-conspirators, thereby raising in excess of £30,000.

Stumbling back into the light of day, the Master made his way to a local hostelry to quench his raging thirst with London Pride and thus blot out the memories of a shameful day.



*The Master was subjected to several indignities in the Tower, including being photographed with his jailers and having his "dabs" taken by one of the prison officers. However, the timely arrival of an exorbitant bribe saved him from being hung, drawn and quartered.*

# More romance in the Fuellers!

*Following in the Master's footsteps, there has been another Fuellers' Company wedding. Earlier this year, Court Assistant Air Vice Marshall John Price married Ilse in Papenburg in Germany. This was followed in June by a blessing at the beautiful, small, church of St Andrew in Bredenburg and a reception for friends and family at the Three Horse Shoes in Little Cowarne. Amongst the guests was the Master, the Renter Warden of the Turners' Company and a Liveryman of the Water Conservators. The Fuellers' Company wishes them along and happy marriage.*



*Air Vice Marshall John Price and his wife, Ilse.*

## Twickenham proved to be a popular venue



*Photographed enjoying the car-park lunch at Twickenham were left to right, Harry Reardon Smith; Faye Hutley, Leo and Morgan Smith (the Master's step children); Richard Hutley (Freeman) and Doug Barrow - the Master's son.*

Some 46 Fuellers and friends helped to give the famous Twickenham West Stand Car Park a bistro atmosphere on the final day of the Emirates-sponsored International Sevens on Sunday June 6. A long but enjoyable lunch, with appropriate liquid refreshments which the organisers inadvertently tried to turn back to water (sorry Richard), was had by all.

On the day, England managed to beat New Zealand 22 - 19 in the final. However the All Blacks had secured sufficient points in the previous seven rounds, held in the four corners of the globe during 2003 - 2004, to retain the IRB Sevens overall crown for the fifth time.

*R Cloke*

## Woodmongers' Supper cements the new alliance

One of the more memorable events of the Master's year took place on HQS Wellington, on the occasion of the Woodmongers' Supper. This new addition to the programme was billed as a "Joint Fuellers' and Carmens' Ladies Court Supper". This provided further evidence of the desire of the Fuellers' Company and the Carmens' Company to bury their centuries-old enmity for the common good. In total, 66 people representing both Companies sat down to supper. The highlight of the evening was a hilarious take-off of Pyramus and Thisbe from "A Midsummer Night's Dream". The Dramatis Personae were Master Jack (Jack Henley); Master Doug

(Doug Barrow), a tuneful Fueller; Sir Anthony Clerk (Sir Anthony Reardon Smith) and a rude carter, Walter FitzClerk (Walter Gill). A typical extract from the script ran:

*"And now imagine you  
Gentles all, a Master monger bold  
Who seeks the other Master's hold.*

*They know their cubics off by heart  
And covet one another's cart  
One heaves his coals by chauldron  
vast:*

*The other claims 'tis custom past.  
Neither heeds the Royal command;  
Both seek control, and fees demand.*

*'Tis clear, they seek the same withal  
And down the centuries conduct their  
brawl.*

*And now we see them in this hall  
So near so far, each side this wall'*

*The final lines were "If our foolish  
words offended  
Think but this, past sins are mended  
Give us your hands, so we be friends;  
May new beginnings be our ends."  
The Worshipful Companies, heirs to the  
Woodmongers,  
May they continue and flourish  
separately - and together.*

# A SAD FAREWELL

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Beresford Pugh was held at St Peter's Church, Limpsfield, late in July. The Master, Doug Barrow, led nine members of the Company to the service to give thanks for the life of Past Master and a Joint Father of the Company, John Pugh. St Peter's Church is a happy combination of a historic building and some fitting modern interior design giving a light airy atmosphere. The family of Margaret Pugh headed a large congregation of colleagues and friends in an uplifting service conducted by Father Neil Thompson. John's son, Charles, read a lesson from Ecclesiastes 3 and his brother, Simon, gave an appreciation of his life, recording a very full 78 years of family business, sporting and Fueller interests. The Fuellers who attended were proud to have known John and were appreciative of the opportunity to show their affection and gratitude for the many years that he was so fully involved with the Fuellers.

Jane Ayre

## John Pugh - an appreciation

Members of the Fuellers' Company were greatly saddened to learn of the recent death of Past Master John B Pugh after a short illness. John was educated at Sutton Valance School. He was to be called up just before the end of the Second World War and served in the Buffs in Africa. After demobilisation, he qualified as a Chartered Accountant, before joining the family firm of Pugh & Co

The firm's main business was in the domestic market. It supplied several members of the Royal Family, including the Queen, and as a result, it was a Royal Warrant holder. At one time, with a Head Office in Buckingham Palace Road, Pugh and Co. had six depots in and around London and a dozen or more sales offices.

However, the continuing decline in the use of coal, particularly as a domestic fuel, made it necessary, eventually, to sell the business. When the firm was sold to Charringtons in 1979, Pughs had been in business for 180 years; John's father before him had been involved with the company for over 60 years.

For many years, John acted as Treasurer of the Society of Coal Merchants and also served as its Chairman. Until his death, he also remained a member of the Coal Meters Committee which he joined around 1975. As a result, John was a member of two of the three bodies – the other being the Coal Factors – who were responsible for the rebirth of the Fuellers' Company. John was Master of the Fuellers' Company in 1988. John married in 1959, and his wife Margaret is a Freeman, both of the Company and of the City of London. John is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

John's sporting interests were originally tennis and squash, although he subsequently played golf. He was Honorary Steward at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships for 16 years. To the last, he was a great bridge player.

Together with Richard Horne JP, John was recently the joint recipient of the accolade "Father of the Company".

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| Fuellers' Golf Umbrella                    | ( )             | £19.50 | £..... |
| Fuellers' Baseball Hat                     | ( )             | £10.00 | £..... |
|  |                 | TOTAL  | £..... |

I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to "Worshipful Company of Fuellers".  
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### CITY AND COMPANY DIARY OF EVENTS 2004

| Month     | Day/Date     | Event  | Venue   |
|-----------|--------------|--|---|
| September | Wednesday 22 | "Securing Energy for Britain London 2010 and beyond"<br>Joint conference organised with the Energy Inst. | Energy Institute<br>New Cavendish Street, London      |
|           | Monday 27    | Inter-Livery Swimathon   | RAC Club,<br>Epson                                    |
|           | Wednesday 29 | Election of Lord Mayor followed by Carvery lunch   | Guildhall,<br>then Butchers' Hall                     |
| October   | Wednesday 6  | Court meeting and Installation<br>Dinner   | Innholders' Hall (Court)<br>Skinners' Hall (Dinner)   |
|           | Sunday 31    | Fuellers' Annual Service followed by lunch and a visit to a Theatre                                      | St Michael's Cornhill and later, the Players' Theatre |
| December  | Wednesday 1  | Annual Carol Service   | St Michael, Cornhill                                  |

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