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Registered at Stationers' Hall

Painters' Hall was venue for well-supported Election Court Luncheon

The Master, Nigel Draffin, chose to hold his Election Court Luncheon in the palatial surroundings of Painters' Hall. One of the never-to-be-missed events in the Fullers' calendar attracted around 105 Fuellers and their guests.

The Court saw the election of David Bell as incoming Master; Michael Husband as Senior Warden and John Bainbridge as Junior Warden. Mrs Marjorie McCombe was admitted to the Freedom of the Company in recognition of the support and assistance given by her to Cyril McCombe during his year as Master.

The Court also witnessed the admittance of three new Liverymen, Chloë Barrow; William Frederick Fortescue, and Andrew John Miller. Subsequently, Carl Nisser was elected a Freeman.

Finally, there was the formal signing of the Affiliation Agreement Documents between the Company and representatives of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Vessel Wave Knight.

The ceremonial proceedings completed, the Court processed to the Church of St Michael Paternoster, Royal in College Hill to take part in a Thanksgiving Service conducted by the Company's Chaplin, the Rev'd Dr Peter Muller.

The guests at the lunch which followed included The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, John Stuttard, and the Lady Mayoress, Lesley Stuttard; the Hon Jeffrey Evans, Prime Warden, Shipwrights' Company, and Rear Admiral Derek Antony MBE, Clerk, Shipwrights' Company. The Fuellers' Service Affiliations were represented by Commander Kevin Fox, HMS Sultan; Commodore Robert Thornton, RFA; Wg Cmd Robert Daft; Flt Lt Dez Foster, and Capt Ian Pilling RFA. Amongst wives of previous Masters, the Company were pleased to welcome Christina Wakefield and Margaret Pugh.

The toast to the guests was proposed by David Bell, the Senior Warden and the very accomplished and witty response was delivered by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman John Stuttard. The final response was given by The Master, Nigel Draffin. The proceedings concluded with the Lord Mayor presenting this year's Fuellers' Prizes to Cpl Mike Durnford of 216 Squadron and WO2 Martin Gosling of HMS Sultan.



Commodore Robert Thornton, RFA, signs the Affiliation Agreement Document. Behind is Captain Ian Pilling, RFA.



Left, the Master, Nigel Draffin in conversation with Senior Warden, David Bell, Jessica Bell and Christine Draffin.



Photographed outside the church of St Michael Paternoster Royal were, left to right, Eileen Pretswell, John Sharp and Susan Sharp.

Wine was central to Annual Livery Dinner

One of the more enjoyable functions in this year's calendar was the Annual Livery Dinner, held at The Little Ship Club. Prior to the dinner, Ian Ronald, Chief Executive of John Armit Wines and former CEO of the Wine Society guided the guests through a comparative tasting of red and white wines from the Old and New Worlds.



An appreciative audience at the wine tasting which preceded the Annual Livery Dinner.

Visit cast new light on Godalming history

One of the interesting events in the Master's programme was a visit to Godalming. Central to the day's activities was a guided tour of this small Surrey town with the objective of discovering more of its innovative plans, in 1881, to install electric street lighting. The group of Fuellers were shown the site of the water-mill which drove a Siemens AC alternator. This fed two circuits, one for seven arc lights and the other for 34 Swan incandescent lights. After a fascinating walk, the party lunched in an Italian restaurant, before driving to Guildford, where a visit was made to Dapdune Wharf, the site of a barge-building yard on the River Wey Navigation. Several Fuellers then took the opportunity to embark on a short river excursion on the Wey. Finally, eight of the group accepted the invitation of the Master and his lady to join them for dinner at the Draffin residence. All agreed it had been a most enjoyable day.



The visitors to Godalming enjoyed a convivial lunch.



The Master, second from the right, in the company of Stuart Goldsmith and Majorie McCombe, listen to the Guide, left, tell the tale of lighting coming to Godalming in 1881.

Fuellers' Lecture discussed energy policy

This year saw the holding of the Third Fuellers' Energy Lecture at Haberdashers' Hall. The speaker was Sir Bernard Ingham, previously a Journalist, Civil Servant and, for 11 years, Margaret Thatcher's Chief Press Secretary. He is currently Secretary to the "Supporters of Nuclear Energy". During his tenure with the Department of Energy, he was the first head of its energy conservation and renewable sources of energy division. Sir Bernard's subject was "Energy Policy — the Struggle between Myth and Fact". The event was attended by more than 100 people.

Annual Valentine's Dinner was held at Innholders' Hall

One of the first events in this year's calendar was the holding of the annual Valentine's Dinner. The occasion is an opportunity for The Master to thank the wives and partners of Court Members for their support over the previous year. The ladies are, by tradition, the guests of The Master. This year, the Dinner took place in Innholder's Hall.



Left, Past Master Doug Barrow, photographed with Claudie and James Bellew.



Left to right, Senior Warden David Bell in conversation with John Sharp and Roger Cloke.



Left to right, Susan Sharp, Ilse Price and Janet Harrison.



Left to right, Past Master Edward Wilkinson, photographed with Air Vice-Marshal John Price and Joy Wilkinson.



The Master, Nigel Draffin, in conversation with Jessica Bell.

Brian Harrison's Gala Dinner proved great success

Past Master Brian Harrison, renowned for abseiling from London's landmarks and parachuting from aircraft, held his second gala dinner during the summer in aid of charity. The event was held at Plaisterers' Hall, Guest speakers included John Snow, the wellknown television presenter, and former Conservative Party Chairman, Jeremy Handley. The impressive programme included music from Pasque Harmony — formerly known as the Luton Girls' Choir — and a cabaret presented by Brian Harrison himself, supported by Bruce Petsche, from Chicago, Illinois. In the event, over £ 25,000 was raised, prior to Gift Aid being refunded. The Fuellers' Charitable Fund was the beneficiary of over £5,000 and the three charities nominated by Brian, namely the Keech Cottage Hospice, the New Horizon Youth Centre and the Prostrate Cancer Research Centre received £1,925 apiece.

Globe Theatre was an enjoyable experience

One of the Spring attractions in the Masters' programme was a visit to the Globe Theatre for a conducted tour which included the associated exhibition. The guide for the day kept the party of 14 enthralled with a description of the history and current uses of the theatre. The Fuellers were fortunate to have been shown around whilst the cast of Othello were rehearsing. The participants in the tour witnessed energetic fight scenes with real swords, and heard the directions and encouragement from the back-stage specialists — although Desdemona was heard to say "Leave me alone, I'm supposed to be dead", as she lay in her bed. After the end of the tour, the party took tea in the restaurant. Subsequently, several hardened drinkers, led by the Master, took refuge in the Globe in Borough Market, before saying goodbye to what had been an excellent day.



The guide, left, explains the logistics of staging plays at the Globe Theatre.

Visit to Ham Polo Club

In September, the Master and a party of 16 Fuellers and guests spent a relaxed afternoon at Ham Polo Club. The group arrived at 12.30 for drinks, before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal as the first Chukka of the initial match got going. The participants watched an afternoon of exciting polo, with explanations of the proceedings from the club's Polo Manager, Daniel Devrient. The weather throughout the day was very good. The Fuellers also took the opportunity to take part in the traditional "treading-in" between chukkas. The Master was persuaded to present the Trophy for the Sir David Brown cup, and managed to do so without making a speech!



Two tables of Fuellers photographed during lunch at Ham Polo Club.

The Fuellers Go Green!

We are pleased to be able to offer members a new silk Fuellers' tie in a country green colour incorporating the Company crest at **£21.50**

Other items for sale are:

Blue silk tie with the Company crest	£21.50
A Company crest on a bar-brooch for ladies	£5.00
A Company-crest lapel-badge for gentlemen	£4.50
Company-crest cuff links	£11.00
Wooden Company crest wall plaque	£35.00
Company crest brooch for ladies who are Liverymen	£71.50
Golf umbrella in Company colours with crest	£21.50
Company crest baseball hat	£11.00

All postage and packing included.

All items may be had of:

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Master visits the Flying Angel

Our hosts for the Election Court service were the Mission for Seafarers. The church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal is their headquarters. Their function is to reach out to seafarers worldwide, providing pastoral care and support. They usually operate from offices in major ports and visit vessels alongside.

At the mouth of the Arab Gulf is the anchorage of Fujairah, about four miles offshore, where all of the tankers entering to work cargo at the major oil ports inside the Gulf wait for their orders, take stores and spares and take on fuel. The seafarers on these ships have almost no chance to get ashore, and until now had been cut off from the support of the Mission to Seamen. In March, in Dubai, Prince Charles named a new launch, The Flying Angel, owned by the Mission and purpose built at a cost of \$ 2,500,000 to provide support to seafarers on board ships at the anchorage at Fujairah. She will be in action all year long, visiting the ships in the anchorage providing a book and DVD library, four internet access computers, two voice-over internet phones, paramedic support and, of course, pastoral care from different faith groups and their pastors, rabbis and mullahs. The vessel was inaugurated into service on March 28 in the Port of Fujairah and the Fuellers were there! The Master and Liveryman Mike Ball (both ex merchant seafarers) were both attending a conference in the port and were invited to attend the inauguration ceremony. It was an excellent way to see the practical support that the Mission gives to seafarers of all countries. The Master is directing a small donation from the trust to go towards the running costs.



Photographed on the bridge of The Flying Angel were, left to right, the Master, Nigel Draffin, the Superintendent for the Mission to Seafarers in the UAE, and Liveryman Mike Ball.

Wave Knight extends its hospitality at Harwich

Earlier this year, a party of ten Fuellers travelled to Harwich to visit RFA Wave Knight at the invitation of Commodore Robert Thornton. This was the first social occasion since the official affiliation of Wave Knight with the Fullers' Company. The visitors were greeted with generous hospitality by the ship's company, led by Captain Ian Pilling. After tea and biscuits, Commodore Thornton provided a very interesting and relevant presentation on the function of today's RFA. After a most enjoyable lunch with the ship's officers, the party was divided into three separate groups. Each was escorted around the vessel to view all of the different departments and meet the officers and crew. At the conclusion of the tour, the Fuellers returned to the wardroom where the relationship between the Wave Knight and the Company was cemented by the exchange of armorial plaques and the handing over to Captain Ian Pilling of a Fuellers' flag, to be flown when refuelling at sea.



Captain Ian Pilling displays the Fuellers' flag in the company of the Master, Nigel Draffin.



Members of the Fuellers and Wave Knight personnel meet over drinks in the wardroom.

Brize Norton hospitality at its best

One of the highlights of the Fuellers' year was an invitation to RAF Brize Norton by 216 Squadron. The party of 18 Fuellers and their friends were greeted in a lay-by of the perimeter on the airfield complex by Flt Lt Paul Walton, their host for the day. The group was then driven to the Squadron's conference room for coffee, over which they listened to a welcome from Wing Commander Robert Daft. He outlined the programme for the day, explaining something about the current activities of 216 Squadron who are providing an air bridge to and from Iraq and Afghanistan. The missions are to provide refuelling, freight and troop transport to the war zones and, very sadly, to provide return transport for servicemen killed or injured.

It was a sobering moment passing through the departure lounge which

was full of young soldiers bound for the theatres of war. After security checks, the Fuellers boarded the waiting Tristar refuelling aircraft, captained by Flt Lt's Nic Collins and Skene. On the ground it was grey and cloudy, but the plane soon emerged into brilliant sunshine. The party were well cared for during the flight with drinks and lunch provided by the crew as the Tristar cruised up-country to a point somewhere near Newcastle upon Tyne. The aircraft then flew South to an air-box off the Wash where the refuelling exercise was to take place.

The Fuellers appreciated the freedom to talk with all the crew and visit the flight deck which provided a fantastic view of oil rigs in the North Sea. It was not long before the customers, six Eurofighter Typhoons, from RAF Coningsby, hove into view. Two by two, they took up position on

the Tristar's wing tips, before dropping behind, one at a time, to latch onto the refuelling "basket". The refuelling operation was viewed on the screen operated by the Flight Engineer.

Upon the return to Brize Norton, the Fuellers' party was welcomed into the Officers' Mess, together with the Tristar crew who had made the day so enjoyable. The occasion was made doubly memorable by the presentation of a cheque for £ 2,000 to the Fuellers' Company Charitable Trust. This sum had been raised through the sale of prints of the Telic Trade refuelling picture. The day concluded with an expression of thanks by Senior Warden David Bell for what had been a very exciting and fulfilling day, and for 216 Squadron's generous hospitality.

Jane Ayre



One of the Eurofighter Typhoons positioned on the wing tip of the Tristar refuelling aircraft.



The Senior Warden, David Bell, receives a cheque from Wing Commander Rob Daft, 216 Squadron, for £2,000, donated to the Fuellers' Charitable Trust from the sale of Telic Trade prints.

Twickenham proved an irresistible draw

Another event in September saw 12 Fuellers at Twickenham to watch the "Double Header", two Guinness Premiership matches between four London teams. It was the first visit to Twickenham for the Master's Lady and Carl Nisser's son and his friend. Roger Cloke and Michael Byrne were rather jaded, having left Paris at 4.30 that morning, but soon revived when faced with the action. The first two tiers of the grandstand were packed and the atmosphere was very enjoyable (the Master's Lady expressed a wish to go back, a desire which could have financial consequences). John Bainbridge saw Harlequins win, and Roger Cloke witnessed another Saracens' victory, so everyone was happy.



Fuellers in Row 16 at Twickenham watch the action.

Master suffers indignity of imprisonment in Tower

Earlier this year, your Master, Nigel Draffin, was taking coffee at the Mansion House with Sheriff Rogers when they were interrupted by the arrival of officers from the City of London Police. The coffee promptly disappeared, only for Sheriff Rogers to reappear in a full-bottomed wig. That was it. The Master was fitted up, done up like a kipper, and sent down the river by a wholly-false account of his behaviour. He was arrested and charged, along with 26 other Livery Masters and Prime Wardens, together with the new Chamberlin and the Lord Mayor's Diary Secretary. Well manacled, the entire throng were dragged off to the prison vehicle — a 1934 vintage coach. Arriving at the Tower of London, the Master, and his

co-conspirators were handed over to the Yeoman Warders (Nigel looked hopefully around for our Beadle, Dave Phillips, but he was nowhere to be seen!). The dejected group was then taken into the Tower for processing, including finger-printing, the recording of next of kin, and the taking of a "mug shot". Fortunately, due to the diligence of Nigel's Campaign Manager, and the generosity of our Livery, he was released on payment of £ 3,086 to the British Red Cross. In total, the group of prisoners raised over £ 41,000, with the Fuellers in a very respectable second place, only topped by the Master Launderer who was able to contribute more than £ 9,000.



The Master poses for his "mug shot", flanked by two Yeoman Warders.

Wellingborough was venue for Fueller's Golf Day

The Fuellers held their 5th Annual Golf Day at the Wellingborough Club this year in September. This was the first time the competition was held using a new format — a team competition as well as the usual individual competition. Teams of three were invited to join the Fuellers from Livery Companies and suppliers to the energy industry. The participants arrived at Wellingborough on a bright and sunny but very windy day to be greeted by an excellent soup and sandwich lunch in the splendid building and grounds of the Wellingborough Golf Club. After gathering in the lounge area the party split in two.

Suzan Woods led a group of partners and friends not playing golf on a trip to Elton Hall which is a short 25 min drive from the Golf Club. The group were met at Elton Hall for a private and very interesting guided tour of the house, followed by a visit to the tea rooms and garden centre. The group returned to Wellingborough where they joined the golfers for dinner.

The first group in the golf competition were on the first tee just after 1.00 pm. Our reigning champion and holder of the Colliery Cup, Air Commodore Andrew Spinks was in the third group on the first tee and put up a spirited fight to retain his trophy but unfortunately he did not succeed in defending his title this year. The winner of the Colliery Trophy was Patrick Jennings who in fact has won the trophy before. Patrick arrived full of confidence, so much so he informed the organisers

that his handicap should be cut from 18 to 16 due to his recent performances, but was not at all confident that he would be able to score well on a difficult course with a much reduced handicap. This was not to be the case and Patrick played extremely well and was the first Fueller past the post.

The winning team this year came from Wentworth Golf Club who scored 75 points. In fact, the competition was extremely close with the second team, the Fuellers B Team with Patrick Jennings and Steve Blackwell accompanied by Caroline Wightwick, scoring 74 points coming in 2nd and the Texaco Fuel & Marine Team 3rd on 73 points. The overall winner for the day was Victor Zaum who was playing for the Worshipful Company of Horners in their A team. Both Victor and Patrick as individual winners not only took prizes away on the day, but are both entitled to a round of golf at Wentworth over the next 12 months.

*Nearest the Pin was won by: Neil Harris
Longest drive was won by: Ian Thurloway*

The day ended with a very enjoyable dinner in the Club House having been entertained by Ray Hendy and his card tricks in the bar beforehand.

The day was seen to be a great success by everyone, despite the course being extremely difficult due to the dry conditions with very fast direct greens and slightly difficult rough. The day raised approximately £1,000 for the Fuellers

Charity Trust. Everybody played well and was already asking before departing when the 2008 golf day will be held. The club have agreed to hold the golf day in 2008 on 8 September and a booking has already been placed.

Invitations and booking forms will go out in spring of 2008 and it is hoped the Company will have another successful Fuellers' Golf day with more participants. A trip will also be organised to another stately home allowing partners and friends who don't play golf to enjoy the day and join the golfers for dinner in the evening.

Many thanks are due to Past Master David Port for presenting the prizes and to all those who participated. The Worshipful Company of Fuellers would also like to thank Chevron and Petrol Express for their generous sponsorship of the day. *(For a full list of Golf Day Prizewinners see back page)*



Air Commodore Andrew Spinks teeing off to defend his title, watched by the Wellingborough Starter and his two team mates, Dr Edward Libbey and Neil Harris.

OBITUARIES

Peter Weston: Those of our Members with connections with the coal trade and the Coal Industry Society will be sad to hear of the death, earlier this year, of Peter Weston a former Director of Western Fuel Company. Peter was a long serving Honorary Secretary, subsequently Chairman of the Coal Industry Society and one of its most loyal supporters. He was one of the 75 founder members of our Company who supported the initial petition to be recognised as a Company without Livery and one of the 102 Company Freemen who supported our second petition to be granted Livery status. Peter was enrobed into our Livery on 19 November 1984 and invited to join our Court in 1985. He made valiant efforts to persuade the Inland Revenue to consider membership of our Livery on a par with membership of a professional body, but was unsuccessful and unable to persuade his fellow assistants 'to take the matter further.' He resigned from the Court and the Company in 1987.

Ken Le Geyt: Ken Le Geyt, briefly a Freeman of our Company, who resigned in February 2004, died earlier this year: Ken was for some time a Director on the staff of the British Coal Staff College at Chalfont St Giles before joining UK Coal (then trading as RJB Mining) in 1995, as Industrial and Domestic Sales Director.

New honour for Past Master

Earlier this year, Past Master Brigadier Edward Wilkinson was appointed a Lay Canon Emeritus of Derby Cathedral.

Doug Barrow elected to Court of Common Council

Past Master Doug Barrow was elected a Common Councilman for the Ward of Aldgate in July. Doug is the first Fueller to have been elected to this prestigious position.

The Court of Common Council is the main decision-making body of the City of London, which discusses the work of the City of London's various committees. It sits every four weeks and is made up of Common Councilmen and Aldermen. Members of the Court are chosen by the electorate of the ward in which they stand for office. It is headed and presided by the Lord Mayor and its meetings are open to the public.

Fuellers' Golf Day prizewinners

Nearest the Pin	Neil Harris
Longest Drive	Ian Thurloway
Team in 3rd Place	<i>Texaco Fuel & Marine</i> Ian Thurloway, Gerry McCann, Dennis Woods
Team in 2nd Place	<i>Fuellers' Team B</i> Patrick Jennings, Caroline Wightwick, Steve Blackwell
Team in 1st Place	<i>Wentworth</i> John Hughes, Peter McNally, Ray Hendy
Lady Winner	Caroline Wightwick
Fuellers' Winner – <i>Colliery Cup</i>	Patrick Jennings
Overall Runner Up	Ray Hendy
Overall Winner	Victor Zaum

CITY AND COMPANY DIARY OF EVENTS 2007

Month	Date	Event	Venue
November	Sunday 4	Fuellers' Sunday	St Michaels Cornhill followed by lunch Venue to be announced
	Saturday 10	Lord Mayor's Show	St Paul's Grandstand
December	Thursday 6	Trustees' Meeting/GPC followed by carol service and supper	St Michaels Cornhill Supper venue to be announced

Note, the Company will continue to organise a monthly luncheon table at Butchers' Hall on the last Wednesday of February, April, June September and November. There is a minimum number of eight at each lunch; guests are welcome. Please book with the Clerk at least a week beforehand.

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