



Newsletter

Inspiring, encouraging and developing excellence in the management of UK agriculture



The new Master Julian Sayers with Wardens Rosie Carne and David Bolton, the Clerk and Beadle, after the installation at St Bartholomew the Great church



The Master with his wife Dee



The Wardens make their way to the Installation Luncheon

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Meet the new Master

Julian joined the Farmers' Company in 2003 and the Court in 2008. He subsequently chaired the Finance Committee and more recently has been a Director and Chairman of Farmers & Fletchers Hall Limited during the period of the commercial launch of the new facilities.

He was educated at Oakham School in Rutland and the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester before embarking on his surveying career. He joined the firm of Adkin based in Oxfordshire in 1982 and went on to qualify as both a Chartered Surveyor and Agricultural Valuer with the firm. Today he is the Chairman of the practice which provides rural surveying services to a wide range of clients, principally in central southern England but also further afield.

He acts for landowners, tenants and owner occupiers of a wide range of farms and landed estates. His planning and management expertise associated with a diverse projects including the preparation of whole farm and estate plans have led to a wide range of assignments and speaking engagements. He also specialises in property acquisitions, the promotion and sale of development land, tax planning and agricultural tenancies.

"During my year I want to consider the future for the tenure and occupation of farmland as we look towards the agricultural industry operating outside the European Union with the challenges and opportunities this will present."

I have therefore invited leading speakers on this subject for the events during my tenure starting with George Dunn, the Chief Executive of the



Julian Sayers – the 66th Master of the Worshipful Company of Farmers

Tenant Farmers Association at our December lunch to be held at Clothworkers' Hall.

At the Banquet we will be joined by David Fursdon as our guest speaker with his wealth of knowledge as an Estate Owner, former CLA President & Crown Commissioner and currently Chairman of the Beeswax Dyson Farming Board and a Trustee of the National Trust.

Then in April the Agricultural Lecture will be given by two speakers, Ross Murray who will then be the immediate Past President of the CLA and David Christensen who runs two very successful dairy businesses based on tenanted farms in Oxfordshire.

I hope that you will support these events and participate in the discussions as the Company continues to inspire, encourage and develop excellence in the management of UK agriculture."

And our new Wardens

Senior Warden: Rosie Carne
I "retired"- or as I prefer to say "gained control of my diary"- in July 2017 in my 40th year in the fertilizer industry. My aim for a rewarding 'life after work' is to balance time devoted to the four areas of: family& friends: community: charity: myself. Holding the honoured office of a Warden of the Farmers Company has got me off to a good start - ticking all four areas! I look forward to serving as your Senior Warden for the ensuing year.



Junior Warden David Bolton took his Degree in Agriculture and Diploma in Farm Business Administration at Wye College whilst the UK was joining the EEC .

He became FAAV in 2001, FRAgS in 2005 and currently is Chairman of Town Close School and Norwich Rowing Club. An inveterate questioner at conferences, his DBP consultancy career continues to take him all over the country from his base in Norfolk.



He was clothed in 2006, elected to Court in 2009 and chaired the Finance Committee until 2016.

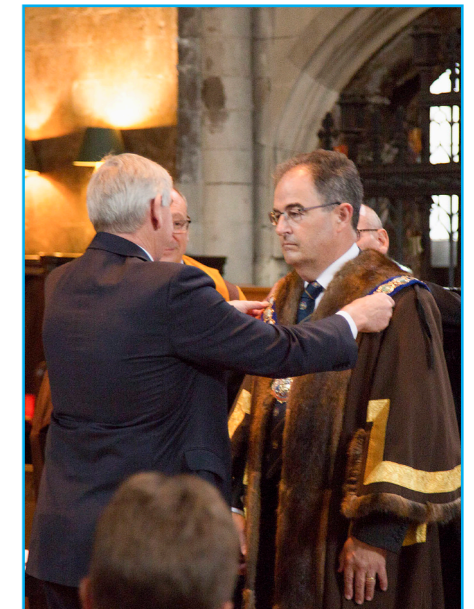
Installation Luncheon - John Evans reports

Installation Tuesday October 10th 2017

On October 10th Julian Sayers was installed as the 66th Master of the Company, following in the footsteps of Philip Wynn. The installation, which was held at the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, was preceded by the service of Harvest Thanksgiving where the interesting sermon was given by the Reverend David Creasey focussing on his enjoyable experience as Chaplain to the Company. The ceremony of installing the new Master included the appointment of Rosie Carne as Senior Warden and David Bolton as Junior Warden for the coming year. The luncheon was held, as usual,

at Haberdashers Hall with excellent food and wines with grace given by the Master's Chaplain the Reverend Dr. Gordon Gatward. The Master spoke about his vision for his year in office with great emphasis on our educational support and Past Master Wynn responded with an interesting summary of his enjoyable experiences during his tenure including visiting HMS Defender in dry dock.

After luncheon lively conversation continued in a local hostelry, with Liverymen, Past Masters and guests discussing, what all agreed had been, another exceptionally well organised and run event and of course the 'elephant in the room' – BREXIT.



The Master and Immediate Past Master at the Installation Ceremony

Inter-Livery Tennis



The WCF tennis team – Hilary Russel and son Edward and Richard Pemberton and Bronwen Angel

2017 saw the WCF enter, for the first time, the Inter-Livery Tennis Tournament hosted by the Feltnakers at Queens Club. With a capacity 24 teams participating both our teams - Liveryman Hilary Russell and son Edward and Liveryman Richard Pemberton and his partner Bronwen

Angel - made it through to the quarter finals. Sadly neither pair progressed further but they report a very well organised and enjoyable event. After a lot of very stiff competition the tournament was eventually won by Cordwainer, mother and son pairing of Tish and Andrew Peal.

Inter- Livery Clay Pigeon Shooting - Liveryman Niels Olesen reports

The Farmers Company fielded 2 teams for the second year running at this hugely successful and well-supported event - 108 teams of 4 taking part in a competition staged around the extensive shooting grounds at Holland and Holland. The format this year was a series of 10 stands of challenging clays, followed by a team flush event, which saw 80 clays fired over each pairing in short order.

Neither of our teams was in the prizes, but finished in a highly creditable 9th and 11th overall. We are planning to enter again next year, and there is always room for another pairing, so if anyone would like to put their names forward contact the Clerk or Niels on – (olesens@olesen.co.uk)



Education Update

In 2017 the Company adopted a new positioning statement that summarises its strategic goal or purpose - *'Inspiring, encouraging and developing excellence in the management of UK agriculture'*.

And in response to this clear statement of our aims, the Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Karen Mercer, has been refining the content of each of our courses and our plans for the future. Karen explains -

"The Company is extremely proud that its portfolio of educational courses has a substantial and growing reputation within the industry, our aim is to help equip delegates to understand and address the challenges they are likely to face in the workplace and in the wider world of agriculture."

"One of the key strength of our courses, is the quality of the candidates, both from the UK and overseas and the intense interaction between the delegates as they learn as a team. Our future success depends on recruiting the very best candidates and it's the job of every Liveryman and WCF course alumni to help promulgate news of our courses to as wider audience as possible."

The Company now promotes and supports the following courses.

Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management RAU Cirencester

While attending this three-week residential course, delegates develop an understanding and awareness of the strategic issues likely to affect their own businesses; learn to become better motivators and communicators and gain a greater insight into the political, financial and environmental challenges affecting the future of rural industries.

This is the ideal course for owners and/or managers of farm or agri-businesses, usually but not essentially, already with advanced education/university degree.

Age range, usually 30 -50 years or thereabouts.

Challenge of Rural Leadership Dartington Hall

This intensive, two-week course aims to provide delegates with the skills to face the challenges of the future by following a programme of case studies, lectures and regional visits.

This exciting programme also includes training on strategic management, leadership, interpersonal and media management skills. Additionally, influential speakers cover policy development and leadership styles.

The course welcomes applications from farmers, rural policy makers, journalists, advisors and consultants.

Age range is flexible - normally 25 - 50

Business Growth Programme Cranfield

Whilst this is an eleven-week course, attendance at Cranfield is only required for four weekends, the rest of the time is home based, enabling participants to continue to run their businesses whilst studying.

Designed specifically for the development of owner-managers, an invaluable, element of the course is the delegate's concentration on their own business, helping them to begin to create the future they want for themselves. It is a unique opportunity to step back from the day-to-day



Karen Mercer - Chairman of the Education Committee

demands of running a business, to review it strategically. Suitable for owners or managers of businesses in operation for at least 3 years, with a staff of 5 to 50 and turnover of between £0.5 and £20m. Age range - from late 20's, with no upper limit.

MBA - Cranfield

The Cranfield programmes we support (MBA one-year full time or Executive MBA, two-year part time) are designed to help individual delegates to develop robust leadership skills and acquire a broad range of management tools and techniques.

WCF delegates join others from a wide range of industries, no age restrictions but a good first degree is generally required.

Leadership and Management Programme

The Company is proposing to introduce a new course, specifically designed to help individuals in the initial stages of their agricultural career and who have the aspiration and potential to manage a small or medium sized enterprise.

This course is aimed at those in farming who may not have had the opportunity to gain an advanced agricultural education, perhaps because they have gone to work on the farm straight after GCSE's or following agricultural college.

For these candidates, now looking to progress their career and prepare themselves for a management position, the course provides the tools and the confidence needed to take the next step. By the end of the course delegates will have gained a better understanding of management and leadership and developed their own abilities.

Age range 22 years and over.

We need your help

Are you, or do you know someone, who might benefit from one of our courses? If you do we want to hear from you. And it is important to bear in mind that the Company does not want funding to prohibit anyone, otherwise qualified, from attending one of our courses, so a certain level of funding is available for candidates who need help. More details of how to apply for each course are available on the WCF website or please contact Karen Mercer for help via email on karen@kjmercer.co.uk.

2017 WCF College Prize Awards

Every year the Company awards a total of twelve separate prizes to students at UK agricultural colleges. Each college decides the detailed assessment of its own award but in all cases the intent is to encourage and reward the very best students within the agricultural sector.

As examples the kinds of students and diversity of awards here are just three of this year's winners.

Plumpton College

Leighton Shelgrove was awarded the WCF Award after being adjudged, by his tutors and the Principal, as being the top practical agricultural student. He spent some time learning his trade at a highly regarded local beef farm owned by Elizabeth Buchanan, the former long serving private secretary to HRH The Prince of Wales.



Leighton Snelgrove with Liveryman John Evans and Elizabeth Buchanan

Royal Agricultural University

The Master Julian Sayers awards The 2017 WCF Prize to Michael Warren for the 'Best Dissertation in Agriculture', his topic 'Consumer attitudes and perceptions towards lamb production and consumption'. A copy of this very interesting paper can be found on the WCF website.



The Master awards the 2017 WCF Prize to Michael Warren at the RAU Convocation and Awards Ceremony

Moulton Agricultural College

The Moulton College winner of the WCF Prize this year was Joanne Underwood. Her award was for being judged 'The student with the most outstanding academic achievement of the year'.



Joanne Underwood receives her WCF Prize from Liveryman John Thorpe

The other winners in 2017 were:

Thomas Hartley, Level Three Diploma Performance, Askham Bryan College; Katie Anne Elston, Most Hard Working Student, Bicton College; Jack Smithson, Best Student - FdSc Agriculture, Bishop Burton College; Ellie Davis, Outstanding Commitment and Success in Agricultural subjects, Duchy College, Stoke Climsland; James Burman, Best Overall Level 3 student (agriculture), Easton & Otley College; Fraser Brown, Outstanding Effort and Commitment, Hadlow College; Jack Saxby, Highest mark attained, BSc (Hons) Agriculture with Crop Management, Haper Adams University; Andrea Smith, Exceptional performance in 1st Class Honours Degree in Agriculture, Myerscough College; Catherine Bunting, Academic Achievement in Level 3 Agriculture, Newton Rigg College; Oliver Martin, Best Dissertation, Writtle University College.

Our congratulations and best wishes for success in future go to all our worthy winners.



The Master's Summer Outing 2017

A fascinating and inspiring visit to two exceptional venues in the Master's home county of Lincolnshire

This year's WCF Summer Outing involved two very special days of contrast and challenge in the Master's home county of Lincolnshire. The first day saw us visit one of the sites of what must be the fastest growing agricultural enterprise in the country - Beeswax Dyson Farming. And in complete contrast, on day two we visited a landed estate that can trace its history all the way back to the Norman conquest - Belvoir Estate and Castle.

Day One - Beeswax Dyson Farming - Nocton Estate

Our visit started just after lunch, on a bright and sunny Monday, in the grounds of Nocton Estate, which is situated to the east of Lincoln, close to the village of Metherringham. The Master introduced our host,



Phil Thompson - Head of Farming Beeswax Dyson



Richard Williamson welcomes the WCF party to the Nocton Estate farm

Richard Williamson, Managing Director of Beeswax Dyson Farming, who told

us a little about the remarkable growth of the Beeswax Dyson farm enterprise its aims and ambitions and introduced us to the talented young team that runs it.

He told us that three-quarters of the Company's 33,000 acres are in Lincolnshire with 4500 in Oxfordshire and the remainder in Gloucestershire and Somerset.

The vision is long term, multi-generational and forward looking and is captured in a quote from Sir James - "Our family has a 100-year ambition to sustain and regenerate essential farmlands across the country."



One of the three groups get to see the new grain store and drying facilities

After the introduction we joined our guides for a three-part tour of the estate, that took in the new farm building developments, the wider farming enterprise and finally some of

gradually better all day, was superb which meant that pre-dinner music and drinks on the terrace, overlooking a wonderful view down through the gardens was a joy. Speaking about the visit, planned



Our party assembles in one of the new buildings



View Of Belvoir Castle from the formal garden



Mrs Wheatley-Hubbard, Mrs Courtney and Mrs Wynn enjoying the evening sunshine at Stubton Hall

the first castle was built, it must have been a truly commanding position. Even today the castle can be seen from many miles away.

The Master had arranged for us to be afforded wonderfully private access to the estate, the gardens and the castle itself.

The castle that stands at Belvoir today is the fourth to be built on the site. Designed by James Wyatt it was constructed in the early 1800s for the 5th Duke and Duchess of Rutland and is today one of the finest examples of Regency architecture anywhere in the world.

We were warmly greeted by the Duchess who explained that Belvoir remained a family home and talked a little about the role they were playing in restoring Belvoir to its former glories.

for the next day the Master made the point that this would not be our first visit to Belvoir Castle but that we had not been there since 2004 - he promised us massive change under the leadership of the Duchess of Rutland and an exciting day ahead.

Day Two - The Belvoir Estate

Belvoir Castle crowns a prominent hill in Leicestershire. In the simpler landscape of the period immediately after the Norman Conquest, when



The 2016/7 Master outlines the plans for the visit

the business and residential properties that make up the third leg of the Nocton business.

Evening Event Day One - Stubton Hall

A splendid one hundred and twenty guests attended the evening function. The weather, which had been getting



Enjoying drinks on the terrace at Stubton Hall



The chapel at Belvoir Castle



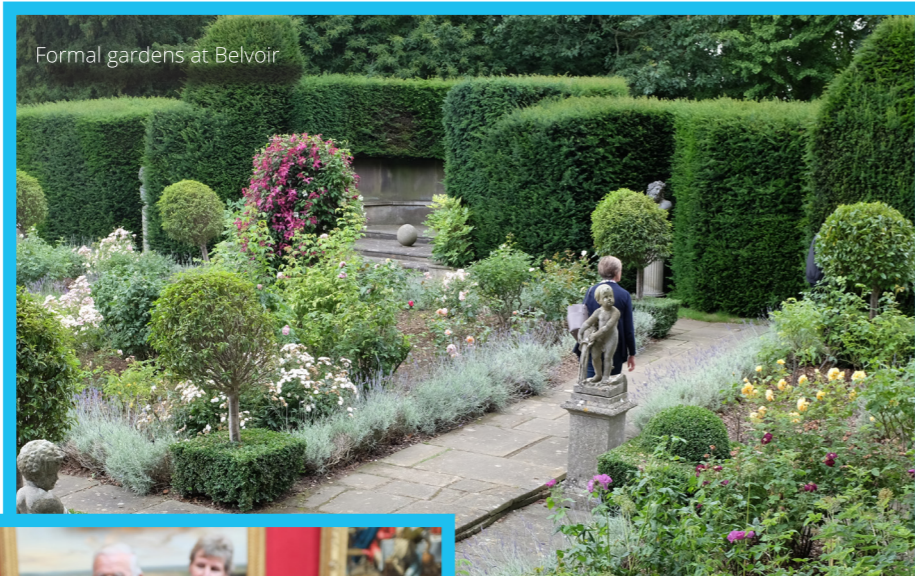
The family crest displayed in stained glass

The Castle Tour

It is hard to sum up in a few words the magnificence of the castle, so I thoroughly recommend that you try to get to Belvoir to see for yourself. We were expertly guided from one wonderful room to another. Each with its own slice of history attached. Treasures, historic paintings and exceptional items of furniture seemed to be in every corner, nook and cranny. It was hard to know where to look and what to focus on.

The Estate Tour

Our guide for this leg of the Belvoir adventure was Estate Manager Phil Burt. Clearly as passionate about the restoration and reconstruction of the estate as the Duchess. It was impossible not to make



Formal gardens at Belvoir



Inspecting one of the treasures of the Belvoir collection

comparisons with the previous day's tour at Nocton. The history of the two estates could not be more different. But there were commonalities. The drive to be the very best, the attention to detail and the hard-headed attitude to what makes good financial sense.

The Garden Tour

The third leg, the gardens, was led by

head gardener Nikki Applewhite who looks after all the formal gardens which cascade down the hill away from the castle. The original Lancelot Capability Brown drawings commissioned by the 5th Duke of Rutland still exist. Discovered in an archive at the castle, the original concept - basically Brown's sales pitch for the job - is recorded on a giant 6ft x 9ft plan.

The formal gardens are in a series of steps down the hill. Each step quite different from the ones above and below.

There is a large ornamental pond, a rose garden and Japanese garden. A complex formal box hedge area and some quite spectacular trees. And set amongst the tiers a whole host of statues and other sculptures - some preserved from earlier gardens and from earlier incarnations of the castle itself.

The elevation change from Castle to pond is considerable and as the party climbed back up the hill after the tour, the pace definitely dropped. Tea in the Guardroom was therefore very welcome and allowed the whole party to re-assemble. Tired though many of us were, after a very full two days, the consensus was that this had been an exceptionally well organised and enjoyable visit to Lincolnshire and that all those involved, particularly the Master and the Clerk should be congratulated.



Nikki Applewhite head gardener at Belvoir conducts the formal garden tour

The Annual Livery Sheep Drive

On Sunday 24th September Mary Berry opened the 2017 Annual Livery Sheep Drive across London Bridge and accompanied by her grandchildren Abbi and Hobi, she led the way with the Master of the Woolmen, Chris Thiery.

Amongst over 600 Freemen and Liverymen who joined the famous television presenter, personality and cook was a strong contingent from the Worshipful Company of Farmers, ably led by Master Philip Wynn and his wife. The Master's team comprised Liveryman Chris Bourne and his wife Sally; Liveryman Christopher Day and his wife Judy; newly clothed Liveryman Peter Bennett and Jane Watermeyer and the Master's guests from Lincolnshire Robert and Jenny Hurst.

The team were all suitably attired in WCF hessian aprons, courtesy of Past Master Tony Alston and the Hursts capped this with straw hats!

The weather was kind and the sheep as well behaved as could be expected and the whole event raised over £26,000 for charity.

And the Master took his team for lunch at the Folly' in Gracechurch Street, just a short walk away, afterwards - what a great way to spend a Sunday.



If you haven't yet exercised your right as a Freeman to traverse the bridge with livestock, then put September 30th in your diary for 2018 and join the Worshipful Company of Farmers happy band. More information can be obtained from the Clerk.

Middlesex Wing Air Training Corps

On Sunday September 16th our Company was well represented at RAF Northolt to participate in our Cadet Affiliate, the Middlesex Wing Air Training Corps', annual Field Day and Review. Fortunately the weather was dry, though rather windy, and the event was punctuated by the noise of jets taking off from this busy airfield.

Some 400 cadets and mainly volunteer assistants took part in the event and it was a pleasure to see so many young people, from every ethnic background, enjoying the friendship that the cadet organisation provides. The Middlesex Wing has 25 squadrons, each one reliant on support from volunteer officers.

There is intense competition between the squadrons as they undertake a range of activities - including very realistic first aid demonstrations, model aircraft construction and individual music battles. The winner of each competition is presented with an award and there is obvious joy within the



The Master presents the Livery Salver to winning Squadron - 2473 Highlands & Southgate

squadrons at being recognised for their efforts.

The Company was represented by the Master and Mistress, Liveryman John Evans, Past Master Jeremy Courtney and his wife Liveryman Anne Courtney, who is our contact with the cadets.

Our party was given a tour of the facilities and watched some of the competitions taking place before retiring to the mess for lunch.

The salute was taken by Group Captain Mike Carver, recently appointed as Station Commander of RAF Northolt, and the Master presented the Livery Salver to the winning Squadron, 2473 Highlands and Southgate.

This year the Livery also awarded two travel bursaries to outstanding cadets to enable them to meet with cadets from other countries. The two cadets were Josiah Sua' Traynor who went to Hamburg and Karamveer Bajwa who spent two and a half weeks in Hong Kong, along with 42 cadets from many countries, as part of the International Air Cadets movement. Karamveer gave the Farmers' party a very interesting presentation of his experiences. He described the profound effect the exchange has made on his life and the lifelong friends and contacts he had made.



2018 Events not to be missed!

The 2018 Master's Summer Outing - Mon/Tues 2nd & 3rd July 2018

The Master has chosen a relaxing and educational two days in the delightful setting of the Bowood Estate, home to The Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne.

Once again this year the visit will be over two days, arriving for midday on Monday, when a light buffet welcome lunch will be available.

The visit officially starts at 1pm with a welcome from the Bowood team followed by tours of the Hotel, Spa & Golf Complex, the Estate - including commercial property development and the House and 'award winning' gardens.

At 5pm Afternoon Tea will be served in the Kerry Suite and at 7pm we will meet for a Champagne Reception followed by Dinner.



Farm Visit on the 3rd July

Following an early breakfast on Tuesday, we will leave the Estate by coach to visit the progressive arable and dairy enterprises at East Wick Farm set within the North Wessex Downs, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to the south of Marlborough courtesy of Richard, Sue and David Butler.

Liverymen can also book rounds of golf and spa treatments on Sunday or Tuesday if they would like to. All booking arrangements are on the website or contact the Clerk.

The 2018 Annual Livery Banquet – Wednesday 17th January 2018

For the 2018 Banquet the Master has selected Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London EC4M 7DD.

The site of the present hall was formerly Abergavenny House, which was purchased by the Stationers in 1606 for £3,500, and destroyed in the Great Fire of London, just sixty years later. The current building and hall date from circa 1670.

The hall was remodelled in 1800 by the architect Robert Mylne and, on 4 January 1950, it was designated a Grade I listed building.

This event is not limited to members and spouses; friends and family are



very welcome. Dress will be evening dress (white tie) or dinner jacket (black tie) so anybody who does not possess evening dress should not be in any way reluctant to attend.

All the popular features of our

Banquets are of course planned for the evening. We will assemble from 6.30pm and rise by 10.45pm.

Booking details are on the website or contact the Clerk for more information.

Charity Matters

Many of you will be aware of my inactivity over the past six months due to my diagnosis and subsequent surgery which, I am delighted to say, seems to have been successful with expectation of a full recovery.

I am most touched by, and grateful for the concern, care and best wishes from so many of you both before the operation and during my convalescence. It reinforces my belief that our Livery is very much an extended family of like minded people from which we can all draw strength and support.

I am particularly grateful to Senior Past Master Creighton Redman for his

unstinting help and support during my visits to the Royal Surrey Hospital and caring for me at his home before I returned North ten days after my discharge from hospital.

Some of you may be grateful that you have had a respite from being reminded by me of the desirability of a Legacy to your Livery Company when making or revising your Last Will and Testament, but I have to say, that the threat of serious illness galvanized me into action and I added a codicil to my will leaving a modest sum to the Company. I say modest because, of course, the possible requirements of family will always take priority.

I exhort each of you, if at all possible, to make that commitment now.

Whilst we have reasonable investments, we cannot be considered a well endowed Company and the ongoing cost of running our Courses and interim funding of the Hall are a strain on our resources. Whilst the Funding Committee, through various events and initiatives, are striving to provide an ongoing income stream, the long term goal must be the security of a portfolio of investments which can only come from Gifts or Legacies.

Richard T. Halhead FRAGS Charity Coordinator

Alumni

Progress on the new alumni organisation continues with a first official meeting of the Alumni Organisation Committee on the 25th October.

The results of the recent survey and the follow-up meetings of the Steering Group have allowed us to confirm not only the launch of the organisation but also a very clear brief as to its shape and purpose.

The survey provided a clear steer on what the alumni want – an organisation that allows contact between all the courses and year groups, a continuation of the educational/personal development goals of the courses themselves and the ability to put something back for the benefit of other delegates.

The committee plans to be in a position, before the end of November 2017, to send all alumni for whom we have contact details, an invitation to join, as well as a clear definition of the new organisation's role, purpose and governance.

At the same time we will be asking you if you can help us increase the coverage of alumni in our database. Currently, of the

1400 people we estimate have passed through a WCF course, we only have up-to-date contact details for approximately 700. The better the database the more successful we believe the organisation will be – so your help is vital.

For more information contact – Chairman of The Alumni Organisation Committee – Richard Davies (email richard@redcomms3d.com)

Editor's Note

Another year has flown by and we have a new Master installed. I was sad to miss the ceremony and following lunch, but I hear that it all went off extremely smoothly and the atmosphere was very relaxed.

As the new Master takes over the reins from Immediate Past Master Philip Wynn, he finds the Company on a very positive and determined course. There can be no denying that the current agricultural climate is troubled and testing and BREXIT uncertainty, the elephant in every room where farmers gather these days, can only add to this.

Which is why what the Company does, has become more important than ever. Helping managers, at all

levels within the industry, to prepare themselves better to understand and address the challenges their businesses face is our stated goal. The Education Committee is not only continuing our established and highly respected course, it is planning to expand our educational portfolio further.

The support of every Liveryman is critical to the Company's ability to deliver on its promises. Let's all back the new Master and Wardens in their efforts to continue to push our agenda forward.

You can contact the editor on richard@redcomms3d.com. News views and ideas always welcome.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following were admitted as Freemen by redemption at the Court meeting on the 6th June 2017

Mr Michael Frank Young

Proposed by

Christopher John Day

Seconded by Philip Graham Wynn

Mr Thomas Anthony John Carroll

Proposed by

Richard James Cross

Seconded by Christopher John Day

The following were clothed with the Livery at the Court meeting on the 6th June 2017

Mr Mark David Hall

Mr John William Stanley

Mrs Patricia Ann Wheatley-Hubbard

New Apprentice

Angus Upton (Apprentice) was bound to Robin James Upton JP DL (Master) for a term of four years from the 6th June 2017.

The following was admitted as a Freeman by redemption at the Court meeting on the 10th October 2017

Mr Peter John McDonald

Proposed by Richard Whitlock

Seconded by Julian Anthony Sayers

DEATHS

It is with sadness and regret that we announce the deaths of the following:

Professor John Charles Alliston of Burleigh Howe, Burleigh, Stroud, Gloucestershire, who died on the 8th June 2017. He was clothed on the 3rd June 2008

Anthony John Morbey of Harlocks Farm, Stuntney, Ely, Cambridgeshire, who died on the 13th September 2017. He was a Freeman of the Company from the 7th October 2008

EVENTS Dates & Times for your diaries 2017 -2018

2017

Thursday 23rd November

Past Master's Meeting 11am and Lunch 12.15 pm

Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Monday 4th December

Court Meeting 3.30 pm

Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Tuesday 5th December

Common Hall 10.30 am

Clothworkers' Hall

Christmas Livery Lunch 12.30 pm

Clothworkers' Hall

Tuesday 19th December

- Livery Carol Service - 6.00 pm

St Bartholomew the Great

2018

Wednesday 17th January

Annual Banquet - Stationers' Hall - (Evening Dress)

Tuesday 13th February

Pancake Race - Guildhall Yard

Wednesday 28th February

City Food Lecture - Guildhall

5.30 pm

Tuesday 6th March

Court Meeting 9.30 am

Livery Lunch 12.15 pm

Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Friday 16th March

United Guilds Service 11.00 am

St. Paul's Cathedral.

Lunch at Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Wednesday 11th April

Agricultural Lecture & Dinner,

6.00 pm Plaisterers' Hall -

(Black Tie)

Tuesday 8th May

Festival of Sons of Clergy -

St Paul's Cathedral 5.00 pm

Tuesday 5th June

Court Meeting 9.30 am

Livery Lunch 12.15 pm

Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Monday 25th June

Election of Sheriffs - Lunch at

Farmers' & Fletchers' Hall

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd July

Master's Summer Outing

Bowood Estate - Wiltshire

Monday 17th September

Masters' & Clerks' Lunch 12.15 pm

Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Friday 28th Sept

Installation of Sheriffs

Guildhall

Monday 1st October

Election of Lord Mayor

followed by Lunch at

Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Tuesday 9th October

Court Meeting 9 am

Harvest Thanksgiving

& Installation 11.30 am

Lunch 12.30 pm

Haberdashers' Hall

Thursday 22nd November

Past Masters' Meeting 11am

& Lunch 12.15 pm

Monday 3rd December

Afternoon Court Meeting 3.30 pm

Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Tuesday 4th December

Common Hall 10.30

Livery Lunch 12.15

Ironmongers' Hall

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