

The Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers



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A MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

Reflecting on the first three months of my year as Master, a number of events stand out: the installation service with its inspiring music and sermon by George Cassidy followed later by the splendid lunch at which Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins were the principal guests; prizegiving at the City of London Girls School, a famous centre of educational excellence which has connections with our Company dating back to its foundation a century ago by a distinguished ancestor of the Ward family; the seminar on Roman Tiling and Bricklaying at the Museum of London, which we hope will lead to further co-operation over future events dealing with specific aspects of our craft; and finally the lavish dinner at Plaisterers Hall.

Perhaps the most poignant memory was of my installation, uniquely well supported by my family: a month later my father died and his obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. Other highlights were the City & Guilds Prizegiving at Carpenters Hall, the Carol Service and, most importantly, the impressive address by the Lord Mayor at Mansion House.

You will be aware of the Lord Mayor's distinguished medical career and his interest in healthy living, especially for Londoners. Less famously, he is a keen supporter of women liverymen and it is remarkable that some twelve years after a lady was installed as Lord Mayor, less than 4% of all liverymen on the register are ladies and one third of all companies still have no females among their numbers. In an age when the influence and participation of women in all walks of life are established, we are in danger of looking ridiculous when we try to argue that they are not somehow fit to be full members of the livery. It is one of the matters which liverymen should reflect upon and let their views be known. We have a splendid group of lady freemen and it is surely only a matter of time before they are fully enjoined into the livery.

On a more domestic level, the new administrative arrangements appear to be working satisfactorily and thanks are due to the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk for ensuring that the move of the Company's artifacts and records to East Molesey went smoothly.

The Livery Committee, so enthusiastically chaired by Denis Munnery, is succeeding in improving communication between the Court and the Livery. Fellowship is the key to the Company's vitality and it is an encouraging sign that the visit to the Old Bailey on 9 February was fully subscribed.

The visit to St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 4 February to hear our Chaplain, George Cassidy, preach was also well supported with some 40 places being reserved. George's kind invitation for a necessarily limited number of liverymen and their ladies to join him for sherry afterwards at his home was very much appreciated.

Finally, all members of the livery are encouraged to nominate suitable candidates for admission to the freedom. The Company has vacancies and needs a steady flow of applicants of all ages to maintain its numbers. Links with the building industry either through business or professions are desirable but not essential and anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

W. G. H. Fuller

WILLIAM G. H. FULLER
MASTER

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ANOTHER VIEW

Hopefully, past, present and future "Mistresses" alike will enjoy sharing some reminiscences of the past year with me.

Both Peter and myself lead very busy lives up here in Edinburgh; Peter with his stockbroking and me with my property management business; so oddly enough even the long and frequent journeys between Edinburgh and London were a bonus enabling us to spend more time together than would otherwise be possible.

Talking of journeys, one of my happiest memories is Richard Townend's musical journey during the Livery Dinner. He started and ended, you will remember, with Noel Coward's London Pride, taking in Geordie land - Bobby Shafto and songs from bonnie Scotland along the way. Music, whether the marvellous, spiritually uplifting music of St. Paul's and St Margaret Lothbury or the chamber music of a quartet at the Mansion House, for example, or even the bagpipes on the terrace of Hurlingham has been a joy throughout the year.

I have been fortunate in meeting and sitting next to a number of fascinating people during the course of the year, including a retired Bishop, the Vice Chancellor of the City University, one of the Sheriffs, several Aldermen and many more awe-inspiring personalities. The opportunities of meeting the other "Mistresses" en masse on the other hand are few and far between; but the Festival of the Sons of the Clergy at St. Paul's was such an occasion. Sitting together in the North Transept waiting for our Masters to process we chattered away like a flock of starlings. One lady had got up around 4.00 a.m. to collect flowers from Covent Garden and then done her splendidous arrangements before a quick change to be on parade for luncheon, followed by the service in the afternoon and on parade again in the evening. Luckily, the T & B's schedule is not so mercilessly punishing.

Like my predecessor, Annabel Grellier, one of my happiest memories of the whole year, and certainly the most relaxing, was our visit to the Ironbridge Museum.

Despite the weather, wet again, the scenery was unexpectedly beautiful. The turnout was totally amazing with everybody in such good form. This really is an opportunity to meet the other Masters and their Ladies. The Museum itself is fascinating and we were looked after beautifully by the Museum staff. This has become something of an annual event, I understand, and is not to be missed.

Most important of all though are the bonds and friendships made within

the Company. I am particularly grateful to both Jennifer Fuller and Kay Holliday for their tremendous support and infectious enthusiasm throughout the year.

With music, so much kindness and friendship, so much laughter and gaiety, what else could the heart desire. Thank you everyone for a wonderful year.

Marianne Dickins



The Hurlingham Club, situated on the River Thames and set in 42 acres of English gardens, was chosen by the Master for the Summer Reception. Thursday 29 June 1995 turned out to be a perfect English day. Members and their guests found themselves in idyllic surroundings.

The evening was enlivened by the importation of a Scottish piper, specially brought to the event by the then Master, Peter Dickins, seen above with, left to right, Basil Holliday, Christopher Grellier, Tony Rider and Denis Munnery -



and on the terrace of the Clubhouse, caught in the evening sunlight: Basil Holliday (due to become Master in October 1996), the present Master, William Fuller, Past Master Dan Mathews and John Griffiths (due to become Clerk in October 1996).

**THE UPPER WARDEN
BASIL GEORGE HOLLIDAY M.C.**



Basil was born in Croydon and educated at Whitgift School. He qualified BSc.(Est.Man.) of London University as an external student starting before and completing after war service in the Royal Engineers. After OCTU at Aldershot he was posted to the 43rd (Wessex) Division where he commanded Platoons in each of the three Field Companies and served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

On demobilisation he returned to Stanley Hicks & Son to complete his Articles before becoming Assistant, then Partner, Senior Partner and Consultant (still). He has practised as a Chartered Surveyor in the City all his working life, following his father who had been Deputy and then City Surveyor. Basil was Surveyor to the Merchant Taylors' Company for twenty-six years.

He married Kay in 1947. They have one son, Michael, who graduated at Cambridge in Engineering (as BA and PhD). Since qualifying he has worked in Research & Development in Fibre Optics for Plessey (now GEC). He is a Liveryman of the Company.

Basil has been President of the BSc.(Est.Man.) Club and Chairman of the RICS City Branch and the Castle Baynard Ward Club and a Churchwarden of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe with St Ann Blackfriars.

**THE UNITED GUILDS'
SERVICE, ST PAUL'S
CATHEDRAL, 1995**

For the benefit of Members of the Court and Livery who were unable to attend the United Guilds' Service last year the following extract from the Dean of Westminster's excellent sermon is included, with his agreement:

"Our heritage, our inheritance, is what we inherit from the past whether we like it or not.

It is what the dead have chosen to leave the living. For Livery Companies, as for the Church, that means ancient buildings, strange garments, loving cups and chalices, as well as the performance of certain rituals.

But our tradition is different. For a tradition is what the living choose to honour because they think it is worth preserving."

In addition, in view of the difficulties experienced by many, even in the City, in following the intricacies of the proposals for the future of the City Churches contained in the Templeman Report and the progress made thereafter, it seemed appropriate to include the following explanatory note as to the terms of reference, the proposals, the reaction to them, and the current position so far as this is public knowledge.

**THE TEMPLEMAN
REPORT AND THE CITY
CHURCH DILEMMA**

In June 1992, very shortly after his Installation as Bishop of London, Rt. Rev. David Hope invited Lord Templeman and a Commission to "consider the place of the parish and guild churches of the City of London in their pastoral and mission role, and to make recommendations regarding the practical and financial implications arising therefrom".

The Report produced in January 1994, concentrated on the numbers of potential parishioners resident in the City, rather than the daytime working population and tourists, and on the financial implications rather than the Ministry and pastoral ones. It also accepted that, even if made redundant, the buildings, almost all of which are Listed Grade I, would have to be

preserved, although there might be difficulty in finding viable alternative uses for many of those so classified. It did, however, propose merging the Churches into four parishes each operating on a group ministry basis and each with two or three other 'Active' Churches (a total of eight), making twelve 'Active' Churches administered by the Archdeacon of London as against twenty-seven 'Reserve' Churches.

There was considerable opposition to these proposals, inasmuch as it was difficult to see how they would further the Bishop's Mission Strategy, particularly for City Workers and visitors. The availability of a Service or place of quiet for reflection within, say five minutes walk of an office is still much appreciated. Nor did the effect of Parishioners with a pride in their Church, in the containment of maintenance costs and raising money for Parish expenses, seem to have been fully appreciated. Conversely the possible demand for purely secular use of buildings such as these seem to have been over-estimated.

Bishop David then commissioned jointly with the City Corporation and English Heritage a survey of the state of repair and extent of use of the City Churches by Alan Baxter & Associates, Consulting Engineers, who quickly produced in August 1995 a very well documented Report finding the City Churches generally in very good repair and highlighted the activity in the majority of them. In his Golden Lecture in May 1995 Bishop David in effect indicated that he favoured refinement of the Templeman proposals. He did not support the closure of Churches nor the division into 'Active' or 'Reserve' categories but he did support the concept of 'clustering' to reduce the numbers of stipendiary Clergy with more use of non-stipendiary Clergy and laity for economy, whilst retaining a fully effective ministry, coupled with wider use of the Churches for 'extended' or 'additional' activities. His successor, installed on 26 January, is Bishop Richard Chartres, preferred from Area Bishop of Stepney who was thus involved in Bishop David's previous decisions and has indicated his agreement with them.

The Bishop sums up, "The very presence of the churches in the City is to me sacramental. They are an outward and visible sign of the God who has created us".

BASIL HOLLIDAY

TURNING THE CORNER - A REVIEW OF 1994/95

PETER V DICKINS -
IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER

I count myself amongst the luckiest of men. Why - because in my year as Master I had the good fortune to lead an exceptionally able team, by which I mean the Wardens, the Clerk and the Court Executive Committee. Together, and happily so, we managed to achieve a number of changes for the improvement of the Company and its financial standing. The full impact of these will not necessarily be felt immediately; but in due course the wealth of the Company will increase which, in turn, will increase the scope for manoeuvre in terms of our Craft, our Benevolence and our Fellowship. Already a decision has been taken not to increase the Quarterage and the cost of the year's Installation Lunch was held at the same price for the third year running.

One of my particular joys as Master has been the creation of the Livery Committee, the brainchild of Paul Harris. Hitherto, one of the few links between the Court and the Livery has been this Newsletter; and the formation of this Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Denis Munnery, has created the opportunity for members of the Livery, particularly the younger ones, to become involved in helping to run an ongoing organisation. In this way the Company is brought alive as a whole entity. As an example of what I mean, I was delighted with the Swimathon Team, whose efforts increased significantly our charitable giving; in their particular case to Great Ormond Street Hospital and to the Ironbridge Gorge Museum for the restoration of the Brick and Tile Works. Thank you and well done.

Another joy has been the Craft Trust which has moved from the drawing board to a programme of positive action. I was delighted to be there when William Fuller made the first presentation of the E & R Fuller Brickwork Prize to Nicholas Martin for outstanding skill and dedication shown during his training as a bricklayer. William was surrounded by his family including Bob, his dear father, on this special occasion.

Lesser, but equally important things have given me great delight: David

Fuller organising the repair of the Old Mace, for example, or Fraser Bird's handsome and very generous gift to the Company of his family's silver rose bowl, or something as simple as including Christian names and telephone numbers in the Livery list.

Being Master, I have been privileged to represent the Company and to be entertained by the Lord Mayor twice, by the Glovers, the Plaisterers, the Masons, the Grocers, the Carpenters, the Painter-Stainers, the Paviers, the Glaziers and Painters of Glass and Bryan Montgomery's Company of World Traders. In return and in the City's great tradition of hospitality, the Company has entertained the Grocers, the Masons, the Carpenters, the Painter-Stainers, the Joiners and Ceilers, the Plaisterers and many other distinguished guests. Sadly, the Lord Mayor having accepted the invitation to our Livery Dinner found that he was unable to attend due to business abroad.

I congratulate Peter Wallis and John Martin on their admission to the Court. I congratulate Rodney Graves, Daniel Brown and Edward Turner on their election to the Livery and I welcome my daughter Louise, Stephen Sinnott, Nicola Martin and Andrew Goldsmith as Freemen of the Company.

My year as Master has been a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching experience. Thank you all for making this so. The other day I looked out of my bedroom window and noticed that there were Ferraris at the bottom of my garden!

THE INSTALLATION LUNCHEON AT CARPENTERS' HALL, 5 OCTOBER 1995

With no fewer than 17 people shown on the table plan bearing the name Fuller, Paul Harris, in welcoming the guests, said "How much we appreciate being invited to your family lunch party." Paul, in his inimitable way, then succeeded in welcoming the guests while at the same time deriding the arrival of metrification.

In responding, Sir Brian Jenkins congratulated the new Master and spoke of the family's winning streak - which he first encountered at a prep school table tennis tournament. He referred to Fullers the builders and their rebuilding of St. Andrew Undershaft before turning to the Master's own family and how suitable he felt he would be as Master.

In his response the Master referred to the origins of the Company and the tardiness of the builders which allowed 36 other Livery Companies to apply for their Royal Charter before the Tylers and Bricklayers.

In referring to the presence of so many Fullers he singled out his father who was present and who had been installed as Master 33 years before and the family building firm in its 123rd year. It was a great day for the Fullers.



The E & R FULLER PRIZE being presented to Nicholas Martin, winner of the Guild of Bricklayers London and South Eastern Region Apprentices Competition, by the then Upper Warden, William G H Fuller.

GENERAL CHARITABLE TRUST

In the early nineteen seventies it was decided that our support of good causes should be towards City charities, building conservation and restoration projects, and youth, not only those training in the building industry but Youth Clubs and local sporting or educational groups for young people.

Several hundred applications are received every year from every sort of charitable organisation but the great majority have to be turned down, not only for being outside the guidelines but through lack of funds.

The Company's corporate fund gives a substantial sum each year by Gift Aid to the General Charitable Trust; the remaining income derives from covenanted and other gifts from individual Liverymen, but there is never enough to do what we could, and should, do.

This year we gave to:

The Construction Industry Trust for Youth

The British Heart Foundation (Lord Mayor's Appeal)

St Paul's Cathedral Trust

Cannongate Church, Edinburgh,

Appeal (Master's Nomination)

City & Guilds of London Institute

The Sheriffs and Recorders' Fund

Church of St Margaret Lothbury

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

Brunswick Boys Club, Fulham

Ironbridge Gorge Museum Restoration

of Blists Hill Brick and Tile Works

Marrick Priory Outdoor Education

Centre.

CRAFT TRUST

There was an encouraging increase in funding during the year, substantial donations being received from two public companies in the building sector and from Elliott Brothers International. Those, together with an increasing support from our liverymen, have enabled the Trustees to start building up a capital structure: an entirely separate entity from the Fuller Prize Fund.

It is intended in due time to fund an annual lecture on a topic selected by the Trustees and relating to tiling and/or bricklaying, in addition to the support which the Craft Trust is giving to the Company's Triennial Awards and to the annual Seminar.

RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Known formerly as the Pension Trust, but reconstituted under a new scheme in 1985, it is capital funded from monies originally conveyed to it from the Company's corporate fund; the income is derived from Stock Exchange investments.

Grants and donations in 1995 were made to:

Building Crafts College (administered by the Carpenters' Company)

Builders Benevolent Institution

Two City & Guilds Brickwork Prizes (at Advanced and Ordinary level) of £100 each

Two YTS award prizes of £50 each at Building Crafts College

Pension to widow of former bricklayer

Grant to Caragh Jane Stewart for

Restoration and Conservation

Studies Course at City & Guilds Art School

Grant to Tony James for two year

Diploma/Degree course in Stone

Carving at City & Guilds Art School.

TRIENNIAL AWARDS 1996

All members of our Company must be now be well aware that our Triennial Awards are due to be presented on 4 July (at Plaisterers' Hall). Hopefully this date is entered in all our diaries.

It is therefore disappointing to report that the response from members to our appeals for nominations of suitable projects for consideration has been virtually non-existent.

All is not lost, however, and as a result of our hard work in advertising there are some excellent brickwork and roof tiling projects in nomination at the moment. No wall or floor tiling schemes have been put forward so far and perhaps this reflects the current situation in the construction industry where building owners are reluctant to invest in luxury finishes to buildings they may be unable to let on completion.

These Triennial Awards are an important part of the traditions of our Company and the Master looks forward to your support on this very pleasant occasion at a lovely venue.

THE COMPANY'S REORGANISATION

Peter Dickins wrote to all members of the Company last summer succinctly setting out the arrangements he, as Master, had agreed with the Court in regard to the Company's problems in regard to the office in Martin Lane and the future administration of the Company. The reorganisation outlined therein duly took place at the end of October, as you will have noted from subsequent correspondence from the Company. It therefore remains appropriate to reiterate the Company's thanks to Wynnstay Properties for the generous terms on which they made the Martin Lane offices available for the Company's offices, to El Vino for agreeing very reasonable terms for the short extension, but particularly to Tony Rider, John Griffiths and Mary Chance for their extremely hard work in ensuring the smooth transition and removal of the administration to East Molesey.

Regarding the latter, members of the Court and Livery should be appraised as to where the Company's goods and chattels are now accommodated, which is as follows:

The Company's silver, gowns, etc. are at Carpenters Hall.

The major part of the Company's furniture, office equipment, current Minute Books etc. is at East Molesey but with the Account books etc. in Tony Rider's flat where there is now a fax machine/telephone: 0171 828 8138.

The Company's historic documents are held in safe keeping at the Guildhall Library where they can be seen on prior application by members of the Company.

The Master's and Warden's Chairs, pictures and library are at East Molesey. Inventories of all these items are under preparation.

As members may be aware, at the same time as becoming Assistant Clerk to the Company, John Griffiths was, with our agreement, appointed Clerk to the Chartered Architects Company whose current Master, David Cole-Adams, is also our Company's Archivist. In the circumstances members will not be surprised to learn that the transition in that respect has proceeded very smoothly and the costs of major items of equipment are thus able to be shared between the two Companies.

DENIS MUNNERY
CHAIRMAN, AWARDS COMMITTEE

ROBERT HENRY FULLER 1910-1995

Bob Fuller was one of those rare individuals who made a success of two careers: having been educated at Forest School he initially trained as an electrician and had to take over the family business at the age of 18 years when his father died suddenly. Together with his brother Jack they found themselves at the beginning of the depression in 1928 trying to run a small family building business. Thanks to the loyal support of several substantial customers, the firm survived and began to prosper by the mid-1930s.

In 1932 he married Susannah Smith, an event to which he ascribed so much of his good fortune. Seven years later, while serving as a Territorial, he was called up for the army, serving in the Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery and the Pioneer Corps in England and West Africa. On his return in 1945 he perceived opportunities for the expansion of his family's business.

In 1955 the opportunity arose to buy Tewes Farm and give effect to a lifetime's ambition, as he had always wanted to be a farmer. In 1969 the strain of having two jobs finally took its toll and he suffered a series of heart attacks which eventually led him to devoting all his efforts to his farm, and to giving up smoking which he had done since the age of eight.

Always a shrewd and discerning man, it was around this time that his love of Porsche cars finally established itself and among the many business relationships which later developed into warm and long term friendships his association with Porsche was typically fulfilling for him and he owned a series, the last of which he was still driving immediately before he died.

His life was characterised by integrity, shrewd judgement, hard work and generosity. He was devoted to his wife and family and proud of his family's good name. Commemorated along with his brother, Jack, in the Tylers and Bricklayers' E & R Fuller Award for Bricklaying, he will surely be long remembered for his fellowship and support for the Company. He leaves three sons, Hugh, Robert and William, eleven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

JOHN NEWMAN WARD 1916 - 1995

John Ward of Oastfield House, Sevenoaks, Kent was educated at Charterhouse and served with the Royal Artillery during the 1939-45 war. He served with the post war administration in the island of Rhodes in the Dodecanese for one year and then for three years in what was then known as Italian Somaliland. He moved within the Colonial Service to Singapore where he served from 1950 to 1958, returning to the UK shortly before Singapore became independent. He spent the remainder of his career with ICI where he had responsibility for the terms and conditions of ICI's expatriate staff throughout the world. After retiring from ICI, John Ward spent a number of years at the Head Office of British Executive Service Overseas, an organisation with charitable funding whose role is to place experienced British executives on short term secondments overseas.

John Ward became a Liveryman in 1938, was admitted to the Court in 1959 and was Master in 1967-68, the year in which the Company celebrated the 400th anniversary of its Charter. John Ward was the fifth generation of his family to be members of the Company and he was in turn followed into the Company by his three sons, of whom the eldest, Nicholas, was Master in 1991-92. Two of John Ward's granddaughters, Alexandra and Natasha, were admitted to the Freedom of the Company in 1993.

A NEW "SHORT HISTORY"

On the 4th February 1937 the Court decided that "Mr Bell's services be engaged for the preparation of a Short History of the Company at a fee of 50 guineas." Walter George Bell was then 70 years of age having just retired after 37 years on the editorial staff of the Daily Telegraph, during which time he had written a number of books on London history including "The Great Fire of London" (1920) and "The Great Plague in London" (1924). His "Short History of the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers of the City of London" published in 1938 cannot be regarded as satisfactory, being a somewhat idiosyncratic and selective account of the Company's history and he does not appear to have had much knowledge of Livery Companies. To be fair to the author, however, it does not appear to me that the Company gave him much assistance.

HAROLD EDWARD LEVI 1907-1995

Harold Levi was born in London. He joined the Surveyors profession in 1922 when he was employed as junior clerk at a wage of 10 shillings a week by Drysdale Nurse & Co. of Clapton. At the age of 21 he became the youngest auctioneer in London and was presented with an ivory gavel on that occasion. Shortly after that he became qualified in the Valuers' Institution, now the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, and later became a member of the Rating and Valuation Association.

He married in 1929 and had a son and a daughter. In 1930 he opened his practice in Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, London where the practice still is today. In 1940 he went into the Royal Corps of Signals and saw action in North Africa and Italy. He was demobbed in 1945.

Harold became a Liveryman of this Company in 1979 and talked often of his enjoyment in attending the functions. He was an advisor of the Prince's Trust and supported many charities.

Harold was very much a family man and always willing to listen and help. He loved tradition and was one of the old school.

He was a Christian Scientist and in the last days of his life his faith was greatly challenged and it is pleasing that he won through - as usual!

There is no doubt therefore that a new "Short History" is long overdue and in retracing the footsteps of my early predecessor, my aim is to set out the main events in the Company's history so far as they are known, filling in the gaps left by the earlier work, and to relate these where appropriate to the history of other Livery Companies, particularly those concerned with the building crafts, and to the history of the City of London. I hope that this approach will be welcomed not only by members of the Livery but also by others.

I aim to complete the text by the summer, and a number of illustrations, some of which will be new to Liverymen, have been assembled thanks to the expertise and efforts of David Fuller. Thereafter the decisions as to printing and publication will be in the hands of the Court.

JOHN PECK

**REPORT ON THE LIVERY DINNER,
WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 1995**

In his toast to the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London, the Master, Mr P V Dickens, said that he never thought he would be the "warm-up boy" for a recent High Sheriff of West Yorkshire - George Armitage - and a very eminent retired General - Michael Gow - and went on to update those present with recent happenings within the Livery.

In describing the City, the Master stated that it was more than just a success story in the field of financial services: "The City gives considerably more than it takes. Most people are totally unaware that the Livery Companies collectively raise something in the order of £20m annually for education and charity."

Mr Geoffrey F Armitage proposed the toast to the guests. In addition to introducing the Principal Guest, General Sir Michael Gow, Mr Armitage welcomed, as the Master's guests, Sir Peter Vanneck, a former Lord Mayor of London, and Sir Roger Palin, Air ADC to the Queen. He then extended a collective welcome to the Masters and Clerks and their ladies from The Carpenters Company, The Painter-Stainers Company, The Joiners and Ceilers Company, The Plaisters Company and the Paviers Company as well as to all other guests.

General Sir Michael Gow responded on behalf of the guests and after several amusing stories mentioned two areas which the military shared with the City Companies. Sir Michael quoted words from the Master published in the Upper Warden's Spring Newsletter: "To be a Member of an Ancient Company such as ours, at the heart of the City, is a privilege." He added "And so it is with my own Regiment, the Scots Guards, who, have had similar associations with the City here for many years. Both in the City of London and, I should add, in Edinburgh, this wonderful pride and comradeship are special to this country of ours and are, in my experience, the envy of the world. And the second thing which we have in common is that we are, I believe, the custodians of the standards that young people especially desperately seek for what I call 'fixed points'." Finally, he said "And you, in this ancient and worshipful Company, and I as a soldier - we too stand ... representing in ourselves the old values of loyalty, comradeship, duty."

IAN GRIMSHAW



**RENTER WARDEN
NEWLYN MASON-ELLIOTT**

Newlyn was born in 1924 and with a lifelong interest in tiles, bricks and tiling he joined the Company as a Liveryman in 1973.

Educated at Canford School, he left in 1942 to join the Army. He was commissioned in the Sikh Regiment of the Indian Army early in 1944 and finished up as a Company Commander. On completion of wartime service he joined the 4th (T.A.) Battalion The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

In 1945 he joined the old established family firm of builders' merchants, Elliott Brothers Ltd. He became Managing Director in 1966. He handed over this position to his son, Stuart, in 1985 since when he has maintained his interest in the company as Chairman.

He married Mary in 1948 and they have a son and three daughters, all married, and eleven grandchildren.

He now dedicates much of his spare time to long distance sailing; he is an enthusiastic skier and cyclist.

LIVERY COMMITTEE

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LIVERY COMMITTEE

The Livery Committee, established last Spring, performs a dual function; firstly to assist the Company in its charitable activities and secondly to encourage more frequent contact between members of the Livery. In order to achieve this a series of events is planned which will normally consist of three or four visits or social gatherings each year, scheduled so as not to conflict with existing Livery functions.

To get the work of the Committee off the ground a purely social evening was arranged at Davy's Wine Bar in the City Pipe where all who attended enjoyed an excellent buffet as well as a modest quantity of Mr Davy's more renowned fayre, all for under £10 a head.

Last year in May the Committee represented the Company at the Inter-Livery Swimathon, raising over £500 for Great ormond Street Hospital and also over £500 for our own charities regularly supported by the Tylers & Bricklayers Company (thus relieving the pressure on our own limited funds). We will be entering another team this year for the Swimathon which is to be held at the R.A.C. Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom on 14 May. There are no limits to the number of team members (as long as the aggregate total swum is 5000 metres) and the dinner afterwards is, of course, excellent so please feel free to volunteer!!! Please sponsor your team generously. You will be hearing from Piers Sherlock.

The recent visit to the Old Bailey proved very successful and a sufficient sum was raised to cover our annual Company donation of £150 to the Sheriff's & Recorder's Fund, which assists the wives and families of those "sent down" at the Old Bailey (fortunately none of our members were!)

You will be receiving details in due course of visits to the Bank of England on 11 June and to Canary Wharf on 23 September.

The Committee comprises a selection of Liverymen, is currently chaired by Denis Munnery and meets twice a year. A list of Committee members is set out here. Please feel free to contact any of the Committee with suggestions for future events that you would like us to undertake or that you may be able to assist with.

JEFFREY FULLER

NEW FREEMEN 1996

FIONA MATYJASZEK

Fiona Matyjaszek *nee* Pink was admitted to the Freedom on 7th March 1996 through paternity. (Her father, D J M Pink, died in 1979).

Her family has City connections going back to the late 19th century. Fiona now lives in Fulham, SW6, with her husband and runs her own marketing company.

JAMES R H FULLER

James, the Master's elder son, was admitted to the Freedom on 7th March 1996. He was born in 1973 and educated at St David's College, North Wales where he was Captain of Sailing and Head of School.

He is currently in his final year at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester taking a B.Sc. in Rural Estate Management prior to qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor. He is interested in sailing, music and travel.

WILLIAM M FULLER

William was born in Epping in 1970, educated at Forest School, Snaresbrook, and left school at sixteen to serve a carpentry apprenticeship.

After finishing his training he worked for several builders, first as a carpenter and afterwards as a site agent. He joined the family building company in 1994 and is now a director.

William was admitted to the Freedom on 7th March 1996.

Last year's seminar, held at the Museum of London, dealt with Roman Bricks and Tiles. It concluded with a guided tour of some of the nearby Roman remains. The event was organised by the Craft Committee, chaired by Dan Mathews, and Francis Grew, from the Museum of London, who is seen here next to the Master as a point is made by one of the delegates, the architect Tony Osborne. This year's seminar will be on Mediaeval brickwork.

NEW MEMBERS 1995

LIVERYMEN

Rodney Michael GRAVES
By Redemption - June 1995
Chartered Accountant; Partner in Binder Hamlyn, Chartered Accountants

Daniel James Turville BROWN
son of Liveryman Colin Chalmers Brown and brother of Simon Brown.
By Patrimony - September 1995
An Engineer with British Aerospace; has a special interest in building sounding rockets.

Edward Joseph TURNER
By Redemption - September 1995
Sales & Marketing Director of Marley Building Materials Ltd.

FREEMEN

Miss Nicola Catherine MARTIN
Daughter of Court Assistant John Lewis Martin
By Patrimony - June 1995
Undergraduate at Newcastle University
Her special interests are climbing Kilimangaro and playing the cello and piano.

Andrew John GOLDSMITH
By Redemption - June 1995
Practising Tiler and Slater with London Borough of Camden.

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