



The Worshipful Company of Farmers Summer 2018

Newsletter

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



The Master, Senior Warden Rosie Carne, David Bright and other members of the Livery and guests listen intently to the Bayer trials officer as he outlines the fungicide trial on the Butler family's KWS Basset winter wheat



Senior Warden Rosie Carne, Chairman of Education Karen Mercer and Liveryman Stephen Watkins in the gardens at Surrey Docks Farm



The Master outlines the structure and purposes of the Livery at the first City & Livery Familiarisation Day

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The Master's Summer Outing 2018

Day One - Bowood House

The 2018 Master's Summer Outing was blessed with the most wonderful weather. Our arrival on the Master's local patch saw the Wiltshire countryside looking magnificent, despite the fact that it took place in the middle of a most un-English heatwave.

Bowood, which is situated close to the village of Derry Hill, is the family home of the 9th Marquis of Lansdowne and has been in the Lansdowne family for over 250 years. Set in one of Capability Brown's most spectacular landscapes, the Main House which dates back to the 1770s was demolished in the 1950s having fallen in to disrepair after being occupied for various purposes including army barracks during the II World War. What is left is called the Little House - though it is far from inconsequential or small.

The estate now boasts a golf course, spa and hotel as well as extensive grounds with a children's adventure park and a large area that regular hosts events such as an annual game fair.

On arrival at the hotel we were greeted by Lord Lansdowne who gave a very enlightening potted history of the house and his family. He went on to describe the struggle that is on-going to keep this magnificent Estate financially stable and even perhaps one day profitable. A struggle that has led the the family to seek out every possible source of revenue and in the process to all but ditch farming as an in-hand activity as it simply didn't pay.



Lord Lansdowne outlines the history of the Bowood Estate



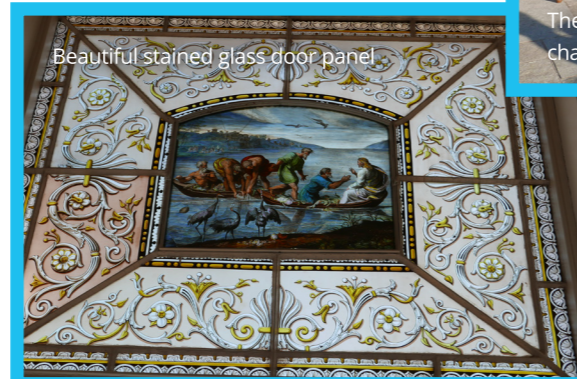
The Company and guests tour the Bowood grounds

It was clear from the outset that the Master and Clerk had put many hard hours into the planning and preparation for our visit. The agenda was a packed one that allowed,

just a little too little time at any of the venues to do them complete justice but provided a wonderful overview of the way this challenging Estate is being managed and developed to extend its life and to increase its relevance in today's hard headed business environment.

After a carefully choreographed, albeit hectic afternoon, involving a tour of the gardens, the house and the grounds we

had a short rest period before cocktails on the terrace and dinner in one of the Hotel's conference facilities.



Beautiful stained glass door panel

With over 70 guests and the sun continuing to shine, we drank champagne over-looking the Grade 1 Listed park - a real pleasure and a treat not to be quickly forgotten.



Richard Butler introduces the family farming enterprise

Day Two - East Wick Farm courtesy of Richard, Sue, David and Katherine Butler

It was an early start on Tuesday with coaches scheduled to depart at 8.45am. The journey through the beautiful and historic landscape of Wiltshire, passing Marlborough and its famous school and abundant examples of pre-historic occupation, was made particularly interesting by the commentary of Liveryman Robert Cooper.

We were welcomed at the Butler's family farm with coffee and a series of interesting presentations. Firstly from Richard Butler who talked about the development of the farm and the farm business in general.

The farm, he told us, is an approximately 1,800 acre mixed unit, with a substantial, 300 head, dairy herd, 1000 acres of arable cropping and a separate and very busy contracting business. It was clear from the moment we arrived that the farm is a carefully managed and serious enterprise.

With Waitrose as a major customer and commitments to a number of important conservation projects the family blend, in it seems an almost seamless way, the hard headed business rigour needed to make profits in today's agricultural market place, with genuine concern for their local population, environment and the very special landscape they say they feel privileged to farm.

Richard's son, David, took over the commentary at this stage and talked about the machinery management policy on the farm, stressing the need to be completely on top of machinery spend if profits are to be maintained.

Our final speaker before getting out onto the farm was Dr Julian Little, Head of Communications and Public Affairs at Bayer. Once again we were treated to an interesting thought provoking talk. The general thrust of which was, that in the chaos that is BREXIT the Government has to respond rationally rather than emotionally to the challenges of feeding the population at a reasonable price. And listening too closely or only to the strident and well orchestrated voices of special interest

groups will not create the right context for the debate we need to have about the future of agriculture in the UK.

The Farm Tour

With time a little tighter than any of us would have liked we tried to fit in a number of different and all fascinating stops.

The new cattle sheds and milking parlour. The cattle themselves, looking what they should - milk producing athletes. Then the new recovery shed, that allows the returners the chance of a gradual re-integration into the herd after each lactation.



Liveryman Robert Cooper

It wasn't all high-jinks and pleasure however. The Master's guest speaker was Jonathan Gill a researcher at Harper Adams and his talk on his now famous, handsfree hectare project was both fascinating and challenging.

Whilst the genuinely autonomous farm might be some way away, it was clear from his talk that the technology exists to make it a reality. His enthusiasm was infectious and I am sure many of the audience went away, as I did, determined to take the possibility of a more automated future much more seriously in future.



Admiring the magnificent chalk grassland scenery

Then finally on the way back towards Bowood a chance to absorb the wonderfully scenery of one of the last remaining chalk downlands in the UK.



Education update

Company partners with Harper Adams to develop new technology course

The Company has come to an agreement in principle with Harper Adams University to make an important addition to our portfolio of management and leadership courses. Chairman of the Education Committee, Karen Mercer and the Deputy Master, John Reynolds have been at the forefront of this development, working for many months with the team at Harper Adams, led by Simon Thelwell, on bringing this new offering to the market.

Who is the new course aimed at?

The new course, which will carry the title 'Profiting from Precision Technology in Agriculture' is aimed specifically at farmers or farm managers, with delegates expected to be in senior management positions or to be one of the owners/directors/partners of a farm business with at least 5-10 years work experience.

What are its aims and ambitions?

Simon Thelwell says that the expectation at the end of the course, which will take place over three independent weeks, with delegates required to attend all three weeks, is that the attendees will be:

- 1) Familiar with the equipment, tools and skills needed to use precision approaches.
- 2) Able to evaluate and select precision farming equipment and crop or livestock management technologies for the use in a wide range of precision applications.
- 3) Able to assess the potential benefits and drawbacks of precision approaches on farm.

- 4) Able to assess the viability of using precision farming technologies to increase the efficiency of existing farming practices.
- 5) Able to appraise the likely return on investment of adopting different technologies.
- 6) Able to demonstrate an understanding of the socio-economic impact of precision agriculture both in the UK and Internationally.

Karen Mercer says that Harper Adams and the Company will be able to announce more details including the timing of first course and costs very soon.

"We know that precision technology is an area where interest is very high and growing by the week but where more training is urgently needed if farmers are to make good decisions about its adoption and implementation. We are determined to provide the management of UK agriculture with the knowledge to negotiate the changes and challenges this technology brings with confidence."

New Memorandums of Understanding signed

Karen Mercer, the Chairman of the Education Committee and Deputy Master John Reynolds have spent the last few months working with our two oldest educational partners, Duchy College and the Royal Agricultural University, to create new Memorandums of Understanding between the Company and our partners to provide a strong foundation for the on-going management of our two key courses – the Advanced Course in Agricultural Business Management and the Challenge of Rural Leadership.

The MOA's, together with a three-way agreement on the unique position and purpose of each course, confirm the Company's on-going commitment to these courses as the central to our ever-expanding educational portfolio.

Chairman of Education Karen Mercer with Challenge of Rural Leadership Course Director, Richard Soffe and the newly signed MOA between the College and the Company



The winner of the WCF - Top Practical Student Award at Plumpton College in 2018 was Thomas Marsh, a Level 3 student and a farmer's son from the Isle of Wight.

The citation from his teachers was glowing: 'His commitment to his routines was outstanding, missing only one single session during his time at Plumpton, and this only because he was away representing the College at a shooting competition, which he won. He was always punctual and engaged in all practical sessions with enthusiasm and a strong willingness to learn. He has also been very helpful on the College farm, taking on extra duties in his spare time and is highly regarded by the farm and teaching staff for his practical abilities.'

The shooting competition mentioned in the citation was the National BASC clay shoot, which Plumpton duly won with Tom was 'top gun'. The team, led by Tom, also won the Oxford Gun Company competition, with Tom again the number one marksman. Could he be drafted-in to the WCF team, as our special weapon, at the Inter-Livery competition one wonders?



Liveryman John Evans congratulates Plumpton College Prize winner Thomas Marsh

WCF College Prizes Summer 2018

Askham Bryan College
Thomas Farrar –
Hard Work on Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture

Bicton College
Cameron Burt –
Most Hardworking Student

Duchy College – Stoke Climsland
Edward Allen –
Best Agricultural Student

Hadlow College
Jonathan Henderson –
For Outstanding Effort and Commitment

Moulton College
Georgina Wallis –
Most Outstanding Academic Performance

Myerscough College
Natie Wright –
Agricultural Student Award

Newton Rigg College
Imogen Elizabeth –
Academic Achievement in Agricultural Studies



Past Master John Thorpe with Moulton College Prize winner Georgina Wallis

All three Rayner triplets bound to the Company

Perhaps uniquely in the annals of the whole Livery movement, the Company has just Bound triplet Apprentices. At the June meeting of the Court the Company welcomed the two remaining Rayner triplets, Victoria and Isabelle, as Apprentices. They join their sister Alice who was bound to their father Colin at the March Court meeting.



Liveryman & Company Steward, Richard Halhead presents the WCF prize to Natalie Wright



Surrey Docks Farm Update



Transformation at Rotherhithe

It has been two years since the Livery last paid an official visit to Surrey Docks Farm, the city farm project we support and for those of us returning the transformation was quite remarkable.

This year the visiting team consisted of me Richard Davies, your trusty editor and scribe; Surrey Docks Farm Livery liaison, Edward Hitchcock, Senior Warden Rosie Carne, Chairman of the Education Committee Karen Mercer, Past Masters Jeremy Courtney, Tony Alston and Thomas Wheatley-Hubbard and Liverymen Mary Foster, Richard Whitlock, Stephen Watkins and Professor Lever.

The farm, which came into being in 1975 and moved to this site in 1986, has come on in leaps and bounds in the last two years. Important projects have seen the pigs re-housed in a new pig shed, funded with the help of a donation from our Company, the muck heap, a perennial problem on a tiny site like this, relocated and made safer and easier to work. Then there is the new calf shed, which again we have been able to help with and will be helping more by funding the purchase of the



There are a number of these discrete plaques recognising our contribution to the farm's development

first two calves to be reared in it. And on top of all this the walkways around the site have been vastly improved, opening up more of the site than ever before to visitors.

It was very pleasing to see signs acknowledging Company's contribution to many of these projects and I think we all felt proud that we were able to provide a little help to the team.

Gemma Hooper the Farm Manager and Claire Elson the Livestock Manager hosted us again this year and it's a wonder that they are able to find the time. Managing the farm involves all the normal trials and tribulations of managing any farm – albeit on a small scale.



From the right: Chairman of Education Karen Mercer, Senior Warden Rosie Carne, Surrey Docks Farm, Head of Livestock Claire Elson, Liveryman Mary Foster, Richard Whitlock and Stephen Watkins and Surrey Docks Farm liaison Edward Hitcock

But for Gemma and Claire this is combined with the need to constantly fight for funding and even the very existence of the farm on this site. With only a couple of years to run on their existing 35 year lease, Southwark Council is even now giving final consideration to the granting of a vital 35 year extension – that will keep the farm on this site for the foreseeable future. The team told us they are deep into the negotiations on the detail of the new lease and the signs are looking positive but they can't relax until the council sign on the bottom line. All we can do is to keep our fingers crossed and make sure as many people as possible recognise the value of this wonderful facility.

Touring the site with Gemma and Claire it was immediately evident what a strong relationship they have with all their volunteers and workers. The farm engages with the whole of the local community – delivering toddlers clubs, youth clubs, hosting school visits as well as volunteering and work experience and training projects for adults with learning disabilities.

And working with such a diverse group brings its own special challenges – but nothing seems to phase the team at the farm.

One of the most interesting new developments we saw was the tiny, low tech, trial anaerobic digester, which the farm is testing for its inventor. The design is intended for use in the remotest and least well-off parts of the world. At the moment it provides gas to boil the kettle for tea in the heart of one of London's most crowded boroughs.

Surrey Docks Farm is truly one of the most rewarding places the Company visits and surely one of our most valuable partnerships. It may even be this year, that we will be able to arrange for some of the children from the farm to parade with us at the Lord Mayor's Show – lets hope so, because it would be great to celebrate the achievements and spread the word of the farm to the widest possible audience – it might just help with funding and leases – you never know.



Past Master, Thomas Wheatley Hubbard listens intently to a description of the tiny trial bio-digester project



City and Livery Familiarisation Day

This was an interesting and enlightening day from beginning to end and hopefully something that we will adopt as a regular part of our Livery calendar. The atmosphere and dress code was informal and relaxed and there was something to learn and be surprised about whether you were a new, prospective or existing Liverymen - and if you missed it this year, I would suggest making sure you book next time we run it.



Alderman Peter Estlin

The day started with Alderman Peter Estlin who, subject to confirmation by election, will be the next Lord Mayor, talking to us about the history of the Livery movement and the forces, politics and societies that shaped and formed it. Peter was generous with his time, fascinating about the movement he will soon head and clearly knowledgeable on his subject.

Then we enjoyed a session run by our Beadle, Ted Prior, who took us through the structure, organisation and management Livery ceremonies and events, culminating, a little later as we were seated for a buffet lunch, in a wonderfully practical demonstration of the Loving Cup ceremony.

The Master and Deputy Master also spoke, providing an overview of our own Company's history and some detail about its governance.

Following lunch we were taken on a really fascinating two-hour tour of some of the lesser-known, historical spots around the City. The tour started at our own St Bartholomew the Great church - where we learned more about a wonderful building of which many of us have fond memories.

We then processed in the learned company of our Blue Badge guide from one fascinating spot to the next. From the oldest remaining, pre-Great Fire of London houses in the City - standing just yards away from Farmers & Fletchers' Hall, unnoticed by all of us, despite being passed literally dozens of times over the years, to the private chapel inside the Mercers' Company



Our Blue Badge guide holds the Company enthralled

Hall - the only chapel inside a Livery Hall in London - where we were able to view the exquisitely carved statue of the dead Christ.

And from the the Golden Boy of Pye Corner statue that marks the furthest extent of the Great Fire of London, with its suggestion that a fire that started in Pudding Lane and ended at Pye corner might perhaps be a punishment for the over-indulgence of London's population, to the Memorial to Heroic Self Sacrifice in Postman's Park that celebrates, with individual ceramic plaques, ordinary people who gave their lives to save others.



The Master, Liverymen and guests get to visit the Mercer's private chapel

Details of the inaugural 'WCFA Learning Extension Day' released

Alumni Learning Extension Day Tuesday 18th December 2018 at Cranfield University, Bedford

The Worshipful Company of Farmers Alumni association (WCFA) committee are pleased to announce our inaugural Alumni Learning Extension Day will be held in the Cranfield Management Development Centre at Cranfield University, Bedford on Tuesday 18th December, starting at 8.30am.

The purpose of the Alumni Learning Extension Day (LED) is to:

- Offer an opportunity to alumni of WCF courses to continue to expand their knowledge of modern business management techniques,
- Provide further opportunities for alumni to think beyond their day to day agricultural business activities for the long-term benefit of themselves and their businesses,
- Aid alumni networking across all WCF courses and years,
- Provide access to mentoring and support for those seeking help with specific business and/or leadership challenges.

An interactive day with many opportunities for group discussion, the LED has been developed to stretch minds and to continue to help our alumni meet the future challenges of UK agriculture and turn as many of those as possible to opportunities.

Sean Rickard will open the day with a session looking at the challenges and opportunities we face. Following that, much of the day is broken into facilitated working groups considering three main topic areas:

- International Competitiveness
- Sustainable Intensification
- People Management

This inaugural LED will be open to WCF Alumni Association members and one guest per alumni member. Numbers for this event are strictly limited to just 100 participants and places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

For those participants wishing to continue the discussion and networking, an optional drinks reception and a 3-course dinner will be held in the evening following the LED. We have negotiated a very good group rate for hotel accommodation on site at Cranfield for those travelling from afar and wishing to stay before and/or after the day.

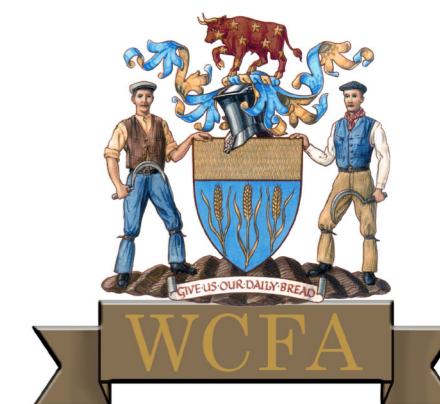
Costs:

- The day's whole Learning Extension Day is FREE to Alumni Association members as part of your benefits of membership with the subscription of £95 per annum.
- The fee for guests will be £125 for the day.
- The optional drinks reception & 3-course dinner will be £46 per person
- Bed & Breakfast accommodation will be £90 per person per night

More details will follow soon on how to book places for the LED and the optional evening activities.

For those who have not yet joined the WCF Alumni it would be worth doing so NOW. The cost of the LED is included as a membership benefit; and you can't book unless you are a member. Guests need to be booked by a member and the fee for them is £125.

The WCFA is primarily a network organisation, allowing direct contact



between the alumni of all the WCF sponsored courses. The aims are to encourage contact, sharing, mentoring and learning from each other. It is also a means by which members of our alumni can put something back into our industry and help others benefit from participation in a WCF course.

For further information on the WCFA and registration visit the Alumni area on the WCF website www.farmerslivery.org or contact the WCFA Secretary, Duncan Couper on duncan@farmerslivery.org.uk



Newly elected Chairman of the WCFA Committee - Liveryman and alumnus, Mark Hall



Events not to be missed!

House of Lords Fundraising Dinner – Friday 23rd November

The Master Elect, Rosie Carne has announced a wonderful new event for the Company - a fundraising Livery Dinner in the unique setting of the Peers Dining Room of the House of Lords on Friday 23rd November 2018, made possible with the kind sponsorship of Past Master Baroness Byford. The Pre-Dinner Reception will take place in the Peers Guest Room at 7.00pm, the Dinner in the Peers Dining Room will follow at 7.30pm with carriages at 10.30pm. For those interested and able to arrive for 5.00pm, it will be possible to have a tour of the Houses of Parliament. The dress code is black tie. The cost for this unique evening is £130.00 per person.

Our guest speaker will be Baron Lisvane of Blakemere. Elevated as a Life Peer in 2014, The Right Honourable the Lord Lisvane KCB DL, sits in the House of Lords as a crossbencher, following more than forty years of service in the House of Commons. As politics and politicking appears to dominate our future, there is no better person to give his insight and help our understanding



of the workings of parliament. Lord Lisvane importantly is also Master of the Skinners Company.

The Charitable purpose of the Worshipful Company of Farmers is agricultural education. We aim to inspire, encourage and develop excellence in the management and leadership of British agriculture through our cutting edge and innovative agricultural courses. The purpose of this dinner is to raise funds for our charitable activities, so during the evening we will hold an auction of prizes/promises for which we seek your generous support please, irrespective of whether you are able to come on 23rd November.

Sporting days, holiday cottages, special experiences/items. Donations which will appeal and attract generous bids would be hugely appreciated. We will publish all the auction Lots in advance on the Company's website to enable participation by the whole membership of the Company, as well as those present on the 23rd.

If you have ideas or offers of auction lots, please contact Funding Committee Chairman Richard Whitlock: E mail: richard@richardwhitlockltd.co.uk ASAP.

Numbers for this event are strictly limited so to avoid disappointment please book your place as soon as possible, via the Clerk, before they go.



WCF spring trip Italy Rapallo 21st May 2019

With the incoming Master's Summer Visit being on the 2nd and 3rd of September in 2019 it has created an opportunity for a new event – a spring visit. The Clerk has been working hard on getting an interesting and enjoyable trip together and is pleased to be able to outline the details as follows.

Tues 21 May

Fly from London Gatwick or Stansted arriving early evening.

On arrival we will be met and transferred to the Hotel Bristol in Rapallo for 4 nights on bed and breakfast basis.

Dinner is arranged at the hotel in the Chamberlain Restaurant which has lovely sea views.

Wed. 22 May

Day trip to Cinque Terre - Besides Cinque Terre's fabulous seascapes and vine-covered hills and the villages themselves, we can visit some very old churches, sanctuaries, and fortifications, many built over 600 years ago.



VERNAZZA – CINQUE TERRE (Short Visit)

Cinque Terre is made up of five villages – Monterosso, Vernazza, Coniglia, Manarola, Riomaggiore. We will board the boat in Rapallo and enjoy the beautiful scenery – the boat will stop at Vernazza and then Manarola where there will be time to explore the village and walk along the trail to Riomaggiore where there will be further time to explore the village before re-boarding the boat to Portovenere for lunch.



HOTEL BRISTOL – RAPALLO

Thurs. 23 May

The day is free but for those who wish to, the suggestion is to take a trip to Portofino by public boat and stop off at Santa Margherita on the way or go on a bit further to San Frutosso. Return in time for 19.45 coach transfer from the Hotel Bristol to a restaurant in Santa Margherita Ligure for dinner.



PORTOFINO

Friday 24 May

After breakfast in the hotel we meet your guides in the lobby of the Bristol before leaving by coach for a full day in Genoa approximately 40 minutes away. There will be a chance to do some shopping on arrival in Genoa on arrival followed by lunch at the Ristorante I Tre Merli in Porto Antico a Genova. After lunch there will be a guided tour of the city before returning to Rapallo at about 1630.

In the evening we will transfer by minibuses from Bristol to the Belmond Splendido Hotel in Portofino. Where there will be time to enjoy the gardens before Dinner Reception at 20.00 for Dinner at 20.30. After dinner minibuses will take us back to Hotel Bristol

Saturday 25 May

You will be transferred back to Genoa Airport for your flight with British Airways to Gatwick at 1325 arriving 1440. Or Ryanair departing at 1635 arriving at 1745.

PRICE PER PERSON
Sharing a twin/double room
£1375.00

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE
£ 300.00

BALANCE DUE BY 1 MARCH 2019
£1100.00

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
£ 405.00

PRICE INCLUDES: Return flights to Genoa, transfer with the group to Rapallo, all meals as listed, trip to Cinque Terre, trip to Genoa, transfers for dinners and excursions.

NOT INCLUDED: Meals not listed. For more details contact the clerk.



GENOA – (Full Day tour, shopping, guided tour and Lunch)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Court held on the 6th March the following was admitted as Freeman of the Company

William Edward Wild,
Proposed by Rev Dr Stuart Burgess,
Seconded by Baroness Hazel Byford
DBE DL

New Apprentice:
Mr Hamish Gordon MacMillan Beaton
(Apprentice) was bound to Oliver Guy Stanley (Master)

At the Court held on the 5th June 2018 the following were admitted as Freemen of the Company.

Mr Richard John Binnersley
Proposed by Anthony Lewis Roberts
Seconded by Terence Clifford Court

Mr Nicholas William Eldon Gorst,
Proposed by Terence Clifford Court
Seconded by Anthony Lewis Roberts

Mr Anthony John Liddiard (Sid),
Proposed by the Clerk
Supported by Administrative Court
procedure

Mrs Samantha Rayner,
Proposed by
Rosemary Susan Nattali Carne
Seconded by Julian Anthony Sayers

Mr Duncan Sigournay,
Proposed by Julian Anthony Sayers
Seconded by Simon Rowley Butcher

Mr Duncan Charles West,
Proposed by Anthony James Alston
Seconded by David Hargreaves Bolton

The following Freemen were Clothed into the Livery (date of Freedom)

Mr Edward Augustus Bishop (3.6.08)
Mr Richard William Davey (3.6.08)
Mr Edward Frederick Walters (3.6.08)
Mr John Godfrey Owen (4.12.12)

New Apprentices:
Miss Victoria Olive Irving Rayner
(Apprentice) Was bound to
Colin Martin Rayner (Master)

Miss Isabelle Samantha Young Rayner
(Apprentice) Was bound to
Colin Martin Rayner (Master)

EVENTS

2018

Tuesday 11th September
John Alliston Memorial Golf
Tournament
Stratford upon Avon Golf Club
(All proceeds to the WCF Charitable
Fund)

Monday 17th September
Masters & Clerks Luncheon 12.15pm
Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Monday 1st October
Election of Lord Mayor followed by
Luncheon Guildhall then
Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Tuesday 9th October
Court Meeting, Harvest Thanksgiving
& Installation of new Master followed
by Livery Luncheon
St Bartholomew the
Great & Haberdashers Hall

Monday 3rd December
December Court Meeting & Court
Dinner Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Tuesday 4th December
Common Hall followed by Livery
Luncheon Ironmongers' Hall

Tuesday 18th December at 18:00
Carol Service
Church of St Bartholomew the Great

2019

Tuesday 15th January
Annual Livery Banquet,
Goldsmiths' Hall

**Thursday 24th January to Friday
25th January**
2019 Inter-Livery Ski Championship
Morzine France

Tuesday, 26th February
City Food Lecture Guildhall

Tuesday 5th March
Inter Livery Pancake Race
Guildhall Yard

Tuesday 12th March
Court & Livery Lunch
Farmers & Fletchers' Hall

Friday 5th April
United Guilds' Service
St Paul's Cathedral

Wednesday 3rd April
Agricultural Lecture & Dinner
Plasterers' Hall

**Tuesday 21st May to
Saturday 25th May**
Farmers' Company Spring Break
Visit to Rapallo, Italian Riviera
(Black Tie)

Tuesday 8th May
Festival of Sons of Clergy –
St Paul's Cathedral 5.00 pm

DEATHS

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

Mrs Anne Kelaart OBE DL
of Manor Farm, Nettlebed
Oxfordshire, who died on the 17th
June 2018. She was clothed on the
7th June 2005

The Lord Wade of Chorlton, KT
of House of Lords, London SW1A
OPW who died on the 7th June 2018.
He was clothed on the 9th March
1981

Malcolm Roy Walker
of Greenfield House, Bow Road,
Stanford in the Vale, Oxfordshire
who died on the 26th December
2017. He was clothed on the 6th
October 1997. (He was a member of
the Finance Committee until 2006)

Professor John Sydney Nix
of Rhode Farm, Doddington,
Sittingbourne, Kent
Who died on the 15th March
2018. He was clothed on the 6th
December, 1999.
(He was Recipient of Farmers' Weekly
Lifetime Achievement Award 2014
and an Emeritus Professor of Wye).

Richard Hinge
of Oad Street, Borden, Sittingbourne,
Kent who died on the 14th April
2018. He was Clothed on the 8th
June 1981.

Ernest Malcolm Wrisdale
of The Beeches, 12 Pilley's Lane,
Boston, Lincolnshire who died on the
25th April. He was clothed in 1992