



# Newsletter

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(from left to right) Incoming Master's Chaplain – Rev. John Allan, Senior Warden - Richard Davies, The Master - Karen Mercer, Junior Warden - Guy Brogdan, Clerk - Graham Bamford and outgoing Master's Chaplain - Rev. Geoff Dodgson



The Master welcomes Liverymen and guests



Farm Manager Robert Hobhill conducted the tour of the farm's livestock enterprises



Past Master Tony Alston with the 2021 Inter-Livery Clay Shoot team

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## A message from the new Master – Mrs Karen Mercer



The Master – Karen Mercer with her three sons *from left to right Tom and wife Hetty, Pippa and Alec Mercer, and Robert Mercer*

I became a Liveryman in March 2009 and joined Court in December 2012, now here I am Master of the Worshipful Company of Farmers. It is a great honour and I will do my utmost to do it justice.

What an interesting and fulfilling journey it's been, sitting on several committees before chairing the HBJ committee and going on to chair Education. I hope to use this experience to bring an understanding and appreciation of all that our Company encompasses.



The Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great – as atmospheric as ever

I would like to thank the Immediate Past Master, Richard Whitlock for all he has done during a most difficult year in office. He has remained positive and

upbeat throughout and hands over to me with the Company in good heart and ready for anything.

I am a farmer's daughter, I trained as a farm secretary, married a farmer, and all three sons are involved with the family farm. My two brothers and sister also farm, so you could say it is in my blood. Which is why, during my year I will be focussing on issues that face the family farm. One of the most challenging – Succession - is the topic for Professor Matt Loble, of Exeter University at the Agricultural Lecture in April. Succession planning is an essential part of running a family farm business. Come along and listen to Matt and quiz the expert panel.

For the Lord Mayors Show in November, we are highlighting the dairy farm. Our entry is led by a forage harvester, followed by a New Holland, methane powered tractor, pulling a trailer showing calves and 2 cows being milked. (fibreglass not real!)

Many thanks to Liverymen Andrew Blenkiron and Richard Price for coordinating our display and to the NFU, New Holland, Red Tractor and Bayley's Ltd for their massive contributions. Come

and support us on the day – it's a great family day out.

We are holding a Question Time webinar on Thursday 18th November at 11.00am. There is an excellent panel – Dr Stephen Ramsden of Nottingham University, Caroline Drummond (LEAF), George Dunn (TFA), Mark Bridgman (CLA), John Renner ACABM alumnus and LEAF farmer from Northumberland. The discussion will be on how the family farm should engage and adapt to the new Agriculture.

On Tuesday 25th January it will be our Annual Banquet, to be held this year at the magnificent Drapers' Hall. I am pleased to announce that we have a very special Principal Guest for this occasion. Further information will be announced in due course.

The Scots amongst you will no doubt recognise the date as Burns Night. My intention is to have a fun evening with more than a nod to Scotland, especially as my late mother was Scottish. Gentlemen, kilts are encouraged if you have one in your wardrobe.

28th – 30th June is the Summer visit. My three sons Tom, Robert, Alec and I will be hosting you in our home county of Staffordshire. Its an exciting programme and we feel sure that you will enjoy your time with us.

There is a lot to celebrate in 2022. In February, the Queen will have been on the throne for 70 years. In June we will have had a Livery status for 70 years. We will also run the 70th ACABM and the 25th CRL. I hope as many as possible of us will be able to recognise these significant milestones together

Lets all check the White Book, are there Liverymen that we haven't seen for a while? Pick up the phone and ask them to come to the next lunch, they have been missed. Let's reconnect with one another so we can build upon existing friendships and make new ones.

I look forward to seeing you soon - Karen



# Meet the new Master's Chaplain - Rev Prependary John Allan



The Master with her Chaplain Rev. Prependary John Allan

I feel truly honoured and delighted to have the privilege of serving as Karen's Chaplain during her year as Master of the WCF.

I was born in Long Island, New York and resided in the United States until I came to the UK in the late 1970's to attend Oxford University as part of a 'foreign exchange' year. After ordination training and service in the Lutheran tradition in

the US, I returned to England with my family in 1986. Following ordination in the Church of England, my 30 years of ministry here have been in the Lichfield Diocese. For the last 20 years I have had the enormous privilege of serving as the Vicar of St. Leonard's Parish Church in Wychnor, and the joy of working closely with Karen as our Treasurer (a role she has faithfully fulfilled for nearly 40 years!).

As an American, I find the history and tradition of the Livery Companies fascinating! I sincerely look forward to my involvement with the Farmers' Livery, and meeting as many of you as possible during this year.

With every blessing to you all - John

## Past Master Rosie Carne commissions new Chaplain's badge

Past Master Rosie Carne (2018 -2019) has very generously commissioned a new badge to be worn each year by the Master's Chaplain. The gold badge, very much in the style of those already worn by the Senior and Junior Wardens badge, was presented to the outgoing Master at the Court meeting held before the Harvest Festival and Installation Service.

The badge will be worn by the Master's Chaplain for their year in office and passed onto the incoming Chaplain at the Installation luncheon each year.



Rev. John Allan receives his Chaplain's badge from the Lady Mayoress , Hilary Russell



# A most excellent 'Master's Summer Visit' saw Liverymen and guests sample the manifold delights of Cambridge



Cold and wet on Newmarket Gallops but still impressive

Held over three days and including everything from punting on the Cam, to dinner in the wonderful surrounds of Downing College, the Master's summer visit was a fitting tribute to the fortitude, perseverance and determination of both the Master and the Clerk in the face of what must have seemed at times impossible obstacles.

Covid has largely laid waste to the normal schedule for Richard Whitlock's year as Master and it might have taken the Summer Visit as well had it not been for the constant re-scheduling, re-organising and re-booking of each element of the trip, by the Clerk. In the end, despite Covid-19, almost a hundred members of the Company and guests were present for one or all the elements planned for our trip.

Punting - happily chauffeured to avoid catastrophe - took us on a river tour of some of Cambridge's finest architecture. Whilst the August weather wasn't kind for most of our visit, the threatened rain



The Jockey Club Newmarket a treasure trove to be savoured

didn't materialise until Tuesday which was a boon for the punting trip and the whole party enjoyed the mix of historical fact, myths, legends and stories (some

true and other perhaps less so) our pole wielding guides shared.

Tuesday saw the party heading out early to visit the famous Newmarket gallops. Hundreds of acres of ancient grassland belonging to the Jockey Club, surrounded by stables, training facilities and studs that could serve quite adequately as a who's who of horse racing, and used to train some of the very finest race horses in the world. We repaired to the Jockey Club rooms for a tour that took in just some of the Club's accumulation of over £80m worth of memorabilia, art and sculpture. Lunch followed the tour and was enjoyed, not just because it was excellent, but because it afforded the opportunity for just the kind of social interaction and fellowship we have all been missing so much.

An afternoon visit to the Air Museum at Duxford followed lunch and while this was also excellent - most felt that there was so much to see that we hardly had time to do the visit justice. Nevertheless, to be reminded, at this time of great national difficulty and restrictions, of the sacrifice made by previous generations in two World Wars was timely and sobering.

The formal Black Tie Dinner on Tuesday evening had been hastily re-arranged at the last minute when Queens College announced, very late in the day, that Covid-19 restrictions meant they were unable to handle the number of guests we planned to seat. While Downing College may have been a late choice it was an excellent one. The

sound of a pipe band playing and the sight of Downing's wonderful facade as we crossed the Fellows Green created just the right atmosphere and set the



One stop on the historic Cambridge tour

whole party up for the evening that was to follow. Good food, good wine, good fellowship and the chance to hear the Master's principle guest, Sir Peter Kendall, speak about the ever growing need for exactly the kind of management education the Company concentrates on providing, all made for an excellent and most enjoyable evening.

For the hardiest amongst the party Wednesday morning provided the opportunity for a walking tour of some of Cambridges' finest buildings and sights before taking an early lunch and heading off home.

The Company is indebted to the Master, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk for battling through every set back to put this tour on and as it hopefully signals a gradual return to something closer to normality it will no doubt remain long in the Company's memory.

## WCF 'Farm Labour in the UK' report launch

On the 17th June, Dr Caroline Nye, Research Fellow at Exeter University's Centre for Rural Policy Research and Professor Matt Lobley, Co-Director of the CRPR made an online presentation of a summary of their report, commissioned by the WCF, on accessing the workforce the rural industry needs.

In her presentation Dr Nye highlighted the link between good management and the ability to recruit the right quantity and quality of labour. The UK agriculture industry, she said, needs to wake up to the need to compete with the rest of British industry for scarce labour resources - and to change its approach to everything from working conditions and hours, diversity and inclusion, creating an environment which allows employees to achieve the right work/life balance right through to succession and farm business management planning.

Without a significant mindset shift farm businesses simply won't be able to recruit the quality of employees and managers that will be needed as the whole industry faces a massive economic and cultural shift over the next few years. "Management and leadership training will be essential if farming is to survive, because good recruitment and staff retention requires good management", she said.

In trying to, not only identify the problems in addressing both seasonal and full-time labour shortages but also offer some potential remedies, she suggested a key was the industry addressing the insular and highly conservative attitudes that, for instance, prevented enough women inheriting and managing farms, stopped farmers looking outside of the industry for labour and kept farmer's perception of acceptable employment conditions rooted in the past not the present.

Dr Nye's presentation was followed by a panel discussion chaired by Master Farmer - Richard Whitlock, and which saw the presenters joined by Beverly Dixon, Group HR Director - G's Fresh; David Fursdon, Development Board Chair - the Institute of Agriculture & Horticulture; Fiona Galbraith, Founder - Ruralink; Sheena Howden, Lantra Scotland Project Manager; Tess Howe, Senior Skills Manager - AHDB and Paul Parfitt, Head of Farm & Estates - Quicke's.



The distinguished QT Panel



# Linking City Farms to Rural Farms



The Master welcomes our City Farm guests to Ditchley Park

At the beginning of his year the outgoing Master, Richard Whitlock, launched an ambitious plan to create much better linkage between the City Farms movement in London and commercial farms in the countryside. The hope being, that by exposing youngsters involved with the capital's City Farms to the reality of modern farming, it would encourage some of them to seek full time employment in agriculture.

Covid-19 made the realisation of this project a considerable challenge, but the Master refused to give up, or lose enthusiasm for the concept. He ploughed doggedly on and was finally, towards the end of his year, able to announce three separate visits involving six of London's thirteen City Farms and three commercial enterprises.

The first visit took place on the 25th September 2021 and saw approximately 35 youngsters, from three separate City Farms – Stepney, Woodlands and Freightliners, spend a day at Ditchley Park Farm in Oxfordshire, a 3,500 acre estate, sustainably managed by the HDH Wills Charitable Trust.

The estate is a traditional mix of arable,

livestock and woodland enterprises but is managed in a thoroughly modern way – combining the best soil conservation and wider biodiversity practices with a determination to farm commercially and make a positive contribution to the wider estate's charitable funds.

Split into three groups, the City Farm youngsters were taken on really interesting, guided tours of the farm's three key enterprises. Learning first-hand, amongst many other things, about the challenges and value of maintaining healthy insect and worm populations on arable land. About managing beef and sheep enterprises with a goal of an ever-increasing quality genetics pool and about the massively extended timescales required to successfully make money from woodland enterprises.

The Team at Ditchley Park was made up of farm agent and Liveryman – John Elliot; farm manager Robert Hobill and his wife Maxine, who organised a splendid lunch and snacks for everyone; arable tour leader Ben Lambert assisted by Liam Burden – farm student, and Forestry tour lead Barney Price. We were joined at lunchtime by local vet Steve Glanville who talked to us all about the opportunities in

his profession – something which several of the City Farm visitors expressed a particular interest in.

The other two visits are planned for October and will see more youngsters visiting Lee Valley Farms, a dairy, arable and environmental management farm on the Hertfordshire/Essex border and Laverstock Estate near Basingstoke an organic farm with a buffalo herd for Mozzarella, a vineyard, arable, grassland, woodland and a farm shop, owned by Jody and Claire Scheckter.



Ben Lambert explains the role and importance of worms



The Junior Warden joins guests for a pre-dinner drink



The Master and his wife with Principal Guests Lieutenant Colonel David LI Carter TD and his wife with the Lord Mayor William Russell and Lady Mayoress and Court Assistant Hilary Russell



Past Master Julian Sayers and Liveryman Andrew Brown in full voice



Past Master Rosie Carne and guest enjoying a socially distanced dinner

# The Annual Banquet at Haberdashers' Hall

For the Clerk and the outgoing Master 2020/2021 has been an exceptionally complex and frustrating challenge. Events have been planned, amended and cancelled only to be re-planned delayed and cancelled again. So it a testament to the fortitude and determination of both men that the Company did finally get to celebrate with great fellowship and pleasure, at an excellent combined Banquet lunch and dinner at Haberdashers' Hall on the 29th June.

Social distancing forced the Haberdashers to limit the number of guests allowed in the dining hall to just ninety, less than half the normal capacity. With tickets well in excess of this already sold on the expectation that restrictions were going to be lifted in the middle of June, and not wanting to let anyone down, the Clerk devised a clever plan. He organised an extra, socially distanced Livery Lunch as well as the Banquet Dinner all at the one venue and all on the same day.

The Clerk's cunning plan allowed many more Liverymen and guests to attend and to enjoy a degree of interaction and fellowship.

The Haberdashers had previously installed a giant sail over their courtyard, which meant that the drinks reception for both events could take place outdoors. Lunch and Dinner were held in the Great Hall - not as would be customary on long banqueting tables but on separate tables of either four or six.

Guests were welcomed to the Banquet by the Senior Warden with special reference to the Master's principle guest Lieutenant Colonel David LI Carter TD, Chief Executive of City Harvest. His speech focussed on the work of the City Harvest, a charity operating throughout Greater London during the pandemic, delivering over 20 million meals using high quality, surplus food that would otherwise go to waste and helping

countless organisations who themselves help desperate people.

Music was provided by the London Banqueting Ensemble with singers Emily Armour and Sarah Dense - who were all quite excellent.

Compromises to tradition had to be made - the Loving Cup contained liqueur chocolates not the usual Champagne cocktail, we weren't allowed to join in with the singing of 'To be a Farmer's Boy' but Past Master Julian Sayers and Liveryman Andrew Brown made a fine job of it on our behalf. Our usually flying trumpeters had to be rooted to the spot in one corner.

None of this spoiled the occasion but I am sure all of us will look forward to what we hope will be a more normal occasion next January.



# Hugh Wykes receives the Livery Silver Salver



Hugh Wykes receives the Livery Silver Salver from Master 2020/21 Richard Whitlock

The Livery Silver Salver is presented each year to the Liveryman, not on Court, who is thought to have made the greatest contribution to the work and life of the Company in the preceding year. It is awarded on the recommendation of the Fellowship & Funding Committee and is always kept a great secret until the actual presentation. For the Master's Year 2020/21 Liveryman and Company Steward, Hugh Wykes was the delighted and surprised recipient.

The Master 2020/21 presented Hugh with his award at the much delayed Annual Banquet and in his speech made reference to the fact that Hugh was one of those rare Liveryman who always made himself available to take on those, often unseen, tasks that make the lives of others in the Company easier or more enjoyable: an indefatigable steward at our events; committee member of the WCFA association; organiser and chair of a very successful Livery & City Familiarisation Day; organiser of and extremely competitive skier in the WCF ski team, to name but a few of his activities. "Hugh is a Liveryman, the Master said, who is just prepared to go the extra-mile for the Company and for his fellow Liverymen."



## Join the Queen's Green Canopy project

On October 1st this year the Queen and Prince Charles launched a new tree planting drive - the Queens Green Canopy initiative (queensgreencanopy.org) – designed to mark next year's Platinum Jubilee in a practical and environmentally sustainable way.

The initiative is intended to celebrate the Queen's unprecedented seven decades

on the throne with a lasting legacy of tree planting that, it is hoped, will start to redress the imbalance in terms of tree populations in the UK, compared to other European countries.

The initiative encourages people to 'Plant a tree for Jubilee' and as the Farmers Company is the City Livery Company with the greatest access to farmers

and landowners, the Master is very keen to encourage every Liveryman in the Company who can to get involved, to plant trees and as soon as they are planted send the Clerk details and pictures, so we can capture our contribution to this important and highly popular programme.







# The WCF Annual Banquet – 25th January 2022

## The Drapers Hall

It's a real pleasure and a sign of a continuing return to normality, to see the Company's Annual White Tie Banquet return to its usual January slot. The 2022 event should be really enjoyable with the possibility of a very special guest (details at a later date), the wonderful surroundings of Drapers' Hall, truly one of the most magnificent venues in London, all combined with the coincidence of the event with Burn's night.

The 2022 Banquet is a perfect opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and get the year off to a flying start.

Our evening will, the Master tells me, have more than a nod to her Scottish heritage and to the great Bard. So look out for bagpipes at the very least!

White Tie preferred and if gentlemen happen to have access to a kilt, they are encouraged to wear it with pride. Tickets will soon be available from the Clerk, or through the members portal.



Draper's Hall, the magnificent venue for the 2022 Annual Banquet

# The Master's Summer Visit

## 28th - 30th June 2022

### Tuesday 28th June

We visit 800 acre farm, all grassland, Castle Hayes Farm, Tutbury hosted by Rupert Major and his father James.

Dairy herd – 650 Jersey cross. Extended grazing on the New Zealand system.

Storage of explosives – Mixture of fireworks and other explosives.

James will be showing us the Hanbury crater and recounting the history of the infamous Fauld explosion!

### Tuesday 28th June Evening

Black tie dinner at Hoar Cross Hall - speaker Tom Mercer owner of Moma Foods and Director of Mercer Farming.

### Wednesday 29th June

A trip to see the Mercer Farming operation - a diversified family farm situated near Burton On Trent. Run by Roger and his two sons Robert and Alec. We will see their Free-Range pig and chicken production and their cold stores and

distribution facilities – selling all their meat and egg output direct to independent butchers and farm shops around the county.

### Wednesday 29th June - Evening

A short service of thanksgiving at St Leonard's church, Wychnor

The church sits beside Hill Farm, Wychnor, the Master's home and this is where we will be entertained in a marquee on the front lawn.

Guest speaker – Liveryman Francis, The Lord Stafford.

### Thursday 30th June

Busby Farms, Manor Farm, Chilcote.

Run by John and his two sons Phillip and Robert with Phillip's wife Nicky, running the farm office. 300h arable unit with 45h table top grown strawberries and 3.5h raspberries producing 1850 tonnes of strawberries and 67 tonnes of raspberries.

There's a lot to see and to learn on this visit.



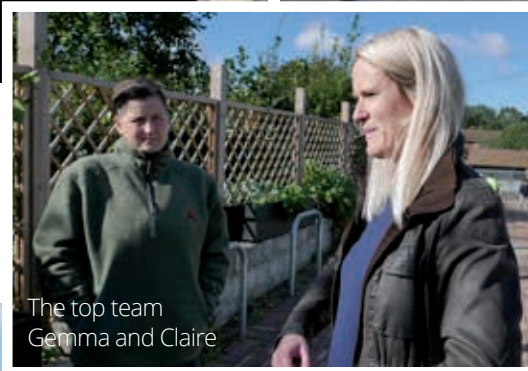
Table top strawberry production at Manor Farm



Ben Parker hears about the famous muck heaps



The whole farm has been transformed in lockdown



The top team Gemma and Claire



The new café with new meeting and office building behind



The on-site forge is a big visitor attraction

## Surrey Docks Farm – always an inspiration

The day after the very successful Agricultural Lecture, outgoing Surrey Docks Farm liaison office, Ben Parker, arranged a short visit to the farm for members of the Education Committee – the first such visit for just over three years. And what a transformation we witnessed.

The old burnt-out office at the centre of the site has been completely re-built with meeting rooms and conference facilities, there is a new river-front café, the young farmers' plots have come on leaps and bounds and perhaps most pleasingly –

the muck mountain has, with the help of the new electric loader the Company helped fund, finally been tamed.

Farm Manger Gemma and Livestock Manager Claire were on hand to conduct the tour – their enthusiasm, dedication and sheer professionalism are something special. We were not only able to see the site and all the changes, we were also able to meet the new apprentice we help the farm to fund and to hear about the progress of previous apprentices.

For me personally it is always a pleasure to visit Surrey Docks Farm and as our association with the City Farm movement deepens through the outgoing Master's initiative to link London City Farms with rural farms, my appreciation of the value of what City Farms in general and Surrey Docks Farm (the best City Farm according to Gemma) in particular do, only grows. And with it a sense that the Company should find ways to contribute even more going forward.



# The Master presents the Company award at RAF Waddington

It is sometime since the Company has been able to conduct a full-scale visit to our affiliates at RAF Waddington, so it was good to see that some contact has been resumed, with a small party, consisting of the Master and his wife Liz, Past Master Rosie Carne, Livery Liaison Officer, Michael Chennells accompanied by Diana, and Liverymen Christopher Day, Tony Ireland and Hugh Wykes travelling to Waddington at the invitation of Station Commander, Group Captain Steve Kilvington, to award the Company's salver.

The Station Commander read the citation to Sqn Ldr Christopher Whitehair, the recipient of the 2021 Award:

*"Squadron Leader Chris Whitehair has been the vital cog coordinating the huge and often conflicting demands placed on the ISTAR Force that ensured success across the Force. His ability to cohere his peers, direct Squadrons and advise commanders lead to his nomination for this award from outside his chain of command, such as his influence and positive effect. The Force achieved its*



The Master 2020/21, Richard Whitlock, presents the WCF Salver to Sqn Ldr Christopher Whitehair

*missions and tasks whilst doing his utmost through strong morale courage to ensure that the demands on the Force's people were reasonable and achievable".*

The engraved Award Salver, together with a keepsake Armada dish provided by Tony Ireland, were presented by the Master who congratulated him and endorsed the valued relationship of the Company with RAF Waddington.

# The WCF Agricultural Lecture and Dinner



On September 28th, through sheer persistence and determination the Master and Clerk were finally able to very successfully deliver the much-delayed 2021 Agricultural Lecture and Dinner, to the great enjoyment and illumination of an audience of over 200 Liverymen, WCF Alumni and guests at Plaisterers' Hall.

Sir Dieter Helm CBE, Professor of Economic Policy at the University of Oxford and Fellow in Economics at New College, Oxford delivered the lecture, which provided a broad sweep of the likely political, economic and legislative environment that land-owners, farmers and managers can expect to be working in over the coming decade.

In describing what he characterised as the third great point of inflexion in the development of modern UK agriculture (after the post war expansion and the 70s adoption of the CAP), he challenged the audience to think differently about carbon consumption – on a polluter pays basis and about what he described as a 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity to create a world leading food and farming industry in the UK.

Whilst many of the audience might have found Sir Dieter's lecture challenging and even for some disturbing, it was thought provoking and delivered with real conviction and presence. It was clear, eaves-dropping on conversations at tables around the room, that the lecture had stimulated considerable discussion and debate which is exactly what the Agricultural Lecture is intended to do. So congratulations to the organisers and to Sir Dieter for giving us a thoroughly worthwhile and interesting evening.



# Past Master Tom Copas 30th January 1939 - 2nd June 2021



Past Master Tom Copas,  
(courtesy jetphotographic.com)

Tom was a man, determined to succeed at whatever he took on, he had high principles and total integrity, famed for his turkeys and his wicked sense of humour.

He lived and worked all his life in Cookham Dean and having left school at 16, his father for his birthday present gave him 150 turkey

poult, the start of great things to come. Learning throughout one's life was always Tom's theme. He had a year at Sparsholt College and it wasn't until 1985 that he joined the Company's Advanced Management Course at Wye. But it was Tom's involvement with the Young Farmers at Maidenhead that developed his leadership skills and commitment to encouraging as many as possible to attend the Company's CRL and ACABM courses. Tom went on to get involved with the National YFC's and was made a Life Vice President of the Association.

Turkeys, as we all know, were Tom's pet enterprise, although he was passionate about potato and cereal growing as well. Recognition for his work with turkeys brought him the Poultry Producer Award of the Year in 2005 and the Lifetime

Achievement Award in 2013, the business continues to flourish under the guidance of the next Copas generation.

Tom's enthusiasm meant that he became involved in many other areas of life. Remenham Farm at Henley was originally bought for potato growing, but Tom and Brenda diversified into hospitality and entertainment in support of Henley Royal Regatta and the Henley Women's Regatta. In 1992 he chaired the OFC. He was involved for many years with the Royal East Berks Ag Society and the County Show both of which he was President and sat on the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society for 23 years.

Tom will be sadly missed, but his legacy goes on through Brenda's and the work of Tanya, Fenella, Sarah and Tom and, who knows, his seven grandchildren.

## EVENTS Dates and Times for your Diaries in 2021

All events are subject to confirmation and ongoing Covid 19 restrictions

3rd November  
Call my Wine Bluff  
The Lansdowne Club

18th November - 11.00am  
WCF Question Time 3  
ZOOM Meeting

25th November 2021  
Past Masters Meeting & Lunch  
Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

7th December 2021  
December Court & Livery Luncheon  
Ironmongers' Hall

25th January 2022  
Annual Banquet  
Drapers' Hall

17th February 2022  
City Food Lecture  
Guildhall

8th March 2022  
March Court & Livery Luncheon  
Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

27th April 2022  
Agricultural Lecture & Dinner  
Plasterers' Hall

Monday 16th May  
Tour of Houses of Commons and  
Lords, followed by a Q&A session.  
Kindly hosted by Robbie Moore. MP  
for Keithley and Ilkley.

7th June 2022  
June Court & Livery Luncheon  
Farmers & Fletchers Hall

28th - 30th June 2022  
Master's Summer Visit  
Staffordshire

5th - 9th September 2022  
Livery Trip to Switzerland Geneva

## In Memorium

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

**Prof John Malcolm Stansfield MBE,**  
of 4 Chesterton Park, Cirencester, who died on the 19th June 2021. He was Clothed on the 2nd March 2010.

**Thomas Arthur Copas,**  
of Kings Coppice Farm, Cookham, Maidenhead who died on the 2nd June 2021. He was Clothed on the 4th December 1989. His year as Master commenced in 2007.

**Terence Michael Cracknell,**  
of The Coach House, Old Buckenham, Norfolk who died on the 11th April 2021. He was Clothed on the 15th December 1976

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following was admitted as a Freeman at the Court at meetings held on the 22nd June 2021

**William Edward Young**  
Proposed by Rosemary Susan Nattali Carne  
Seconded by Peter Walter Wiggins-Davies

The following Freeman were Clothed with the Livery at the Court Meeting on the 22nd June 2021

**Lucy Joanna Heath**  
**James George Harris**  
**Michael George Harris**

The following were admitted as Freeman at the Court at meetings held on the 12th October 2021

**Mr James Robert Cordery**  
Proposed by Julian Anthony Sayers  
Seconded by the Wardens

**Mr David N R Clarke**  
Proposed by The Master  
Seconded by Wardens

**Mr Edward John Payne Crawford**  
Proposed by Guy Lister Brogden  
Seconded by John Frederick Thorpe OBE

**Jane Anne Craigie**  
Proposed by Philip Graham Wynn  
Seconded by Christine Mary Tacon CBE