



The Worshipful Company of Farmers

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The Class of 2018 at the Challenge of Rural Leadership - Dartington Hall



Mary Foster – a picture in concentration and flying pancake



Liveryman John Martin was awarded the Livery Silver Salver at the 2018 Livery Banquet

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David Fursdon principal guest at the 2018 Livery Banquet



Mr and Mrs Meurig Raymond, Mr and Mrs David Fursdon, the Master and Mistress Farmer, Senior Warden Rosie Carne, the Master's Chaplain Rev Dr Gordon Gatward and Junior Warden David Boulton

The 2018 Banquet was once again a sell-out, with over 200 Liverymen, partners and guests filling Stationers' Hall - one of the very few Livery halls big enough to hold our most prestigious event of the year.

The surroundings are of course splendid and although in recent years the event has become 'white tie preferred', there was still a



Liveryman Mr Mark Hall and his wife Kier

preponderance of full evening wear on display, and it does make for a very special atmosphere and occasion. Guests were politely and smartly greeted by members of our affiliates, the Middlesex Wing of Air Cadets. Pre-dinner drinks, served to the accompaniment of music played by the London Banqueting Ensemble, were very convivial, with lots of inter-mixing between parties and groups allowing Liverymen and guests to catch-up with old friends and perhaps make a few new ones too.

The Master welcomed everyone and said a few words about his year to-date and then reinforced his now well-established theme for the year of 'Land tenure after Brexit', by introducing Mr David Fursdon, his guest speaker.

Mr Fursdon, a chartered surveyor, past President of the CLA, Crown Estate Commissioner, Lord Lieutenant of Devon and more recently, chair of the Government's 'Future of Farming Review' spoke passionately about the need to adjust to the new reality facing farming after Brexit and for land

owners and farmers to recognise the priorities of the wider community. The importance of realistic land prices and the continuing relevance of tenant farming were also stressed.

The announcement by the Master, a little later in the evening, that the Company's Silver Salver was to be presented to Liveryman, John Martin, a key figure in this year's highly successful Lord Mayor's Show entry, clearly came as a complete surprise to the recipient. The award had been kept a closely guarded secret up until the presentation, by NFU National President Meurig Raymond.

Liverymen and guest participated enthusiastically in the 'Loving Cup' ceremony, accompanied, as is our tradition, by hearty singing of 'To be a farmer's boy'.

The Clerk observed that this didn't go quite as smoothly as might have been hoped and has subsequently arranged a 'New Liveryman's Luncheon', to be held at Farmers & Fletchers' Hall on the 18th June 2018 - where this ceremony and other little quirks and foibles of the Company and the Livery, will be discussed, demonstrated and explained to any less experienced Liverymen who might like to attend.

One final tradition was also upheld - two members of the LBE quintet entertained us all with a spirited rendition of the 'Post Horn Chase'.



The Master's sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Mark Lyall and close friends Isabelle and David Miller

WCF at New Holland

Following the highly successful partnership with New Holland at the 2017 Lord Mayor's Show, the Company was invited to pay a visit to CNHI at their Basildon home.

The Master led a party of 15 to deepest Essex. The plant, opened in 1964 to build Ford tractors now produces approx. ninety - T6, T7 and T7 HD, New Holland and Case branded tractors every week. And, as was to become clear as we toured the factory with our knowledgeable guides, no two tractors built here, are alike. There is no batch building or standardisation. Each tractor comes with its own unique build sheet to meet a specific customer order. And, although the production plant is highly mechanised (the free roaming power train delivery robots were fascinating), the build relies on the personal skill and knowledge of the workers on the line.



The Master, Liverymen and guests with our guides in the Customer Centre

The plant uses in excess of 600 tons of parts every day, the vast majority of these coming from outside the UK. And almost all of its production is exported, so the logistics challenge is formidable.

Which left us all wondering quite what effect BREXIT would have on this, the only tractor plant still working in the UK.

The 2018 Inter-Livery Pancake race



The Master, Adrian Bell, James Peck and Mary Foster

Shrove Tuesday 2018 was not a warm day, nor a dry one! Despite this the Master and his team of gallant tossers (pictured above), with the support of the Clerk, your trusty editor and Senior

Warden Rosie Carne (on a scouting mission for 2019 I suspect) - battled the elements, their pans and their pancakes nobly, in a very good cause.

Racing for the day had to be curtailed, due to the treacherously slippery surface of the Guildhall Yard, so competitors were required, rather than running, to toss their pancakes in a stationary position for sixty seconds, later cut to thirty seconds to protect the poor pancakes.

Adrian Bell our fancy dress competitor cut a dash in his inflatable chicken costume but failed to impress the judges. And in the tossing, sadly none of the Farmer's team managed to make it through to the final.

But, along with all the other teams, they did contribute to another excellent event and to the charities the Lord Mayor has chosen to support.



2018 Challenge of Rural Leadership – Dartington Hall

Gemma Smale-Rowland a delegate on the course reports

I am a third generation farmer of the Glebein Herd of pedigree Holsteins. We are a family run business on the Cornwall / Devon boarder, with my parents, I am also a representative to farmers on the Dairy Crest Board, also privileged to hold the position of Club leader for one of the largest Young Farmers Clubs in Cornwall.

The agricultural landscape is currently evolving at a faster rate than ever before, acceptable standards for food production and farming as a whole has meant the concept of being average is no longer financially viable, excellence

beautiful and peaceful setting which helps ensure you are able to take a yourself away from the hustle and bustle of the working life and fully engage and concentrate on the course.

However that is only the tip of the iceberg as you also learn about business strategy, creative thinking, leading meetings, difficult conversations through role plays, media training, ice breakers, engaging a group, along with an insightful psychometric test about yourself.

We received thought provoking lectures from some of the most influential people in many fields. Many were on challenging topics such as management and leadership as well as how to look after your own health and



Liveryman Richard Davies meets CRL delegates at the 2018 wash-up session

This people chemistry is crucial. Now I have 17 new best friends, my rocks, my support network, councillors, consultants, who are all themselves truly ambitious and passionate and we will all support each other through many things in life I'm sure.



The CRL delegates found themselves challenged in more ways than one.

is the new standard. Participating on the Challenge of Rural Leadership programme, has significantly improved my skill set, and given me the confidence to push myself to help move the industry I am so passionate about forward to the next level. The course is run over a period of two weeks, at Dartington Hall, South Devon, a truly fabulous hotel, in a

well being and managing stress.

Along with these important aspects, the key to the success of the course is the ability the Worshipful Company of Farmers has to carefully join 18 specially selected individuals from all related fields, of which are all like minded and put them together living and working together for 2 weeks.

I will be using my experience on the CRL course and the greater insight into the political, financial, legal and environmental challenges affecting the future of agricultural industry today and in the future I have acquired to inspire people within my farming network, increase my influence on the rural community, both locally & nationally and in time I hope internationally.



2018 – the 67th Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management



Delegates for the 2018 Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management

There were eighteen delegates at the 67th Course held at the Royal Agricultural University, including farmers, farm managers, consultants and delegates from Australia and New Zealand. The 2018 course was run by John Wibberley and Rita Walsh, who stepped in at short notice after the very sad and untimely death of long-time Course Director John Alliston. It is very reassuring to be able to report that the delegates all gave the course a resounding thumbs up.

Mark Glanville applied to join the course on the advice of NFU President, Meurig Raymond, whose son had attended the year before. He had the following to say in his post course report. *The beauty of the course is that everyone has a desire to be there. Every delegate had taken time to arrange cover whilst they were away from their business, family and other commitments. Our group bonded instantly and it was clear from the first evening that it was going to be a fulfilling 3 weeks!* He goes on to say, *This course is one of the best things I have done for my career in agriculture. I enjoyed every moment, made friends for life and cannot recommend it enough for anyone who is serious about a life in business and farming.'*

Another of the 67th Course delegates was Australian rice farmer, Anthony Vagg. Anthony, already a Nuffield Scholar in Australia says *The course ran over the three weeks and provided an intense schedule to stimulate and challenge delegates but also guests and presenters. The challenging nature of many topics, particularly Brexit and succession planning, provided rigorous debate which was encouraged and only led to better outcomes.'* *The speakers throughout the course were nothing short of exceptional. Notable speakers include Sean Rickards – Global competitiveness, David Hughes – Agricultural Food Marketing, Peter Morris – Media and Networking, John Alvis – Succession, Robert Shepherd - Leadership, Rod Parker – Agricultural*

future in the UK, Minette Batters - NFU and James Thompson – Dyson in Agriculture.'

A third delegate Emma Blandford joined the course on the advice of local peers in the industry and family contacts and friends who had attended previous courses. She says that her expectation levels were very high going into the three weeks, to judge by her comments, we didn't let her down.

The delegates brought with them a diverse range of agricultural business experience and which was hugely beneficial to the group dynamic. Everyone could relate to each other, everyone had something in common but equally we were able to learn from each other.

Personally I have taken a huge amount from the course from both a personal and business perspective. We have made great contacts and lifelong friends.'

With comments like these we can, as a Company, rightly be proud of this course and what it delivers to agriculture not just in the UK but around the world. But we can't and won't rest on our laurels says Chairman of Education Karen Mercer.

"We are determined to ensure that our courses represent the very highest standards in the industry, which means keeping them under constant review and ensuring the contents and speakers are always top-notch, relevant and challenging.



George Dunn, MP Dr David Drew, The Master, The NFU's Minette Batters and Junior Warden David Boulton – the ACABM 'Question Time' panel



News on our Beckett Scholarship funded Cranfield MBA students



Nial O'Boyle (on the right) on an International Business Assignment in Zambia for Heifer International.

As Margy Hall put it in her report, 'On a cold January day in 2016, I duly arrived at Cranfield as part of a very diverse cohort of 45 nervous students for the MBA induction week - a shocking but stimulating full week of lectures, after a gap of 30 years since my last university exams, and this time, not a farmer in the class!'

Nial O'Boyle describes what he feels his MBA will mean for him, as he returns to work in the UK dairy sector. 'With the impending post-Brexit environment, the MBA offers many tools in personnel, financial, operational and strategic management to allow me to help the farmers I work with meet the challenges and grasp the opportunities that will arise in the UK dairy sector.'

At the top end of the WCF management and training ladder, sits our Beckett Fund sponsorship of students taking one of the two Cranfield MBA courses. By supporting, a maximum of one exceptional candidate each year on one of these high-level courses, the Company is looking to provide benefit, not only to the individual, but also the wider agricultural industry.

Three recent recipients of the very substantial awards we make via the Beckett Fund, have been Nial O'Boyle, Frank Thorogood and Margy Hall. All from very different backgrounds and all working in markedly different areas of our industry.

Before starting his MBA at Cranfield Nial was working as a veterinarian for a large group of dairies in the Midwest USA. In the of summer 2014, Frank had agreed a deal to sell the horse feed and forage business he had set up after leaving Cirencester in 2002 and was looking for the next big opportunity. Margy was working full time in her family's rapidly expanding dairy farming business.



Margy Hall attends the weekly farmer shareholder meeting at the Fisenge Women's Dairy Co-op.

What the courses delivers for each individual varies enormously, but for the Company, a key feature of every Cranfield MBA, is that it exposes the agricultural industry candidate we sponsor, to a wide range of students and educationalists from diverse industries and backgrounds. This helps shed new light on our industry's issues and opportunities and feeds new thinking back into the agricultural sector at large.

Frank Thorogood sums it up nicely I think. '

The course was an amazing experience. It has impacted every part of my life; I am now more confident, competent and communicative. The opportunity to undergo an intense learning experience (I usually worked from 8am to midnight on weekdays) with an exceptionally diverse cohort, has expanded my horizons more than I could have thought possible.'

WCF - Oxford Farming Conference Scholars

The Company once again this year sponsored two senior members of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs to attend for the duration of the Oxford Farming Conference.

After a tough selection process, Tom Wells and Emma Kelcher were the delegates put forward by the NFYFC, and they proved worthy winners who did the NFYFC and WCF proud.

Emma described the OFC as "A fantastic way to look at the industry in a different light, not seeing things from the day-to-day farming perspective but understanding more about what the wider industry does."

And Tom said "The Oxford Farming Conference brings together experts from across the world, delivering some fantastic presentations on future trends, policy



Liveryman Richard Halhead, Liveryman Teresa Wickham, NFYFC delegate Tom Wells, Senior Warden Rosie Carne, NFYFC delegate Emma Kelcher, Liveryman Christopher Day and Liveryman Ian Bell

and technology but perhaps the greatest part is meeting and chatting with so many experts and industry leaders. You can ask the questions that really matter to you and your contacts list at the end will provide many opportunities down the line."

You can read their full reports by following this link <https://www.farmerslivery.org.uk/news-events/news/2018/02/14/wcf-oxford-farming-conference-scholars-reports> to the electronic versions stored on the Worshipful Company of Farmers website

Edward Hitchcock reports on progress at Surrey Docks Farm



Edward Hitchcock joins the celebrations for the opening of the Western Site Development

Earlier in 2017 I was delighted to be able to attend the official opening, by the Mayor of Southwark, of the £90,000 Western Site Development at the farm, which is where the pig unit, we have helped fund, is situated.

The opening coincided with the unveiling of the Southwark Heritage Society plaque for 2017, voted on by residents of Southwark, for 40 years of service to the community.

The Surrey Docks Farm was one of the Mayor's nominated charities for 2017 and this has helped to lift its profile considerably, particularly within the council itself, and this contributed to the decision by the council to maintain funding at the current level for the coming year and most importantly is also likely to result in the lease for the site being extended for a further 25 years!

Our own financial support for the farm has been increased to £5,000 per annum, allocated each year to a specific project on the site with most of that money in 2017 going towards the cost of the construction of the new pig unit.

Although there are obviously larger donors, Gemma and her team at Surrey Docks Farm tell us they particularly value our support because the Worshipful Company of Farmers has provided the longest unbroken association.



WCF has its own entry in the Lord Mayor's Show parade for the first time



The Master and Wardens with Meurig Raymond, President of the NFU, Liverymen John Martin and Nick Padwick and the team from the NFU ready to parade. Nick's nephew Michael Padwick is holding the WCF placard

The 2017 Lord Mayor's Show was the first time the Worshipful Company of Farmers has paraded as a stand-alone entry, rather than under the banner of the Modern Livery Companies. And, with the immensely helpful support of the NFU and New Holland and a great deal of work by the Master, the Wardens, Liveryman John Martin and many other Liverymen, wives, partners, helpers and friends, the event was a cracking success.

Led by the Master and his Wardens, our display featured a New Holland T7 270 tractor, built at the company's Basildon plant, and a CR8 80 combine harvester, equipped with a 20-foot header. Eight young farmer ambassadors, each representing an NFU region, also paraded with us.

With millions of viewers on national and regional television; national, local and commercial radio coverage;

articles in the farming press and huge crowds all along the route, the WCF team took the 'Back British Farming' and 'We are proud to produce your food' messages to the very heart of the City, at a time when greater understanding of the vital role our industry plays in the future success of the UK economy and society could not possibly be more important.



2018 Events not to be missed!

Worshipful Company of Farmers Annual Lecture & Dinner Wednesday, 11th April 2018

For the 2018 Agricultural Lecture and Dinner – one of the most important events in our Company's calendar – we will be returning to the stylish Plaisters' Hall at One London Wall, London EC2Y 5JU. The event commences at 6pm and, as has become established, dress code is Black Tie.

The Lecture:

The Post-Brexit Future for Land Tenure and Occupation – this year's Agricultural Lecture will address the all-important question of what the future holds for those who own land and for those who wish to farm it – given that a third of all UK farmland falls within the let sector in its various guises.

Our two speakers are both, in different ways, well placed to address the topic

of the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead, given their in-depth knowledge and experience of matters relating to the many forms of land tenure.

Ross Murray is a landowner but also someone who has spent the last six years as part of the CLA's Presidential team. David Christensen's highly successful, dairy farming business has been built up by his family over the generations by renting land in different ways rather than owning the asset itself.

The evening will not only provide the chance to hear from the experts but also to raise questions and discuss the topic with a panel of experts under the chairmanship of our Master who



Ross Murray one of two speakers at the 2018 Annual Lecture

himself chairs the Tenancy Reform Industry Group for the Defra.

The Dinner:

There will be a Champagne Reception followed by a three-course dinner with wines and port and an after-dinner cash bar for anyone wishing to network later into the evening.

For tickets go to the members area of the WCF website or contact the Clerk.

The 2018 Master's Summer Visit July 2nd and 3rd 2018 - Wiltshire

For our major summer excursion this year the Master has chosen a relaxing and educational visit to the delightful setting of the Bowood Estate, home to The Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne.

As with our wonderful trip last summer, the visit this year will be over two days, arriving for midday when a light, welcome buffet lunch will be available.

Day One - 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 & award winning gardens.

Transport during the visits on both days will be by coaches, leaving cars at the Hotel.

At 5pm on the first afternoon tea will be served in the Kerry Suite and then at 7pm we will meet for a champagne reception followed by dinner.

Day Two - following an early breakfast we will leave the Bowood Estate, by coach, to visit the progressive arable and dairy enterprises at East Wick Farm. The farm is not just progressive, the setting is unique, sitting as it does within the North Wessex Downs AONB to the south of Marlborough.

We owe our thanks for this opportunity to Richard, Sue and David Butler.

We will return to the Hotel, a drive of approximately 40 minutes, through



Bowood House, home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne

the beautiful Wiltshire countryside, where lunch will be served before our individual departures, Pre & post overnight stays at special rates are also available.

Liverymen can book rounds of golf on Sunday or Tuesday if they so wish. (01249 822228)

For more information or to book visit the Members Area on the WCF website.



WCF Alumni association update

Richard Davies, Chairman of the WCF Alumni association reports

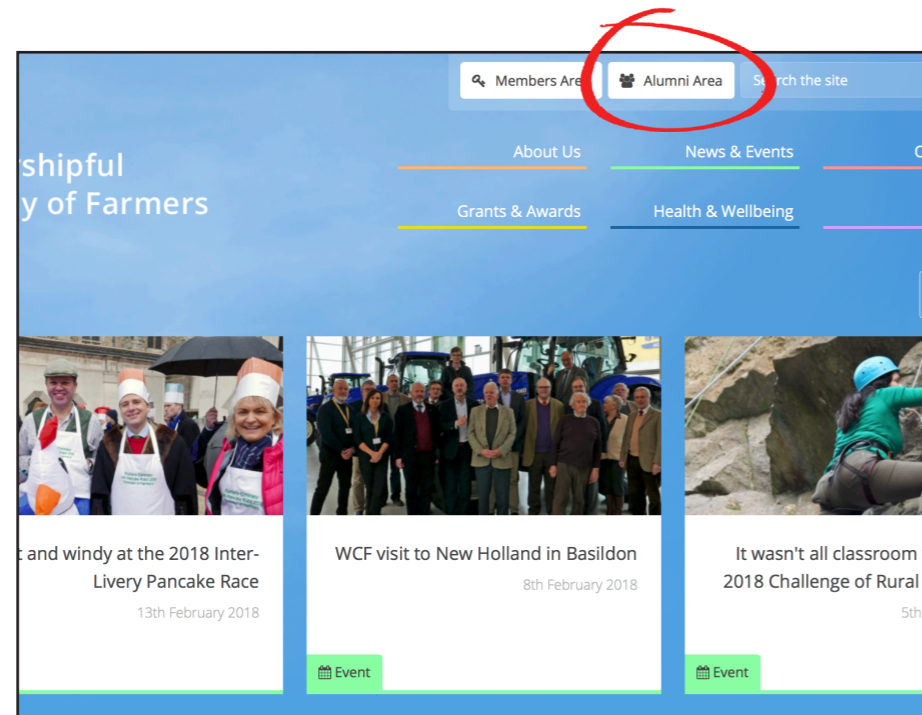
I am delighted to be able to report that we have officially launched the new alumni association, its new website and private database and that we have begun the process of recruiting alumni members.

The initial stage of recruitment was to meet the delegates of our two residential management courses – the Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management and the Challenge of Rural Leadership – at their wash-up sessions. I am delighted to say that the response to the news about the association was overwhelmingly positive.

Our next step was to send out invitations to all the existing alumni for whom we have email addresses. It is likely, if you are an WCF alumnus and you are reading this you should, by now, have received an emailed invitation to join the association – if you haven't, first check your spam folder and if you still don't have it then get in touch with our association secretary at this address Duncan@farmerslivery.org.uk, he will arrange for a new mail to be sent. You can also access the association's website through the alumni portal on the WCF website – you will find it in the top right hand corner next to the WCF Member Area.

You might be asking why you should consider joining the WCF Alumni association. You will find all the key benefits in the side panel on this page.

The WCF Alumni is your chance, not only to benefit from the alumni network and extra training, but also to put something back into the industry via the work that the Worshipful Company of Farmers does through its courses, by providing financial support for less well-off candidates and by providing vital mentoring time to other alumni.



Access to the WCF Alumni association site is via the main WCF site - www.farmerslivery.org.uk

If you would like to talk to someone about the WCF Alumni association, or perhaps even volunteer to help administer it by joining the committee, then contact either

our secretary Duncan Couper duncan@farmerslivery.org.uk, or me Richard Davies richard@redcomms3d.com the Chairman of the WCF Alumni committee.

Benefits of Joining the WCFA

- 1. An exclusive, private database of members and mentors**
This will include all members of the association, with each member able to manage their own entry in the database online. The database will allow WCF Alumni members to search for other members, by course; by year; by industry sector and by geography.
- 2. Mentoring**
The database will also include a facility for individual members to flag their willingness to act as mentors or to indicate that they are seeking mentoring – a sort of mentoring dating app!
- 3. Annual Learning Extension Day**
This event will be free to WCF Alumni association members. It will take the form of a one-day, practical workshop, intended to allow the alumni to meet and mix, to share experiences, and to continue to develop their personal skill-set.

- The day will also include an opportunity to participate in Speed Mentoring. Short, 10 minute, one-to-one conversations with a variety of industry and educational experts. The Learning Extension Day will conclude with a dinner (this will be charged for).
- 4. Reduced price tickets for WCF Events – including the Annual Lecture and Dinner**
- 5. Invitations to participate in further WCF sponsored, training and development**
- 6. A WCF Alumni badge**
An exclusive, members only badge, that may be worn at all WCF Alumni and WCF events and at other times to promote the association.

Charity matters

The Weavers Guild was the first trade association to be established in the City of London in 1155 in order to regulate competition and maintain standards within their industry. Other Guilds followed, chiefly in the 14th century, and by 1554, there were 48 of them. They began to acquire large houses for Halls in which to meet to conduct their regulatory activities and some Guilds then introduced distinctive clothing and regalia and thus became known as Livery Companies.

In order to avoid arguments the Lord Mayor established an order of precedence – thus we have the Great Twelve and the rest of us in descending order.

In the 17th century the Liveries suffered hardship caused by cheaper competition from outside the square mile and levies

charged for political purposes, chiefly to finance wars. The Industrial Revolution added further to their problems but it stimulated change, and created a survival strategy based on supporting their trades with learning programmes, education and charity for the sick and needy.

Liveries became pivotal in the City under the aegis of the Council of Aldermen and were influential in the election of Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor as we continue to be today.

Many Liveries have accumulated wealth over the centuries with gifts and legacies of their members and the rise in property values. We, of course, being a modern Company do not have vast sums to fund our activities but with the prudent management of our modest assets we manage to maintain a programme of education, training and leadership of which we should be proud. In addition the Almoners committee supports various industry and City charities each year.

We are a vibrant forward looking Company with talented people volunteering their time to serve on committees and take office for the continuation and enhancement of our activities.

I would like to think that in centuries to come, our descendants will look back upon our generation as the forefathers who began to enhance and build up the reserves which will enable them to support our great industry in the future – heaven only knows what that will be like! There are various tax concessions for gifts and legacies to a Charity but I truly believe that it will be your love and appreciation of the fellowship, education and experiences you have enjoyed within the family of your Livery Company that will influence your decision to gift or bequeath when appropriate to your circumstances.

Richard T Halhead FRAGS
Charity Coordinator

The John Alliston Memorial Golf Tournament

Stratford upon Avon Golf Club Tuesday 11th September 2018

Liveriesmen Martin Taylor and Past Master Jeremy Courtney have both been closely involved in the organisation of this golf day – which is an annual event in memory of Professor John Alliston, a key figure in the success of the Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management since it moved to the Royal Agricultural University and himself a very keen golfer.

Entries, to what is likely to be a very popular event amongst not just Liveriesmen but University colleagues, the wider educational community and the British agriculture at large, are invited from everyone in the Worshipful Company of Farmers.

The main competition is an individual Stableford, played off full handicap and is open to ladies and gentlemen.



There is also an option for individuals and organisations to sponsor holes and there will be a raffle. All proceeds from the event will go to The Worshipful Company of Farmers Charitable Fund, which helps support, amongst its other activities, the ACABM course at the RAU that John ran for many years and of which he was

rightly hugely proud". An application form can be obtained on the WCF website or direct from Martin Taylor by emailing martin1943@hotmail.co.uk. The entry fee of £65 which covers the round of golf, coffee and bacon roll on arrival plus a two course meal after the golf.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following were admitted as Freemen at the Court meeting held on the 4th December 2017

Simon Joe Maiklem

Proposed by
Christopher John French
Seconded by Jan Boomaars

Charles Richard Percy

Proposed by
Peter Ralph Faulkner
Seconded by John Kenneth Reynolds

Dr Eric Angus Selby

Proposed by
William Richard Thomas Crane
Seconded by
Vincent Richard Hedley-Lewis

The Following was clothed with the Livery at Common Hall on the 5th December 2017

Charles Philip Harcourt Antrobus (By Servitude)

Charles was admitted to the Freedom in 2005 and previously served his apprenticeship bound to Lord Henry Plumb of Coleshill.



New Liveryman Charles Antrobus with the Master and Lord Plumb

DEATHS

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

Anthony James Longmore Worth, CVO,

of the Old White House, Holbeach Hurn, Spalding, Lincolnshire who died on the 8th November 2017. He was clothed on the 1st March 1993

Anthony Edward Kenney- Herbert

of The Poplars, West Rolstone Road, Hewish, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset who died on the 16th November 2017. He was clothed on the 8th December 2015

EVENTS

Dates and Times for your Diaries in 2018

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 - Plaisterers' Hall

Wednesday 11th April

Agricultural Lecture & Dinner,
6.00 pm - Plaisterers' Hall
(Black Tie)

Tuesday 15th 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 and 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
Lunch at Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

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
Livery Lunch 12.30 pm
Haberdashers' Hall

Saturday 10th November
Lord Mayor's Show

Thursday 22nd November

Past Masters' Meeting 11am
& Lunch 12.15 pm
Farmers and Fletchers' Hall

Friday 23rd November

House of Lords Dinner

Monday 3rd December

Afternoon Court Meeting 3.30 pm
Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Tuesday 4th December

Common Hall 10.30
followed by Livery Lunch 12.15
Ironmongers' Hall

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